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## Carlos Alvarez Pereira

Carlos is Vice President of The Clube of Rome. He is a senior professional combining more than 30 years of experience in research and innovation, entrepreneurship, and business management, with a passion for complexity thinking and transdisciplinarity. He is keen on exploring the cultural transformation required to cross the threshold towards equitable human wellbeing within a healthy biosphere. He is member of the Advisory Board of the International Bateson Institute (IBI), fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), and member of the Spanish Fulbright Alumni Association, of which he has been Vice-President for 8 years. With an MSc in Aerospace Engineering, he has been a lecturer and researcher in Applied Mathematics at the Polytechnic

University of Madrid [UPM]. He founded and chaired for 14 years the Innaxis Foundation & Research Institute, specialized in the modelling of complex systems and big data applications. He has been the founder and top-level executive during more than 25 years of several consulting companies in Spain, Switzerland, France and Germany in the domains of digital technologies, systems integration and strategic advice.



## Joan Anderson

Joan is originally from Scotland. She has worked since 1997 in the public information office of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), based in Tokyo, Japan. Her career to date has combined work as an editor, writer, and information specialist with experience in development. She first encountered the Earth Charter preparing a supplement on it for the SGI Quarterly magazine, and then in January 2000, she spent several weeks traveling around Asia to promote the Earth Charter in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, The Philippines, Korea, and Japan. This total immersion made her a convert and since then she has often joined international meetings on the Earth Charter and Education for Sustainable Development as a representative of SGI.



## Cesar Baldelomar

César is board member of the Spirituality and Sustainability Global Network. He is also a doctoral student in Theology, Education, and Law at Boston College, where he is currently teaching courses in international studies and theology and writing his dissertation. His research is oriented on “Higher education pedagogy, theological imagination, writing as liberation, human rights and ethics, philosophy of education, and knowledge production/creation and consumption/learning.” He has presented at numerous conferences on a range of topics, including environmental justice, animal rights, and ecotheology. His latest essay explores the legal limitations in protecting those on the move because of environmental reasons. César has a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from St. Thomas University School of Law, where he researched on “Toward a Fresh Animal Rights Jurisprudence: A Thought Experiment.”



## Chris Beehner

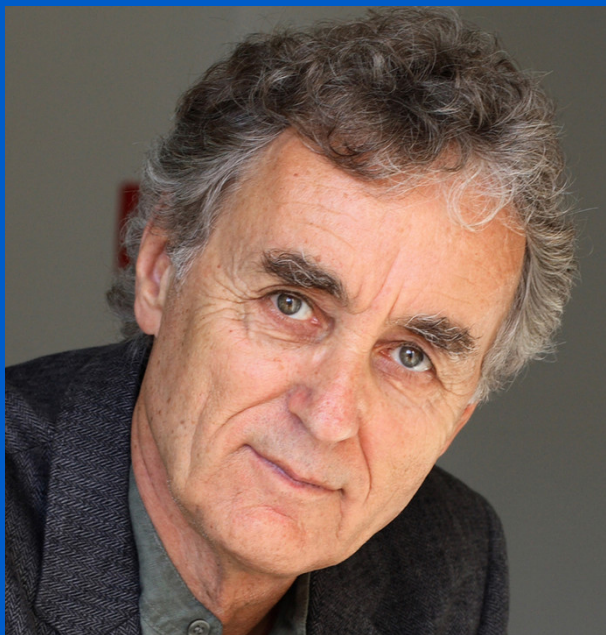
Chris is a business professor at Seminole State College of Florida, and has developed and taught courses for several colleges and universities. Prior to joining academia, Dr. Beehner was employed in the supply chain management industry, and he has also held nonprofit leadership roles. He has published, presented, and served as a panelist on workplace spirituality, sustainable business, and leadership topics. He is a community fellow at the University of Central Florida Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity, where he collaborates with representatives from academia, industry, government, and nonprofits to discover the sustainable solutions necessary to attain the Sustainable Development Goals.





