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Mr. Nikhil Seth is currently the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of United Nations. In this role he served as head of the Rio+20 Secretariat and of the secretariat for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, spearheading the preparations for these conferences in Rio, Brazil, and Apia, Samoa. He is also closely engaged in coordinating and advancing their follow-up. Mr. Seth's Division is also responsible for supporting the intergovernmental negotiations for the post-2015 development agenda.

Mr. Seth was Special Assistant and Chief of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (Sept 1993 – Jun 2001), Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Jun 2001 – Jan 2003), as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly (Feb 2003 – Aug 2006), and as Director of the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Aug 2006 – Aug 2011). Before joining the UN Secretariat, he was a delegate to the UN in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN (1990 –1993). He joined the Indian diplomatic service in 1980 and his diplomatic assignments included Geneva, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea. Mr. Nikhil Seth holds a Master's degree in Economics from Delhi University.

Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor, Toyota City Government, Japan



Mr. Toshihiko Ota, the Mayor of Toyota City is a Chairman of the Toyota City Low-Carbon Society Verification Promotion Council established in August 2010. Being selected by the government of Japan as an Eco-model city in 2009, Toyota City has been working with the leading companies and organizations in the automobile, energy, housing, transportation, distribution, and other related fields to conduct

verification programs to implement a new, low-carbon social system that benefits the residents. As of September 2014, the council is consisting of fifty organizations.

Mayor Ota was born and raised in Toyota City. After graduating from Waseda University in 1977, he has been with the City of Toyota as an administrator. His inauguration as Mayor was in February 2013.

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H.E. Dissanayake Mudiyanse Rohana Kumara Dissanayake is currently Deputy Minister of Transport of Sri Lanka and Matale District Organizer since 2010. He represents the Consultative Committee on Transport Board, Consultative Committee on Road safety and Consultative Committee on Social Services in the Parliament Committee. He started his political career since 1996 and held positions as Member of Council in the Municipal Council of Matale Sri Lanka, Mayor of Municipal Council of Matale Sri Lanka, Deputy Minister of Urban Development and Deputy Minister of

H.E. Dissanayake Mudiyanse Rohana Kumara Dissanayake holds higher education degree on Political Science from the Open University, Kandy Sri Lanka.

Mr. Takeshi Uchiyamada, Chairman of the Board, Toyota Motor Corporation



Mr. Takeshi Uchiyamada joined Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC) in April 1969 and has been working in TMC for more than forty years. He was appointed the Chairman of the Board of Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC) in June 2013. His prior positions in the TMC included Project General Manager of Vehicle Development Center II (January 1994- January 1996), Chief Engineer of Vehicle Development Center II (January 1996 – June 1998) where the Prius—the world’s first mass-produced gasoline electric hybrid car was produced. He was Board of Directors and oversaw Vehicle Development Center III (June 1998 –June 2000), Chief Officer of Vehicle Development Center II (June 2000 –June 2001), Managing Director and Chief Officer of the Overseas Customer Service Operations Center (June 2001-June 2003), Senior Managing Director and Chief Officer of the Vehicle Engineering Group (June 2003-June 2004), Chief Officer of the Production Control & Logistics Group (June 2004-June 2005), Executive Vice President and a member of the board (June 2005) and Vice Chairman of the Board (June 2012-May 2013).

Mr. Uchiyamada graduated from Nagoya University with a degree in applied physics in March 1969.

Mr. Xie Zhengyi, Party Secretary of Communist Party Committee, Yangzhou City, China



Mr. Xie Zhengyi has been the Party Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Yangzhou City of China (Yangzhou CPC) and Director of People's Congress Standing Committee of Yangzhou, China since June 2012. Prior to that he was Party Secretary of Yangzhou CPC (April-June 2012), Mayor of Yangzhou Municipal People's Government (January 2010 -April 2012), Acting Mayor of Yangzhou Municipal People's Government (August 2009-January 2010), Director of Department of IT Industry of Jiangsu Province of China (January 2006-July 2009), Vice Director of Department of IT Industry of Jiangsu Province of China (October 2000-January 2006),

Deputy Chief and Chief for Division of Telecommunication & Computers of Mining & Technology Group of Xuzhou City, Jiangsu Province(November 1996-October 2000).

