

Confirmed speaker bios (alphabetical order by first name)



Alec Joubert is also a founding member of Camco's funds business and was part of the team which won Camco's REPP mandate. He has more than 25 years' experience working in Sub-Saharan Africa, having worked on renewable energy projects with a total installed capacity in excess of 270MW in various countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Madagascar, Lesotho, Nigeria, Cameroon and Ghana. Prior to working for Camco, Alec spent 13 years as a financial risk manager in the South African banking sector. He specialises in financial structuring and the associated risk management and is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with funding and risk mitigation providers on behalf of REPP. Alec holds a PhD and an MSc in Climate Change Science from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and is a Certified Financial Risk Manager accredited by the Global Association of Risk Professionals.



Aleksi Lumijärvi is Chief Strategy Officer of GreenStream Network Ltd, a company established in 2001, focusing on climate finance. Aleksi has 20 years of experience in the energy sector, renewable energy and energy efficiency in particular. His main field of expertise is renewable energy and energy efficiency finance, and he has broad experience in various transaction types such as project finance, private equity and venture capital, leasing and vendor finance, among others. He has worked in managerial positions in consulting, financial advisory and fund management businesses in Pöyry plc, GreenStream Network, and Aalto Capital Partners. In 2014-2016 he worked as a renewable energy finance expert at the International Renewable Energy Agency in Abu Dhabi. His geographical experience covers investment projects as well as business and policy advisory assignments in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.



Benjamin Mugisha is currently a Senior Underwriter at the African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI) and he is based at the Head Office in Nairobi. He supports the business development initiatives of ATI and he is also an Underwriter for political and credit risk insurance, with a special focus on energy projects. Between 2013 and 2015, he was based in Uganda and was responsible for ATI's field offices in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda. Prior to joining ATI, Benjamin worked at the East African Development Bank. In his decade-long career at the Bank, he advanced to the position of Senior Project Officer working on development projects across the energy, manufacturing and social sectors; as well as in investment promotion, business development, project appraisal, risk analysis and project restructuring. Mr.

Mugisha holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering a Master of Science Degree in Construction Management from Makerere University as well as a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the East & Southern Africa Management Institute. He also has a post graduate certificate in project planning and finance from Bradford University.



Brian Kelly is the Managing Director of Virunga Power. Through Virunga Power, Brian is a developer and investor in renewable energy generation and rural mini-grid projects across East Africa. Brian leads a team of engineers and finance professionals at Virunga Power, a company he founded in 2011 to develop, own, and operate 1 to 10 MW small hydro and other renewable rural electric utility projects in the region. Previously, he has held a range of emerging markets power finance roles in both Africa and Asia, including in private equity and investment banking. His career in finance began at Lehman Brothers and Barclays Capital in power-sector mergers and acquisitions across Asia.



Catherine Collin is Head of EIB Regional Representation for East Africa, covering EIB's lending activities in the infrastructure and financial sectors in the region, which are carried out under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement between the EU and the ACP countries. She has over 30 years' experience in the financial sector, acquired in commercial banks both in Europe and South Africa. She joined the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg in 1995, covering development finance and institutional activities mainly, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. She has in depth knowledge of the EU institutional set up, EU external policies and instruments (including blending).



In her role as Chief Commercial Officer of Africa GreenCo, **Cathy Oxby** is closely involved in structuring and developing the business model, which aims to attract more private sector investment to renewable energy generation in sub-Saharan Africa at lower cost and with less reliance on government support through the introduction of an independently-managed but government co-owned creditworthy intermediary offtaker. She is also Private Sector Team Leader of the UNECE team responsible for developing PPP Standards for Grid-Connected Renewable Energy in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies. Cathy has more than 14 years professional experience in the infrastructure and renewable energy sectors, both as a principal and an adviser. She trained at Allen & Overy LLP where she worked on a diverse range of project finance transactions spanning energy and infrastructure before moving into a

commercial role at HSBC Infrastructure Fund (which became InfraRed Capital Partners). After 6 years of structuring and negotiating equity investments in a wide variety of public-private partnerships and renewable energy projects, she established her own consultancy and also acted as a consultant to the World Bank.



