



Annual Meeting of the Climate Broadcasters Network – Europe

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List of Speakers

Mr Michel Jarraud

Michel Jarraud is Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization since 1 January 2004. WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations System. It is the UN's system authoritative voice on weather, climate and water (www.wmo.int) and is also coordinating the activities of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services of its 188 Members.

Before joining the WMO Secretariat as Deputy Secretary-General in January 1995, Mr Jarraud devoted part of his career to the internationally renowned [European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts](#) (ECMWF). He was appointed Deputy Director of the Centre in 1991, having been Director of the Operational Department since 1990. From September 1978 to December 1985, he was a researcher in numerical weather prediction at ECMWF.

Mr Jarraud started his career with the French National Meteorological Service, [Météo-France](#), as a researcher (September 1976-August 1978). He joined Météo-France again in January 1986 as Director of the Weather Forecasting Department, until December 1989.

Mr Jarraud is a scientist and a meteorologist with degrees from the prestigious French *Ecole Polytechnique* and the *Ecole de la Météorologie Nationale*. He is a fellow of the American Meteorological Society (USA), a member of the *Société Météorologique de France*, the Royal Meteorological Society (United Kingdom) and the African Meteorological Society, as well as an Honorary Member of the Chinese Meteorological Society and the Cuban Meteorological Society.

Mr Jarraud was born in 1952 in Châtillon-sur-Indre, France. He is fluent in French and English. He is married and is the father of two children.

Mr Nicholas Hanley

Head of 'Communication and Governance' Unit, Directorate-General Environment, the European Commission, Oxford Graduate in Biological Science and a post-graduate in Environmental Planning. He started work as a Planning Assistant at Maldon District Council, Essex then as a Senior Planning Officer at Norfolk County Council. After 5 years at the Broads Authority (National Park), Norfolk working as a Co-ordinator, Strategy and Management Plan he then moved to Brussels and worked at the European Parliament Committee for Regional Policy as Assistant to the Rapporteur, Reform of Structural Funds, working with members from a wide range of political parties. He started his career at the European Commission in DG Environment, working in the Urban and



Transport Policy Unit. Here he helped launch several initiatives on urban environment – sustainable cities network, car free cities, etc. In 1994 he moved to the Cabinet of Commissioner Paleokrassas – Commissioner for Environment and Fisheries but joined DG Environment again as Assistant to the Director General responsible for relations with the Cabinet and general current affairs. In 1997 he headed the Task Force on the Environment Action Programme and Integration. He also worked on the strategy for implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty concerning the integration of environment concerns into all Community policies.

He has participated in a variety of major international training programmes on environment and resource issues, for example at the Salzburg Seminars and the Sustainability Challenge Foundation. As Head of Unit: Nature and Biodiversity he was responsible for implementation of Community Legislation and Policy in the area of Biodiversity and Nature. His responsibilities also included Health, Research & Development, Statistics and Indicators and relations with the Environment Agency in Copenhagen. Today, as Head of Communication in DG Environment, he manages publications, web site, campaigns and events, including Green Week. The establishment of the Climate Broadcasters Network - Europe in May 2006 under his management, has brought us to this year's annual meeting in Geneva.

Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele

Jean-Pascal van Ypersele (1957, Belgium), has a Ph. D. in physics from the « Université catholique de Louvain » (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium), where he is professor of climatology and environmental sciences, and directs the Master programme in Science and Management of the Environment (www.uclouvain.be/cgse). He made his doctoral research in climatology at NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research, Colorado, USA). He specialized in modelling climate and the climate effects of human activities, and has recently focused his research on the impacts of climate change and on integrated assessment modelling. He chairs the Energy & Climate Working Group of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development (www.cfdd.be). Since 2002, he is member of the Bureau of the IPCC (www.ipcc.ch, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore), and has been elected Vice-chair of IPCC in 2008. In 2009, he was elected a Member of the Belgian Royal Academy. He has participated to a number of United Nations conferences on climate issues, as scientific advisor. Among other prizes, he received in 2006 the « Energy and environment award » from the International Polar Foundation, and the “Francqui Chair” from the Université libre de Bruxelles in 2007-2008. (E-mail: jeanpascal.vanypersele@uclouvain.be, web site: www.climate.be/vanyp).

Mr Jürgen Lefevère

Jürgen Lefevère is Policy Coordinator, International Climate Change Negotiations, at the Environment Directorate-General of the European Commission in Brussels. He is responsible for defining and coordinating the Commission's input in international climate change negotiations and regularly represents the European Commission in those negotiations. Jürgen has been participating in the international climate change negotiations since 1998. He has also played a key role in the design and implementation of the EU emissions trading system and, since 2003, in every major Commission proposal on the EU's input in the international climate change negotiations.

Prior to joining the Commission in October 2003, Jürgen worked at the London-based Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD). As Director of the Climate Change and Energy Programme he was in charge of a small team of dedicated lawyers that provided pro bono legal advice in the climate negotiations to the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and, between 1998 and 2003, participated in the international climate change negotiations on the delegation of Samoa.

From 1993 to 1998 Jürgen was a research associate on EU environmental policy at Maastricht University. Jürgen lectures the course on climate change in the Master in Energy and Environmental Law of the University of Leuven and has given regular guest lectures on EU and international environmental law at a number of universities (including Leuven, London, Maastricht, Amsterdam and Florence).

Mr Shen Xiaonong

Shen Xiaonong was born in Shanghai in June 1961 with an ancestry of Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province. He started his career in August 1983, and joined the CPC in February 1988. Mr. Shen graduated from the Department of Agro-meteorology, Nanjing Institute of Meteorology (renamed as Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology), with a Bachelor degree in agro-meteorology. He is an engineer in meteorology.

1979-1983: studying at the Department of Agro-Meteorology, Nanjing institute of Meteorology;

1983-1985: officer, Division of Personnel, Department of Human Resources, CMA;

1985-1986: officer, Division of Staff Education, Department of Science, Technology and Education, CMA (Studying English at the University of Bristol, UK from October 1985 to September 1986);

1986-1988: Secretary, Secretariat in the Office of General Affairs, CMA;

1988-1990: Secretary of CMA Administrator (at Deputy Director level), Secretariat in the Office of General Affairs, CMA;

1990-1991: Secretary of CMA Administrator; Secretary of CPC Leading Group, CMA;



1991-1992: Deputy Director of Secretariat in the Office of General Affairs, Secretary of CMA Administrator and Secretary of CPC Leading Group, CMA;

1992-1994: Secretary of CPC Leading Group of CMA (at Director level), Secretary of CMA Administrator under the Office of General Affairs, CMA;

1994-2001: Deputy Director-General, Department of Planning and Finance of CMA (acted concurrently as Secretary of CMA Administrator from April 1994 to June 1997; serving as Deputy Director-General, member of CPC Leading Group, Hunan Provincial Meteorological Bureau, CMA from May 1996 to July 1997);

2001-2004: Director-General, Department of International Cooperation of CMA (Attended a senior training course at the Party School of the CPC Central Committee from March 2003 to January 2004);

March 2004: Director-General, Office of General Affairs, CMA;

November 2004-Now: Member of CPC Leading Group (at Deputy Administrator level), CMA;

December 2004-Now: Director-General, Department of Human Resources and Education of CMA; Acting concurrently as Director-General of CMA Training Center.

Responsibilities:

Assisting the Administrator and the Secretary in managing personnel affairs, human resource development, education & training, international cooperation, etc. He serves concurrently as the Director-General, Department of Human Resources and Education, and the Director-General of CMA Training Center. He is in charge of such special tasks as human resources development strategy, education & training system, etc.