

COP24 Side Event: The State of Jurisdictional Sustainability: Progress toward Low-Emission Development in the Tropics

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16.45pm - 18.15pm

Panelists biographies

Kevin Rabinovitch

Kevin Rabinovitch is the Global VP Sustainability and Chief Climate Officer for Mars, Incorporated. In his role he leads the corporate strategy for the environmental portions of Mars' Sustainable in A Generation Plan as well as the program for their direct operations including more than 400 facilities globally. As part of this program his team manages a global portfolio of renewable energy projects in conjunction with efficiency work led by the business units. He also leads the assessment of environmental impact for Mars' entire value chain and the translation of external environmental science into policy and strategy for the business.

Kevin is the Lead Corporate Director on the Board of The Sustainability Consortium, Mars' representative in the Corporate Consultative Group at the World Resources Institute, leads Mars' environmental engagement with the Consumer Goods Forum and frequently speaks externally on behalf of Mars' sustainability program. He has been with Mars for 23 years, 10 years in sustainability and the first 13 in R&D functions of multiple Mars business segments in the U.S. and Europe specializing in technology development, scale up and intellectual property.

Rafael Robles de Benito

Throughout his professional life, Rafael has worked in areas related to environmental management, particularly with in situ conservation of ecosystems, species and environmental services. He has done a considerable amount of work in the field of environmental education, participated in the creation of the Secretariat of Ecology (now the Secretariat of Urban Development and Environment) of the State of Yucatan, and has collaborated in the establishment, management and administration of various protected areas, both terrestrial and coastal and marine, in addition to contributing to the creation and operation of the Mesoamerican biological corridor, Mexico, both as an official (when the CBMM was being created), and as an independent consultant, conducting several studies related especially to the conservation and use of wildlife in the southern and southeastern regions of Mexico. Currently, he is the Climate Change Director in the Environmental agency for the Quintana Roo State government.

José Antonio Montero Solano

He is a lawyer, specialist in Latin American studies, Master in politics, management and environmental law. He has been a litigant in the field of human rights before national courts and international organizations. He has worked for more than 10 years in research and legal advice on environmental services and public policies on climate change, integrated landscape management, restoration and rural development. He is currently coordinator of the public policy area of Pronatura Sur, member of the Alliance of Sustainable Tropics and regional coordinator for Mexico of the GCF Task Force, where he works to articulate multisectoral efforts in the transition to low- emission rural development in Mexico.

Víctor Manuel Noriega Reátegui

Governor Victor Noriega is the current political lead of the subnational Government of San Martín (Perú). While Gov Noriega was president pro tempore of the Amazon Interregional Council (in 2017) he was identified as the main political champion in the Peruvian Amazon in forest conservation and climate change policies. Also, as part of his participation in the GCF Task Force he has expressed his political commitment with the Production-Protection-Inclusion approach. During his mandate, San Martín has been positioned as a pioneer in LED- transition developing measures and policies such as:

- * the launch of Public-Private Coalition – a broad compromise of public governments, companies and civil society organization that supported the development of jurisdictional sustainable strategies and free-deforestation value chains.

- * San Martín was the first jurisdiction in Peru that started the LED roadmap designing, that will enter to participatory process to define goal, indicators and measures.

- * In 2016, he promoted the creation of San Martín Region brand that is the first jurisdictional standard in Peru that promotes sustainable production of commodities and services.

- * San Martín has advanced important processes such as forest zoning and land use entitlement of smallholder's producers in order to improve landscape governance.

Mina Setra

Mina Susana Setra is an indigenous woman leader (Dayak Pompakng) from West Kalimantan, Indonesia. She is currently the Deputy to Secretary General of AMAN on Social Culture Affairs. AMAN (Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago - Indonesia) has 2,373 indigenous communities as active members. For 18 years, Ms. Setra has worked on indigenous issues locally, nationally and internationally. During her time as Deputy on Advocacy, Law and Political Affairs, AMAN won the Constitutional Court Ruling No.35/2012 on Customary Forests as not state-forest. AMAN has also produced preliminary draft on Indigenous Peoples' Rights for the National Congress or now abbreviated to the RUU Masyarakat Adat,. Ms Setra is also the Co-Chair of Global Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) under Forest Investment Program (FIP) of the World Bank, an innovative grant program of USD 80 million for fighting forest loss by putting project design and funding decisions in the hands of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in 13 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. She was also member of Board of Trustee in the Ancestral Domain Registration Agency (BRWA), an agency where Indigenous Peoples can register maps of their territories, which has today reached 9,6 million hectares from all over Indonesia. She is also the President Board of the If Not Us Then Who, an organization that supports a global awareness campaign highlighting the role Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities play in protecting our planet. Ms Setra has been actively involved in various international forum related to climate change and forest such as the UNFCCC COP, UNREDD Policy Board, Forest Investment Program, Oslo REDD+ Partnership, Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, Climate Summit, among others.

Sayda Melina Rodríguez Gómez

Has received her Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering from the Autonomous University of Yucatan, and Bachelor of Natural Resources Management from the Marist University of Mérida.

Sayda has extensive experience in the private sector, being part of an environmental consultancy, as well as of the Academy, working as a teacher and implementing environmental management programs for the Marist University of Mérida.

She served as director in the Sustainable Development Unit for the municipality of Mérida in the 2015-2018 period.

Today, she is the Head of the Secretariat of Urban Development and Environment of the Government of the state of Yucatan, being the first woman to occupy this position in the history of the secretariat.

Lia Zakiyyah

Lia currently serves as the Deputy to the Assistant to the President's Special Envoy for Climate Change Indonesia. Her works focus in the area of sustainable cities and youth empowerment for climate actions. She spends some times of the week lecturing at the London School of Public Relations Jakarta for the Environmental and Climate Change Communication course. She has been trained as a Climate Leader by The Climate Reality Project and has been active in several youth organization including being an advisor to the Youth for Climate Change (YFCC).