Charles Wetherill is a Program Manager at the Nordic Development Fund (NDF). He leads climate finance transactions with a focus on clean energy investment and financial sector development. He is responsible for management and rollout of the new EEP Trust Fund and looks forward to the Fund's first close coming up in March. He has a background as an Investment Officer at the AfDB.



Chilombo Chila graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical/Electronics Engineering and a Diploma in Telecommunication from the Copperbelt University - Zambia in 2016 and 2010 respectively. She has been working in the Ministry of Energy since July 2017 as an Energy Officer in the Renewable Energy Unit. Her work at the Ministry of Energy includes policy formulation and implementation for Biomass and general renewable energy in Zambia. She has also dedicated herself to the promotion of the alternative use of biomass for electricity production and liquid biofuels for transport.



David Ekabouma joined AGF as the Chief Internal Controller and was subsequently promoted to Deputy then Head of Business Development. He supports the business development activities, with the main role of developing new and existing products including and not limited to structured finance. Before joining AGF, David was a Partner at Malea Consulting LLC, offering financial Advisory Services, Advisory Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers based in New York (USA) and Audit Senior Manager with Deloitte, based in Paris (FRANCE). As such he has extensive international experience both in auditing and optimizing business performance across multiple industries and sectors. He led crossborder GAAP to IFRS conversions, along with worldwide audits of leading multinationals companies. A French national, David has a Master's Degree in Business Administration (Finance and Accounting Option) from the University of Orleans (FRANCE) and is also a Certified Public Accountant (FRANCE).



Professor Dioha Ifeabunike Joseph is a Nigerian. He graduated from Government College Afikpo, University of Ife, Ile-Ife (OAU) B.Sc; Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi [ATBU] M.Sc and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka [NAU] Ph.D. Professor Dioha holds a Doctorate Degree in Industrial Chemistry and he is a Visiting professor to some Nigerian Universities. He specialized in Renewable energy and chemical Technology. Presently, he is a Director of Renewable Energy in the Energy Commission of Nigeria, and an academic consultant to Nigeria Navy University, Ibusa. As a scholar, an administrator, and a social engineer, Professor Dioha Joseph has distinguished himself in almost all avenues of service in his chosen

career. He also held responsible positions in the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria, Technical Committee on National Renewable Energy Master Plan, Committee on Establishment of Petroleum, Hydropower and Energy Efficient Research and Development Centers in Nigeria and Anti Corruption of Energy Commission of Nigeria.



Ebisa Regasa Biratu is working for Energy Study and Development Follow up Directorate in the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity as Energy Statistician. He is engaged an Energy statistics and Energy Balance preparation, following up country's mainly renewable energy projects, collecting renewable energy data and analysis, etc.

Edward Leonard Ishengoma, married with 5 children. Tanzanian working with the Ministry of Energy as Assistant Commissioner for Renewable Energy (since 2010) in the Department of Energy. Holder of MSc in Petroleum Geology (studied in Russia year 1995), MSc in Petroleum Engineering (Norway 2000). Attended various short courses related with Petroleum & Gas and Renewable Energy Sub-Sectors within Tanzania, Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and North America.



Ghita Hannane is a Programme Officer in the Energy Finance Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme. Since 2009, Ghita has worked on many of UN Environment's end-users finance-related projects in collaboration with commercial banks and electricity utilities in the MENA and Balkan regions. She also supports the implementation of a UN Environment initiative helping private equity funds to mobilize seed investment for early stage clean energy ventures in Africa and Asia. Prior to joining UN Environment, Ghita worked as a Middle Officer at Alienor Capital, an Asset Management firm. She holds a Master degree in Corporate Finance from INSEEC Business School and a M.Sc. in Auditing from SKEMA Business School.



