

THE OWG FOCUS AREAS: EXAMINING THE UNDERLYING EVIDENCE

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Charlotte Bunch

Charlotte Bunch, Founding Director and Senior Scholar of the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University, has been an activist, writer and organizer in the feminist and human rights movements for over four decades. A Distinguished Professor in Women's and Gender Studies, Bunch was previously a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in DC and a founder of *Quest: A Feminist Quarterly*. She has served on the Board of Directors of many organizations and is currently on the Board of the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) and the Advisory Committee for the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch.



She has edited nine anthologies and authored *Passionate Politics: Feminist Theory in Action* and *Demanding Accountability: The Global Campaign and Vienna Tribunal for Women's Human Rights* as well as numerous essays.

Bunch has been central to feminist organizing around the UN World Conferences on Women (1980-95) and to numerous civil society efforts at the UN, including the Advisory Committee for the Secretary General's 2006 Report to the General Assembly on Violence Against Women, and a leaders in the GEAR (Gender Equality Architecture Reform) campaign for a new UN Women agency. Her contributions to women's human rights are recognized by many including the National Women's Hall of Fame, the White House Eleanor Roosevelt Award, and the "1000 Women Peace Makers" nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Glenn Denning

Glenn Denning joined Columbia University's Earth Institute in 2004 as Senior Research Scholar and Associate Director of the Tropical Agriculture and Environment Program. He helped establish the MDG Centre, East and Southern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, and served as its director for five years. With more than 25 years of experience in international agricultural research and development, Denning provided leadership to the MDG Centre's agenda in agriculture and rural development and its support to the African Green Revolution.



From 2004 to 2006, Denning served on the UN Millennium Project Hunger Task Force. He is currently a member of the Senior Steering Group of the UN High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis and a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP). Denning also serves on the board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development (UONGOZI Institute).

Denning previously held senior management positions in the International Rice Research Institute and the World Agroforestry Centre. In 2000, he was honored by the Government of Cambodia as Commander of the Royal Order of Sahametrei for his role in establishing the Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute and his contributions to increasing national rice production.

Bineta Diop

Ms. Bineta Diop of Senegal is the Founder and President of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS). She has led numerous peacebuilding programmes, including a women, peace and security initiative that resulted in the creation of a strong West African women's movement, the Mano River Women's Peace Network, which was awarded the United Nations General Assembly Prize in Human Rights in 2003.



Ms. Diop has led teams to observe elections in post-conflict countries such as Liberia and solidarity missions to women in crisis situations, as in the case of Guinea. She has facilitated peace talks among women, particularly during the Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo peace negotiations. Ms. Diop played an instrumental role in achieving gender parity within the African Union Commission in 2003, which culminated in the election of five female Commissioners, and the adoption of the African Charter on Women and Peoples' Rights (Maputo Protocol) and the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa.

Ms. Diop has been elected President of the African Union ECOSOCC Gender Cluster. She is involved in various NGO Working Groups that monitor United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. Ms. Diop is a member of the Global Agenda Council on Conflict Prevention of the World Economic Forum, and previously served in the 6th Advisory Group of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. In March 2010, she co-chaired the high-level Civil Society Advisory Group on Resolution 1325 with H.E. Mary Robinson.

Ms. Diop has received numerous honours and awards and in 2011 was named by TIME magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World. In 2012, the United Nations-mandated University for Peace awarded her a "Doctor Honoris Causa in International Peace Studies".

Maria Freire

Dr. Maria C. Freire was appointed President and Executive Director of Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) on November 2012. The FNIH draws together the world's foremost researchers and resources in support of the mission of the NIH.



Prior to this appointment, Dr. Freire was the President of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, where she established novel programmatic initiatives that expanded the brand and reach of the foundation. From 2001 to 2008, she was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development. During her tenure, Dr. Freire took the organization from a nascent operation to a world leader in TB drug development. An internationally recognized expert in technology commercialization, Dr. Freire directed the Office of Technology Transfer at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 1995 to 2001. Prior to that, Dr. Freire established and headed the Office of Technology Development at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Dr. Freire obtained her B.S. degree at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima,

Peru, her Ph.D. in Biophysics from the University of Virginia and completed post-graduate work in immunology and virology at the University of Virginia and the University of Tennessee, respectively.

She is active on national and international boards and committees, including appointments as a member of the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director, the International Advisory Steering Committee of the Instituto Carlos Slim de la Salud (Mexico) and the Association of American Medical Colleges Advisory Panel on Research. Dr. Freire was selected as one of ten Commissioners of the World Health Organization's Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health (CIPRH) and a member of the International Advisory Panel to the Ministerial Working Group on Scaling up of Primary Health Systems. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the DHHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, The Arthur S. Flemming Award and The Bayh-Dole Award. Dr. Freire is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Shahid Naeem

Shahid Naeem is Director of the Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability. He oversees the development of research science programs that benefit from the combined resources of the CERC consortium. For example, he is currently leading EICES partners to actively develop programs for adapting conservation to climate change, which requires basic research in partnership with institutions that study the diversity of plants and animals, and is engaged in conservation activities around the world.



