

Speakers



Rana Adib (REN21)

Rana is the Executive Director of REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century. REN21 is a global public-private multi-stakeholder network on renewable energy headquartered at the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris/France. Previously, Rana was REN21's Research Coordinator developing the international expert community and leading the REN21 Renewables Global Status Report series to become an international reference. Prior to REN21 Rana worked in private industry and applied research in the areas of renewable energy, energy access, and waste management. She was also responsible for coordinating the biogas-to-energy research programme of Veolia Environment. Rana holds a Master's Degree in industrial engineering from the University of Wedel in Germany. She has over 20 years' experience in the energy sector.



Geraint Ellis (Queen's University, Belfast)

Geraint is a Professor in the School of Natural and Built Environment and Director of Sustainable Built Environment at Queen's University, Belfast. He also holds the position of Adjunct Professor, Department of Geography, Western University, Canada. Geraint joined Queen's in 1998, having previously worked for community and environmental organisations in the east end of London (1990-1993), acted as a planning and community development advisor to the Government of Lesotho in Southern Africa (1993-1996) and the Cross River Partnership in central London (1996-1998). His key research interests are in planning and sustainability, renewable energy, planning governance and healthy urban planning. He has published widely on these topics and is a Co-Editor of the Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning and a founding member of the Editorial Board of the new Routledge, journal, Cities and Health.



Hyunjung Lee (Asia Development Bank)

Hyunjung is Senior Energy Economist in Southeast Energy Division of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and based in Hanoi, Vietnam. She is mainly working for Vietnam as a sector coordinator and preparing and implementing various investment and technical assistance projects in support for power sector reforms (generation auction mechanism and wholesale electricity market development) and clean energy development (pilot floating solar auction, smart and energy efficiency city, green banking and green financing, demand side management program, and grid-connected battery storage project) for Viet Nam and managing

a regional sustainable energy program under Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) cooperation.



Athena Ronquillo-Ballesteros (Growald Family Fund)

Athena has many years of leadership and management experience in environment, development and natural resource governance in developing countries with a particular focus on climate change, clean energy and sustainable finance. She is currently director of the Asia program at the Growald Family Fund, a catalytic philanthropy investing in rapid transition to a clean energy future. Prior to joining the fund, Athena was Director of World Resources Institute's Center for Sustainable Finance program. Athena is on the board of various organisations and a policy advisor to the China Council for International Development (CCICED) special policy study on China's role in global environmental governance. Athena holds a Global Master of Arts from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and bachelor's and post-graduate degrees from the University of the Philippines and the Asian Institute of Management.



Katarina Uherova Hasbani (EnRupt)

Katarina is the Founder of Enrupt, open innovation platform for energy sector. She has 15 years of professional experience in energy from government & consulting in Europe, Middle East & South-East Asia. Katarina founded EnRupt to support the ongoing transformation of the energy sector to be closer to the customer, using cleaner, renewable sources, and leveraging digital technologies. She is driving this transformation by building partnerships between young, innovative startups and corporations. Katarina is Vice President on the Board of the Alliance for Rural Electrification (Industry association, HQ in Belgium) and Female Founders (Non-profit, HQ in Singapore). She is always looking out for opportunities to support energy sector transformation and champion gender equality.