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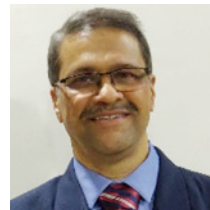
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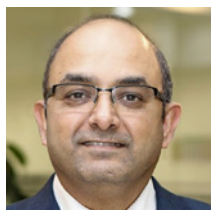
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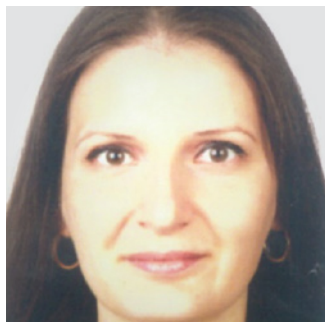
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Mr. CLEMENS PLOECHL – Steering Committee Member

Clemens holds two master's (equivalent) degrees in business administration and applied ecology. For over 28 years he has been working and studying sustainability issues in general and for approximately 20 years specifically climate change, energy policy, finance and technological cooperation. Some of the key assignments taken up by him include: designing, implementing and providing trainings for MRV systems on individual, corporate, project, city and country levels applying standards such as CDM, CAR, GHG Protocol (scope 1,2,3 and city level), Gold Standard, IPCC guidelines for national GHG inventories (1996, 2006) ISO 14040, 14044; ISO 14064/1-2, ISO 14067 JI, PAS 2050, PAS 2060, Plan Vivo, VCS; authoring the following CDM/VCS methodologies (2003-2018); authoring/co-authoring of several CDM methodologies; supervising the registration (55) and verification (20) of carbon credit projects (CAR, CDM, GS, JI, UER etc.) globally; providing carbon foot print consulting in sectors such as aluminum, oil and gas, telecommunication, waste management; preparation/ support of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions/ Policies (NAMAs) for various sectors embedded in National Determined Contributions (NDC); supporting the implementation of EBRD and EIB sustainable energy specific credit lines as technical and carbon consultant; and advising an Austrian bank in the origination of an almost 40 Mio EUR portfolio of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects eligible for ELENA (European Local Energy Assistance) funding.



Ms. JULIETA NIKOVA - Steering Committee Member

Julieta Nikova is working as a senior expert with Bulgarian Ministry of economy leading the negotiations on behalf of Bulgaria for new European legislation regulating the internal market of chemicals. Representative of Bulgaria in expert capacity to the Climate Change Committee to the European Commission and Central European Initiative. She previously worked with UNFCCC on various carbon standards in different areas such as renewable energy technologies, transport, manufacturing industries, biomass and biofuels, methane utilization from mining activities, fuel switch measures and efficient household applications (in particular cook stoves). Supported the work of Small-scale working group and Methodologies Panel to the CDM Executive board in respect to various carbon standards. Part of UNFCCC gender task force dealing with initiatives for gender mainstreaming and climate change solutions. Held a senior position with the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water, coordinating the implementation of the EU Emission trading scheme and the Linking Directive amending the EU ETS in respect to the Kyoto Protocol's project mechanisms. Coordinated the evaluation, approval and monitoring of the implementation of Joint Implementation projects for renewable energy technologies, implementation of energy efficiency measures and sustainable transport. Supported the elaboration of GHG inventories, action plans and strategies on climate change. As a head of environmental protection unit of "Oil and Gas exploration and production" JSC managed the implementation of environmental protection projects in the area of industrial waste water treatment for the refinery and oil and gas production fields, treatment of waste and soils.

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Mr. AMBACHEW ADMASSIE - Steering Committee Member

Ambachew holds a master's degree in Climate Change & Sustainable development (DE Montfort-UK) & a BSc in Civil engineering (AAU-Ethiopia). He is a practitioner in Sustainability, Climate Change & infrastructure. With more than 11 years of experience in the fields of climate change mitigation, MRV, climate finance, mitigation standards development, GHG reduction projects development including NAMAs and climate resilience in all economic fields, has been involved in the Kyoto based compliance mechanism under the UNFCCC Clean Development Mechanism (UNFCCC-CDM) from regulatory to implementation value chains including as Honorable Member of the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel) under the CDM Executive Board of the UNFCCC-CDM for eleven years involved in development and revision of methodologies & methodological cases for accounting GHG mitigation in all economic sectors as well as jurisdictions. He is also a member of the Team of Technical Experts (TTE) for the review of GHG inventories reported under National Communications (NC) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) covering all IPCC sectors (Energy, Waste, IPPU and AFOLU). He has co-developed aviation specific standards as part of the Meth Panel as well as taken competence to conduct verification under the ICAO CORSIA. In the international climate change negotiation, he serves as key negotiator on behalf of Ethiopia for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement since the Paris Agreement, the next generation cooperative mechanism that involves emissions trading. Previous to the sustainability career he has led several highway construction & design firms.

