

Breakfast-seminar on Building the scientific basis regarding the world's biodiversity



Anne Larigauderie (IPBES)

Dr. Anne Larigauderie (France) is the first Executive Secretary of IPBES, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. She was appointed by the Executive Director of UNEP in February 2014. As a plant ecologist, she spent ten years performing experimental and field work at different institutions in USA (San Diego State University, University of California, Duke University) and Switzerland (University of Basel) looking in particular, at how climate change will affect plant physiology and ecology in various contexts. She is the former Executive Director of DIVERSITAS, the international programme dedicated to biodiversity science, under the auspices of ICSU and UNESCO, which became in January 2015, a component of the new Future Earth programme for global sustainability. In 2010, she was made “Chevalier de l’Ordre national de la Légion d’Honneur” by the French Government.



Marie Stenseke (IPBES/University of Gothenburg)

Marie Stenseke is a social scientist with a PhD in Human and Economic Geography. She is a Professor in Human Geography at the department for Economy and Society and Deputy Dean of the School of Business, Economics and Law, responsible for sustainability issues at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. She is Co-chair of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

Professor Stenseke’s research concerns biodiversity, nature conservation and landscape management from a social science perspective. Her academic work has predominantly been carried out in an interdisciplinary context and often in collaboration with governmental bodies and other stakeholders. She has been involved in a large number of national and international research projects and programs, and engage with knowledge communication through various special commissions.



Lisen Schultz (Stockholm Resilience Center)

Lisen Schultz is the programme director for the Executive Programme in resilience thinking of Stockholm Resilience Center. Lisen Schultz holds a PhD in Natural Resource Management from Stockholm University, awarded in 2009. She is trained in qualitative methods, resilience assessments, ecosystem services assessments, and facilitation. She has engaged in the interface between science and society, bringing knowledge to action in processes ranging from municipal planning to international negotiations. She has done research on ecosystem services and on biosphere reserves for Agenda 2030 with the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, she has conducted resilience assessments with Swedish biosphere reserves and municipalities, and she assisted the Swedish delegation in the early negotiations on establishing the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).



Måns Nilsson (Stockholm Environment Institute)

Måns Nilsson is the Executive Director of SEI. He is also part time Professor of the Practice of Environmental Strategies and Policy Analysis at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). Key areas of interest are in low carbon energy and transport policies, development studies and the 2030 agenda, innovation and transitions, and institutions and governance. In recent years, he helped establish the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate and has been closely involved as an advisor to the UN, OECD and the European Commission on the Sustainable Development Goals. He is a member of the Scientific Council for Sustainable Development to the Government of Sweden.



Nicolas Le Poder (Veolia Nordic)

After having studied Geology and water science & technologies in France, Nicolas Le Poder joined Veolia in 1993. He has been then in charge of several Design & Build projects around the world (Mexico, Budapest, Brussels), mostly for waste water treatment aiming at drastic improvement or receiving rivers. In 2003, he worked for drinking water services in Paris region. He moved to Japan in 2007 where he was in charge of wastewater treatment operation and then in Belgium in 2011 before landing in Sweden in 2017.



Bengt Hergart (Öresundsbron Consortie)

Bengt Hergart is responsible for the maintenance and reinvestments of Öresundsbron (including the railway between Sweden and Denmark and contact person for Veolia. He is the Vice Chairman of Sustainability Circle.



Karin Comstedt Webb (HeidelbergCement)

Ten years of experience of promoting the sustainability agenda at HeidelbergCement in the Nordic countries, HeidelbergCement being the market leader in cement manufacturing and a large player in producing concrete and aggregates. As a Sustainability Manager, climate change and responsible land use are two key topics – closely interlinked. Karin Comstedt Webb holds a MSc in engineering and an MBA.



Jessica Nordin (Sveaskog)

Jessica Nordin works as a Climate and Land Use Strategist at Sveaskog, the largest forest owner in Sweden, focusing on developing strategies for sustainable and climate smart forest management. Her work involves finding solutions to increase Sveaskog's contribution to a future bioeconomy while at the same time safeguarding and enhancing the other values and services of the forest. She also works with business development of new products and services connected to forest land and land use.



Pernilla Halldin (H&M)

Pernilla Halldin has extensive international experience in communications, stakeholder engagement and government affairs/public affairs from Stockholm, Hong Kong, Beijing and Washington. In charge of public affairs and stakeholder engagement, climate and circularity within H&M, she has deep knowledge in sustainability and her expertise includes developing strategies as well as leading international projects. She is also an entrepreneur and the founder of two companies Min Systems Tehus and PriyaYoga.