Mr. Xie Zhengyi holds Post-graduate degree study in Administrative Sciences & Engineering and Bachelor's degree of Computer Science & Application from China University of Mining and Technology.

Ms. Chikako Takase, Director, United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)



Chikako Takase assumed the position of Director of UNCRD in February 2012, after serving as Acting Director since March 2011. Prior to coming to UNCRD, she was Deputy Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations (UN DESA). She began her career at the UN in 1984, after serving as Associate Expert Officer in Jakarta for UNIDO. She first worked for the Projections and Perspective Studies Branch, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, where she

worked on medium-term forecasting, and at the Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, where she was involved in monitoring developed country economies and in drafting the Department's flagship annual publication, World Economic Survey. She later worked for the Division for Sustainable Development (DSD), Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, during which time she had an opportunity to work for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity from 1996 to 1999. While at DSD, she was involved in the preparation as well as organization of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002. At DSD, her work mainly focused on changing consumption and production patterns.

Ms. Takase holds B.A. in Liberal Arts (Economics) from International Christian University, Japan, and M.A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, UK.

Mr. William Fernando Camargo Triana, Executive Director. Urban Development Institute, Bogotá, Colombia



Mr. William Fernando Camargo Triana serves as Executive Director at the Urban Development Institute - IDU, in Bogotá. He is an Engineer Planner, and he has extensive experience in sustainable mobility; oriented design for sustainable transport. He is a designer and planner road, in rural, urban and regional projects. He has experience in formulation, design, monitoring and implementation of projects related to land management, urban and regional planning, transit, transportation, and mobility

equipment. He has experience too in the public and private sectors evaluation, monitoring and control of mobility and infrastructure projects. Moreover, He is a researcher on topics of urban renewal for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policies of Cambridge, in England; and advisor and consultant on issues of mobility, urban planning and infrastructure.

Mr. Camargo holds Master in Urban and Regional Planning of “Pontificia Universidad Javeriana”, Bogota, Colombia. He is also Transportation Specialist of the “Universidad Nacional de Colombia”, and Transport and Roads Engineer of “Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia”.

Mr. Tomomi Tamaki, Representative, Japanese Representative Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)



Tomomi Tamaki has been the Representative of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Japanese Representative Office (JRO) in Tokyo since January 2013. He leads JRO in interacting with ADB's constituencies in Japan. The office promotes public awareness about ADB and the Asia-Pacific region in Japan; mobilizes resources from official and private sectors in Japan for ADB operations; and assists government agencies, nongovernment agencies, and other institutions in Japan in liaising with ADB by providing vital information as well as increased interface and coordination.

Prior to this, Mr. Tamaki was the Principal Regional Economist at ADB's Central and West Asia Department. He initially joined ADB in January 1995 as Programs Officer, and left in 1998. He came back in April 2007 as Principal Country Economist in the Southeast Asia Department. In 2008, he was appointed Principal Infrastructure Specialist for the Central and West Asia Department. He was the Chief Representative of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation's (JBIC) Beijing Representative Office from 2000 to 2003. Aside from JBIC, Mr. Tamaki has also worked at the Japan Center for International Finance and the Ministry of Finance in Japan.

Mr. Tamaki obtained his Master's degree in Economics from the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom, and his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Hitotsubashi University in Japan.

Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)



Mr. Fukasawa was appointed as the Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of UN-Habitat since June 2013, after he joined the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of UN-Habitat in January 2012. Prior to that he was working in UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) in Geneva (1995-1997), UN-Habitat in Nairobi (1985-1988) seconded by the Japanese Government, National Land Agency of the Prime Minister's Office of Japanese Government (1982-1985). He has expertise in national and regional planning, development policy and disaster risk reduction.

Mr. Fukasawa was born in 1957 in Japan. He holds a B.A. in Civil Engineering and a M.E. in Social Engineering.

Mr. Mamadou Mbodj, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations



Mr. Mamadou Mbodj is currently First Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations in New York and serves as Adviser for Economic and Sustainable Development Affairs. He was recently appointed Vice-chair and Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee for the 3rd UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). Prior to that, he had served as a lecturer in General Economics and Business Management and had participated in several studies related to Productive Projects Evaluation, Economic and Statistical Analysis. He was also the main Coordinator of the Senegalese

Presidency of the Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee) during the 68th session of the UN General Assembly in 2013.