## Michael J. Bracken

Michael is the Chair of Earth Charter International (ECI) Board and has served as the President of Medcom Benefit Solutions (Medcom in Florida, USA), a leading provider of employee benefit administration and consulting services for prominent employers throughout the U.S since 1996. He has a degree in Economics, cum laude, from Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia) and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles, California). Michael has a long and dedicated history in contributing to the community and offering his professional services. He has served as Chairman of the Board at Samaritan Counseling Services and Specialty Hospital of Jacksonville. Michael was also a Board Member at Lutheran Social Services of Jacksonville and at the National Association of Professional Benefit Administrators.



## Fritjof Capra (online)

Fritjof is a physicist, systems theorist, and a founding director of the Center for Ecoliteracy in Berkeley, California, which is dedicated to promoting ecology and systems thinking in primary and secondary education. He serves on the faculty of Schumacher College, an international center for ecological studies in the UK. After receiving his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from the University of Vienna in 1966, Fritjof did research in particle physics at the University of Paris (1966-68), the University of California at Santa Cruz (1968-70), the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (1970) and other places. Fritjof holds an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Plymouth and is the recipient of many awards, including the Gold Medal of the UK Systems Society, the Neil Postman Award for Career Achievement in Public Intellectual Activity

from the Media Ecology Association, the Medal of the President of the Italian Republic, the Leonardo da Vinci Medallion of Honor from the University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Arizona, the Bioneers Award, the New Dimensions Broadcaster Award, and the American Book Award. Fritjof is member of the Earth Charter International Council.

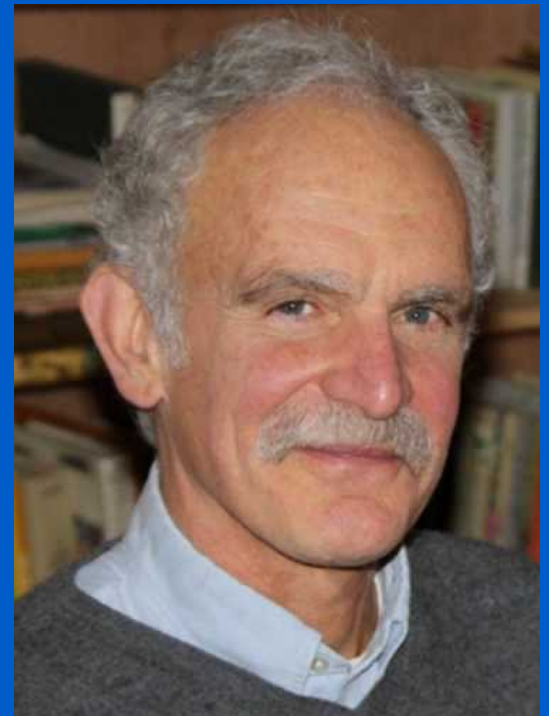


## Daniela Carvalho

Daniela is a faculty of the ECI Education Center. She is a mediator with a master's degree in Conflict Resolution, Peace, and Development, postgraduate in Management of People, specialist in Adult Education and Certificate in Transactional Analysis. Since 1999, she has been active in public and private organizations, leading learning processes for personal and collective development. Works with processes of Nonviolent Communication, Collaborative Leadership, Training of Mediators and Pedagogical Mediation Process. Has led several Earth Charter workshops and courses in Brazil.

