The High Level Advisory Committee of the Climate Justice Dialogue

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Dr Andrew Steer Co-chair of the High Level Advisory Committee

Dr Andrew Steer is President of the World Resources Institute. He has three decades of experience working on international development on the front line in Asia and Africa, and at a senior level in international policy roles. Dr. Steer joined WRI from the World Bank, where he served as Special Envoy for Climate Change since 2010. From 2007 to 2010 he served as Director General and Member of the Management Board at the UK Department of International Development (DFID) in London. He was educated at St Andrews University, Scotland, the University of Pennsylvania, and at Cambridge University. He has a PhD in Economics, has written widely on sustainable development issues, and has taught at several universities.

Mrs Mary Robinson Co-chair of the High Level Advisory Committee

Mrs Mary Robinson is President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the Elders and the Club of Madrid and the recipient of numerous honours and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President of the United States Barack Obama. She is a member of the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. In March 2013 Mary was appointed the UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region of Africa. A former President of the International Commission of Jurists and former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders she was President and founder of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative from 2002-2010 and served as Honorary President of Oxfam International from 2002-2012. Mary Robinson serves as Patron of the Board of the Institute of Human Rights and Business in addition to being a board member of several organisations including the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the European Climate Foundation. Mary is the Chancellor of the University of Dublin since 1998.
**Mr Nimmo Bassey** is the Coordinator of Oilwatch International and Director of Health at the Mother Earth Foundation. He served as Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (1993-2013), an organisation set up in response to the environmental destruction and human rights abuses associated with the oil industry in Nigeria. He is a former chair of Friends of the Earth International. In 2010 he won the Right Livelihood Award and in 2012 he won the Norwegian Rafto Foundation Award for Human Rights, recognising his work in linking human rights to climate change by demonstrating the effect of climate change impacts on the world’s most vulnerable people. He is a qualified Architect and became active on human rights issues in the 1980s as a member of the Board of Directors of Nigeria’s Civil Liberties Organisation. In Nigeria, he has stood up against the practices of multinational corporations and the environmental devastation they leave behind.

**Ms Sharan Burrow** is General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). She is a former President of the ITUC and of its predecessor organisation, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. She is the first woman to have held each of these positions. From 1995 to 2000 she was Vice-President of Education International, the global federation of teachers unions. In 2000, she became the second woman to be elected President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and the first woman to be elected President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions Asia Pacific Region Organisation. She has also served as a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).
Ms Luisa Dias Diogo was the first female Prime Minister of Mozambique, a role she held from 2004 to 2010. In 2010, she became a member of the Advisory Board of The Brenthurst Foundation, and the President of the African Commission appointed Diogo as a member of the Advisory Council for Peace and Security. Also in the same year, the UN Secretary General, Ban ki-Moon appointed her as a Member of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP). She served as Minister of Planning and Finance in Mozambique. She was distinguished in the list of World Top Leaders by Time Magazine in 2004. She received her B.A. in Economics from Maputo's Eduardo Mondlane University in 1983 and has a Master's degree in Financial Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London). She is a member of the Council of Women World Leaders and the Club de Madrid.

Ambassador Patricia Espinosa-Cantellano is a Mexican diplomat. From June 2001 to 2006, she served as Ambassador to Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia, and Germany, and as Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna. Previously, she was Director General of Regional Organizations of the Americas at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs. From 1992 to 1997 she worked at the Mexican delegation to the United Nations at New York City and served as General Director of the Ibero-American Summit and the Summit of the Americas. She served as President of COP 16/CMP 6 when the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was held in Cancun, Mexico in 2010.
Mr Bharrat Jagdeo served as Guyana’s President from 1999 to 2011. Prior to his presidency, he served as Minister of Finance in Guyana. He holds a number of global leadership positions in the areas of sustainable development, green growth and climate change. In 2012 he was elected President of the Assembly of the Global Green Growth Institute. He is also the Roving Ambassador for the Three Basins initiative, following a request from Heads of State and other leaders of the world’s forest countries. He is the International Union for the Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) Patron and High Level Envoy for Sustainable Development in Forest Countries. He served on the United Nations Secretary General’s High Level Advisory Group on Climate Finance, and is currently the Chair of the Commonwealth’s Expert Group on Climate Finance which will make climate change recommendations to Commonwealth Heads of Government in November 2013. He is also the Vice Chair of the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Eminent Persons Group. After obtaining a Master’s degree in Economics from Patrice Lumumba Peoples’ Friendship University in Moscow in 1990, he returned to Guyana and worked as an Economist in the State Planning Secretariat.

