



SPEAKERS

Ayu Abdullah (Panellist)

Co-Executive Director
Energy Action Partners
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Energy Action Partners' Co-Executive Director is Ayu Abdullah. Ayu joins the Energy Action Partners management team after conducting research in community-based electrification systems and developing participatory planning tools for rural energy systems. She has an engineering background and a strong interest in community engagement. She previously lived in Somaliland, where she volunteered as a teacher while working on small, community-sized systems (wind and micro-hydro). Ayu was born and raised in Penang, Malaysia, and holds a BSc and MSc in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University, as well as an MSc in Engineering Systems and Management from Masdar Institute of Science and Technology.

Rana Adib (Presentation)

Executive Director
REN21 – Renewable Energy Policy Network
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Rana Adib is the Executive Director of REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century. REN21 is the only global renewable energy community of actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry, headquartered at the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris/France. Previously, Rana was REN21's Research Coordinator developing the international expert community and leading the REN21 Renewables Global Status Report series to become an international reference. Prior to REN21 Rana worked in private industry and applied research in the areas of renewable energy, energy access, and waste management. She was also responsible for coordinating the biogas-to-energy research programme of Veolia Environment. Rana holds a master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Wedel in Germany. She has over 20 years of experience in the energy sector.

David Elzinga (remarks)

Senior Energy Specialist (Climate Change)
Asian Development Bank
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David engages across a range of energy system technologies to support ADB's investments in the energy sector. Previously at the UN Economic Commission for Europe David's focus was on the role of gas and electricity in sustainable energy systems and at the International Energy Agency (IEA) was lead author for Energy Technology Perspectives publication. He also led the IEA's work on electricity system technologies, such as Smart Grids.

Over the course of his career David has worked in the energy and climate fields for over 20 years, with focus areas of technology, policy and analysis in both private and public sectors. In these roles he developed markets, deployed renewable and energy efficiency technology and has advised various governments at the local and national levels on energy policy. Speaking at numerous events globally, he carries the message of appropriate technology use and deployment.

Peter Lundberg (panellist)

Head of Operations
Asia Pacific Urban Energy Associations
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Peter Lundberg is an energy engineer with more than fifteen years of experience as Team Leader, Project Manager, Technical Manager, System Designer, and Project Planner. He has worked and lived in several countries such as Sweden, China, and Thailand. He has extensive experience in district heating, district cooling, energy efficiency, renewable energy, demand-side management (DSM), and sustainable urban development. Currently, Mr. Lundberg is the Head of Operations at the Asia Pacific Urban Energy Association (APUEA) in Bangkok, Thailand. He is leading the APUEA secretariat to explore, develop and promote sustainable energy for cities in the Asia Pacific region.

Mika Ohbayashi (panellist)

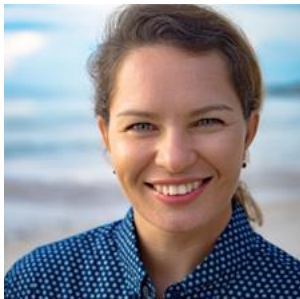
Director
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Mika Ohbayashi is Director at Renewable Energy Institute. Before joining the Institute, she worked for International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) as Policy and Project Regional Manager for Asia Oceania, in Abu Dhabi, from May 2010 to Aug 2011. She is one of two founders of Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies (ISEP), and served as Deputy Director for 8 years since its establishment in 2000. She also worked for UKFCO at the British Embassy to Japan, as Advisor for Climate Change Projects and Policies. She started her career in the energy fields by joining Citizens' Nuclear Information Center in 1992, after some years of work



experience. She coordinates many scientific study projects, takes leadership to team up various networks including national parliamentarians and local authorities, domestically and internationally to improve sustainable energy society. She was awarded the Global Leadership Award in Advancing Solar Energy Policy by the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) in 2017.

Ksenia Petrichenko (moderator)
Economic Affairs Officer
United Nations Economic and Social
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Ksenia Petrichenko is an Economic Affairs Officer with the Energy Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). At the ESCAP Ksenia is leading the project activities in the areas of sustainable cooling and low-carbon cities to support the member States in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 on sustainable energy through policy-oriented analytical work and capacity building.

Prior to joining the ESCAP Ksenia worked as a Senior Advisor at the Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency (C2E2) conducting policy-oriented research on energy efficiency and renewable energy. Before her work with the C2E2, Ksenia worked in different expert roles with the Global Performance Network (GBPN), Central European University and Eco Ltd. on international projects mainly focused on energy efficiency potential and policies in the building sector. She has a PhD degree in Environmental Sciences from Central European University, as well as MSc in Environmental Sciences and MA in Economics in the Energy Sector.