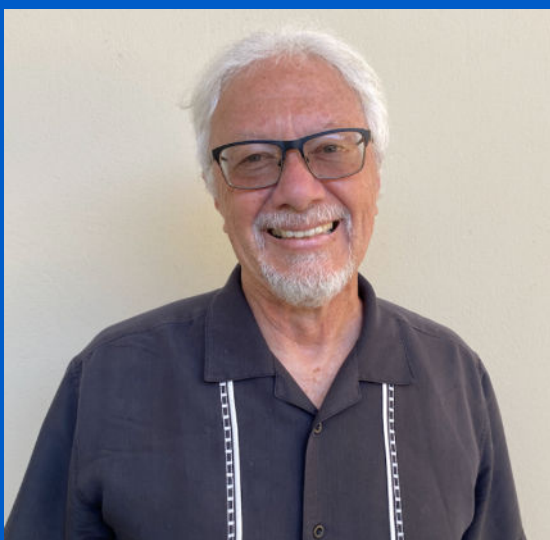
## Rick Clugston

Rick is former Executive Director of the [Center for Respect of Life and Environment](#) in Washington D.C, from 1991-2008. There he directed a variety of initiatives, including the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future (1997-2007); the Sustainable Universities Assessment and Evaluation Project (1996-2005); Earth Charter USA (1996-2006); and the Soul of Agriculture Project (1994-2001). He serves on the Earth Charter International Council. Rick is on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Education for Sustainable Development* (Sage Publications). He was a cofounder of the Global Higher Education for Sustainability Partnership. Prior to coming to Washington, Rick worked for the University of Minnesota for 11 years, first as a faculty member and later as a strategic planner. He received his doctorate in Higher Education from the University of Minnesota and his masters in Human Development from the University of Chicago.



## Sam Crowell

Sam is Professor Emeritus at California State University and the author of "Emergent Teaching" and "The Re-Enchantment of Learning". He co-developed a masters program in holistic and integrative education, a model program in transformative learning, and teaching for social justice, peace and sustainability through the Earth Charter. Sam is on the advisory council for the Collaborative in Spirituality and Education developed at Columbia University. He is a senior researcher and member of Earth Charter International Council, as well as adjunct faculty of Antioch University, St. Michael's College, and the Institute for Educational Studies. He also honors his personal ancestry as Aniyunwiya.



## Marianela Curi

Marianela is an expert in the design and management of policies and strategies for sustainable development and is facilitator of the Equatorial SDG Network. She has years of experience in the direction and management of conservation and development projects in national and international organizations. She is former CEO of the Latin American Future Foundation, representative of TNC for Bolivia and ECI Council. She was vice-minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Bolivia and as such led the development of the National Biodiversity Strategy and the creation of numerous environmental programmes in Bolivia. Marianela led the largest sustainable forestry management in Bolivia BOLFOR II. In her role, she promoted dialogue and coordination among stakeholders from the public and private domains. Also, she conducted a capacity building process with community forestry organizations in order to improve governance of those natural resources.



## Grian Cutanda

Grian has a PhD in Social Education (University of Granada), a Master's in Innovation and Research in Education (UNED Spain) and a degree in Psychology (University of Valencia). Grian has taught courses for the University of Granada and the UNED and has been part of the research group "Emerging Values, Social Education and Educational Policies" at the University of Granada. Grian is a fiction and essay writer with 16 published books (including the international bestseller "The Gardener"). Grian is the founder of The Avalon Project, an educational and activist NGO, and Executive Director of The Earth Stories Collection, a global bank of myths, legends, fables, and tales from around the globe capable of illustrating the principles and values of the Earth Charter. He is a researcher and faculty member of the Earth Charter Education Center.





## Tiokasin Ghosthorse

Tiokasin is the Founder, Host and Executive Producer of “First Voices Radio” Syndicated National/International [formerly “First Voices Indigenous Radio”] for the last 29 years in New York City and Seattle/Olympia, Washington. Among other things Tiokasin is involved with the Akantu Institute which seeks to preserve and share knowledge from various wisdom traditions in accessible, relevant formats; and host physical gatherings and ceremonies to deepen the experience of knowledge. In 2016, he received a Nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize from the International Institute of Peace Studies and Global Philosophy. Other recent recognitions include: Native Arts and Cultures Foundation National Fellowship in Music (2016), National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship

Nominee (2017), Indigenous Music Award Nominee for Best Instrumental Album (2019) and National Native American Hall of Fame Nominee (2018, 2019). He was awarded New York City’s Peacemaker of the Year in 2013. Recently, he was also nominated for “the 2020 Americans for the Arts Johnson Fellowship for Artists Transforming Communities”.



## Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta

Edgar is Costa Rica's former Minister of Environment and Energy for Costa Rica from 2014 to 2018. He was also the President of the Second and Third United Nations Environment Assembly in 2016 and 2017. Edgar has B.Sc. in Statistics from the University of Costa Rica, and his M.Sc. and Ph. D. in Forest Biometry from Iowa State University, USA. He was Full Professor at University of Costa Rica from 1994 to 2014. In 1997, he founded the Development Observatory, a research unit at UCR dealing with sustainable development issues particularly, the development of indicators, indices and ways to present data to decision makers, and was its Director until 2005 when he became Chair of the School of Statistics at UCR. Edgar collaborated with UNEP GEO projects in Latin America and lead the regional environmental data portal to support the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and Caribbean.



## Mark Hathaway

Mark has a Ph.D. from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, and is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Waterloo. Mark is a lecturer at the University of Toronto and also serves as a faculty member of the Earth Charter Education Center for Sustainable Development at the University for Peace in Costa Rica. For nearly 10 years, he has been a member of the network of the Transformative Learning Centre, OISE, University of Toronto. Together with Leonardo Boff, Mark is the principal author of the book "The Tao of Liberation: Exploring the Ecology of Transformation" published in 2009 and translated into Italian, German, Portuguese, and Spanish.



## Marcello Hernández-Blanco

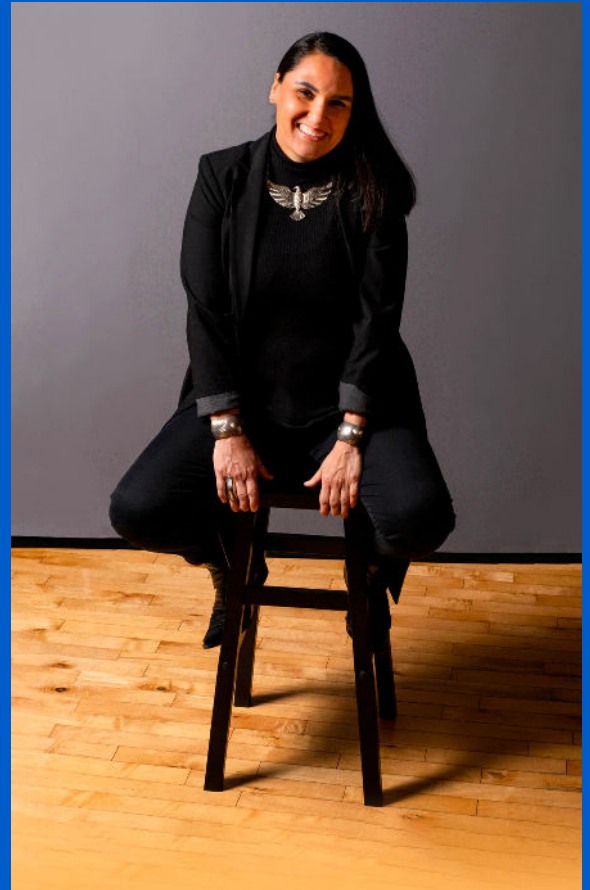
Marcello has a Ph.D. in Ecological Economics from the Australian National University, a Master of Science in Biodiversity, Wildlife and Ecosystem Health from the University of Edinburgh, a master's degree in Environmental Management from the Interamerican University of Costa Rica, and a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the Latin University of Costa Rica. He has collaborated with various global initiatives, such as the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) where he is the lead author for the Americas' assessment and author of the assessment on the multiple values of nature; he is the chair for Costa Rica of the Ecosystem Services Partnership as well as a member of its Steering Committee, and he is a member of the IUCN thematic group on ecosystem services from the Commission of Ecosystem Management. Marcello is also a conservation photographer dedicated to communicating science through photography. He is the author of "A Tropical Conservation Story", a photography book on the protected areas of the Tropical Science Center in Costa Rica.





