About the Conference

On March 5-7, the City of Edmonton will host the first-of-its-kind CitiesIPCC Cities and Climate Change Science Conference, where scientists, policymakers, researchers, and development experts will gather to advance global understanding of climate change, its impacts on cities, and the critical role localities play in solving this challenge. The conference will be marked by the establishment of a global research agenda, which will support a new special report on climate change and cities prepared by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The agenda will also create a blueprint for new scientific research supporting effective climate action strategies in cities around the world.

Co-sponsored by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the conference will assess the current state of academic and practice-based understanding of cities and climate change, identifying key knowledge gaps to inspire new research in this area. By forging stronger partnerships among the more than 750 leaders, innovators, and influencers attending, the conference will lay a solid foundation for increased global collaboration on scientific research, funding, and knowledge-sharing.

In addition to the IPCC, the other CitiesIPCC partner organizations providing practical support to the Cities and Climate Change Science conference are C40 Cities, Cities Alliance, Future Earth, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment ), UN-Habitat, and World Climate Research Program (WCRP).

Important Conference Links

- Conference Programme: https://citiesipcc.org/programme/
- Media Updates: https://citiesipcc.org/media/news/
- Press Information: https://citiesipcc.org/media/press/
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- Live Stream: https://goo.gl/Z5Wwpu
- Conference Partners: https://citiesipcc.org/about/partners/
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- Conference Twitter: https://twitter.com/Cities_IPCC
Dr. Maria Amparo Martinez Arroyo

Amparo Martinez-Arroyo holds a Bachelors and a Masters of Sciences in Biology, from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and a PhD in Ecology from the University of Barcelona, Spain. She has around 30 years of experience as researcher on the environmental sciences and the relationship between science and society.

Dr. Martinez-Arroyo has been pioneer in the study of atmosphere-biosphere-hydrosphere interactions, analyzing biogenic emission and capture of climatically active gases (dimethyl sulphide, methane, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide) in marine, coastal and urban ecosystems. She coordinated the Atmospheric Aerosols Group in the Center for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS, UNAM) leading, among others, research projects on the environmental role of urban lakes and defining the different climate zones in a megalopolis as well as the effect of urban pollution on ecosystems functioning.

As Director of CAS, UNAM she established the National Network of Atmospheric Observatories. At the present, she is General Director of the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change, which is an institution to link scientific knowledge to public policies related to ecology and climate change.

William (Billy) Cobbett, Director of Cities Alliance

William Cobbett has over 30 years of experience dealing with poverty and development at local, national and international levels. After leading an urban NGO in Johannesburg, and then moving to ANC headquarters, Billy was appointed Director General for the National Department of Housing in Nelson Mandela’s Government of National Unity, overseeing the design and launch of South Africa’s first non-racial housing policy under Minister Joe Slovo. After a short period as Director for Housing in Cape Town, Billy moved into international development, initially at UN Habitat in Nairobi, from where he was seconded to the World Bank to the newly-established Cities Alliance. He was appointed Director in 2006, and has overseen a series of organisational and substantive reforms, including the relocation of the Cities Alliance to Brussels in 2013.

Billy has a degree in Modern European History from Middlesex University, London.

Tom Dallessio, AICP/PP/FRSA

Tom is President, CEO & Publisher of Next City – a nonprofit organization that inspires social, economic and environmental change in cities through journalism and events. Next City’s online posts are read widely around the world, and the annual Vanguard conference is the premier program for urban innovators. A licensed professional planner with three decades of urban planning and public policy experience on the local, regional, State, national
and international levels, Tom was Senior Policy Advisor to two Governors. He founded the Center for Resilient Design and teaches Land Use Planning and Infrastructure Planning at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Tom is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

**Dr. Richard Dawson**, University of Newcastle

Dr. Dawson believes engineers have a crucial role to play in developing adaptation solutions to ensure our infrastructure and cities are resilient and sustainable in the face of intensifying global change.

He was a classically trained civil engineer but soon recognised that the codes and historical methods that have enabled so much in the past are not always suitable in this rapidly changing world because they often fail to consider the wider interactions between engineering systems and altering environmental and socio-economic conditions.