Dr. Henning Wuester oversees the Agency's work on knowledge, policy and finance, which includes IRENA's data and knowledge tools; analysis on best practice in renewable energy policies and finance and related advice and support to countries. Prior to joining IRENA, Dr. Wuester worked for the Green Climate Fund as Senior Manager at the Interim Secretariat. Previously, he was Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and worked at the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in several roles in the secretariat of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. Henning Wuester started his career as Assistant Professor in the economics faculty of the University of Munich and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Munich.



Jasmin Jakoet is an Investment Officer in the Energy Financial Solutions team at the African Development Bank. She leads tasks related to private sector and public-private partnership (PPP) investments that involve sourcing, screening, appraising and negotiating energy deals.



Jef Vincent is Senior Advisor at African Trade Insurance (ATI), where he implements the Regional Liquidity Support Facility (RLSF), a joint project of ATI and KfW, the German Development Bank. RLSF wants to help renewable Energy IPPs by guaranteeing the liquidity they need to continue to operate for 6 months in case the offtaker does not pay. Prior to that Jef Vincent was the Chief Underwriting Officer of ATI for more than 5 years. He also worked among others at Credendo group (Integration Manager) and Euler Hermes (CEO Asia).



Jeff Murage is a holder of Masters In business administration, Post graduate diploma in project management and bachelor's degree in Environmental planning and management. He is on course to be certified as an expert in climate and renewable energy finance by the Frankfurt school of finance and management. Jeff M Murage is the KFW Project coordinator (Energy) Nairobi. He is in charge of the KFW energy portfolio in Kenya that has projects in Geothermal, hydro Wind among others. Until Sept 2016 Jeff worked as the program coordinator

for the SUNREF East Africa green lending program. The Program has been running since September 2011 and has a pipeline of over 100 projects in both renewable energy and Energy efficiency with investments well over 150M Euro. Jeff and his team lead in providing technical assistance and recommending validated projects for financing by five commercial banks in East Africa out of which four are in Kenya. Jeff has previously worked with the United Nations Environment programme and PIA consult Kenya.



John Taylor joined Fieldstone in July 2002 and has over 15 years of Africa focused power sector financial advisory expertise. He has in-depth experience in cross-border project finance, privatizations, asset sales and acquisitions. He is an accomplished power sector financial modeller, with extensive knowledge on the dynamics of power and commodity prices and the effects of regulatory action. His most recent African experience includes: advising Google on its investment into: (i) the 300MW Lake Turkana wind Project in Kenya and (ii) the 75 MW Jasper solar project in South Africa; Sonnedix on its 75 MW solar project in South Africa and Sumitomo Corporation and Rainmaker Energy on the 100MW Dorper

Wind Farm. John has recently been appointed as director of Fieldstone African Investment Resources ("FAIR") the project development arm of Fieldstone where is he responsible for managing Fieldstones principal interests in the renewable energy sector. John holds a 1st Class Bachelor of Business Science in Economics from the University of Cape Town and is a holder of the Chartered Financial Analyst qualification.



Julian Richardson started his career in the re/insurance sector in 1992. He was a producing broker at Marsh focusing on oil and gas business in the Middle East and Africa. He helped lead the development of products and business opportunities within the carbon and clean energy market. In 2004 he joined GE Insurance Solutions and was a senior underwriting risk manager responsible for the energy and marine portfolio of the Global Markets business and was a member of the Global Market executive committee. In 2006 Julian founded

Parhelion, a unique climate risk finance business. Julian has an MBA from Cranfield School of Management where he is an 'Executive in Resident'. He is a Research Associate at Texas A&M

University, Geochemical and Environmental Research Group. He has spoken at numerous international conferences on risk management and climate change insurance.



Kasper Dalsten is Director of Global Business Development at Vestas Wind Systems. Based in Madrid, Spain, he covers Vestas' strategic approach to market entry in emerging markets. This includes risk mitigation as well as strategic planning of supply chain localisation in new markets. Kasper is an economist by training and started his career in the Danish Ministry of Finance where he worked on renewable energy policies and competition in the energy sector. He has significant experience from living and working in Africa. Before joining Vestas in 2011, he was based in Uganda (World Bank), Zimbabwe (European Commission) and Malawi (Ministry of Finance). He therefore has first-

hand experience with the power sector challenges on the African continent. Most recently, Kasper was the leading the successful closure of a 1,000 MW frame agreement in Russia and paved the way for Vestas' market entry, localisation strategy and leadership in the Russian wind power market.



