

Mr. Koichi Yanagita

General Manager of Corporate Sustainability, Kao Corporation

1985 joined Kao Corporation

2000– Manager / Processing Development Research Laboratories

2002– Manager / Global R&D –Packaging Development

2008– General Manager / Environment & Safety

2016– General Manager / Corporate Sustainability

Prof. Yukari Takamura

Nagoya University

Ms. Yukari Takamura is a professor of International law in the graduate school of environmental studies at the Nagoya University. Prior to 2011, She worked as Professor of Public Law at Ryukoku University. Prof. Takamura's areas of expertise include public international law and international environmental law. She has a keen interest in international climate law and policy including the Kyoto Protocol and post-Kyoto issues. In addition, Prof. Takamura supports FFPRI's research for REDD+ and as an external committee member of the REDD Research and Development Center, She provides legal counsel for them.

Dr. Heike Schroeder

Senior lecturer, School of International Development, University of East Anglia

Dr. Heike Schroeder is a senior lecturer (associate professor) in climate change and international development at the School of International Development, University of East Anglia. Her work focuses on the UNFCCC process, forest governance and REDD+ and urban climate governance. She is also a coordinator of the governance theme in the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and a member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the long-term international research project on Earth System Governance under the auspices of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP).

Dr. Constance McDermott

Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford

- Dr. Constance McDermott is a senior research fellow with over 25 years experience in multi-level forest, climate and landscape governance

- Research and applied work spanning the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa
- Over 50 publications, including books, book chapters, peer reviewed journal publications and professional reports
- Expertise covers the governance of forests and their intersection with climate, agriculture, mining and land use change. It includes both state and market-based governance, from intergovernmental agreements to domestic policy, sustainable supply chains and certification, and community-based resource management

Dr. Robert Nasi

Deputy Director General. Research Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

PhD Biological Sciences (Tropical Ecology and Applied Botany), University Paris South –Orsay, 1994; Forest Engineer, National School of Forestry, France, 1982.

Since 1982 Dr. Robert Nasi has been living and travelling extensively in Africa, Asia and the Pacific undertaking research activities in the fields of ecology and management of tropical forests. His particular research interests are the sustainable use of forest products and the multiple-use management of tropical forests. His scientific work is aiming at integrating social and biological sciences for better management of tropical forests, more sustainable livelihoods and better designed forest policies. For the last decade Dr. Nasi focused quite a lot his scientific work (beyond management duties) to the question of the sustainable management of wildlife and the bushmeat crisis issue but he kept on working on more classical forestry issues around the question of tropical forest logging and management. He is developing a growing interest in the question of Novel Ecosystems in the context of the Anthropocene and look forward working on this in the coming years. His main disciplines are ecology, botany, biometrics, tropical forest management, and silviculture. He regularly supervise MSc and PhD students on the above topics and have authored or co-authored more than 200 publications (<http://tinyurl.com/nsyf54e>).

Dr. Kimihiko Hyakumura

Associate Professor, Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kyushu University

1998–2011 Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan

2011– Associate Professor, Kyushu University

1996–1998 Long Term JICA Expert, Department of Forestry, Laos

Educational Background

2007: Ph.D. in Agriculture, The University of Tokyo, Japan

1993: MSc. in Bioresources, Mie University, Japan

1990: BA in Agriculture, Mie University, Japan

Research Area

Forest policy, Political Ecology, Southeast Asian Studies (Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar)

Prof. Antonio G. M. La Viña

Professor, Ateneo de Manila University / Executive Director, Manila Observatory

In the field of climate change, Prof, Antonio G. M. La Viña is internationally recognized as a leading authority and practitioner. He was the chief negotiator of the Philippines and developing countries in the Kyoto Protocol negotiations in 1996–97. From 2009, during the Copenhagen climate talks, and up to the 2015 Paris climate change conference, Prof, La Viña was a senior and lead negotiator for the Philippines and played leadership and facilitation roles in the negotiations on forest issues and on integrating human rights and ecosystems integrity into the climate legal regime. He was the facilitator of the REDD-plus negotiations in 2009 and 2011. Prof, La Viña obtained his Masters and Doctorate in Law from Yale University and his first degrees in philosophy and law from Ateneo de Manila University.

Mr. Shinkichi Mizutani

Executive director, More Trees (The general Incorporated Association)

Mr. Shinkichi Mizutani currently manages a Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) project in the Republic of the Philippines as well as Offset Credit (J-VER)/J-credit projects and forest carbon offset matching programs that are run via a forest conservation group called “More Trees”. The group, founded by renowned artist and musician Ryuichi Sakamoto, stands to prevent the global degradation of forests that play a vital role in sustaining life on earth. Mr. Mizutani graduated from Keio University, Faculty of Economics and after leaving the Kubota Corporation in 2003 he has been engaged in forest restoration and green-tourism activities in the Republic of Indonesia.