

STEERING GROUP 2024



Rana Adib, REN21

Rana is the Executive Director of REN21, the only global community of renewable energy actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. She is also the chair of SLOCAT, an international multi-stakeholder partnership enabling knowledge and action for sustainable, low carbon transport. Rana comes from a background in private industry and applied research in the areas of renewable energy, energy access, waste management as well as waste to energy. With her cross-functional profile, she is championing pathways to a renewables-based world.



Penny-Jane Cooke, Power for All

Penny-Jane is the Director of Partnerships, Campaigns & Advocacy at Power for All, where she focuses on developing, maintaining, and activating partnerships to accelerate universal energy access, and working with Power for All leadership team on the implementation of thematic campaigns, including those focused on jobs, agriculture and integrated electrification. Penny-Jane has a Master's Degree in Environmental Management and more than 12 years' experience in the legislative and policy environment governing the renewable energy industry across Africa. Before joining Power for All, Penny-Jane was the Head of Strategic Partnerships for a lead developer in the Distributed Renewable Energy sector. She has worked on corporate strategy, future country market analysis, and building organizational presence through high level stakeholder engagement. She has worked as a project manager in the private and non-profit sector and has a passion for mentoring developing teams.



Lena Dente, World Future Council

Lena has experience in the civic and private sector having worked with energy sector stakeholders to help make progress on the energy transition, with philanthropists to help them achieve more impact, as a sustainability and ESG-focused content creator and with various public and private sector leaders to move from dialogue to climate action. Her career path includes time at the World Economic Forum, the World Energy Council, UBS and as a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow in Berlin. She has a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies from DePauw University in Indiana and a Master's Degree in International Security Policy from Georgetown University's Graduate School of Foreign Service. Most recently she completed further studies in sustainability at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.



Máté Heisz, SolarPower Europe

Máté leads SolarPower Europe's International Cooperation team and the Research & Innovation team, covering the association's work on emerging and overseas markets, international trade and supply chains, quality, innovation and funded projects. As part of his duties, he ensures the association's presence and impact on the global stage. He represents SolarPower Europe in the IRENA Coalition for Action and is currently Chair of the Board of the Global Solar Council, as well as Chair of the Board of the Solar Stewardship Initiative. Before joining SolarPower Europe, he worked at the German international cooperation GIZ. He holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the Free University of Berlin and a Master's degree in Economics from the Corvinus University of Budapest. He speaks English, German, French and Hungarian.

**Joyce Lee , Global Wind Energy Council**

Joyce is Chief Policy Officer at the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), an industry association supporting wind power around the world. At GWEC, Joyce manages policy positions for the global wind industry, such as supply chain health and permitting. She sits on the Bureau of policy think tank REN21, and on the Steering Committee of the IRENA Coalition for Action. She also established several initiatives at GWEC, including the Women in Wind Global Leadership Program, the Asia Clean Energy Coalition for corporate sourcing and the REvolutionaries clean energy award scheme. Previously, Joyce worked at FTI Consulting in London. She holds dual Masters degrees from Peking University and the London School of Economics.

**Monica Oliphant, World Wind Energy Association**

Monica has a background in Physics and worked 18 years for a South Australian electricity utility as a Research Scientist. She was President of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) 2008/09 and a Vice President of the World Wind Energy Association (WWEA) since 2022. She is active in the IRENA Coalition for Action, being on the Steering Committee in 2023 and actively engaged in other Coalition working groups. She is Patron of crowd funding initiative CORENA – Citizens Own Renewable Energy Network Australia and of the South Australian Energy Industry Past Employees Association, as well as being a member of other energy related and social service committees. Monica received an Order of Australia (AO) in 2015 and was 2016 Senior South Australian of the Year. In 2018 she received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of South Australia.

**Elvira López Prados, ACCIONA Energía**

Elvira is the Head of the CEO Office at ACCIONA Energía, leading pure renewable-utility with c.13.5 GW under operation, in 20 countries in the 5 continents. The Company counts with more than 30 years of experience as one of the sector's first mover, and assets in different renewable technologies (onshore wind, solar PV, hydro, CSP, biomass, storage, green hydrogen). She manages external and internal strategic high-level communications, coordination and planning processes, while contributing to the Company's strategy through research analysis. She has previous experience in business development internationally, having served at the commercial office of the Embassy of Spain in Bangkok (Thailand), as analyst responsible for Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos. In addition, she has worked in business development at Iberdrola Engineering and Construction, in connection with the analysis and identification of international energy project opportunities. She holds a dual bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Law from the University of Granada and completed advanced studies in business at INSEEC Paris. She also holds a master's degree in International Business from ICEX-CECO, subordinate to the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.



Raul Alfaro-Pelico, International Renewable Energy Agency

As Director of the IRENA's Knowledge, Policy, and Finance Centre (KPFC), Raul oversees the Agency's central knowledge repository for renewable energy policy and finance issues. The KPFC collects data, develops knowledge platforms, and conducts analyses to help create enabling conditions for renewable energy investment. Raul joined IRENA in 2024 after twenty-five years of leadership mobilizing over US\$1 billion of sustainable finance, and derisking US\$2 billion of low emission; blue, green and circular growth; climate-resilient and socially inclusive infrastructure. His work spans multilateral development banks (World Bank, International Finance Corporation and Inter-American Development Bank); international organizations (United Nations Development Programme, Sustainable Energy for All); multinational companies (ACCIONA, Noble Energy, Exxon Mobil, Glencore); civil society, research and academia (Lancaster, Arcadia and Drexel Universities; The Economist's Intelligence Unit, Rocky Mountain Institute). He is a PhD Engineering researcher at Lancaster University (UK); has a Master of Science (MSc) in Economics from School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London (UK); and, a Bachelor of Arts (BA) with Honors in Business Administration, from London Metropolitan University (UK) and Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Spain).



Dave Renné, International Solar Energy Society

I have worked on renewable energy R&D programs for nearly 50 years, first in the field of wind energy at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (1977 – 1991) and then solar energy at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (1991 – 2012). I continue to serve as a renewable energy consultant for international organizations and private companies. From 2010 – 2019 I was President of the International Solar Energy Society and currently serve on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. During my Presidency ISES' stature and reputation grew as a key organization for connecting the renewable energy R&D community with the industry through partnerships established between ISES and organizations such as the IRENA Coalition for Action, REN21, and the Global Solar Council. I have given numerous talks and written papers on the prospects for 100% renewable energy and the role these technologies play in support of energy equity, economic growth, and environmental mitigation.