A remarkable feature of his work has therefore been the application of engineering principles to broad scale modelling and analysis - recognition that engineering systems have a much wider influence than their physical form and need to be considered within their broader environmental and social context. This engineering philosophy has become known as Earth Systems Engineering and Dr. Dawson is currently Director of the Centre for Earth Systems Engineering Research (CESER) at Newcastle University.

His research interests are broad but with the common thread of Earth Systems Engineering. His work is necessarily a cross-disciplinary endeavour, involving collaboration with leading researchers, consultants and government agencies nationally and internationally. Through close working with end users including placements at organisations, such as the Greater London Authority, Dr. Dawson has disseminated and applied my work directly with stakeholders.

**Dr. Shobhakar Dhakal**, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Asian Institute of Technology

Shobhakar Dhakal heads Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change of the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand. He works on energy and climate policies, cities and climate change, and the energy system modelling and analyses. Dr. Dhakal is recently nominated to IPCC Sixth Assessment Report as Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) for the Working Group III. He had led urban chapter in Fifth Assessment Report of IPCC (WG III) as CLA. He co-chairs ongoing international Assessment Report on Climate Change and Cities and also serves as a member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the Global Carbon Project under the Future Earth. Over last fifteen year he has worked closely with science, policy and practice communities.
Mehrnaz Ghojeh, Senior Urban Development Specialist Buro Happold

Mehrnaz is the co-founder of Urban Emergencies: Emergent Urbanism (UE:EU) and a senior urban development specialist with BuroHappold Engineering. Mehrnaz has been working closely with cities and city networks on a wide range of urban challenges. Her research focuses on urban policy, city diplomacy and city networks with a particular focus and interest on planetary health. She received her M. Phil. in Architecture and Urban Design from the University of Cambridge.

Dr. Andrew Gouldson, Professor of Environmental Policy, University of Leeds, UK

Andy Gouldson is Director of the Climate Smart Cities (CSC) programme at the ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy in the University of Leeds in the UK. Over the last 7 years, the CSC Programme has prepared low carbon and climate resilient development plans for multiple cities in North and South America, Africa, Asia and Europe. Andy also leads the economics programme of the Coalition for Urban Transitions, a special initiative of the Global Commission on Economy and Climate. He has a background in economics and public policy and has acted as an advisor to government departments and agencies at the national, regional and local levels in various countries.

Peter Head, Ecological Sequestration Trust, Resilience Brokers

Peter Head is a champion of sustainable development. He established the Ecological Sequestration Trust in 2011. He advocates that changing the way we invest public and private money in the built environment could be made very much more effective if the public and private sectors adopt sustainable development principles. Peter is a civil and structural engineer who has become a recognised world leader in major bridges (he received an OBE for successfully delivering the Second Severn Crossing as Government Agent), advanced composite technology and now in sustainable development in cities and regions. He has won many awards for his work including the Award of Merit of IABSE, the Royal Academy of Engineering’s Silver Medal and the Prince Philip Award for Polymers in the Service of Mankind. He joined Arup in 2004 to create and lead their planning and integrated urbanism team and directed work on the Dongtan Eco City Planning project. In July 2008 he was awarded an honorary doctorate in engineering at Bristol University, where he is a visiting Professor in Sustainable Systems Engineering. In May 2011 he was appointed as a visiting professor in eco-cities at Westminster University. In 2009 he was awarded the Sir Frank Whittle medal of the Royal Academy of Engineering for a lifetime contribution to the well-being of the nation through environmental innovation. In 2008 he was named by the Guardian Newspaper as one of 50 people that could ‘save the planet’. He was cited by Time magazine in 2008 as one of 30 global eco-heroes and has been one of CNN’s Principle Voices. In 2011 he was awarded the CBE in the New Year’s Honours List for services to Civil Engineering and the Environment.
Dr. Nathalie Jean-Baptiste, Institute of Human Settlements Studies

Nathalie Jean-Baptiste is a Marie Curie Global Fellow associated with the Technical University of Darmstadt and currently leading the Climate Change and Environmental Risk Research Group at Ardhi University in Tanzania. Her work focuses on vulnerability assessment and climate related risks in low-income countries and in particular infrastructure systems at risk. Prior to joining the University of Darmstadt, she worked as a Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research. Her international experience bridging science and practice includes environmental education with a focus on organic waste management in Mexico and Australia as well as risk assessment and adaptation in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Tanzania. She is the Coordinator of the Housing Network of the International Association People-Environment Studies (IAPS) and Lead Coordinating Author of the chapter on Housing and Informal Settlements of the Second Assessment Report on Climate Change and cities (ARC3-2). She has taught different courses at the Bauhaus University in Weimar, at Ardhi University in Dar es Salaam and at the Institute For Housing and Urban development Studies in Rotterdam.

