



## Nature-based Recovery Initiative Advisory Board Members 2022

### **Angela Andrade, Chair, IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)**



Angela Andrade is an Anthropologist, specialising in Geographical Landscape Analysis and Land Evaluation, MSC in Landscape Ecology. She has over 25 years' professional experience in ecosystem management, in various areas including research, ecological surveys, land use planning, and in the field of public policies at different territorial levels. Her contributions have focused mainly on different ecosystems in Colombia and Latin America, where she has worked in academia, the Colombian Government and various sectors of civil society. She has also worked as an international consultant on subjects related to the application of the ecosystem approach in conservation corridors, ecological restoration, climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation. Angela is currently the Environmental Policy Director at Conservation International – Colombia and, over the last few years, she has focused on leading climate change adaptation programmes and on supporting global policy management related to biodiversity and climate change. Angela is the Chair of the Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM), a position she has held since 2008, and before that she was Regional Vice-President for South America. She is also a member of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

### **Manish Bapna, President and CEO of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**



Manish Bapna is President and CEO of the Natural Resources Defense Council. He was a lead architect of several multi-stakeholder platforms including the NDC Partnership, New Climate Economy, Global Commission on Adaptation and the International Research Forum on the SDGs. Until recently, Manish was the executive vice president and managing director of the World Resources Institute (WRI). Before joining WRI in 2007, Manish was executive director of the non-profit Bank Information Centre (BIC), whose mission is to protect rights and promote sustainability in the projects and policies of international financial institutions. Manish also served as a senior economist and task team leader at the World Bank, where he led multidisciplinary teams in designing and implementing water, watershed, and rural development projects in Asia and Latin America. He joined the World Bank as a Young Professional. Earlier, he worked as a strategy consultant for

McKinsey & Company in the financial services and technology industries. Manish is on the board of Meridian Institute and an Ambassador of the Open Government Partnership. Manish received graduate degrees in business and political and economic development from Harvard and an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from MIT.

### **Nicoletta Batini, Lead Evaluator, Independent Evaluation Office, International Monetary Fund (IMF)**



Nicoletta Batini is an Italian economist, notable as a scholar of innovative monetary and fiscal policy practices. During the crisis she pioneered the IMF work exposing the dangers of excessive fiscal austerity and designed ways to consolidate public debt successfully during phases of financial deleveraging. Since 2003 at the International Monetary Fund, she has served as Advisor of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee between 2000-2003 and was Professor of Economics at the University of Surrey (2007-2012), and Director of the International Economics and Policy office of the Department of the Treasury of Italy's Ministero dell'Economia e

delle Finanze (MEF) between 2013-2015. Batini's fields of expertise include monetary policy, public finance, open economy macroeconomics, labour economics, energy and environmental economics, and economic modelling.

She has handled extensive consultancy roles in the public sector in advanced and emerging market countries. She holds a Ph.D. in international finance from the Scuola Superiore S. Anna and a Ph.D. in monetary economics from the University of Oxford.

### **Nick Beglinger, Co-Founder and CEO, Cleantech21 Foundation**



Nick is a Swiss economist/activist (LSE) with the mission to accelerate technological and regulatory innovation that addresses the climate and biodiversity crisis. Since 2008 he runs the Cleantech21 Foundation (C21). From 2009 to 2016, Nick acted as president of swisscleantech, Switzerland's first green business association, shaping the country's climate and energy policy (SRF, die Zeit). Following the successful spin-out of the association, Nick runs C21's international projects. This includes the Climate Policy Exchange (CPX), the International Climate Income Alliance (ICIA), the Hack4Climate Innovation program (H4C), and the Climate Ledger Initiative (CLI). In September 2020, Nick was named one of Switzerland's '100 digital shapers' by Bilanz for the second time. Nick is a board member of the Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation, an active member of WWF's Leaders for

Nature, and an advisor to UBS' Clean Energy Infrastructure Switzerland investment funds. He started his career with McKinsey in Germany, and then founded Vietnam's first software JV in Saigon. He worked in China, Korea, Singapore, Iran, Iraq, and United Arab Emirates as Partner in an advisory firm focused on multi-use real estate and complex infrastructure developments. As his final engagement with the firm, he was in charge of a 3-year mandate with the Government of Abu Dhabi as part of the first development period of the Masdar Project.

