

## **Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum**

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### **CVs of Speakers and Panelists**

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Dr. Raouf was the lead author for UNEP GEO-5 and 6 Reports, West Asia chapter on Environmental Governance section. Dr. Raouf writes articles and commentaries in Arabic, English and French in various media outlets in MENA region and globally. He has a column in Gulf News (UAE) and Arab News (KSA). He published various policy papers on different environmental issues in MENA Region and authored four books. His recent book, co-authored with Dr. Mari Loumi, titled “the Green Economy in the Gulf” published by Rutledge in 2015.

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He is a winner of the British Council Professional Service Award 2006. He is also a Senior Fellow with Synergos, which brings together distinguished international civil society and business leaders committed to address the underlying causes of poverty and inequality by promoting and supporting collaborations among business, government, civil society and marginalized communities.

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Presently he is serving as High Commissioner of Pakistan to the Republic of Kenya with concurrent accreditation to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Eritrea. He is also Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT).

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Anna Coopman acts as a Project Manager on a variety of programs for the Stakeholder Forum (SF), having previously worked as an intern there. She led the research, writing and creation of a new methodology for SF's recent report, 'Seeing the Whole: Implementing the SDGs in an Integrated and Coherent Way'. This project led to the production of her recent report on this year's Global Thematic Report topic, 'Healthy People, Healthy Planet', which analyses the links between health and environment-related SDG targets.

Prior to SF, Anna accumulated work experience at the OECD, UNESCO and French government employment department and has volunteered with Friends of the Earth Legal, the Legal Response Initiative and Progressio ICS in Nicaragua. Anna studied French and Spanish at Cambridge University before undertaking the Graduate Diploma in Law at the University of Law in London.

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Neth Daño is a Researcher who has extensive experience in development and policy work on issues in agriculture, agricultural biodiversity, biosafety, climate change and environmental governance in Southeast Asia. She earned her Bachelors’ degree in Development Studies (cum laude) from the University of the Philippines, dabbled briefly with Law, but ended up completing her Master’s degree in Community Development. Neth lives with her daughter Isabel in beautiful Davao City in Mindanao - the most exciting part of the Philippines. When given the luxury of time, she loves to read, putter around the house, and do her crochet and sewing projects. When there is



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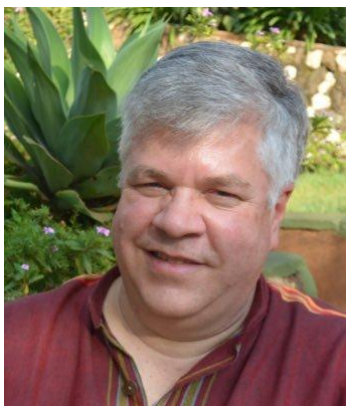
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