Khulekani Sifundza has been in the Energy Field since 2011. His academic base is in Chemical Engineering and is qualified in Project Management as well as currently studying Quantitative Management. He has pioneered the introduction of ethanol blending and clean cooking technologies in Swaziland. He is a standing member of the Rural Electrification which has achieved overall 74% electrification currently for Swaziland. Other critical initiatives he is currently pursuing are a Solar Atlas and a bankable Wind Measuring regime for Swaziland.

Michael Goldblatt is an executive in the Lereko Metier Sustainable Capital team. He holds an undergraduate degree in medical sciences and Masters degrees in Geography and Environmental Science, from the University of the Witwatersrand, and Economics from London University (UCL) specialising in environmental economics. Prior to joining the Metier team for the establishment of the Sustainable Capital fund, Mike worked for a decade as a consultant and transaction adviser in the fields of climate change mitigation and renewable energy for the private sector and national, provincial and local levels of government, acting as a Director of PDG. Mike is a co-founder of Solafrica Thermal Energy which developed the 50MW Bokpoort CSP project, and is integrally involved in the ongoing leadership of Bokpoort CSP as well as sourcing and advising on Sustainable Capital transactions. Michael represents LMSC on the boards of Bokpoort CSP, Kathu Solar Park and the Butama Hydro-Electricity Company. He also is the Social and Environmental Management Officer for LMSC.



Paul M. Mbuthi is currently a Senior Assistant Director of Renewable Energy at the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum. He Holds a BSc. Degree in Environmental Health and a Masters Degree in Environmental Planning and Management both from Kenyatta University. He has over 29 years work experience at the Ministry of Energy & Petroleum being involved in Renewable Energy resources development and promotion. He is also active in climate change negotiations and integration to the energy sector. He is currently an IPCC Lead Author working on greenhouse gas inventory methodologies specifically focusing on Solid biomass fuels transformation. Has been involved in IRENA matters since 2014.



Paulina Kandali IYAMBO (Member, South Africa Institute of Electrical Engineers (SAIEE)) was born in Iiyale, Oniipa, Namibia on 12 December 1982. She received B-Tech Degree from the Polytechnic of Namibia in 2005 in Electrical Power Engineering. She completed her Masters Degree at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in Cape Town (South Africa) in 2008. Her research activities span all facets of power system analysis, with particular emphasis on transient stability of the electric power systems. She also holds a B-Juris degree from the University of Namibia which she completed in 2013. Currently, Paulina is working as a Commercial Manager in the division of Energy Trading at the Namibian Power Cooperation (NamPower) and also studying towards an MBA at the University of Stellenbosch.



Peter Van den Dool is serving with USAID in the Power Africa Coordinator's Office in Pretoria, South Africa, where his role is to increase the involvement of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in the Power Africa Initiative. Prior to joining USAID, Peter was an Assistant General Counsel at OPIC for six years. In this role, he was involved in structuring, negotiating, and documenting complex transactions in emerging markets. Peter's experience includes transactions in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Prior to joining OPIC, Peter was Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs at a startup company in Chicago. Prior to that position, he was an Associate in the Corporate Department of Kirkland & Ellis (Chicago), where he focused on transactional work for private equity clients. Peter earned an MBA and a JD degree from Northwestern University. His undergraduate degree is in Economics from the University of California, Davis.



