

## Bios, titles and pictures

Circular economy side event

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### Snehal Soneji



**Snehal Soneji** is the **Resident Representative of UNDP Comoros in Moroni**. He joined UNDP from the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, where he led the Employment Policy & Analysis Programme. Before taking on this role, he worked with ILO in Bangladesh. He has more than 25 years of experience in the development sector across Asia, 10 years of which was as Country Director of Oxfam GB in Indonesia, Philippines and Bangladesh. He is a graduate of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) and is an Indian national.

### Tony Clark



**Tony Clark** is **CEO of Avfall Sverige – Swedish Waste Management and Vice President of Municipal Waste Europe**. Mr Clark is also appointed by the Swedish government as member of the Delegation for Circular Economy. Mr Clark has previously worked in several capacities within the government offices of Sweden, among others as senior advisor in international affairs at the Swedish Ministry of the Environment and Energy. He has an extensive background in international cooperation and negotiations in the field of environment, circular economy and sustainable urban development, including being responsible for the development of Swedish and European producer responsibility legislation and the systems for handling electrical and electronic waste. Mr Clark has also

previously worked as a diplomat and head of Swedish centers for both environmental technology and CSR.



**Miriam Diamond**

Miriam Diamond is Professor, Department of Earth Sciences and School of the Environment, University of Toronto. She is the **Chemicals and waste member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility.**

Miriam Diamond's research over the past 30 years focusses on understanding and quantifying chemical emissions, their transport processes, and resultant human and ecological exposure. Prof. Diamond is an Associate Editor of the journal *Environmental Science and Technology* and sits on the Editorial Review board of *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology*. She was the co-chair of the Canadian Chemical Management Plan Science Committee from 2017 to 2021, is the Vice-Chair of the International Panel on Chemical Pollution. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.



**Susan Wilburn, Senior Sustainability Consultant and former International Sustainability Director, Health Care Without Harm.** An occupational & environmental health specialist (fields of study: nursing, public health, epidemiology), Susan directed HCWH's work in collaboration with the UNDP and WHO on Sustainable Procurement, health care waste management and mercury elimination in 20 countries. Previously, she worked at the Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health at World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva for ten years, where she coordinated the "greening hospitals" initiative, the Protecting Health Workers - Preventing Needlestick Injuries project and the WHO-ILO global framework for national occupational health programs for health workers. Ms. Wilburn is the health sector civil society representative to the Bureau of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM).



**Dr. Noralene Uy is Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Government of the Philippines.** She is a climate and disaster risk management expert and a licensed environmental planner.

Before joining the government, Dr. Uy has been engaged in various projects for the Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, the German Agency for International Cooperation, the American and German Red Cross, and the Office of Civil Defense, Government of the Philippines. She was formerly a faculty member and the coordinator of the Master in Disaster Risk and Resilience degree program at the Ateneo de

Manila University. She was a Contributing Author to the IPCC Working Group 2 Sixth Assessment Report in Chapter 10: Asia. She serves as peer reviewer for various journals, and technical evaluator for the Department of Science and Technology- Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development.



**Ms. Judith Torres is Environmental Affairs Officer, Cooperation and International Affairs Advisory Office - Ministry of Environment, Uruguay.** She is a chemical engineer by training, specialized in Environmental and Quality Management, Project Management and Risk Assessment. She was previously the Head of Department of Chemicals and Waste control at the National Environmental Directorate. Specialised in Hazardous substances and waste management, She is Uruguay's focal point for Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, and Minamata Conventions, and the Science Policy Panel Process. She has been environmental advisor on environmental multilateral agreements, particularly during the Minamata INC negotiations. Since 2019, she co-chairs the Intersessional Process considering the Strategic Approach and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste beyond 2020. Since 2022, she is the GEF Council Member representing the South Cone Constituency.



**Mr. Anil Sookdeo is Senior Environmental Specialist at the GEF**

**Secretariat.**

He is the GEF's Coordinator for Chemicals and Waste and is a member of the GEF Leadership Team. He works towards a pollution free, zero waste future through supporting the GEF's work on the implementation of the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements including the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. Anil is a national of Trinidad and Tobago and has worked in the field of environment and development for over 20 years.