### **Sandrine Dixson-Decleve, Co-President, Club of Rome**



Sandrine Dixson-Decleve is currently the Co-President of the Club of Rome and divides her time between lecturing, facilitating change in business and policy models and advisory work. She holds several advisory positions for the European Commission: Chair, Expert Group on Economic and Societal Impact of Research & Innovation (ESIR); Assembly Member, Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Mission (DGR&I); TEG Sustainable Finance Taxonomy and Sustainable Finance Platform (DGFISMA); United Nations: Food Summit Action Track 5 Resilience and for companies/organisations/institutes such as BMW, UBM, Climate KIC, UCL-Bartlett School of Environment and the IEEP. Sandrine is also a Senior Associate and faculty member of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership

(CISL) and a Senior Associate for E3G, Ambassador, for the Energy Transition Commission (ETC) and WEALL. In 2017 Sandrine co-founded the Women Enablers Change Agent Network (WECAN).

### **Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, Global Environment Facility (GEF)**



Dr. Fonseca is the Director of Programs at the Global Environment Facility (GEF). His responsibilities include overseeing the portfolio of investments in biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, forests and REDD+, transboundary marine and freshwater conservation, chemicals and sustainable land management. A tenured Professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) in Brazil, he was the first Executive Director of Center for Applied Biodiversity before becoming the Chief Conservation and Science Officer of Conservation International. He holds a Master's degree in Latin American Studies and a Ph.D. in Forest Management and Conservation from the University of Florida. He published close to 170 publications articles and books. He received the Oliver Austin Award of the University of Florida's State Museum for outstanding research in the natural sciences, the Environmental

Protection Award of Government of the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, the Distinguished Service Recognition award from the Brazil Biodiversity Fund (Funbio), and the Golden Ark Award, an official order of the Dutch government, the highest environment award of the Netherlands.

## **Kathy MacKinnon, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas**



An Oxford-trained zoologist, Dr MacKinnon has spent most of her life working internationally on conservation. She has an excellent understanding of issues concerning protected areas at global, regional and national levels, with over 30 years' experience working on all aspects of protected area planning, management and financing, especially in developing countries. For 16 years, she was the Lead Biodiversity Specialist of the World Bank, where she mainstreamed conservation into development programs, including promoting protected areas as natural solutions to climate change and other global challenges. In 2007, she was bestowed the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of Conservation Biology in appreciation of her extraordinary scientific contributions to the preservation of Earth's biodiversity, and in 2018 she won the Midori Prize, which honours individuals who influenced and strengthened various biodiversity-related efforts. Dr MacKinnon has been involved and supported IUCN for a long time, and engaged in IUCN efforts to promote protected areas and other ecosystem-based approaches as nature-based solutions to societal challenges, including key publications on climate change, disaster risk reduction, health and well-being and water security. Until September 2021 she was the Chair of IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

## **Pamela McElwee, Professor, Department of Human Ecology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University**



Pamela is an interdisciplinary environmental scientist, with a joint Ph.D. in anthropology and forestry, with an addition training in geography and ecology. Her main interests are in the local social impacts of global environmental problems, with a particular expertise in biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Pamela primarily did fieldwork in Southeast Asia and studied ecologically critical regions, such as tropical forests and coastal estuaries. She was recently awarded an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship for work on her second book *Rivers of Blood, Mountains of Bone: An Environmental History of the Vietnam War*. She was also involved as a lead author for chapter 6 on governance of biodiversity for the Global Assessment of the IPBES, and as a lead author for a chapter on integrated response options in the IPCC report on Climate Change and Land. Pamela has been recently named co-chair of the upcoming IPBES Nexus Assessment to assess the interlinkages between biodiversity, food, water, health and climate which will be taking place from now until 2024. She is currently Professor at the department of Human Ecology of Rutgers University and the Chair of the Cultural Practices and Ecosystem Management Thematic Group of IUCN's Commission on Ecosystem Management.



## **Shloka Nath, Head of Sustainability and Special Projects, Tata Trusts/ Executive Director, India Climate Collaborative**

Shloka Nath currently leads the Sustainability and Policy & Advocacy portfolios at the Tata Trusts, one of India's leading philanthropic foundations. As head of Sustainability, she is focused on the organization's work on climate, energy and environment, implementing and funding sustainable and scalable solutions that help both people and nature thrive through India. She is also the Executive Director of the India Climate Collaborative, an India-led platform founded in 2018 by a group of philanthropies interested in continuing to accelerate India's development, while also exceeding its climate goals. Prior to this, Shloka co-founded and was the Managing Partner of Sankhya Women Impact Funds, a gender lens fund with a focus on sustainability. Shloka is also an active angel investor in social enterprises and has mentored organizations across sectors. She has a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a BSc in Government from the LSE.

