

Speaker and Chair Biographies

Opening Statements

Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie

Director General for Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia



Amb. Rezlan Ishar Jenie is the Director General for Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia. Prior to this position, he served as Indonesia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2004-2007). As the Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Mr. Jenie is responsible for overseeing Indonesia's roles in various multilateral forums, i.e. the United Nations, the G-20, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Non Aligned Movement. He currently serves as the Chair of the Peace Committee on the Southern Philippines-Organization of Islamic Conference (PCSP-OIC) and as Indonesia's Commissioner to the Developing Eight Countries (D-8).

Panel 1: The future of Asia-Europe Cooperation for Sustainable Development

Ambassador Wang Xuexian

Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China
Chinese Senior Official for ASEM



Ambassador Wang Xuexian is a seasoned diplomat. Born in Shandong Province of China in 1939, he started his career in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and worked in the Chinese Embassy in Malaysia from 1974 to 1980. In 1980, he joined the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, working as Third Secretary, then Deputy Director. From 1982-1989 he took on various positions at the Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations before rejoining the Ministry's Department of International Organizations and Conferences as Counselor and then Deputy Director General. In 1991 he achieved Ambassador ranking as the Chinese Consul General in Los Angeles. He worked there until 1994 when he took up the role of Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. His career then took him to South Africa, serving as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the country from 1997-2001. He has been the Chinese Senior Official for ASEM since 2001. In addition to his duties at the Ministry, Ambassador Wang also currently serves as the Chinese Special Envoy for Afghan Affairs and a Member of the UN Committee Against Torture.

Mr. Sim Vireak

Assistant to Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia



Mr. Vireak has held the position of Assistant to H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith, Secretary of State to the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, since August 2009. Some of his core tasks include preparing statements and talking points and conducting background research covering issues related to international organizations, the United Nations, human rights, climate change and the Cambodia-US bilateral relations. He spent seven years in Japan as a recipient of the Monbukagakusho Scholarship for Undergraduate & Graduate School, where he completed his studies in 2007 at the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Law and Politics. Upon graduation, from 2007-2009 he served as the Japan Desk Officer at the Asia II Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, after coming out as the top scorer in the recruiting exam. He had also spent two months as the Deputy Leader of the Cambodian group at the 13th Batch of ASEAN Young Leader Training Program in Nanning, China. Along with his duties at the Ministry, Mr. Vireak currently works as a part-time Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations of Pannasastra University of Cambodia. He is a skilled linguist, speaking Khmer, English and Japanese fluently. He has recently finished the translation of his Master thesis from the original Japanese language into English, entitled "Japan-Cambodia Bilateral Relations—Loan Resumption in 1999 and Aid as Diplomatic Tool".

Panel 2: Climate Change and Low Carbon Development

Ms. Liana Bratasida

Assistant Minister, Global Environmental Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Indonesia



Ms. Liana Bratasida was born in Bandung, Indonesia on 12 May 1951. She obtained her BSc in Entomology from the Bandung Institute of Technology, ITB (1971-1974), a Diploma of Environmental Science and Technology from the Hydraulic Engineering Delft, the Netherlands (1978-1979) and graduated with an M.Sc in Environmental Biology from the Bandung Institute of Technology, ITB (1985-1987). She started her career with the Ministry of Industry as a Researcher in the Cellulose Research Institute (1975 –1987), and in the Research and Development Agency of the Ministry of Industry (1987-1992). She was promoted to Director for Technical Development at the Indonesian Environmental Management Agency (1993-2000), an Executing Agency of the Ministry of Environment (MoE). She was then promoted to Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation of the MoE (2002-2003) where she was very much involved in the multilateral environmental agreements. Since early 2004 until present, she has been assigned to the role of Assistant Minister for Global Environmental Affairs & International Cooperation in the MoE. The nature of her duties at present is more as a policymaker. She is also the Indonesian National Focal Point for Asia Pacific Network for Global Change (APN), and the Indonesian Chair of ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment (ASOEN), Chair person of ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities. She was a Board Member of ASEAN Peat Land Management Initiative (APMI) and Focal Point of Host Country Committee (HCC) of PCF, World Bank. At ASEAN level, she was a Chairperson of ASEAN Haze Technical task Force (2002-2004) and Chairperson of ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2005-2007). From 2004 until January 2009 she was the alternate member of CDM Executive Board, UNFCCC and Chair of Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), UNFCCC from December 2008 until December 2009. She is also a Board Member of ASIA PACIFIC Regional Centre on Cleaner Production (APRCP).

Closing Session on Draft Statement

Mr. Dian Wirengjurit

Director of Intra-Regional Cooperation for America and Europe, Directorate General for America and Europe, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia



Dian Wirengjurit received his bachelor degree in international relations from the University of Indonesia (1985) and his Masters degree from the University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia (1990). He entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986 and has held various positions including Deputy Director of General Affairs at the Directorate of European Affairs and Deputy Director of ASEM Affairs at the Directorate of Inter Regional Cooperation for America and Europe. Dian was first posted in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, New York as Third Secretary for Political and Disarmament Affairs (1990-1994) and in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, Geneva, as First Secretary (1997-2001) and then Minister Counsellor (2003-2007) for Political and Disarmament Affairs. Upon his return, Dian was appointed Director for Intra-Regional Affairs for America and Europe and has held this position up to this moment. He oversees the implementation of Indonesian foreign policy, particularly that pertaining to intraregional cooperation within the American and European Region, which includes ASEM, FEALAC, EU, and other regional cooperations. Dian has a passion for both photography and writing. His work on international security issues and disarmament affairs has been published in numerous Indonesian newspapers and journals. He has also written a book entitled "Zone of Peace and Nuclear Weapons Free Zone: Its Concept, History and Development", published in 2002.