Professor Pan Jihua is currently Director-General of the Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and Professor of Economics at CASS Graduate School in China. He received his PhD at Cambridge University in 1992. His areas of interest include economics of sustainable development, energy and climate policy, world economy and environmental and natural resource economics. He worked for the UNDP Beijing Office as an advisor on environment and development. He was the lead author of the IPCC Working Group III 3rd and 4th Assessment Report on Mitigation and is a member of the China National Expert Panel on Climate Change and the National Foreign Policy Advisory Group in China. He also serves as an Advisor to China’s Ministry of Environment Protection.
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Professor Ravi Kanbur is T. H. Lee Professor of World Affairs, International Professor of Applied Economics and Management and Professor of Economics at Cornell University. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a doctorate in Economics from the University of Oxford. He has taught at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Essex, Warwick, Princeton and Columbia. He has served on the staff of the World Bank in a number of capacities and has also served as Director of the World Bank’s World Development Report. He is the author of over 200 publications, covering topics such as risk taking, inequality, poverty, structural adjustment, debt, agriculture, and political economy.

Mr Caio Koch-Weser is Vice Chairman of Deutsche Bank Group (since 2006) with global responsibilities for strategy; government, regulatory and corporate advisory; and co-ordination and implementation of group-wide business initiatives. He is a German and Brazilian national, born in Brazil. He was German Deputy Minister of Finance (State Secretary) from 1999-2005. From 2003-2005, Mr. Koch-Weser held the position of Chairman of the EU's Economic and Financial Committee. From 1973 until 1999, he held a number of high-level positions in the World Bank. He is currently Board Chairman of the European Climate Foundation and a member of the Board of the Centre for European Reform. He is also Adjunct Professor at the Guanghua School of Management at Beijing University. He is a former Board Member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in India, and a member of the 2010 High Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Finance assembled by the UN Secretary General.
Mr Ricardo Lagos served as Chile’s president from January 2000 until March 2006. After stepping down from the presidency Mr. Lagos established the Fundación Democracia y Desarrollo (Foundation for Democracy and Development), an organisation dedicated to creating sustainable economic growth and development. As president of the Club de Madrid he led the organization to increase its involvement in environmental issues. He studied law at the Universidad de Chile and has a PhD in Economics from Duke University (USA). He was the Founder and first President of the Party for Democracy and served as Minister of Education in Chile from 1990 to 1993 and Minister of Civil Works from 1994 to 1998.

Mr Festus Mogae is a former President (1998 – 2008) and former Vice President (1992 – 1998) of the Republic of Botswana. He leads the organization, Champions for an HIV Free Generation in Africa. He studied economics in the United Kingdom, first at University College, Oxford, and then at the University of Sussex. He returned to Botswana to work as a civil servant before taking up posts with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Bank of Botswana. In 2008 he won the 2008 Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership. He previously served as Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Change.
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**Mr Jay Naidoo** is the Chairperson of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), a global foundation headquartered in Geneva that is committed to addressing malnutrition. GAIN is a public-private partnership that brings together UN agencies, private business, philanthropic organisations, governments and civil societies around practical programmes in some 30 countries worldwide. Jay is the former co-founder of the social development arm of the investment and management company J & J Group and is a member of the Board of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. From 1994 to 1999, he was the Minister responsible for South Africa’s Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) in the Office of the President, before becoming the Communications Minister in Nelson Mandela’s Cabinet. He was the founding General Secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) where he served three terms (1985 to 1993). Jay is also a member of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Lead Group and has returned full time to voluntary work.