Naeem studies the ecological and environmental consequences of biodiversity loss. He is interested in how changes in the distribution and abundance of plants, animals and microorganisms affect ecosystem functions and, by extension, how ecosystem services are affected. His current fieldwork includes American northeastern deciduous forests, Inner Mongolian grasslands in China and African agro-ecosystems. He is actively involved in bringing the science of biodiversity and ecosystem function to conservation, restoration and policy development. He is author, co-author and editor of over 100 scientific publications and co-chaired the UN Millennium Assessment's Biodiversity Synthesis Report published in 2005.

In addition to serving as EICES's executive director, Naeem is also a Professor of Ecology in Columbia University's Department of Evolution, Ecology and Environmental Biology. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley; was a postdoctoral fellow at Imperial College of London, the University of Copenhagen and the University of Michigan; and served on the faculties of the University of Washington and the University of Minnesota before coming to Columbia in 2003.

Johan Rockström

Johan Rockström is a Professor in natural resource management at Stockholm University, and the Executive Director of Stockholm Resilience Centre. He is an internationally recognized scientist on global sustainability issues, where he, e.g., led the recent development of the new Planetary Boundaries framework for human development in the current era of rapid global change.



He is a leading scientist on global water resources, and strategies to build resilience in water scarce regions of the world, with more than 15 years of experience from applied water research in tropical regions, and more than 100 research publications in fields ranging from applied land and water management to global sustainability.

Professor Rockström serves as the vice-chair of the science advisory board of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact research (PIK). He also chairs the visioning process on global environmental change of ICSU, the International Council for Science.

Rockström was awarded the title “Swede of the Year” in 2009 for his work on bridging science on climate change to policy and society. He was ranked the most influential person on environmental issues in Sweden 2011.

Cynthia Rosenzweig

Cynthia Rosenzweig is a Senior Research Scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies where she heads the Climate Impacts Group. She recently co-chaired the New York City Panel on Climate Change, a body of experts convened by the Mayor to advise the city on adaptation for its critical infrastructure. She co-led the Metropolitan East Coast Regional Assessment of the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change, sponsored by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. She was a Coordinating Lead Author of the IPCC Working Group II Fourth Assessment Report, and served on the IPCC Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis. She is also Co-Editor of the Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN) First Assessment Report on Climate Change and Cities (ARC3), the first-ever global, interdisciplinary, cross-regional, science-based assessment to address climate risks, adaptation, mitigation, and policy mechanisms relevant to cities. A recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, she joins impact models with climate models to project future outcomes of both land-based and urban systems under altered climate conditions. She is a Professor at Barnard College and a Senior Research Scientist at the Earth Institute at Columbia University.



Hirokazu Yoshikawa

Hirokazu Yoshikawa is the Courtney Sale Ross University Professor of Globalization and Education at New York University. He conducts research on how policies related to early childhood, parental employment, poverty, and immigration affect children's development in the U.S. and in low- and middle-income countries.



He has served on the Early Childhood Advisory Committee of the Inter-American Development Bank and the Head Start Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee under the Clinton and Obama administrations. He received his Ph.D. at New York University and has served on the faculty of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, including as its Academic Dean.

Hania Zlotnick

Ms. Hania Zlotnik, former Director of UN DESA's Population Division, retired at the end of January 2012. During her long career at the Division, which she joined in 1982, Ms. Zlotnik has worked in all the major areas of population research, serving as Chief of the Mortality and Migration Section (1993-1999), chief of the Population Estimates and Projections Section (1999-2003), and Assistant Director (2003-2005), overseeing work on fertility, mortality and migration. She was appointed Director of the Population Division in February 2005; she is the tenth person to serve as Director of the Division and the first woman to do so.



Ms. Zlotnik has edited or written numerous reports published by the United Nations, including studies of international migration and development, trends in international migration, female migration, population distribution and migration, population estimates and projections, population ageing, and levels and trends of urbanization. Her work has contributed in particular to provide better estimates of international migration worldwide and to the improvement of statistics on international migration.

Guido Schmidt-Traub

moderator

Guido Schmidt-Traub is Executive Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He has served as climate change advisor to the Africa Progress Panel secretariat and was CEO of Paris-based CDC Climat Asset Management, an investment company regulated by the French financial markets regulator. From 2008-2010 Guido was Director and Partner at South Pole Carbon Asset Management in Zurich, a leading developer of greenhouse gas emission projects. Prior to managing the MDG Support Team at UNDP (2006-2008) he served as Policy Advisor and then as Associate Director of the UN Millennium Project in New York, which was tasked with developing a concrete action plan for the world to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Earlier Guido was Partner at IndexIT Scandinavia, a private equity fund for early-stage technology companies, and consultant at McKinsey & Company in Germany. Guido holds an M.Phil. in Economics from Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar) and a Masters in physical chemistry from the Free University Berlin. He resides in Paris with his family.

