



COP29 SIDE EVENT

## SDG-Climate Synergies and Multilateralism: Implications for Energy Futures

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Solar Hub at COP29 in the Blue Zone

### SPEAKER BIO-NOTES



**Ms Ita Kettleborough** is the Director of the Energy Transitions Commission (ETC). The Energy Transitions Commission (ETC) is a global coalition of leaders from across the energy landscape committed to achieving net-zero emissions by mid-century, in line with the Paris climate objective of limiting global warming to well below 2°C and ideally to 1.5°C. Together with the ETC Commissioners, Ita advocates for the technologies, investments and policies required to deliver climate commitments. Ita leads the ETC Secretariat provided by SYSTEMIQ. She oversees the delivery of the ETC's analytical, international, and communications programmes, whilst also supporting the ETC members. Prior to this, Ita was a Manager at Bain & Company working with business executives to address strategic challenges in the UK, Europe, and the USA. Ita worked across industrial, consumer products and heavy transport sectors, in addition to advising central government and not-for-profit clients. Ita worked as a policy advisor at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Ita holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from Harvard University.



**Dr. Jente Broeckx** is an international business development and project manager at VITO, with a focus on climate adaptation. Jente engages and collaborates with international and local organisations, companies and authorities; across the globe in domains, such as heat stress, climate smart agriculture, spatial analysis and participatory research. Jente obtained his PhD in Earth Sciences from KU Leuven, building an expertise in GIS, geohazards, geomorphology and field data collection. His international experience includes managing collaborative research projects across Europe, Africa, the Middle East and globally. He has also built experience in international business through a grant of the Belgian Prince Albert Fund for a one-year project in India and complemented his background in research with a teaching degree. With a strong foundation in environmental research, international business, and teaching, he bridges the gaps between building partnerships; the development, management, and execution of projects; as well as the engagement and capacity building of local stakeholders through hands-on citizen science activities.



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**Dr Jan Siegmeier** is an economist for the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), for example on long-term climate strategies, land use, bioenergy, and health. Previously, he was a researcher at the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) in Berlin, with a focus on interactions between environmental economics, tax, and infrastructure policies, and worked as a business consultant.



**Mr. Perumal Arumugampillai Kalyani**, Manager, at UNFCCC, leads the implementation of the Markets and non-markets related work under the Paris agreement and oversees the intergovernmental negotiations process on all international co-operative and market-related instruments under the convention, Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris agreement (Article 6). regulatory development for centralized mechanisms, review of the cooperative approaches under Article 6, stakeholder interaction, and capacity building. working group member in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) process covering issues like alternative fuels for aviation and carbon offsets towards carbon neutral growth in 2020 in the aviation sector.



**Dr Vibha Dhawan** is the Director General of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Dr Dhawan's thought leadership and engagement in research as well as policy development, both at the national and international level is widely acknowledged. She is currently a task force member of National Committees with the Department of Biotechnology, the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, and the Biotech Consortium India. Dr Dhawan is currently a member of the Networks Strategy Council that advises Sustainable Development Solutions Network – a global initiative for the United Nations and was previously the Co-Chair of the T20 Task Force 4 on Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transitions. Under her able leadership, the National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping, in collaboration with Indian Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, was established at TERI campus.



**Mr Manjeev Singh Puri** is a distinguished fellow at TERI. Amb Puri is a former Indian Ambassador. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1982 and served as Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg (2013-2017) and Nepal (2017-2019). He has also served as Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN from 2009-2012. Major areas of Ambassador Puri's professional focus relate to global negotiations and related issues pertaining to climate change, sustainable development, and the environment. Climate financing and the role of multilateral development banks is a special area of interest for him. Amb Puri was a lead negotiator for India at the UN on issues relating to the post-2015 development agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. He was also a lead member of India's delegation at various Climate Change negotiations, including the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen in December 2009.