Dr. Christopher Kennedy, Chair, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Victoria

Chris is inaugural Chair of the new ‘green’ Civil Engineering Department at the University of Victoria. He conducts research on sustainable cities, urban metabolism, and the industrial ecology of sustainable global infrastructure systems. Chris has worked on greenhouse gas accounting and abatement strategies for global cities, national governments and multinational institutions, including a secondment to the OECD. He is Past-President of the International Society for Industrial Ecology; and author of The Evolution of Great World Cities: Urban Wealth and Economic Growth.

Dr. Jurgen Kropp, Professor, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

J.P Kropp is a chemist and physicist by training and holds a PhD in theoretical physics. At PIK he heads the Research Area on Climate Change & Development (CCD) which comprises also the flagship group on Climate Proof Cities and Infrastructure. Juergen has also coordinated an European funded a large research network on Reconciling Adaptation, Mitigation and Sustainable Development for Cities(RAMSES) for the last 5 years. He has provided active service as an expert on national and international panels for policy advice on Climate and Global Change issues and was awarded by the renowned CleanTechMedia award for its innovative ideas on science communication.
**Dr. Priya Kurian**, University of Waikato

Dr Priya Kurian is Professor of Political Science and Public Policy. She teaches in the areas of environmental politics and policy, media politics, and gender and the environment. Trained as a political scientist specialising in public policy, comparative politics and women’s studies, Priya’s research is interdisciplinary and involves work on environmental, social, and cultural sustainability through a focus on three overlapping areas of study: environmental politics and policy (with attention to issues of sustainable development and gender and the environment); science and technology studies (especially public engagement in policy decision making); and development studies (including ‘women, culture, and development’). In 2015, she received (with Debashish Munshi, Kum-Kum Bhavnani and John Foran) a Rockefeller Foundation Grant for a project on Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice, which is the focus of her next book (to be published by the University of California Press).

**Dr. Amy Luers, Executive Director of Future Earth**

Amy joined Future Earth from the Skoll Global Threats Fund (SGTF) where she was Director of Climate. She was previously the Assistant Director for Climate Resilience and Information at the White House, and also spent a number of years at Google as the Senior Environment Program Manager. A respected scientist and data innovator, Amy has published in both academic and popular media publications on issues of vulnerability to global environmental change, data, sustainability, climate policy, and science communication. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served on committees of the National Academies of Sciences. Luers holds a Ph.D. in environmental science and an M.A. in international policy studies, from Stanford University; a B.S. and M.S. in environmental systems engineering from Humboldt State University; and a B.A. in philosophy from Middlebury College.

**Dr. Shuaib Lwasa, Associate Professor, Makerere University**

Shuaib Lwasa is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography Geoinformatics and Climatic sciences at Makerere University. Shuaib has over 15 years of university teaching and research working on interdisciplinary research projects. Recent works are the fields of mitigation of climate change, adaptation of cities to climate change, urban environmental management, spatial planning, and disaster risk reduction, urban sustainability with links to livelihood systems and vulnerability to DRR. He has published on topics of cities and adaptation to climate change, health impacts of climate change, land and property rights, land use and landscape ecology, resource efficiency and spatial planning for sustainability.
Dr. Lan Marie Nguyen Berg, Vice Mayor for Environment and Transport, Oslo Municipality, Norway

Vice Mayor Berg is responsible for climate and environmental policies in Oslo, the capital of Norway. Her main priorities are achieving Oslo’s targets of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 36 per cent by 2020 and becoming a fossil-free city by 2030. The Vice Mayor is determined to improve public transportation and ensure better solutions for cyclists and pedestrians. She is in charge of parks and recreation areas, water and sewage, waste management, energy recovery, the municipal roads and the city’s fire department.