## Carol Anne Hilton

Carol Anne is the CEO and founder of the Indigenomics Institute and the Global Center of Indigenomics in Canada. Carol Anne is a dynamic national Indigenous business leader, author, speaker and senior adviser with an international Masters Degree in Business Management (MBA) from the University of Hertfordshire, England. Carol Anne is of Nuuchahnulth descent from the Hesquiaht Nation on Vancouver Island. She is an international award winning, best selling author of "Indigenomics- Taking A Seat at the Economic Table" and is also an adjunct professor at Royal Roads University's School of Business. Carol Anne currently serves as a Director on the McGill University Institute for the Study of Canada, MITACS Research and the BC Digital Supercluster. She is a member of the Earth Charter International Council. Her work has been most recently recognized with the inaugural Nation Builder Award from the National Angel Capital Organization in 2022, the BC Achievement Foundation's Award of Distinction in Indigenous Business as well as the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business's national Award of Excellence in Aboriginal Relations.

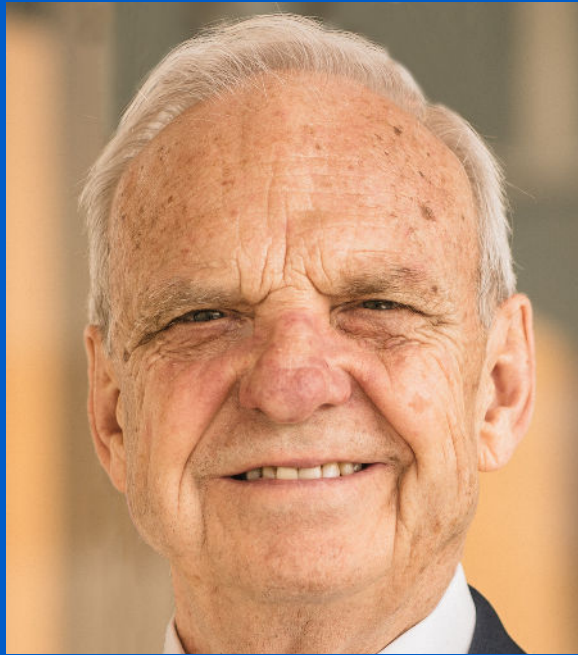


## Fang Hong



Mme Fang is Founder and Executive President of ECI CHINA, President of Zhude (Beijing) International Culture Communication Co., Ltd., Director and Secretary-General of International Exchange and Cooperation Committee of China Media Culture Promotion Association, Specially Invited Director and Researcher of China Foundation for International Studies, and former Executive Director of Enterprise Working Committee of China Foundation for International Studies and former Executive Director of World Economic Research Center. Ms. Fang is committed to the establishment of the "Belt and Road" Think Tank Alliance and focuses on the internationalization of enterprises, international talents, and innovation and entrepreneurship by Chinese, overseas Chinese and returnees, etc. She presided over the planning and publication of the Silk Road culture series book, "The Belt and Road from a Global Perspective: The Revival of the Silk Road" [Foreign Languages Press 2020].





## Charles Hopkins

Charles holds the UNESCO Chair at York University in Toronto, Canada. He has been an advisor to several ministries of education in Asia and Europe as well as universities and colleges in the Americas. He has numerous publications and has lectured worldwide on a range of topics from quality education to educating for global citizenship and educating for a sustainable future. Today, Charles is an advisor to the United Nations University's Global Network of Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Co-Director of the Asia-Pacific Institute on Education for Sustainable Development in Beijing, China. Charles shares his experience in drafting Chapter 36 of Agenda 21 towards the 1992 Rio Summit.

