

FACILITATOR



Martin Frick, Ph.D.

Director of Climate and Environment Division, UN FAO

Dr. Martin Frick is the Director of the Climate and Environment Division at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. He previously served as the Representative of Germany to the International Organizations in-country, including the Secretariats of the UN Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). Prior to this assignment, he led E3G's – Third Generation Environmentalists, a leading climate change think tank – climate diplomacy work.

From 2007 to 2010 Dr. Frick was as Programme Director of Kofi Annan's Global Humanitarian Forum responsible for the Forum's groundbreaking work on climate justice. In 2007, during the German EU presidency, Dr. Frick was the European Union's lead negotiator in the establishment of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Prior to his work with the Human Rights Council, Dr. Frick served from 2005 to 2007 as German representative for human rights and humanitarian affairs at the UN General Assembly in New York. From 2002 to 2005, he served as Cabinet Affairs Advisor to German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer. From 1999 to 2002 he was posted to post-crisis Albania as Consul and Deputy Ambassador. Dr. Frick has been a German diplomat since 1996.

Dr. Frick has a PhD in Law from Regensburg University, and a diploma in International Relations from Science Po Strasbourg. He was a senior fellow at Demos, New York as well as a guest lecturer at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.

PRESENTER



Phil de Cola, Ph.D.
Chief Science Officer of Sigma Space Corporation

Dr. Phil DeCola is Chief Science Officer of Sigma Space Corporation and Adjunct Professor in the University of Maryland Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Department. His career has focused on the use of remote-sensing data for Earth science research and resource management applications. Phil has served as Senior Policy Analyst for climate change and Earth observations in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy for two administrations.

Dr. DeCola has also served as Program Scientist in the Earth Science Division of the NASA Science Mission Directorate and as Atmospheric Composition Focus Area Lead. Phil was the science lead on a number of U.S. Government delegations to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and worked on the IPCC scientific assessments since the Second Assessment Report in 1994. During his career at NASA, Dr. DeCola served as Lead Scientist and Evaluation Co-Chair for the NASA Earth System Science Pathfinder Program, and as Program Scientist for a number of NASA space missions including the EOS Aura Mission, the Orbiting Carbon Observatory Mission. Phil currently is serving as Chair for the Integrated Global GHG Information System (IG3IS), a WMO/UNEP initiative in support of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement.

PRESENTER



Libby Jewett, Ph.D.

Director of the NOAA Ocean Acidification Program

Dr. Libby Jewett became the founding Director of the NOAA Ocean Acidification Program in May 2011, and has been busy ever since building, organizing and steering the NOAA OAP enterprise. As a founding member of NOAA's Ocean Acidification Steering Committee, convened first in 2007, Dr. Jewett co-led NOAA-wide meetings of scientists and policymakers to conceive and develop NOAA's first comprehensive ocean acidification research plan. She chairs the Ocean Acidification Interagency Working Group (under the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology) where she helped develop an ocean acidification strategic research plan for the nation.

She is co-chair of the Executive Council of the newly formed Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network. Prior to becoming Director, she directed the only two national competitive hypoxia research funding programs as program manager for the Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research in NOAA's National Ocean Service. Jewett earned a Ph.D. in Biology with a focus on Marine Ecology at the University of Maryland, a Master of Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and a B.A. at Yale University.

PRESENTER



Tania Osejo Carrillo, Ph.D.
Climate Adaptation Specialist, World Food Programme

Dr. Tania Osejo Carrillo, is a development professional with technical and analytical experience in forest economics, natural resource management, climate adaptation, carbon credits and payments for ecosystem services. Her career has been focused on policy dialogue at community and national level in the field of natural resource management and climate change adaptation and her research focus is on the opportunity cost of the implementation of measures aimed at reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) in developing countries.

She is currently working as a climate adaptation specialist for the United Nations World Food Programme. She manages projects that explore the linkages between climate change and food security and works in the development of innovative approaches to analyze the impacts of climate change on food security. Prior to her current position, she has served as climate and environmental advisor in Central America for Ibis – Denmark, a Danish donor agency and as environmental policy coordinator for Alexander von Humboldt Center, a local NGO based in Nicaragua.

She is a Dr. in Forest Science from the University of Goettingen, Germany.