

## Closing Session: The Next Generation of Climate Commitments - Raising Ambitions & Scaling Up Action

11<sup>th</sup> December, 16:00-17:00  
Vienna House Easy Angelo, Katowice

### Moderator



#### **Marek Tejchman, Deputy Editor in Chief, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna**

Journalist specializing in economy and international affairs. Currently leading news team in the biggest business newspaper in Poland (Dziennik Gazeta Prawna). Between 2007 and 2015 anchor and commentator for TVN CNBC and TVN 24 news broadcasters. Previously working in Polsat and Radio TOK FM where he held post of deputy editor in chief.

### Panel



#### **Hon. Biyika Lawrence Songa, Member of the Parliament, Parliament of Uganda**

Lawrence Biyika SONGA is a well-accomplished academic, networker, lobbyist, policy adviser, politician, a pan Africanism defender, and a development cooperation negotiator.

He holds a master of science in Environment and Natural Resources as well as a Master Of Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Management.

In addition, from several institutions and universities around the world, Lawrence holds various training certificates such as: Sustainability of food systems: global life cycle perspectives, international organisations management, introduction to environmental law and policy, leading strategic innovations in organisations, competitive strategy, policies for improved land management and poverty reduction, mentoring and strengthening participatory rural community

based natural resource, collaborative management of forests for poverty reduction and sustainable organic agriculture.

Lawrence was involved in various academic, research programmes such as alternative growth scenarios/pathways, sustainable land management, agriculture, small holder farmers, land based investments, climate change, anthropogenic-natural resources nexus and rural health sector retention.

Lawrence is a believer in socio-economic empowerment and transformation and earned a reputation working across a broad spectrum and effectively articulates local to regional and global development issues pertaining to: south-south cooperation, north-south cooperation, Africa opportunities, small holder farmers and markets, peace and conflict resolution and development cooperation. Lawrence has worked extensively in organisational and programmes development in technical areas of environment, natural resources, agriculture and rural development perspectives in general at local to international levels involving local and international civil society organisations/networks, governments, academia, development partners and the private sector organisations in the Horn of Africa and South East Asia.

Lawrence also has been involved with President Obama's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) as a Mentor, Speaker and Facilitator as well as active member of Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) focusing on management tools to tackle the young generation's greatest challenges: Civic Engagement/Leadership, Education, Entrepreneurship/Economic Development, And Environment Protection.

In addition to serving in various leadership positions at community, college, universities and regional networks, Lawrence consulted widely for various local and international organisations and was involved in various development issues, negotiations and discussions including hot topics of environment, climate change, food and nutrition security, conflicts, peace, democracy, market driven economy, human rights, global institutions, systemic change and development cooperation



**Nicolette Bartlett, Director of Climate Change and Carbon Pricing, CDP**

Nicolette Bartlett is Director of Carbon Pricing at CDP, formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project. CDP is an international not-for-profit organisation providing the only global environmental disclosure system.

As part of her role, Nicolette works with companies, policymakers and investors, focusing on the price signals that can and will deliver the ambitions of the Paris Agreement. CDP plays a leading role in both the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition, as well as the global business coalition, We Mean Business.

Previously Nicolette was a Senior Programme Manager at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, leading international projects within the climate policy team, including the international engagement of The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group, developing a Green Growth Platform in Pacific Alliance countries, the Climate Initiatives Database and research analysing the role that non-state actors play in driving

down emissions. Nicolette was also responsible for developing an international network of business groups on climate change and also played a leading role in the creation of the Corporate Communiqués on Climate Change, which are seen by many as the definitive statements from the international progressive business community in support of climate change policy.

Nicolette has been an author or reviewer for a number of publications, including the latest CDP report on Carbon Pricing, the business chapter of the latest New Climate Economy report, a business brief on the implications of the Paris Agreement, a series of summary reports for business of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report for 11 economic sectors, as well as publications analysing the potential of collaborative initiatives to increase ambition reductions internationally.



**Nour Amrani, Senior Manager Public Affairs, Novozymes A/S**

Nour Amrani is a public affairs professional with more than twelve year-experience in managing government relations in the EU and at international level.

In 2011, Nour joined Novozymes as manager for public affairs and media relations. Headquartered in Copenhagen. Novozymes is a bio-innovation company using biotechnology to improve the use of resources in more than 40 industries around the world.

At Novozymes, Nour has been promoting sustainable biofuels and the concept of the Bio-economy with EU policy-makers and international stakeholders. In this role, she works actively on energy, climate and innovation legislation. She has been part of the team that successfully established the EU public private partnership on bio-based industries (BBI JU). She also developed with Scania and Shell the “BiofuelsforEurope” website ([www.biofuelsforEurope.eu](http://www.biofuelsforEurope.eu)) in which academic experts look at the latest science behind key biofuels issues to help EU policy-makers make informed decisions. More recently, she took part in the establishment of a global campaign promoting low carbon fuels “Below50” ([www.below50.org](http://www.below50.org)). This initiative by WBCSD in collaboration with SE4ALL and RSB brings together companies and organisations who commit to growing the global market for the World’s most sustainable fuels.

Previous to her role with Novozymes, Nour worked for six years as a consultant at Weber Shandwick and FTI Consulting in Brussels, advising leading organisations on EU energy, environment and transport policy. Nour has a MA in Contemporary History and an MA in Political Science from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium.



**Jahan Chowdhury, Country Engagement Director,  
NDC Partnership Support Unit**

Jahan Chowdhury is the Country Engagement Director for the NDC Partnership Support Unit based in Washington, DC. In this role, Jahan works with government ministries and other stakeholders to support countries in achieving climate commitments under the Paris Agreement. He is in charge of ensuring responses to country needs from NDC Partners are coordinated and delivered with speed and impact.

Throughout his career, Jahan has advised bilateral and multilateral relations for over 30 countries on issues ranging from assessing aid effectiveness to establishing the largest demand-based, government-managed climate fund.

Before joining the NDC Partnership leadership team, Jahan served as head of the Office of the Director General for the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), where he led the design and implementation of corporate strategy, work program and budget, resource mobilization and communication efforts. Jahan also served as a senior advisor for climate and green funds at GGGI.

Previously, Jahan served as a Chief Technical Advisor for the Rwanda Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and as a senior-level advisor for agencies of the United Nations and Green Climate Fund.



**Lisa Manley, Senior Director of  
Sustainability Engagement and  
Partnerships, Mars Inc. (TBC)**

Mars, Inc. Senior Director of Sustainability Engagement and Partnerships, Lisa Manley, addresses negative social and environmental impacts in agriculture supply chains and manufacturing by focusing on positive climate action, water stewardship, and responsible land use through the Sustainable in a Generation Plan, a \$1 billion science-

driven effort to reduce environmental impacts and improve the lives of people throughout Mars' value chain. Mars committed to 100% renewable electricity in direct operations and science-based targets to reduce GHGe in their value chain. They sent nearly zero waste to landfill from direct operations over the past three years and are working toward a goal of 100% recyclable packaging by 2025.