Vice Mayor Berg has a strong international commitment with a particular emphasis on climate justice. Berg has followed UN climate negotiations closely and her international experience has strengthened her focus on thinking globally, acting locally. Berg holds a Master’s degree from the Centre for Development and the Environment at the University of Oslo. Vice Mayor Berg started her political career in 2014 when she became the first candidate for the Oslo Green Party.

Dr. Valerie Masson-Delmotte, LSCE (France)

Dr. Valérie Masson-Delmotte is a French climate scientist, with a background in climate physics and paleoclimatology (from Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l’Environnement, Institut Pierre Simon Laplace). She is the Co-chair of IPCC Working Group I for the AR6 cycle.

Her own research interests are focused on quantifying and understanding past changes in climate and atmospheric water cycle, using analyses from ice cores in Greenland, Antarctica and Tibet, analyses from tree-rings as well as present-day monitoring, and climate modelling for the past and the future. She is active in outreach for children and for the general public and has contributed to several books on climate change issues.

David Miller, C40 Regional Director, North America and C40 Ambassador for Inclusive Climate Action

David Miller is the North American Director, C40 Climate Leadership Group, and Global Ambassador of inclusive climate action. He served as Chair of C40 Cities from 2008 until 2010. Prior to joining the C40, Mr. Miller served as President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund-Canada, Canada’s foremost conservation organization. The WWF creates solutions to the most serious conservation challenges facing our planet, helping people and nature thrive.

Mr. Miller was Mayor of Toronto from 2003 to 2010. Under his leadership, Toronto became widely admired internationally for its environmental leadership, economic strength and social integration. He is a leading advocate for the creation of sustainable urban economies, and a strong and forceful champion for the next generation of
jobs through sustainability. Mr. Miller has held a variety of public and private positions and served as Future of Cities Global Fellow at Polytechnic Institute of New York University from 2011 to 2014. David Miller is a Harvard trained economist and professionally a lawyer. He and his wife, lawyer Jill Arthur, are the parents of two children.

**Sheela Patel**, Founder and Director - SPARC, Chair, SDI

Sheela Patel is the founder of Society For Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC) an NGO committed to support the network of Slum Dwellers Federation that works on issues of urban poverty, with focus on access to basic civic amenities and tenure security for urban informal residents. Sheela is also the chair of SDI, a transnational network of Slum Dwellers Federation working across countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America to support the movement of urban informal settlers towards tenure security and basic service access. With her career spanning over 3 decades, Sheela has worked as a part of many national and international committees set up to make recommendations towards development processes pertaining to Urban development. She is committed to support and propagate bottom up processes of grass root communities of the urban poor, that negotiate for their inclusion within city governance structures.

**Dr. Mark Pelling**, Professor of Geography, King’s College London

Mark’s research focus is on the social and political context and consequences of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in urban systems, and the transition of urban systems towards enabling sustainable and equitable futures. Publications include ‘The Vulnerability of Cities: social resilience and natural hazards’ and ‘Adapting to Climate Change: from resilience to transformation’. Mark currently manages a £3.3m ESRC-DFID programme, Urban Africa Risk Knowledge That seeks to deploy science in ways that both reveal data and open spaces for social change to break cycles of risk accumulation in the cities of sub-Saharan Africa. Mark was a Coordinating Lead author for the IPCC SREX report an a Lead Author of the AR5 Urban Chapter.

**Martin Powell**, Siemens

Martin is The Head of Urban Development within Siemens Global Centre of Competence for Cities. This involves working with Mayors and leaders providing advice and support to cities as they strive to meet tough economic, social and environmental targets and looking at economic and technical models of delivering solutions at scale.

Martin was previously the Mayoral Advisor on the Environment to the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson. As Executive Director of Environment he also had responsibility for delivery of London’s Environmental Projects and Programmes.
As Managing Director of Cambridge Management & Research, an organisation working with a number of cities, Martin was a Special Advisor to The C40 Cities Group, Chaired by former Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg.

Martin is co-author of ‘Our Urban Future’ and ‘Better Cities, Better Life’ and the forthcoming book about ‘The Smart City in the Digital Age.’

