"Chemicals and Waste Management beyond 2020"

Session 4. Montreal Protocol and Gender LAC and Africa Countries

Speakers' Bios

1. Monica Gaba Kapadia



Monica works for the UNDP Montreal Protocol, Chemicals and Waste Unit of BPPS/GPN and she is based at Headquarters. She has more than 15 years of work experience at the UN and the private sector, including 10 years at UNDP to protect human health and the environment from chemical pollution. During this time, she has been responsible for developing the group's business plans and overseeing its safeguards work, leading the gender activities, providing results-based management support, and coordinating the development of global programmes (including the phase-out of mercury in artisanal and small-scale mining, management of healthcare waste, lead in paint and ULABs, agricultural chemicals, and circular economy). Monica has a master's degree in Global Politics from

the London School of Economics.

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. Vlademir Lozano Cotera



Vlademir is a Civil Engineer from the National University of Engineering, with a Master's degree in Project Management from the ESAN University. He has various specializations and technical training in engineering, territorial management, environmental management, project management, among others.

On a professional level, he has served as a manager and project manager, both in the public and private sectors. Likewise, he has served as Technical Advisor in the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Peru, between the years 2017 and 2019. He currently serves as General Director of Environmental Affairs of Industry of the Ministry of Production of Peru, since October

2019; work that combines with the exercise of higher teaching, at the National University of Engineering.

4. Iris Vegas Valverde



Iris is a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic graduated from SENATI, has 40 years of experience in the Refrigeration and Ventilation industry, as a Service Technician, Installer, Trainer, Consultant and she is also founder of the Peruvian Refrigeration Association (APRAV-In 2017, she organized the first workshop on PERU). "National Plan for the Elimination of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)" that was directed exclusively to women. She is currently Vice President of the APRAV-PERÚ Association, and she also serves as a consultant to the LUXUS IMPORT & SERVICE SAC Company. Since 2020, she has participated in the construction of air conditioning

and ventilation systems in temporary hospitals for COVID-19 patients, both in Lima and in the Province.

5. Engr. Idris A.I



Engr. Idris is currently Nigeria's National Ozone Officer/ Head of the Ozone Office, a position he occupied since 2015. He started work with the defunct Federal Environmental Protection Agency in 1997, which was transformed to Federal Ministry of Environment. He was posted to the National Ozone Office of the Ministry in 2002. He was the desk officer for the phase out of Halons in the Fire protection sector and monitored the establishment of the National Halon Bank. He was also the officer that oversaw the phase out of CFC-12 in the Aerosol Sector. Engr. Idris represented Nigeria as a member of Executive Committee to the Multilateral Fund for

the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for period of two years (2016 – 2018). Engr. Idris is currently an Assistant Director in the Department of Pollution Control & Environmental Health of the Federal Ministry of Environment. He is a Registered Engineer with the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).