## Alicia Jiménez

Alicia Jiménez is Director of Programmes at the Earth Charter International (ECI) Secretariat in Costa Rica. She earned a degree in Biology from the University of Costa Rica, an MSc in Resource Development from Michigan State University, United States, and a PhD on Education from La Salle University, Costa Rica. Since 1998, she has been working in the field of conservation and sustainable development. She worked in the IUCN Mesoamerica's Regional Office and the National University of Costa Rica, and has been a visiting professor at the University for Peace. In 2006, she joined ECI, where she oversees the Earth Charter work especially in Latin America, Africa & the Middle East and Asia Pacific. In addition, she is involved with the Secretariat's projects on education for sustainable development, facilitating courses and workshops.





## **Katrin Kohl**



Katrin is Executive Coordinator to the UNESCO Chair, Focal Point for SDG 4 in the IAU HESD Cluster (based in Canada/Germany). She is a lawyer and holds an MBA in General Management with experience in education management and strategy development in value-based institutions. For several years, Katrin was the Managing Director of the German Commission for UNESCO. With her passion for matters of education, Katrin also served in several administrative and management positions in the fields of Higher Education and other education institutions. Katrin serves as an expert for the Asia-Pacific Institute on ESD in China, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in the United Kingdom and the Sejahtera Center for Humanity and Sustainability at the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

## **Tineke Lambooy**

Dr. Tineke Lambooy LL.M. is a professor of Corporate Law at Nyenrode Business University in the Netherlands and Researcher at the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development. Tineke conducts multidisciplinary research projects aimed at the implementation of sustainability goals by private companies (Corporate Social Responsibility). Another area of her research interest is Rights of Nature. She is an active member of the Dutch Worldconnectors / Earth Charter Friends Network and one of the initiators of the non-profit organization Lab Future Generations. Together with Ruud Lubbers and Willem van Genugten, she published a book on the Earth Charter, "Inspiration for Global Governance" (2008) sixty years after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Tineke worked with Ruud Lubbers on the mediation of a trade dispute between India and the Netherlands, using the Earth Charter as an ethical framework, which had led to a successful resolution.



## Alexander Leicht

Alexander is Director, Oficina Multipaís, UNESCO San José. Before that, he was the Chief of the Section of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) at UNESCO. Before joining UNESCO, he was Head of the German Secretariat for the UN Decade of ESD at the German Commission for UNESCO from 2004 to 2011. He also worked three years as a university teacher in Hungary and the United Kingdom and was originally trained as a teacher at the University of Marburg, Germany, and at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA. He holds a PhD in American Studies from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. From 2016-2018, he also led UNESCO's work on Global Citizenship Education, in addition to ESD, and in 2018 spent three months as Officer-in-charge of the UNESCO Office in Tehran. He has published on ESD, sustainable development, Global Citizenship Education, cultural policy, and American Studies.



## Hirofumi Makino

Makino Hirofumi is the President of Okayama University, Japan. From 2012 to 2017, he was the Director of the Okayama University Hospital. He was a professor in the Department of Medicine in Okayama's University Medical School. Also, he was an invited professor in the Department of Pathology in Northwestern University. His primary areas of investigation include Internal medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetic nephropathy, Diabetes mellitus and Kidney disease. His Internal medicine research includes elements of Nephropathy and Type 2 diabetes. His study in Endocrinology is interdisciplinary in nature, drawing from both Receptor and Cell biology.





## Leonardo Merino Trejos

Leonardo is the Research Coordinator and investigator of the State of the Nation Report and Principal Investigator of the Harmony with Nature Chapter of the State of the Nation Report. He joined the State of Nation Programme in 2003. He is Political scientist and has a Master's in Latin American Studies and graduate of the Master's in Natural Resources Management. He has specialized in environmental issues. He has conducted research on these issues, both nationally and regionally. In addition, on issues such as territorial planning, transportation, environmental institutions, participation, and environmental conflict.