Aromar Revi

Aromar Revi is the founding Director of the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), Co-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and a Cities Alliance Managing Board member. He is a CLA of the 2018 IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C assessing potential implementation pathways for the Paris Climate Agreement; and a CLA of the IPCC AR5 chapter on Urban Areas, that established the role of cities and regions in addressing climate risks. He is an international practice and thought leader, educator with 33 years of experience in public policy & governance, sustainable development, human settlements, global environmental and technological change.

Dr. Debra Roberts, Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives Unit eThekwini Municipality Durban, South Africa. IPCC Working Group II Co-chair

Dr. Debra Roberts is head of the Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives portfolio in eThekwini Municipality (Durban, South Africa). Prior to taking this post she established and managed the Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department of the same municipality for 22 years (1994-2016) and was selected as the city’s first Chief Resilience Officer in 2013. Dr. Roberts was a lead author of Chapter 8 (Urban Areas) and a contributing author to Chapter 12 (Africa) of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report and was elected as Co-Chair of Working Group II for the IPCC’s sixth assessment cycle in 2015. She was a member of the South African United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiating team until December 2015 and a member of the Future Earth Engagement Committee until 2017. She is also an Honorary Professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in the School of Life Sciences.

Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA GISS, Co-Director, UCCRN

Cynthia Rosenzweig is a Senior Research Scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, where she heads the Climate Impacts Group. She is Co-Chair of the New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC), a body of experts convened by the mayor to advise the city on adaptation for its critical infrastructure. She co-led the Metropolitan East Coast Regional Assessment of the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change, sponsored by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. She was a Coordinating Lead Author of Working Group
Emilia Saiz is Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Emilia studied European Studies and Law specializing in international law with a master’s degree in local governance in the information society. She has worked in the founding organization of UCLG, IULA, since 1997. She has lead programmes dedicated to institutional capacity building, women empowerment and decentralized cooperation. She is currently Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Co-Chair of the Gender Programme of Cities Alliance. She also facilitates the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments and inputs of the constituency to the UN process.

Dr. Jim Skea, Imperial College London, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III

Jim Skea is Professor of Sustainable Energy at Imperial College London with research interests in energy, climate change and technological innovation. His current main role is as Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III for the 6th assessment cycle. He holds a UK Established Career Fellowship awarded by the Engineering Physical Sciences Research Council and was the Research Councils UK Energy Strategy Fellow from 2012-2017. He was Research Director of the UK Energy Research Centre 2004-12 and Director of the Policy Studies Institute 1998-2004.

He has operated at the interface between research, policy-making and business throughout his career. He is a founding member of the UK Committee on Climate Change. Until June 2017, he was President of the UK Energy Institute, the professional body for people working in the UK energy industry, and currently serves as immediate Past-President. He has acted as Launch Director for the UK’s Low Carbon Vehicles Partnership. He was awarded a CBE for services to sustainable energy in 2013 and an OBE for services to sustainable transport in 2004.
Dr. Diana Urge-Vorsatz, Central European University, Vice-Chair of the IPCC Working Group III

Diana Ürge-Vorsatz is a Professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University (CEU). She serves as Vice Chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California (Los Angeles and Berkeley). She served as the Acting Head of Department at CEU in 2002-2003 and directed the PhD program in 2003 – 2004.

Diana Urge-Vorsatz was a Coordinating Lead Author in two Assessment Reports of the IPCC. She served on the United Nations’ Scientific Expert Group on Climate Change, and led the buildings-related work in the Global Energy Assessment. She serves as associate editor of the journal “Energy Efficiency”, and is a member of the Editorial Board of “Annual Reviews of Environment and Resources”. She was a Visiting Professor at the International Christian University of Tokyo and a Research Scholar at IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis). She has been serving on the Governing and Advisory boards of several organizations, including Innogy (formerly RWE), the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund (KLIEN), the European Climate Foundation (ECF), the UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC), and the Hungarian Energy-Efficiency Cofinancing Program (HEECP), and the Club of Budapest. She is regularly invited to high-level review panels, such as that evaluating the work at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the EU’s Joint Research Centre. She received the Hungarian Republic’s Presidential Award “Medium Cross” in 2008, as well as the “Role Model” award in 2009 and was invited as a member of Academia Europaea in 2017.

Stephany Uy Tan, Mayor of Catbalogan, Philippines

A public servant by heart, she first served the Catbalogan as the Barangay Captain of Barangay 04 Poblacion while concurrently serving as an Ex-Officio Member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for being the Vice President of the Liga ng mga Barangay Catbalogan City Chapter in 2007 to 2010.

