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## UNFCCC/CDM African Radio Contest 2012

### Judging Panel



**John Hay** is the media information officer at the UNFCCC secretariat. Prior to joining the secretariat, he was an award-winning current affairs and features broadcaster with Deutsche Welle, based in Bonn. He was awarded a Gold World Medal in the 'New York Festivals Radio Programming and Advertising Competition' in 2001, and the United Nations Department of Public Information Award for the series 'WWF Ecoregions' in 2000.



**Maria Odeh** is a media consultant, columnist and former Director of Programmes of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN). She studied Communications at the University of Lagos and Law at the University of Abuja. She also previously served as CEO, General Manager, Head of News and Current Affairs and Head of Programmes at Radio Benue in Nigeria. She is now CEO of Mariaka Global Concepts International, a company that trains broadcasters and engages in independent radio programme production.



**Irini Rouboglou** is the focal person in the CDM African Radio Contest. She has broad experience in radio, having worked as a radio journalist and producer of the BBC World Service for more than seven years. She also worked as an online journalist for BBC News and as a communication officer for the European Commission. She joined the UNFCCC secretariat in 2009 and has been involved in efforts to raise awareness about the Clean Development Mechanism ever since.



**Andrea Schmidt** holds an MA in African Studies and Sociology from the University of Cologne. Following her studies, she worked as a scientific research assistant at the University of Cologne. In 1988, she began her studies in radio journalism at Deutsche Welle with a focus on programs for Africa. After having worked for ten years in the communication department of Deutsche Welle she was appointed first as the coordinator and then as the deputy head of the Africa and Middle East Department. In the last six years, she is the head of the popular Kiswahili Programme of Deutsche Welle.