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Judging Panel



Yvo de Boer is Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC and United Nations top climate change official. Before his appointment in August 2006, Mr. de Boer was Director for International Affairs of the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment of the Netherlands, responsible for international policy. He has been involved in climate change policy since 1994.*



Christiana Figueres, a former member of CDM Executive Board, is a leader in the global climate change field. A native of Costa Rica, she has been an official negotiator of the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol since 1995. In 1995 she founded the Center for Sustainable Development in the Americas, which she directed until 2003.**



John Hay is 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 UN Department of Public Information Award for the series 'WWF Ecoregions' in 2000.**



Lars Heller is an award-winning designer based in Cologne. Before founding Heller & C GmbH, a branding and corporate identity specialist company, he was creative director at various firms in Germany and the Netherlands. He holds a master degree in design.*



John W. Ishii is a professional photographer based in Malaysia. He is a former Agence France Presse photographer and a freelancer for Associated Press. His images have appeared in numerous major international publications and multi-media news outlets, including USA Today, Washington Post, Sydney Morning Herald, South China Post, CNN, BBC World News, ABC news, NBC News and others.*



Birgitte Jallov is a senior communication specialist with vast experience in media development, communication for development and empowerment, press freedom and gender. She has been involved in more than 200 development projects and programmes in 50 countries. A native of Denmark, Ms Jallov produced radio, television and documentary films in her native Denmark, Africa and Asia. She is chair of the Panos London board and the Panos International Council.**



John Kilani is Director of the Sustainable Development Mechanisms Programme in the UNFCCC secretariat. He joined the secretariat in 2008, bringing with him 28 years of professional experience serving industry and academia. He was a founding member and Chair of the CDM Executive Board.*



Peter Kloeppel is an award-winning journalist, chief editor, and news anchor at RTL Television in Germany. After studying agriculture, Mr. Kloeppel turned his attention to an education and career in journalism. His coverage of the 9/11 attacks as RTL's correspondent in New York earned him the prestigious Grimme Preis as well as an Emmy award nomination. Mr. Kloeppel founded the RTL Journalistenschule für TV und Multimedia in 2001. He is the school's director and CEO.**



Edward C.H. Lai is the former Chief Designer at the Brooklyn Museum, NewYork. He is a graduate of the Chicago Bauhaus school of design at IIT, and a specialist in industrial and exhibition designs. Mr. Lai is an avid and accomplished photographer and was the focal point for last year's CDM Changing Lives Photo Contest.*



Anne Ngugi is a senior journalist and news anchor with Kenya Television Network in Nairobi. She is a member of the African Network of Environmental Journalists and has reported widely on environmental issues. She is also a member of the Association of Women Journalists in Kenya.**



Bina Sanghavi is the legal officer of the Sustainable Development Mechanisms Programme in the UNFCCC secretariat. Before attending law school, she worked as a professional photographer in Chicago. She has always been interested in the visual arts and her favorite photography genre is documentary photography.*

^{*} Photo judge ** Video judge