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UNFCCC/CDM International Photo Contest 2012

Judging Panel



Christiana Figueres, the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, is a leader in the global climate change field and a former member of the CDM Executive Board. A native of Costa Rica, she has been an official negotiator of the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol since 1995. In 2008, she was elected Vice President of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. She is also a widely published author on the design of climate solutions, and has been a frequent advisor to the private sector on how to play a leadership role in mitigation.



Ragnhild Ek is an award-winning filmmaker and journalist, who has filmed extensively across the African continent, as well as Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Yemen. Her work includes documentary productions for the BBC and indie news features for various stations and agencies. She has served with the UN Refugee Agency, worked as UNHCR roving senior spokesperson in Afghanistan and Pakistan, headed UNHCR's Film Unit, and produced the 'Voices for Darfur' gala event. Ek is currently developing an African dedicated search portal and representing the Ethiopian Film Initiative.



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 and has held senior positions in the private sector with a focus on environmental protection. He holds a PhD from the University of Birmingham.



Edward C.H. Lai is the former Chief Designer at the Brooklyn Museum in New York. 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.