Rafael Ben, a Spanish national, is the Energy Specialist for the Scaling-up of Renewable Energy Program (SREP). Before joining the CIF team in 2015, Rafael worked in the World Bank's Energy and Extractives Global Practice, where he was consulting on renewable energy projects (Integration of variable renewables into power grids, Concentrated Solar Power and geothermal) in Middle East & North Africa, Africa and Latin America. He was also part of the International Finance Corporation Advisory Services Clean Energy team, analyzing the portfolio of renewable captive power projects. Before joining the World Bank Group, Rafael held different positions in the public and private sector. He worked as a bioethanol project manager at ACCIONA, as a renewable energy engineer at the Spanish Institute for Aerospace Technology (focused on hydrogen and fuel cells), and as business development manager for the European market at the Chinese wind turbine manufacturer Sinovel. Rafael holds a Master's Degree in Renewable Energy & Energy Markets, and a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering.

Samuel Chasia has over 17 years of investment banking and investment management experience and is an expert in the debt capital markets, project finance, asset backed securitization, credit investing, structuring and fundamental investment analysis. Mr. Chasia has extensive experience in both the United States and in Africa having worked for leading local and international firms. In Kenya Mr. Chasia worked for NIC Capital, a leading Investment Bank where he was an Associate Director in charge of Structured Products and Project Finance. In the US Mr. Chasia worked for Highland Financial Holdings, a credit hedge fund, as a senior credit analyst and head of credit surveillance and risk management. Before Highland he worked at Fortis Investments, as Director of Asset Backed Securities (ABS) credit. Prior to joining Fortis he was an Assistant Portfolio Manager at GMAC Institutional Advisors ("GIA"). Mr. Chasia started his finance career at Goldman Sachs in the Real Estate Investment Banking Division. Mr. Chasia earned a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance and Real Estate from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Oregon where he graduated with cum laude honors.



Usamah Kaggwa holds a Bachelors degree in Mechanical engineering and a MSc Petroleum Engineering from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen UK. He also has a Post Graduate Diploma in Efficient Use of Energy and Planning from the Life Academy, Swewden and a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from the Uganda Management Institute Kampala. He has worked as a project associate on an alternative energy research project with Makerere University, the British Council and Amfri Farms in Kampala. He later joined the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development from 2010 to date as a Senior Energy Officer in the Energy Resources Directorate and

the SEforAll Secretariat. He coordinates Uganda's SEforAll Initiative where he has overseen key developments such as, Uganda's SEforAll Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus, Multi-Tier Framework monitoring tool and the Scaling Renewable Energy Programme Investment Prospectus.



Weldon Turner is the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and board member of Gigawatt Global, a Dutch based solar developer that manages and develops utility size solar and wind power plants in Emerging Markets. From 2009 until 2011 Mr. Turner was the Product Manager for RCS Solar, a leading supplier of solar power plants in Europe, Africa and Israel. From 2005 until 2008 he was the C.E.O. of a boutique investment firm with offices in the U.S., South Africa and Israel. The firm oversaw private placements for real estate, commodities and farming projects. He was the co-manager of long-short equity hedge fund that focused on market neutral investing. In addition, he was Chief Operating

Officer and General Counsel at Goldnames, an internet domain name company. From 1994 to 1999 he was the Director of International Equity Sales/Trading at Credit Suisse in New York, and from 1985 to 1992 he was a V.P. of Equity Sales/Trading at Salomon Brother in New York. Mr. Turner has been on the Board of Advisors of Thorium Power Company and Portofino Equity Advisors. He has a B.A. in History, a B.A. in Political Science, a J.D., an L.L.M (Masters of Law) and is a candidate for a Doctorate in Environmental Law with a concentration in solar energy legal documents.



Wilfred Van den Bos is Head of Investments at responsAbility Renewable Energy Holdings (rAREH) – a developer of renewable energy projects up to 50MW in Sub-Saharan Africa headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. He has large experience in financing and developing renewable energy projects in Africa, Asia, and the Middle-East. Before joining rAREH per October 2017 Mr. Van den Bos has been working for 10yrs at the Dutch Development Bank FMO where he has been responsible for mobilizing USD 1 billion+ of senior- and subordinated debt funding for over more than 32 energy projects in Africa, Asia and the Middle-East. rAREH is managed by

responsAbility Investments AG - one of the world's leading asset managers focused on emerging markets with more than USD 3 billion assets under management invested in the Energy-, Agriculture- and Financial Institution sectors.