Mr. MBODJ graduated in Economic and Management Sciences (Analysis and Economic Policy) from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar (Senegal) and holds a post-graduate Degree in Public Administration (Diplomacy Section) from Senegalese National School of Administration.

Mr. Junichiro Okata, Director of Institute of Gerontology, University of Tokyo



Mr. Junichiro Okata is currently Director of the Institute of Gerontology of University of Tokyo. Prior to this he was Professor of Department of Urban Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, University of Tokyo. His current focuses of research are on the interventions of governments to affect the quality of urban design, particularly through contextual zoning and design review, the analysis of land use transition in metropolitan inner urban area, the making process of urban general plan through citizen participations, and the monitoring/publishing system of urban planning related information. Mr. Okata teaches courses on urban land use planning,

environmental improvement program, and urban design control system.

Mr. Okata was Associate Professor, Department of Architecture of Yokohama National University (1989-1984), Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Engineering of University of Tokyo (1982-1984). His publications include Planning through Partnership (coauthor, Japanese), and History of Urban Redevelopment (coauthor, Japanese).

Ms. Somia Omer Gamie, Architect and Head of Department of the Physical Planning Administration, National Council for Physical Development, Ministry of Environment Frosty and Physical Development, Sudan



Ms. Somia Omer Gamie is an Architect and Head of the Department of the Physical Planning Administration in the National Council for Physical Development, Ministry of Environment Frosty and Physical Development of Sudan. She worked in the Ministry of Physical Planning and Public Utilities in South Darfur State then moved to Khartoum in 2003, where worked at the National Council for Physical Development.

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Ms. María J. Álvarez is Professor of Operations Management at the Department of Business Administration of Carlos III University of Madrid. She teaches graduate and undergraduates courses of Operations Management. Her research interests are Environmental Operations Management, Service Operations Management, Humanitarian Logistics and Health Management, Smart Cities and Freight Urban Distribution Systems, as well as Green Energy and Transportation, among others. Her work has been published in refereed journals such as Journal of Operations Management, International Journal of Operations and Production Management, Journal of Business Research, International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management, Scandinavian Journal of Management, International Journal of Production Research, Omega, International Journal of Production Economics, and R & D Management among others. In 2015 her latest paper "How smart cities will change supply chain management" will be published in Supply Chain Management: An International Journal. She contributes regularly to the Actual Smart Cities Journal with technical notes, where she serves as a member of the Editorial Board. Last September 2014 she co-organized the International Conference "Smart cities and the social responsible firm - New research opportunities", a special session of the Strategic Management Society 2014 Conference. She belongs to the Research Institutes Conde de Campomanes and Francisco de Madrid, both linked to the UCIIM University (Madrid, Spain) and she is one of the founder members of the Smart Cities Business Institute (sited in Barcelona, Spain)

Ms. Álvarez holds a Ph.D in Business Administration from the Hispalense University of Sevilla (1990) and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Sevilla (1985).

Mr. Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty, Environment Programme Coordinator/Expert, UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) / UN DESA



Mr. Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty, an Indian national, has been the Environment Programme Coordinator/Expert at UNCRD/UN DESA since 2013. He has more than 21 years of professional work experience with UN system. His main responsibilities at UNCRD includes implementation of three major initiatives and processes at regional and global level– (i) promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in Asia; (ii) promotion of 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle) in Asia and the Pacific; and (iii) International Partnership on Expanding Waste Management Service of Local Authorities (IPLA) – a Rio+20 partnership. Under these initiatives, he played significant role in realizing two high level policy forums in Asia and the Pacific (Regional EST Forum in Asia and Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific), and an International Partnership on Expanding Waste Management Service of Local Authorities (IPLA) – a Rio+20 partnership. Prior to his UNCRD/UN DESA assignment, he worked in the United Nations Environment Programme/Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP/RRC. AP), Thailand, for ten years (1993-2003) as a Senior Programme Officer/Head of Environment Assessment and Reporting coordinating various national state of environment assessments and the Asia-Pacific segment of UNEP’s flagship global environment assessment process, Global Environment Outlook -1, 2, and 3.

Mr. Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty has a Bachelor of Science degree (with Honors) in Agricultural Engineering and Technology from the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, India, and a Master of Engineering degree from the School of Civil Engineering/Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand.