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Mr. VINAY DEODHAR - Steering Committee Member

Vinay Deodhar is a Specialist in climate change mitigation with experience in CCM project development, financing, evaluation, baseline methodology development/review and accreditation under global standards. He was appointed by the UNFCCC CDM Executive Board as a desk reviewer of baseline methodologies and has reviewed 36 methodologies. Mr. Deodhar was also a member of the CDM Registration & Issuance Team and CDM Accreditation Panel. He has reviewed over 400 submissions for registration & issuances. He was also member of the JI Review Team. He led the Team of international consultants under the six-year Carbon Market Program of ADB. He also reviewed proposals under World Bank's Partnership for Market Readiness.

He currently provides technical assistance to the ADB's Pacific Regional Department for CCM project development and identification of CCM potential. Mr. Deodhar has experience in the clean energy (RE/EE), urban (water/wastewater, solid waste), transport and industrial sectors.

He has worked on funding and development programs of bilateral aid agencies like USAID, DFID, KfW and multilateral agencies like ADB, World Bank, UNDP. Vinay worked for ICICI Bank (INDIA) in the Project Finance area where he appraised innovative projects in the clean energy and environment space.

Mr. Deodhar has also conducted terminal evaluation of a project under the UNDP-GEF and assisted UNIDO in the development of a PIF under GEF.

Vinay is Chemical Engineer and holds Masters' in Management Studies. He is a Certified Energy Auditor/Manager by BEE/GOI and has undergone training at reputed international institutions.

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Mr. WERNER BETZENBICHLER - Steering Committee Member

Werner Betzenbichler is founder and CEO of BeCe Carbon Experts GmbH. As external service provider he runs the operations office of D.I.A., a global acting association of auditing companies accredited by UN for performing validation and verification services of ghg emission reductions. Furthermore, he is Executive Chairman of verico SCE, a European cooperative of freelancers and small consultancy enterprises established in 2013.

Before starting this new activity, he worked with Sindicatum Carbon Capital based in London and specialized to equity investment by the use of carbon market instruments. There he has been responsible for assessing and managing risks in new investment ideas which enter the pipeline as well as in supporting projects through their way to UN registration. In his position, prior to that, he has been global head of climate change services at TÜV SÜD in Munich. Under his responsibility one of the globally leading verification/certification companies in CDM and JI as well as in EU-ETS and renewable energy certification schemes has been formed. His background as physicist, as auditor and more than a decade of activities in environmental monitoring, environmental impact assessment, accreditation and international project management proves his unique competence which he could already gather before joining the climate change arena in 2000. Thus, his experiences and capabilities cover the whole scope of technological and regulatory instruments and allow professional input to the decision-making process of investments, to the design of projects and to their conformance for implementation in a wide range of economies and technologies.

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Dr. WOJTEK GALINSKI - Steering Committee Member

Dr. Wojtek Galinski is an independent consultant, he retired from the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Germany where he was working as Team Leader and Project Manager for 12 years. His recent contracts were awarded, inter alia, by the European Commission and the World Bank.

Wojtek has 25+ years of experience in preparation/review of greenhouse gases (GHG) inventories related to agriculture, land use, land use change and forestry (AFOLU) and the development/assessment of methodologies for GHG mitigation projects, with particular focus on land use change and forestry. He authored many research papers, notably he co-authored several IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) works including: Good Practice Guidelines for Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry, the IPCC Special Report on "Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry" and the IPCC Second Assessment Report. Wojtek was also a member of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol.

Before joining the UNFCCC secretariat, Wojtek worked for 4 years for the Institute of Energy Research at Joanneum Research (Austria) as co-lead of the multinational research project focused on GHG inventories of European forest ecosystems; for 5 years for the Silvatica Research Consultants (Poland) as the president; for 8 years at the Forest Research Institute (Poland) and for 10 years at the Warsaw Agricultural University (Poland) as research project leader.

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Mr. KISHOR RAJHANSA - Steering Committee Coordinator

Kishor Rajhansa is working as a Director-Climate Change with Gulf Organisation for Research & Development (GORD), Doha, and is primarily responsible for designing and implementing the first and only voluntary carbon offsetting platform of MENA region "Global Carbon Council". He holds Master of Technology in Energy Management and MBA in Finance. He is the acting member of expert panel responsible for climate mitigation standards of UNFCCC (CDM Methodologies Panel). Kishor is a climate change, energy and sustainability leader with a professional experience of 23 years at leadership positions in multi-national advisory, international regulatory and government organizations. Previously, he worked for 5 years for a lead agency of India-European Commission Energy Cooperation Programme as Energy Engineer, for 5 years with Ernst & Young, India as Manager at its Environment & Sustainability Services, and for 10 years for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Germany as Team Leader and Project Manager of Standards Setting Unit.