### **Cara Nelson, Professor of Restoration Ecology, University of Montana**



Cara Nelson is a Professor of Restoration Ecology at the University of Montana. Her lab focuses on increasing knowledge about ecological processes and their application to the restoration of degraded ecosystems. Specific areas of focus include: effects of abiotic and biotic disturbances on vegetation, the efficacy and ecological impacts of restoration treatments, and the conceptual basis for ecological restoration. She is particularly interested in projects that contribute both to basic knowledge of plant and restoration ecology and provide managers with timely information about the ecological effects of management activities. Cara received a Fulbright Award for her research on forest restoration in Chile. She

holds a Ph.D. in Forest Ecosystem Analysis from the University of Washington. Cara is the Chair of the IUCN CEM Ecosystem Restoration Thematic Group.

### **Shaun Paul, CEO, Ejido Verde**



Shaun Paul is the Chief Executive Officer of Ejido Verde, a Mexican pine resin supply and forestry company formed through a partnership of the Mexican pine chemicals industry and indigenous communities in Michoacan to establish 12,000 hectares of commercial plantations for pine resin extraction. Shaun has 30 years of professional and entrepreneurial experience in private finance, philanthropy, and international rural development, leading and supporting the creation and growth of dozens of innovative for-profit and non-profit companies, catalysing well-being for people and the planet. Prior to joining Ejido Verde, Shaun served as the Managing Director of Reinventure Capital, an impact venture fund, to invest in innovative entrepreneurs scaling businesses creating solutions for social inequality, healthy living and ecosystem renewal. Beginning in 1992, Shaun founded and led the EcoLogic Development Fund that included managing forests with indigenous communities and establishing forest

plantations in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize. As a founder and president of Pico Bonito Forests LLC in Honduras, he also pioneered forestry finance with carbon offsets beginning in 2004. Shaun currently resides in Morelia, Mexico and serves as a board member of Global Forest Generation and long-term member of the American Sustainable Business Network.

### **Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**



Achim Steiner became UNDP Administrator in 2017. Mr. Steiner is also the Vice-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group, which unites 40 entities of the UN system that work to support sustainable development. Over nearly three decades, Achim Steiner has been a global leader on sustainable development, climate resilience and international cooperation. He has worked tirelessly to champion sustainability, economic growth and equality for the vulnerable, and has been a vocal advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining UNDP, he was Director of the Oxford Martin School and Professorial Fellow of Balliol College, University of Oxford. Mr. Steiner has served across the United Nations system, looking at global challenges from both a humanitarian and a development perspective. He led the United Nations Environment Programme (2006-2016), helping governments invest in clean technologies and renewable energy. He was also Director General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi. Achim Steiner previously held other notable positions including Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams.

## **Xavier Sticker, Ambassador, France's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and International Organisations in Vienna**



Since 2019, Mr. Sticker has been the French Ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations and International Organisations in Vienna, where he inter alia promotes the fight against environmental crime through various initiatives in the context of UNODC and its relevant conventions. From 2014-2018, he was his country's Ambassador for the Environment. Among other responsibilities, he chaired the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), the trust fund for the sustainable financing of Mediterranean marine protected areas (MedFund), the Pelagos Marine Sanctuary and the conferences of Parties of several multilateral environmental agreements. In 2018, he also coordinated the drafting of the first-ever national strategy against imported deforestation. Previously, he served as the chief of staff to the French Minister for Europe (2012-2014) and held various assignments to the European Union in Brussels and the United Nations in New York.

## **Izabella Teixeira, Co-Chair, International Resource Panel**



Izabella Mônica Vieira Teixeira is a native Brazilian. She holds a B.Sc. in Biological Sciences from the University of Brasilia, and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Energy Planning from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She is also a specialist in Environmental Management, Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Licensing. She was Brazil's Minister of the Environment (2010-16). From 2008 to 2010, she was the Deputy Minister of the Environment. A career public servant, Mrs Teixeira has held a position at the Brazilian Institute for the Environment and Natural Resources since 1984. She had also held several high-level management and advisory positions as Head of the Institute's Environmental Quality Department, Task Leader of the National Environmental Program (with the World Bank), of the National Program on Chemicals, and the Pantanal Wetlands Program (with the Inter-American Development Bank). She also held positions at the State of Rio de Janeiro as Supervisor of Environmental Studies, Task Leader of the Clean-up Program of the Guanabara Bay, Chief of Staff of Rio's Secretariat for the Environment and Undersecretary for the Environment. Today she works as a private consultant on environmental and climate change issues.