Mr. Muhammad Maswood Alam, Senior Director (Municipal Services), Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Pakistan



Mr. Muhammad Maswood Alam, an officer of BS-20 serving the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation for the last 30 years in Senior Management position. He is currently discharging duties as Senior Director Municipal Services Department. In this role his main responsibilities are: solid waste management, treatment and disposal of waste, including operation of two landfill sites and recycling facility, sanitation, conservancy, industrial and Hospital Hazardous and toxic waste treatment, Fumigation and Vector control, Environmental control, including control of air, water and soil pollution in accordance with Federal and Provincial laws and standards. Desilting and Cleaning of Storm Water Drains.

Mr. Muhammad Maswood Alam holds Master’s degree in Environmental Studies.

Ms. Asako Toyozumi-Kojima, Program Coordinator, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, United Nations University (UNU-IAS)



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Mr. Rajib Shaw, Professor, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University, Japan



Mr. Rajib Shaw is Professor in the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies of Kyoto University, Japan. He worked closely with the local communities, NGOs, governments and international organization, including United Nations, especially in the Asian countries. He was the Chair of the United Nations Asia Regional Task Force for Urban Risk Reduction, and currently President of the Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Management (AUEDM), and Co-lead of Asia Science Technology and Academia Stakeholder Group of the United Nations. His research interests are:

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Mr. Narumi Nakamoto, Executive Director, Office for Environmental Future City Promotion, City of Kitakyushu, Japan



Mr. Nakamoto is currently Executive Director of Office for Environmental Future City Promotion of City of Kitakyushu. Prior to this he was Director of Planning Policy Division of Kitakyushu city government since 2003. He had worked in Japan Federation of Economic Organizations (1997-2003), Planning division of Environmental bureau, City of Kitakyushu (1995-1997), Ministry of the Environment of Japan (1987-1995) and Kitakyushu City government

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Mr. Yogeshwar Krishna Parajuli is currently the Chief Development Commissioner of Kathmandu Valley Development Authority (KVDA) in Nepal since August 2013. Prior to this, he served as the member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council during the Prime Ministership of Dr. Baburam Bhattarai. His responsibility then was to advise the Prime Minister on creating environment for Rapid Infrastructure Development. As the Managing Director of TAEC Consult, a leading architecture and engineering consultancy in Nepal, he has worked with teams of National and International experts in several Urban Infrastructure development projects. Some of his most relevant projects include Bhaktapur Integrated Urban Renewal, Development & Conservation Project (1977 – 1985). He also worked as an urban planner for a Large Scale Inter-basin (27km tunnel) water supply project to serve the population of Kathmandu Valley. He was also a lecturer at the Department of Architecture, Institute of Engineering of Tribhuvan University, Nepal from 1985 to 1997.

Mr. Parajuli participated in Postgraduate course in Architectural Conservation at the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), Rome, Italy in 1980. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Chandigarh College of Architecture, Punjab University, India in 1977.

Dato James Chan Khay Syn, Mayor of Kuching City South Council, Malaysia



Mr. Dato James Chan Khay Syn was first appointed as the Mayor of Kuching City South in June 2008 and is now serving his third term. He is the first non-political Mayor in Kuching South and was conferred the title "Dato" by the Sarawak State Government for his excellent service and contributions to the development of Kuching South in the past 6 years. Under his administration, Kuching City South had received many international awards to recognize his works on the development Kuching South. Among the awards received were WHO Recognition for Healthy Cities Best Practise in Public Sanitary Convenience and AFHC Awards for Pioneers in Healthy Cities during the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) 5th Global Conference in 2012.

Ms. Lilian Liew, Head of Public Relations and Corporate Development Unit, Kuching City South, Malaysia



Before Miss Lilian Liew was first appointed into Sarawak Civil Service in 1999, she was a High School Teacher teaching in various subjects. She is now serving her 15th years of service in Kuching City South Council and was conferred the “Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti” by the Sarawak State Government, a civil service medal that recognizes her contributions to the Sarawak State Civil Service and Anugerah Datuk Bandar (Mayor’s Award) for her works in Kuching City South Council.

Her latest position in the Council is the Head of Public Relations and Corporate Development, a unit that specializes in social event management, national and foreign correspondences. Apart from that, she also involves actively in Healthy Cities Projects that have enhanced the image of the Council and spurred the healthier growth of the City and also the State as a whole.