IRENA's Launch of the Global Atlas for Renewable Energy 4.0

Bios of speakers

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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 subsides among other things.

Dr. Rabia Ferroukhi
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At IRENA since 2011, Rabia Ferroukhi is currently the Director of the Knowledge, Policy and Finance Center. She is an international economic development and energy expert focused on the renewables-based energy transitions, its long-term socioeconomic impacts and financing needs. She leads a multi-disciplinary team to provide valuable evidence-based policy and investment to advice countries and contribute to the global discourse on the energy transitions. Ms. Ferroukhi worked with the public and private sectors, including with governments globally, energy companies, international institutions, and academia and research centers. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the American University in Washington DC.

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Imen is a programme officer at the Knowledge, Policy and Finance Center since 2019. She is scientist focused on the RE resource assessment, remote sensing for Earth Observation, and development of tools for renewable energy and environment activities. Ms. Gherboudj worked with the public and private sectors, including academia, research centers, energy companies, and international institutions. She holds a Ph.D. in Water Science from the University OF Quebec, Canada.

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Xabier is a computing engineer with a master's degree in industrial software engineering, a Master of Advanced Studies in technologies for the distributed management of the information, and university expert in data science and big data. Last 18 years working at CENER as head of the computing and software development service, focused on the design and development of hardware and software solutions for the activities of different renewable energies areas like wind, solar/thermal, photovoltaic, energy in buildings, biomass and grid integration. His latest activities focused in the development of computing solutions based on cloud architectures, and in the application of machine learning technologies in different areas of renewable energies.

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Kuda is the Executive Director of the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) whose mandate is to promote market-based adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, practices and services contributing to the sustainable development agenda of the region. Before SACREEE, Kuda has worked in various capacities in the energy infrastructure expert across Africa and the Middle East. In these roles, spanning over 20 years, he has formulated and executed various landmark projects. Kuda is a Certified Energy Manager and Certified Energy Auditor. He possesses an MSc in Renewable Energy Engineering and an MBA, amongst other qualifications.

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Eugenio holds a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences, is a geologist and works as senior technologist at Institute of Geosciences and Earth Resources (IGG) of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR). His main research interests include earth sciences digital data management, Spatial Data Infrastructure, Data Integration for the assessment of natural geo-resources. Since 2007 he is in charge of the coordination of the Italian National Geothermal Database. He has more than 10 years of experience in geothermal energy actively contributing in EU geothermal and he is now participating in the Data Working Group of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO).

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Ledauphin is the senior market intelligence analyst, with a master's degree in Computer Science. He has more than 10 years of experience in market studies and strategic analysis in the power sector. In Enel he is the supervisor of renewable energy analysis for North America and MENA regions.

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