## Laura Rodríguez

Laura is an Earth Charter Young Leader where she facilitates educational sessions on sustainable development, leadership, and ethics. She is passionate about sustainability, social impact, education and data analysis. She is a proactive and enthusiastic woman. She holds a university degree in Hotel and Tourism Management studies in Bogota [Colombia] and has led projects such as the first Tourism Young Leaders Congress which was an event sponsored by Fontur [Colombian National Tourism Fund]. Besides this, she has worked as a social volunteer in Brazil and Colombia, promoting environmental education. She is firmly committed to changing her habits to reduce her environmental footprint and to be a change-maker in her country.



## Amorita Ivonne Salas Westphal

Amorita is a member of the Earth Charter Mexican Network. She is a Veterinarian Zootechnician by profession, with a Master of Science with a Specialty in Parasitology and Doctorate in Natural Resources Management. Amorita stands out for her active participation in the protection of the Environment in the Lagunera Region, especially the Protected Natural Area of the State Park "Fernandez Canyon." She is the coordinator in Durango of the Mexican Network of the Earth Charter, through which she has given numerous workshops, and conferences and managed to get institutions from different social sectors and levels of government to commit to the Earth Charter. Her doctoral research [2005] was on Evaluation of the biological efficacy-parasitism relationship in the wild Rio Grande turkey [Meleagris gallopavo intermedia] in the state of Nuevo León, Mexico, from the Autonomous University of Nuevo León.

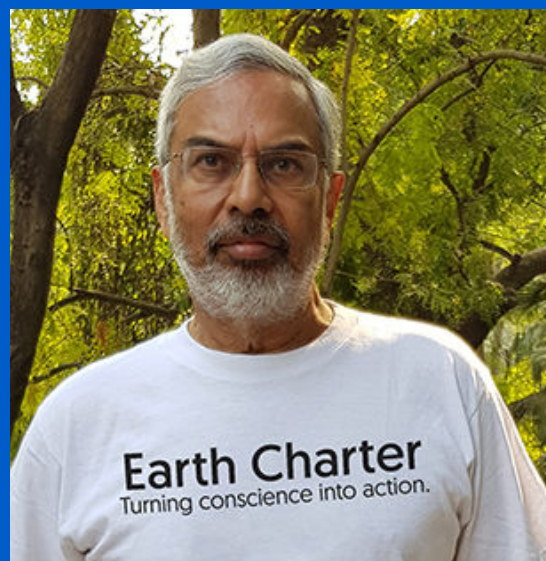




## Kartikeya V. Sarabhai

Kartikeya is the founder and director of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE/India), a national institution engaged in promoting environmental awareness and conservation as well as education for sustainable development. In 2005, CEE received the Global award for Outstanding Service to Environmental Education from the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). Kartikeya has served for several years as a member of the Earth Charter International Council and is its current chair. He has also served on several committees of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. These include greening India's formal education system and initiatives for biodiversity education. He received the Tree of Learning Award from The World

Conservation Union in 1998 in appreciation of his contributions to the field of environmental education and communication. In 2005, The Indian Institute of Human Rights presented Kartikeya with the World Human Rights Promotion Award.



## MA Shuang



Professor MA Shuang, PhD and Graduate Supervisor, is the director of the International Exchanges Department of Liaoning University. She has served as Vice Dean of the Asia-Australia Business College, Vice Dean of the College of Comprehensive Foundation Studies, and Vice Dean of Sunwah International Business School of Liaoning University. She was the Co-chief Adjudicator of the 21st "FLTRP Cup" National College English Debate Final in 2018. She was selected as one of the top talents in Shenyang, China in 2020. And she has just been awarded the title of "Provincial Distinguished Teachers" in Liaoning Province. Ma Shuang has held various leadership roles in teaching College English and international business education programs. Some highlights of her achievements include being the recipient of many institutional and state Teaching Excellence Awards, the Head Coach of a few dozens of top prize winners of regional and national English Language Debate Contests, the "Internet +" National College Students' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training program. She has also published more than 20 papers, translated 5 books and edited 4 textbooks.



