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H.E. Ms. Adalah K.A. Atteireh, Chairman of Environment Quality Authority - State of Palestine

Adalah Attireh holds a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Damascus, Syria. She was appointed as Chairman, Environment Quality Authority (EQA) in April 2014. Before that she worked as advisor to the Palestinian President. Between 1997-2010, she was the principal City Engineer and Director of Engineering Department in Ramallah Municipality. From 1981 to 1997 she was a Deputy City Principal Engineer in Nablus Municipality and has worked in the 'Central Utility Bridging Project' of UNDP and as an advisor to developers of housing and commercial projects in Ramallah.

H.E. Dr. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Ms. Khalaf, has a deep passion for - and intimate knowledge of - the region and its challenges and opportunities. She has participated in landmark publications on the repercussions of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory and 'Arab Integration - A 21st Century Development Imperative'. From 2000 to 2006 she was Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), where she launched pioneering projects to promote good governance, human rights and human development in Arab States. Her work received international recognition and honours, including the Prince Claus Award and the King Hussein Leadership Prize. In December 2009, the Financial Times listed Ms. Khalaf among the top 50 people to have shaped the first decade of the 21st century.

H.E. Ambassador Lars Ronnås, Climate Change Ambassador, Sweden

Ambassador Lars Ronnås is since 2016 the Climate Change ambassador of Sweden. He previously was the ambassador of Sweden to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Mauritius and Malawi; from 2010 to 2012 the Deputy Director general and Head of the Africa Department in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm; from 2006 to 2009 the Ambassador of Sweden to the Republic of Zambia.

Mr. Peter Wittoeck, Head of Delegation, Belgium

Peter Wittoeck is the Head of the Climate Change Department of the Federal Public Service of Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment. He follows the UNFCCC negotiations since 1998 and is the Head of the Belgian delegation since 2003.

Ms. Rima Abu Middain, Team Leader, Natural Capital, UNDP/PAPP

Rima Abumiddain is from Gaza, Palestine. She has a Masters of Public Health, specializing in Environmental Health Management, from the University of Wales in 1994. Since then, Rima has been actively involved in the development of the environment sector in Palestine. She joined UNDP/PAPP in 1995 as the community participation and public awareness specialist and administrator of the Water Resources Action Programme (WRAP). Since 2004 Rima is leading the Environment and Natural resources team at UNDP/PAPP. Through her work, she developed excellent relationship with all the Palestinians partners working in the sector, including the PA institutions, the municipalities, NGOs and academia.

Mr. Nedal Katbeh Bader, Advisor for Climate Change, Environment Quality Authority, State of Palestine

Nedal Katbeh Bader has a background in Soil and Irrigations Sciences (BSc) and on Sustainable Land Management (MSc). He studied in Jordan and Palestine and participated in a scientific research project with USDA/ARS in California in 2005. He is working since 2010 as an advisor for Environment Quality Authority. He worked earlier as Acting Director General of Environmental Resources in EQA. Before that he worked in Jordan, Tunisia and Palestine in private sector. He is coordinating national climate related planning and implementation activities.

Dr. Mahmoud Abu Ebeid, Climate Change Advisor, RICARDO AEA.

Mahmoud Abu-Ebid is Chief Consultant within Ricardo Energy and Environment, with over 25 years of experience in Energy and Climate Change. He leads a large team of specialists and senior consultants providing services in the domains of energy, climate change, capacity building and environment with projects in the UK, Europe, State of Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. In Palestine he has - among others - provided support to the National Determined Contribution (NDC), the initial National communication report (INCR) and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Dr. Otto Simonett, Zoë Environment Network

Otto Simonett, a geographer by training, is the Director and co-founder of Zoë Environment Network, a non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. He has focused his career on making complex scientific and environmental issues understandable to political decision-makers and a broader public. Otto Simonett holds his PhD from Zurich University in Geography, and has long-standing international working experience, including extensively with the United Nations in environmental assessments, climate change, environmental information management, communication and capacity building.