

## IRENA Policy Talks 2021 Green Hydrogen Supply: Policies and Practical Insights

Bios of speakers



**Mr. Francesco La Camera**  
**Director-General, IRENA**

Mr. Francesco La Camera is the Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). He has more than thirty years of experience in the fields of climate, sustainability, and international cooperation. He formerly served as Director-General of Sustainable Development, Environmental Damage, EU and International Affairs at the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land & Sea. In this capacity, he developed cooperation and partnerships agreements with a wide range of countries, particularly developing countries. Mr. La Camera is widely credited with having spearheaded international cooperation on issues related to climate change and the environment. He played a key role in bringing together multilateral organisations to develop joint initiatives designed to implement the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. He has also coordinated a number of national strategies including on sustainable development, green finance and fossil fuel subsidies among other things.



**Dr. Ute Collier**  
**Head of Policy (Renewable Energy Markets), KPFC, IRENA**

Ute Collier joined the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in May 2021 to lead its work on policy and renewable energy markets. She has over 30 years of experience in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency and climate change policy. Prior to joining IRENA, she was Head of Energy for the development organisation Practical Action, focusing on renewable energy solutions in energy access settings. Previously, she worked at the International Energy Agency and the UK's Climate Change Committee, as well as several public sector and non-governmental organisations earlier in her career. She has a particular interest in helping to advance low-carbon solutions for end-uses such as heating and clean cooking.



**Mr. Emanuele Bianco**  
**Programme Officer, KPFC, IRENA**

Emanuele Bianco is a Programme Officer at the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), in the Policy and Renewable Energy Market Unit. His areas of interest cover the renewable energy policy issues across the whole spectrum of the energy system, including variable renewable energy system integration, power market design, electrification and green hydrogen. Mr. Bianco authored the two recent IRENA's Guides to policy making dedicated to green hydrogen. He has also contributed to IRENA's analysis on the renewable energy market in Southeast Europe, auction design and power market structures. He has a combined 10 years of experience in renewable energy policy analysis. He holds a master's degree in Nuclear and Energy Engineering from the Polytechnic School of Turin.



**Ms. Elvira López Prados**  
**Head of CEO Office – Energy, ACCIONA**

Elvira López Prados is the Head of the CEO Office-Energy at ACCIONA. A leading pure-play renewable utility with more than 11 GW under operation in 16 countries, ACCIONA has over 30 years of experience in renewable energy development and assets in six different renewable technologies (onshore wind, solar PV, hydro, CSP, biomass and storage). Ms. López Prados manages external and internal strategic high-level communications, coordination and planning processes, while contributing to the company's strategy through research and analysis. She holds a dual bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Law from the University of Granada and completed advanced studies in business management at INSEEC Paris. She also holds a master's degree in International Business Management from ICEX-CECO, subordinate to the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.



**Mr. Frank Wouters**  
**Director of EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network**

Frank Wouters has been leading renewable energy projects, transactions, and technology development for 30 years and played a lead role in the development of renewable energy projects valued at over USD 5 billion. He served as Deputy Director-General IRENA from 2012 to 2014. Mr. Wouters has served on the board of energy companies in Europe, Asia, the US and Africa and currently serves as SVP Energy Transition at Reliance Industries. He is furthermore Director of the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network, a platform that fosters partnerships between Europe and the Gulf, Fellow at the Payne Institute at the Colorado School of Mines, Chairman of the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, Chairman of the Dii Advisory Board, non-executive Board Director of Gore Street Capital, London and Board Director of Vast Solar in Australia.



**Mr. Martin Pei**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, SSAB**

Martin Pei is executive vice president and CTO of SSAB AB in Sweden. He also serves as chairman of the board of HYBRIT Development AB. He has been a member of the SSAB Group Executive Committee since 2007 and he joined SSAB in 2001. Mr. Pei holds a bachelor's degree from Northeast University in China and a Ph.D. from the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden.



**Ms. Mika Ohbayashi**  
**Director, Renewable Energy Institute**

Mika Ohbayashi is Director at Renewable Energy Institute since its foundation in August 2011. Before joining the Institute, Ms. Ohbayashi worked for IRENA as Policy and Project Regional Manager for Asia Oceania and at the British Embassy to Japan as Climate Change Project Advisor. She also served as Director at Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies. She started her career in the energy field by joining Citizens' Nuclear Information Center in 1992, where she was in charge of energy issues and the Asian nuclear power program. She was awarded the Global Leadership Award in Advancing Solar Energy Policy by the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) in 2017.



**Mr. Millán García-Tola**  
**Director, Hydrogen Unit at Iberdrola**

Millán García-Tola is Global Director of Hydrogen at Iberdrola. He has more than 20 years of experience in the development and management of infrastructure and renewable and thermal generation projects. He has participated in the growth of Iberdrola's generation portfolio since 2000, first developing combined cycle plants and later hydraulic power plants. Over the last six years, he has led Iberdrola's growth in Mexico, where more than 5,000 MW of new facilities have been put into operation during this period. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Polytechnic University of Madrid.



**Mr. Jet Yao**  
**Senior Manager, China Hydrogen Alliance**

Jet Yao is Senior Manager of China Hydrogen Alliance, where he is mainly responsible for the Green Hydrogen Standards and Certification and collaborative innovation work. Mr. Yao is familiar with the hydrogen industry in China and globally, having participated in the work of hydrogen industry planning of National Energy Administration and local governments. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and master's degree in management and has more than 13 years of work experience in the manufacturing industry and energy sector. He is also a main member of China Green Hydrogen Standard Formulation work.