A loving daughter and a generous sister, she is the eldest of the four children of Catbalogan City Mayor Coefredo “Tekwa” Uy and Ms. Evelyn Madriaga Uy.

At most times, she extends her support to Barangay Officials through her brother who is the Liga nga mga Barangay President as well as to young people through her brother who is the Sangguniang Kabataan City Federation President.

A devoted and caring mother, her two children, Sky and Star are two of her prized possessions in life. A fashion aficionado and a hobbyist photographer, she used to have a boutique with unique fashion apparel as her first business venture in 2004 while for her passion for photography urged her to establish the Catbalogan City Camera Club (CCCC) last 2011.

A Health and Youth Advocate, she has been volunteering at the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines – Samar Chapter (FPOP-Samar) and the Waray-Waray Youth Advocates (WARAYA) since 2004. A mother, a daughter and a public servant.
Mark Watts, Executive Director C40

Mark Watts serves as the Executive Director for C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group. Since joining C40 in 2014, Mark has led the growth of C40 from 63 member cities to 91, with the majority of cities now from the global south, along with significant growth in C40’s staffing and operations. Mark has brought an additional focus to C40 on inclusive climate action, supporting cities in tackling climate change whilst addressing issues of poverty and social inequality. Mark is the driving force behind C40’s Deadline 2020 programme, which provides the first routemap for member cities to reduce emissions in line with the 1.5-degree maximum temperature rise target of the Paris Climate Agreement. Prior to joining C40, Mark was the Director of Energy and Climate Change at consultancy firm Arup, and from 2000 to 2008 a senior adviser to the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone. Mark is a Senior Associate of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, and a member of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute.

Dr. Tong Zhu, Peking University

Tong Zhu is a Chenkong Chair Professor at the College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering in Peking University. His research interests are in transport and chemical transformation of pollutants in the atmosphere, health effects of air pollutants, and urban air pollution control. His research has led to the finding that nitrate produced through the reaction of NO2 and mineral particles could greatly change the hygroscopic property of mineral particles, thereby affecting the health and climate effects of the particles. His group found dicofol was a new source of atmospheric organochlorine pesticide like DDT. This provided a critical scientific evidence for the phase out of dicofol. He found that black carbon was the key component of particulate matter associated with cardiovascular diseases of elderly and acute respiratory inflammation in children. He also found that persistent organic compounds are associated with neural tube defects.

To combat the regional air pollution and to identify the sources and mechanism of air pollution in Beijing and North China, he initiated and organized an integrated observational study of the atmospheric environment in Beijing and North China (CAREBEIJING) with international cooperation. Results of CAREBEIJING study have been published in two special issues of J. Geophysical Research-Atmospheres and Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics. Based on this research, he led his team of Peking University proposed “The measures of provinces neighboring Beijing for ensuring air quality of Olympic Games in Beijing program:”, which was approved and adopted by the State Council. The measures were implemented in six provinces in North China, and ensured air quality during the Olympic Games.

Tong Zhu is a Global Scholar at Princeton University, an honorary Professor in Atmospheric Chemistry at Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen. He served as a co-chair of International Global Atmospheric Chemistry (IGAC) Scientific Steering Committee, members of International Committee of Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution (CACGP), Monsoon Asia Integrated Regional Study (MAIRS) Scientific Steering Committee. He is associate editors.
of Environmental Health Perspective, Urban Climate, and Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmospheres, as well as editorial board members of a number of journals.

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- Tom Dallessio (Next City): https://twitter.com/TDallessio
- Mark Watts (Executive Director C40): https://twitter.com/markwatts40
- Peter Head (Ecological Sequestration Trust, Resilience Brokers,): https://twitter.com/PeterHeadCBE
- Amy Luers (Future Earth International): https://twitter.com/amyluers
- Nathalie Jean-Baptiste (Institute of Human Settlements Studies): n/a
- Aromar Revi (IIHS): https://twitter.com/AromarRevi
- Sheela Patel (Slum Dwellers International): n/a