**Mr Marvin Nala** currently works as a Campaigner for Greenpeace East Asia, focusing on the north western region of China. He has worked on the ‘Adopt a Negotiator’ project, tracking international efforts to address climate change. He is also a member of the Youngers, a group of four youth leaders who teamed up with the Elders in 2012 to discuss how to build a sustainable and more equitable world. He has worked with local grassroots movements in China on issues including climate change, HIV/AIDS and child education. In 2012 he completed an internship at the United Nations Development Programme, China and the Tsinghua-Carnegie Center for Global Policy. He has promoted sustainable development in China through blogging, interviews and lectures from the perspective of Chinese youth.
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Professor Kirit Parikh, a former Member of India’s Planning Commission with status of Minister of State, is Chairman of Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), New Delhi. He was the Founder Director of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India. He was awarded “Padma Bhushan” by the president of India, the third highest civilian award in India. He has a Doctor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master’s Degree in Economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. He has been a Professor of Economics since 1967. He has also been a member of the Economic Advisory Councils (EAC) of five Prime Ministers of India. He had also been a member of the Indian National Committee for Environmental Planning & Coordination (1971-74), the National Committee on Science and Technology (1974-76) and the Fuel Policy Committee (1970-74). He chaired the Integrated Energy Policy Committee and presently chairs the Expert Group on “Low Carbon Strategy for Inclusive Growth” set up by the Planning Commission. From 1997 to 1998, he was Special Economic Adviser to the Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York.

Ms Sheela Patel is the Founder-Director of the ‘Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers’ (SPARC), one of the largest non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on housing and infrastructure issues for the urban poor in India. She has a Masters in Social Work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She is the Chair of Slum Dwellers International (SDI).
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Professor Hans Joachim Schellnhuber is the Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) since 1992 and Professor for Theoretical Physics at the University of Potsdam. He is an External Professor at the Santa Fe Institute and Chair of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU). In 2012, he was the lead-author of a report commissioned by the World Bank on possible impacts of a 4 degrees Celsius warming towards the end of the 21st century. In 2013, Schellnhuber was one of 18 prominent international scientists to launch the Earth League, a global interdisciplinary alliance of leading research institutes that focus on Earth system analysis and sustainability science, including economy. He is a long-standing member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Professor Henry Shue is a Senior Research Fellow and Professor Emeritus of Politics and International Relations at Merton College, University of Oxford. He was a co-founder, in 1976, of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Maryland and the inaugural Hutchinson Professor of Ethics & Public Life at Cornell University. His research has focused on the role of human rights, especially economic rights, in international affairs and, more generally, on institutions to protect the vulnerable. He is best-known for Basic Rights (Princeton, 1980; 2nd ed., 1996), “Subsistence Emissions and Luxury Emissions” (1993), and “Climate Hope” (2013).
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Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade is the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. He previously served a three-year term as a Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. From 1993 – 2002 he was Samoa’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations while concurrently serving as Ambassador to the United States of America and High Commissioner to Canada. He has had a long association with international negotiations and the development of key international conventions, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). He was the Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) from 1997-2003. He has been recognised internationally for his leadership and work on ocean issues and for his services to the small island developing states.

Ms Victoria Tauli-Corpuz is the former Chairperson of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and an advocate of indigenous peoples and women’s rights in the Philippines and globally. She was a member of the World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization, Chairperson of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, and Chair of the World Summit of Indigenous Peoples on Sustainable Development (2002) and the recently concluded Global Preparatory Conference of Indigenous Peoples for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (2013). She is the founder and Executive Director of the Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Center for Policy Research and Education). She is the convener of several networks including the Asian Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN) and the Indigenous Peoples' Global Partnership on Climate Change and Forests. She played a key role in the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the UN General Assembly in 2007. She has authored several publications and books on indigenous human rights, sustainable development, climate change, globalization and women’s empowerment.
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Ambassador Dessima Williams served as Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations, 2009 - 2013. She has also served as Grenada’s Ambassador / Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States and Deputy Governor to the World Bank in 1979-1983; and as NGO observer/delegate to various General Assembly sessions. She has a doctorate in international relations, a master’s degree in international development from the American University in Washington, D.C. and a bachelor’s degree in international relations from the University of Minnesota. She has taught at universities in the USA, was a co-author of a multivolume report to the United Kingdom Department for International Development, Realization of Human Rights in the Caribbean Territories, in 2002. She has worked on several projects in Grenada including collaboration on a report on Gender Dimensions of HIV/AIDS in Grenada. She is founder of the NGO Grenada Education and Development Programme.