## **Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**



Ibrahim Thiaw of Mauritania was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on 31 January 2019. Mr. Thiaw has over 40 years' experience in sustainable development, environmental governance and natural resource management. In 2018, he was Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for the Sahel and supported ongoing efforts to advance the recalibration of the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel and the development of the UN Support Plan for the Sahel. Prior to this position, he served as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), where he played a key role in shaping the organization's strategic vision and mandate. Mr. Thiaw joined the United Nations in 2007 as Director of UNEP's Division for Environmental Policy Implementation. Before joining the organization, he was the Regional Director for West Africa, and later Acting Director General, of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Mr. Thiaw started

his career in Mauritania, his home country, where he served in the Ministry of Rural Development for ten years. He holds an advanced degree in forestry and forest product techniques.

**Christina Voigt, Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), Professor, Department of Public and International Law and the Research Group for Natural Resources Law, University of Oslo, Norway**



Dr. Christina Voigt was elected as Chair of IUCN's World Commission on Environmental Law in September 2021. She is a renowned expert in international environmental law and professor of law at the University of Oslo, Norway. Professor Voigt has published widely on legal issues of climate change, environmental multilateralism and sustainability, is the author of several books and a frequent speaker at international and national events. For more than 10 years (until 2018), she also worked as principal legal adviser and negotiator for the Government of Norway in the UN climate negotiations, including on the Paris Agreement and its "Rulebook". Professor Voigt is currently the inaugural co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee. She also is a legal consultant for UNEP and UNDP and several other International and Non-Governmental Organisations. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), member of the IUCN Task Force on

Climate Change and the chair of the IUCN WCEL's Specialist Group on Climate Change. Currently, she supports Norway in the development of the post 2020-Global Biodiversity Framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity. In 2020, she joined the high-level international legal expert panel on a definition of "ecocide" as an international crime, and she is an arbitrator at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, Netherlands.

**Kristen Walker Painemilla, Chair, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)**



Kristen has been engaged with IUCN for nearly 20 years. In 2010, Kristen joined CEESP and was nominated in 2011 to co-chair the Specialist Group on Indigenous Peoples, Customary & Environmental Laws, and Human Rights (SPICEH). Throughout her tenure in CEESP, Kristen has liaised with the commission, secretariat and members to engage on issues including rights-based approaches, conflict resolution, participation, customary law, and indigenous membership to IUCN. Kristen has worked with CEESP in efforts such as the Whakatane Mechanism, IUCN's Knowledge Basket, and People in Nature. At the Mesoamerican Parks Congress, she designed and co-led indigenous workshops with indigenous partners Sotzil, IPACC, NAILSMA, and UNU, and organized preparatory meetings for indigenous participants at WPC. Throughout her 17-year tenure at Conservation International (CI), she has worked with various parts of IUCN from the SSC to the WCPA. In 2001, Kristen helped set up the CI-IUCN joint Biodiversity Assessment Unit. Kristen is a founding member of the Conservation Initiative on Human Rights (CIHR). She has been heavily engaged in CI's engagement in the World Parks Congress in Durban ('03) and Sydney ('14) and co-led CI's delegation to the IUCN World Conservation Congresses in Bangkok ('04), Barcelona ('08) and Jeju ('12).

*In Memoriam* - **Tom Lovejoy, Professor, George Mason University / Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation (1941-2021)**



Thomas Lovejoy was an accomplished conservation and tropical biologist who served as a Senior Fellow of the United Nations Foundation and who was elected University Professor at George Mason in March 2010. From 1973 to 1987, Tom directed the World Wildlife Fund-US program and was responsible for its scientific, Western Hemisphere, and tropical forest orientation. From 1985 to 1987, he served as the Fund's executive vice president. His experience since then include serving as President of the Heinz Center for Science, Economics, and the Environment from 2002-2008, and as the Biodiversity Chair of the Heinz Center from 2008-2013. He has also served on science and environmental councils under the Reagan, Bush, and Clinton administrations in addition to serving as the World Bank's Chief Biodiversity Advisor and Lead Specialist for Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean. Tom was also awarded the Tyler Prize in 2002, and in 2009 he was the winner of BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in the Ecology and Conservation Biology Category. In 2012 he also received the Blue Planet Prize. He earned his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University.

Tom will always be remembered by conservationists, colleagues and friends for his amazing career and work for more than half a century. A well-known American conservation biologist who coined the term "biological diversity" in 1980, Dr. Lovejoy passed away on December 25, 2021 at the age of 80.