THEME 2 PLENARY
- Maria Amparo Martinez Arroyo (National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (Mexico)): n/a
- David Miller (C40, Canada): n/a
- Stephany Uy Tan (Mayor of Catbalogan, Philippines): n/a
- Mark Pelling (King’s College (UK)): n/a
- Valerie Masson-Delmotte (LSCE (France)): https://twitter.com/valmasdel
- Emilia Saiz (Secretary General UCLG (Spain)): https://twitter.com/UCLG_Saiz
- Tong Zhu (Peking University): n/a
- Debra Roberts (eThekwini Municipality, South Africa): n/a

THEME 3 PLENARY
- Richard Dawson (University of Newcastle): n/a
- William Cobbett (Director Cities Alliance): https://twitter.com/billycobbett
- Mehrnaz Ghojeh (University of Cambridge): https://twitter.com/mehrnazghojeh
- Shuaib Lwasa (Makerere University): https://twitter.com/dlwasa
- Diana Urge-Vorsatz (Central European University): n/a
- Shobhakar Dhakal (Asian Institute of Technology): https://twitter.com/shobhakarait
- Andrew Gouldson (Leeds Climate Commission): https://twitter.com/andy_gouldson
- Jurgen Kropp: (PIK/Germany): https://twitter.com/itsjurgenklopp
- Jim Skea (IPCC Cities AR 6): n/a

THEME 4 PLENARY
- Christopher Kennedy (University of Victoria): n/a
- Priya Kurian (University of Waikato): n/a
- Martin Powell (Siemens): https://twitter.com/martinpowell14
- Cynthia Rosenzweig (NASA GISS, Co-Director, UCCRN): n/a
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PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION: A VILLAGE OF HOPE
- Tirso Gonzales (York University): https://twitter.com/tgonzales5
- Dr. Fredrick Wrona (Government of Alberta): n/a
- Andres Filella (Metis Nation of Alberta): n/a
- Dr. Shawn Marshall (The Rockies Institute): n/a
- Travis Plaited Hair (Kainai First Nation): n/a
- Kansi Fox (Kainai First Nation): n/a
- Bev New (Metis Nation of Alberta Region): n/a
- Dr. Karl Van Orsdol (The Rockies Institute): n/a
- Dr. Mmoto Masubelele (South African National Parks): https://twitter.com/MmotoLeo
- Diandra Bruised Head (Kainai First Nation): n/a
- Dr. Leroy Little Bear (Kainai First Nation): n/a
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- Tero Mustonen (Snowchange Cooperative): n/a
- Dr. Igshaan Samuels (South African Agricultural Research Council): n/a

CITIES AND THE GLOBAL AGENDAS: SDGS, PARIS AGREEMENT, NEW URBAN AGENDA, SENDAI FRAMEWORK AND CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
- Kerry Constabale (UN Secretary General (EOSG)): https://twitter.com/kconstabile
- Michael Westfall (World Resources Institute): n/a
- Cecilia Herzog (PUC-Rio): n/a
- Ebru Gencer (Center for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction +Resilience): n/a
- Bernhard Barth (UN Habitat): n/a
- Carmen Vogt: n/a

EMBEDDING PRACTITIONER EVIDENCE INTO THE IPCC PROCESS
- Anne Kerr (Global Head Cities Mott MacDonald Hong Kong): n/a
- Dru Crawley (Bentley Systems): https://twitter.com/DruCrawley
- Jo Douwes (Thekwini Municipality (Durban), South Africa): n/a
- Candice Howarth (University of Surrey): n/a
- David Viner (Mott MacDonald UK): n/a

IDOC WORKSHOP: SPECULATING ON FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEMS
- Saliha Dobardzic (Global Environment Facility): n/a
- Charles Stubblefield (University of Alberta): n/a
- Natalie Loveless (University of Alberta): n/a
- Sourayan Mookerjea (University of Alberta): n/a
- Mary Elizabeth Luka (University of Alberta): n/a

FINANCING CLIMATE RISK AT THE CITY-LEVEL: PROMOTING DIALOGUE BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTORS
- Saliha Dobardzic (Global Environment Facility): n/a
- Issah Musah-Surugu (University of Ghana Business School): n/a
• Johannes Klein (Geological Survey of Finland): n/a
• Hank Venema (Prairie Climate Center IISD): n/a
• David McGown (Insurance Bureau of Canada): n/a

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