## **Olman Segura Bonilla**

Olman has a Ph.D. in Economics with emphasis on Innovation and Technological Change, from Aalborg University, Denmark. M.Sc. in Economics with emphasis in Latin American Economic Development, from University of London, Queen Mary College, England. Bachelor in Economic and Political Science from University of Wisconsin, U.S.A. Besides. Dr. Segura was Cabinet Minister of Labor and Social Security of Costa Rica, he served as the Executive President of the National Institute for Learning (Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje), and he served as Rector at the Universidad Nacional (UNA) of Costa Rica.

## **Irma Verhoeven**

Irma is the Programme and Partnership Development Manager at the Earth Charter International Secretariat. Between 2008 and 2017, she worked as a teacher, coach, and education developer at Helicon College in The Netherlands; she specialized in human-nature relationships, sustainable development, teaching educational skills & communication, planning and organization. Previously, she worked at World of Walas as project manager, co-founder and educational advisor with a special focus on International Projects on Sustainable Urban Development and Community Development. She also worked at Dudoc Vancouver, Canada; at Dolfinarium Harderwijk as a programme developer, and at Ivio Wereldschool developing educational materials for E-learning and distant-coaching expat students. Irma is Dutch and is a high school science teacher by training.



## Mirian Vilela

Mirian is the Executive Director of Earth Charter International and the Center for Education for Sustainable Development at UPEACE. Mirian has been working with the Earth Charter Initiative since early 1996. She coordinates the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter and served as a member of the UNESCO Expert Reference Group for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD). Prior to her work with the Earth Charter, Mirian worked for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). She actively participated in the 2002 World Summit of Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, and the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development/Rio+20. Mirian holds a PhD. in Education from LaSalle University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where she was an Edward Mason Fellow. She is originally from Brazil.



## Atsufumi Yokoi

Atsufumi is Senior Vice President for Global Engagement Strategy of Okayama University, and UNESCO Chairholder in Research and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), established at Okayama University in 2007. Atsufumi is also in charge of promoting a whole institution's approach to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through meaningful relationships and interaction around the world. He contributed significantly to the progress of the SDGs within the university and throughout the county, and resulted in the SDGs Partnership Award at the first Japan SDGs Awards to Okayama University, presented at the Prime Minister's Office in December 2017.





## Ricardo Young



Ricardo is a businessperson and entrepreneur. President of the Board, Ethos Institute for Business and Social Responsibility (a major association of companies in Brazil committed to sustainability) and former president of the Brazilian Association of Franchising. Co-Founder and Council Member of several organizations such as Sustainable São Paulo Movement; Sustainable Amazon Forum; World Business Academy in Brazil, Member, Sustainability Council, Real Bank and Santander Bank. Council Member, Global Reporting Initiative and Corporate Sustainability Index. He was also a member of congress of the city of Sao Paulo and a founding member of a new Brazilian political party Sustainability Network. In the late 90s, when Ricardo was Chairman of Yazigi (a language school located all over Brazil through franchising), he incorporated the Earth Charter as an educational instrument in this school system. Ricardo is a member of the Earth Charter International Council and has a postgraduate degree in General Management, PDG-EXEC; fellow ELIAS programme, MIT. 2002-06.

## YOU Yu

Professor YOU YU, PhD is doctoral supervisor and Vice Dean of Li Anmin Institute of Economic Research, Liaoning University in China. He received his Ph.D. in Economics in 2013 from University of Kentucky in the United States. Before joining Liaoning University, He was an associate professor in Capital University of Economics and Business in Beijing, China. His broad research interests include International Finance, Economic growth, Macro Finance, and Finance in general. He has published around 20 articles in various SSCI journals and top Chinese journals, including Journal of Banking and Finance, Economic Modelling, International Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Futures Markets, World Economy, Review of Development Economics, Economic Research Journal (Top 1 Chinese journal), and Journal of Financial Research (Top Chinese journal). He is the principal investigator of several national research projects funded by The National Social Science Fund of China and Humanities and Social Science Research Foundation of the Ministry of Education of China (HSSRFMEC).

