

Session 1

Toward Net zero and Circular economy with Sustainable Wood Use



Mr. Alan ORGANSCHI (Senior member of the faculty at the Yale School of Architecture)

Senior member of the faculty at the Yale School of Architecture, Principal and partner at Gray Organschi Architecture, and Director of the Innovation Lab at the Bauhaus Earth, "A Role for Forest Products in Climate Restoration". His co-authored scientific paper "Buildings as a Global Carbon Sink" published in *Nature Sustainability* was honored with an Aquila Capital Transformation Award. His book *Carbon: A Field Manual for Building Designers* was published in 2022 by Wiley International.



Honorable Jagrup BRAR

(Minister of State for Trade, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation for British Columbia)

Honorable Jagrup Brar has served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in Surrey multiple times since 2004. He previously served as a government caucus chair, and the chair of the Special Committee to Review Provisions of the Elections Act. He earned the Master of Philosophy in India and the Master of Public Administration from the University of Manitoba in Canada.



Ms. Maria Helena SEMEDO

(Deputy Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General of FAO, is an economist and politician from Cabo Verde, where she was the first-ever woman Minister. Semedo leverages cross-sectoral engagement and strategic partnerships, to better position FAO to support Members to transform to resilient, efficient, inclusive and sustainable agrifood systems. Semedo gained valuable experience and insight in Africa, first as FAO Representative in Niger, then as Deputy Regional Representative for Africa and Sub-regional Coordinator for West Africa.



Dr. NAKASHIZUKA Tohru

(Director General of the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute)

Dr. Nakashizuka joined the Forestry Agency in 1985. He is currently the President of the Forest Research and Management Organization. His previous positions include a professor in the Center of Ecological Research, Kyoto University and a professor in the Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku University. His key research interests include plant ecology, forest ecology and biodiversity.



Mr. TAN Ting Wai (Acting Chief Operations Officer cum Director of International Business Development Division, Malaysian Timber Council)

Tan Ting Wai is the Acting Chief Operations Officer cum Director of International Business Development Division of MTC. Graduated from the Campbell University, North Carolina, USA, he joined MTC in 1994 in the Management Information System Division. He was later assigned to the Public & Corporate Affairs Division from 1997-2012 and to Guangzhou, China in 2012.



Ms. Sheam SATKURU (Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization)

Ms Satkuru has nearly 30 years of experience in tropical forest policy and the wood products industry and was appointed as ITTO's first female Executive Director in December 2021. She holds a Masters in Corporate and Commercial Law from King's College, University of London and was called to the English Bar in 1993.

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Mr. FUJIE Taro (Director, President & CEO, AJINOMOTO CO., INC.)

In 2022, FUJIE Taro was appointed present post. He joined Ajinomoto Co., Inc. in 1985 and was promoted General Manager, China Department in 2008. He contributed to business expansion of Ajinomoto Philippines Corporation in 2011. In 2015, He assumed President of Ajinomoto do Brazil Industria e Comercio de Alimentos LTDA. After that he directed the operational excellence project as Corporate Vice President of Ajinomoto, Co., Inc.



Mr. KAWAMURA Kazuo (CEO, President and Representative Director, Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd.)

KAWAMURA Kazuo is the CEO, President and Representative Director of Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd. He graduated from Waseda University in 1976 and joined Meiji Dairies Corporation (current Meiji Co., Ltd.) in the same year. He was appointed as a director of Meiji in 2011, and the President of Meiji and a director of Meiji Holdings in 2012, before being appointed as the President and Representative Director of Meiji Holdings in 2018.



Ms. Julia HARNAL (Chairperson, the German Agribusiness Alliance)

Julia Harnal is Vice President Public Affairs Agricultural Solutions at BASF SE. After completing her Masters' degree in Agricultural Science, she joined BASF in 2001 and has since held various positions. She has been Chairperson of the German Agribusiness Alliance (GAA) since 2019. In this role she has also been appointed to the Private Sector Advisory Group of the FAO in 2022.



Mr. Alvaro LARIO (President, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD))

Alvaro Lario is President of IFAD and made IFAD the first United Nations Fund to enter the capital markets and obtain a credit rating. A seasoned international development finance leader, he has more than 20 years of experience across academia, private sector asset management, World Bank Group and the United Nations, including as Associate Vice-President of Financial Operations at IFAD.



Ms. OHMURA Tomoko (Journalist)

Graduated from Sophia University, worked for NHK as Reporter/Bilingual Newscaster for 29 years. Served G8 Toyako Summit as a bilingual MC in 2008. Started freelancing as Journalist/bilingual MC in 2015 and resumed working for NHK World as one of the chief editors for daily news program, "Asian View". She also teaches "Beautiful English Manners" at NHK Culture Center.

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Hon. Dr. Thomas J. VILSACK (Secretary of Agriculture, United States of America)

Vilsack was confirmed as the 32nd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Biden to return to a role where he served for eight years under President Barack Obama. Prior to returning to USDA, he served as president and CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council. He also served two terms as the Governor of Iowa, served in the Iowa State Senate and as the mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.



Mr. Sebastien BOUVATIER (Deputy head, the Environmental Performance Division at the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood and Forestry in France)

Mr. Sébastien Bouvatier is an agronomy and forestry engineer by training. He currently works as Deputy Head of the Environmental Performance Division at the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood and Forestry in France, for all topics related to agriculture/environment, as well as agricultural land management regulations and extension services provided to farmers to facilitate their agroecological transition.



Mr. Dale Stevermer (Pig and Row Crop Farmer, director of National Pork Board)

Dale Stevermer is the owner of Trails End Farm, a feeder-to-finish and diversified crop operation in Minnesota. Each year, Trails End Farm markets 5,000 pigs for Compart Family Farms in addition to raising 450 acres of corn and soybeans. Dale is currently a board member for the National Pork Board and past president of the Minnesota Pork Producers Association (MPPA) Board of Directors.



Mr. KAWAI Toyohiko
(Director-General for Technological Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan)

KAWAI Toyohiko has served as both Director-General for Technological Affairs and Director-General, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council's Secretariat since 2022. Entered MAFF in 1989, served as Director of Cereal Crop Division and Deputy Director General for Technological and Environmental Affairs. He has led the development of the Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems, MIDORI and now supervises Smart Agriculture and R&D.



Dr. HASEGAWA Toshihiro (National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO))

Dr. Hasegawa is an executive researcher at the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO) in Japan. After graduating from Kyoto University, he worked at Kyushu Tokai University, Hokkaido University, and the National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences before joining NARO in 2016. He is a crop physiologist and a Coordinating Lead Author of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report.