

Session 4. Montreal Protocol and Gender APAC and Europe CIS Countries

Speakers' Bios

1. Anderson Moreira do Vale Alves



Anderson works for the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Nature, Climate and Energy (NCE) Group coordinating the regional team of Montreal Protocol Unit (MPU) for the Asia-Pacific Region in delivering support to countries for the development and implementation of Policies, Programmes and Projects under the framework of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. He also acts as Regional Technical Advisor for Chemicals & Waste supporting the implementation of programmes and projects under the GEF for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Minamata Convention on Mercury. National from Brazil, he has been working with the implementation of the Montreal Protocol and Chemicals & Waste projects for the past

20 years, initially at national level by supporting the development and implementation of the Brazilian CFC and HCFC phase-out programs; and from 2011 onwards working in the regional level; first in the Latin America and Caribbean Region (with UNDP and UNEP-CAP); and since 2018 in the Asia-Pacific Region with UNDP. He holds a MSc. in Sustainable Development with specialization in Environmental Assessment from the SOAS-University of London and a B.A. in International Relations from the Catholic University of Brasilia.

2. Hannah Strohmeier, PhD



Hannah works as a consultant for the United Nations with a focus on the intersection of gender and environmental issues. Over the last ten years, her work included assignments based in South Sudan, Thailand, and a position with the UNDP Gender Team in New York. Hannah has also supported the preparation of the Draft Operational Policy on Gender Mainstreaming for Multilateral Fund-supported Projects, and the preparation of the UNIDO Gender Mainstreaming Guide for Montreal Protocol Projects. Aside from her consulting work, Hannah is an active global health scholar: she completed her PhD with a focus on staff well-being, including the gender dimensions of mental health, and is currently preparing new research

projects on topic-related issues. Supported by the German-American Fulbright Commission, she spent two years as a Visiting Assistant in Research at Yale's Department of Anthropology (2017-2019). Hannah holds a MSc in International Health from Charité University Hospital Berlin, and a MA in Comparative and International Studies from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich.

3. Isroil Khasanov



Project Manager, Joint project of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection and UNDP/GEF “Complete HCFC Phase-out in Uzbekistan through Promotion of zero-ODS, low-GWP, Energy-efficient Technologies”

For the last decade, Isroil has been working in various roles at UNDP Uzbekistan including projects development and implementation. Starting 2015, he has been involved in implementation of joint initiatives of Uzbekistan, UNDP and GEF in accelerating of HCFC phase-out to achieve Montreal Protocol compliance objectives and strengthening national capacity to sustainably reduce the servicing tail by 2030.

4. Sugath Dharmakeerthi



Mr. Sugath Dharmakeerthi is an officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service with 20 years of Professional experience. He is presently serving as the Director of Air Resources Management and National Ozone Unit at the Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka.

During his tenure with the Government of Sri Lanka, he has played many important role which includes being the National Focal Point for the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (2018 – To date), Member of the committee appointed for the Promotion of Electric Mobility in Sri Lanka (2018 – To date), Coordinator for the implementation of ‘Clean Air 2025 action plan’, National Focal Point for UNESCO World Natural Heritages (2011-2014), National Focal Point for United Nations Convention on Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 2011-2014), Convener to the Cabinet appointed committee on Combatting Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown aetiology (CKDu) (2012) and Designated National Authority (DNA, UNFCCC) for Carbon Trading (2010-2011).

As the Director of Air Resources Management and National Ozone Unit, Mr. Dharmakeerthi is responsible for assisting in policy making towards air pollution and vehicular emission in Sri Lanka, assisting in informed decision making towards Air Resource Management and the Protection of Ozone Layer and for preparing proposals for policies, strategies, laws, regulations, and incentives.