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Christine Lins, GWNET

Christine works as Executive Director of GWNET, the Global Women’s Network for the Energy Transition, which aims at empowering women in the sustainable energy sector. Furthermore, she is Member of the Board of Directors of ISES, the International Solar Energy Society. From July 2011 until March 2018, Christine Lins acted as Executive Secretary of REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network of the 21st Century, headquartered at UNEP, the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris/France. Between 2001 and 2011, Ms. Lins served as Secretary General of the European Renewable Energy Council. Previously, she worked in a regional energy agency in Austria promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. Ms. Lins holds a master’s degree in international economics and applied languages. She has more than 25 years of working experience in the field of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.



Roberto Vigotti, RES4Africa

Roberto is the Secretary General of RES4Africa Foundation, gathering more than 30 stakeholders to accelerate Africa’s sustainable transformation, supporting wider participation of private players in delivering investments in Africa, with Africa and for Africa.

In his 40 year-long career he has covered various positions at Enel, University of Pisa, IEA, IRENA and Eurelectric. In 2012, he embarked on the RES4Africa Foundation promoting a number of activities like public-private dialogue, market- driven analysis, training and capacity building activities, and on-field projects.

With a Master’s Degree in 1971 in Electrical Engineering, Roberto Vigotti spent 35 years in Enel power company R&D Division, first in the field of ultra-high voltage transmission and from 1982 in the co-ordination of R&D programmes in the field of new renewable energies.

During his career he was delegate in the Renewable Working Party of International Energy Agency (IEA) since 1989, where he was Chair for 12 years and started the IEA PV power system cooperation agreement.



Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes, EREF

Rainer is a Vice-President of the European Renewable Energies Federation (EREF) since May 2014, previously served as its President from 2010-2014. And he has been a Board Member and Spokesperson for European and International Affairs of the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE) since 2006. Representing EREF and/or BEE and as an independent senior expert, he is engaged with international networks like REN21 and institutions like IRENA, advocating for stable, reliable and enabling renewable energy policies and facilitating the transformation to renewables-based energy systems. Currently, he is serving as a co-chair of the Coalition for Action WG "Towards 100% Renewable Systems". Formerly, until 2005, he held high-ranking positions as a Director General and Deputy State

Secretary in the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, focusing on renewable energy and climate protection. His specialties include promoting renewable energy and effective policies for system Transformation.



Máté Heisz, SolarPower Europe

Máté leads SolarPower Europe's Global Markets team and the Research & Innovation team, covering the association's work on emerging and overseas markets, quality, innovation and donor-funded grants and projects. As part of his duties, he ensures the association's presence and impact on the global stage. He is currently Chair of the Board of the Global Solar Council (2023-2024) and Chair of the Board of the Solar Stewardship Initiative (2024-2025), and represents SolarPower Europe in the IRENA Coalition for Action. Before joining SolarPower Europe, Máté 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.



Ke Wang, WRI

Ke is the Global Lead of Energy Minerals and Circularity at World Resources Institute (WRI), addressing the grand challenge of meeting the world's need for energy transition minerals, both in time and in ways that are responsible for people and nature. Prior to her current role, Ke was the Program Director of PACE (Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy), where she oversaw a broad program portfolio including electronics, food, plastics, textiles, capital equipment, and metrics. She led PACE's flagship publications such as the Circular Economy Action Agenda, and Circular Economy as a Climate Strategy. She has extensive experience in building and managing partnerships, including large project consortia such as EU Horizon CIRCUSOL (circular business models for the solar power industry). Before pivoting her career to sustainability, Ke spent nearly a decade in technology innovation in the private sector. She holds a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Stanford University and an Executive MBA from Rotterdam School of Management.



Andrzej Ceglaz, RGI

Andrzej is the Director Energy Systems at the Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI), that is a unique collaboration of NGOs and TSOs from across Europe, promoting transparent, environmentally sensitive grid development to enable steady growth of renewable energy and the energy transition. In his work, Andrzej deals with challenges and opportunities related to planning, design and implementation of a carbon-free energy system, with a central role given to electricity grids. Many of his activities aim at contributing to modelling fully decarbonised and optimised energy systems by facilitating discussions and knowledge transfer within and beyond the energy modelling community. This knowledge is being used also in practical settings, as Andrzej is a co-convenor of the Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) accompanying the European grid planning process (TYNDP). Andrzej obtained his PhD at the Technical University of Munich and before joining RGI, he worked as a researcher at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).



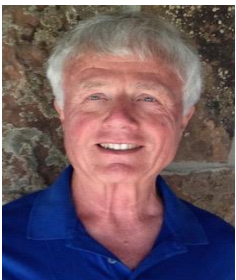
Kangqiao Huang, CATL

Kangqiao is a Senior Director of Policy Research and Public Affairs at CATL, a global leader in advanced batteries and new energy technologies to drive fossil fuel replacement. The company ranks first in both global EV battery and stationary energy storage shipment, powering over 14 million vehicles in 66 countries and providing intelligent energy storage solutions to enhance grid flexibility and stability in all five continents. Kangqiao proposed and led the Task Force on Grid Stability & Energy Storage Systems within IRENA Coalition for Action and led IRENA’s first report on global storage industry in 2024. She also serves as Deputy Secretary-General for China Energy Storage Industry Innovation Alliance. She has previous experience in energy and industrials research in Chief Economist’s team at Deloitte China. Kangqiao holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University, and a Master’s degree in International Energy from Sciences Po Paris. She speaks English, Chinese and French.



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

Dr. Renne’s renewable energy career began as a wind energy meteorologist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (1977 – 1991) and then managing the solar energy resource assessment program at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (1991 – 2012). Since his retirement he has served as a renewable energy consultant for international organizations and private companies. He was President of the International Solar Energy Society from 2010 – 2019, during which ISES’ stature and reputation as a key organization for connecting the renewable energy R&D community with the industry grew. He established partnerships with organizations such as the IRENA Coalition for Action, REN21, and the Global Solar Council. He has 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. He is currently co-Chair of the Coalition’s Working Group Towards 100% Renewable Energy Systems.