

## BIOGRAPHIES

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### SPEAKERS & TUTORS

#### CHRISTOPHER WELLS

##### **Environmental and Social Risk Manager Grupo Santander Brasil**

Manages environmental and social risk unit for Santander's operations in Brazil, including Banco Real. Chairs the UNEP Financial Initiatives (UNEP FI) Latin American Task Force. Former President of Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS), currently Treasurer. Was member of the Global Reporting Initiative's Stakeholder Council from 2003 to 2007. Prior to joining ABN AMRO in 2002, set up the world's first sell-side environmental and social research service on Brazilian listed companies offered by any bank, at Unibanco. Prior to joining Unibanco in 1998, was executive director for six years of Compromisso Empresarial para Reciclagem (Cempre), an association dedicated to promoting waste recycling in Brazil. Represented Brazil at international ISO 14000 negotiations on eco-labeling from 1995 to 1998. Conducted peer review for life cycle assessment studies. Bachelor's in Political Science from Columbia College and MBA from New York University.

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#### ANTON G. VAN ELTEREN

##### **Senior Environmental & Social Analyst The Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO), the Netherlands**

Anton van Elteren is a Senior Environmental & Social Analyst with FMO since 2007. As a member of the Investment and Mission Review department, he is to ensure that FMO's environmental and social standards are adhered to in all FMO's financial services. Designing and implementing FMO's own sustainability policies, procedures and tools and integrating those into FMO's core business worldwide are part of this position.

Upon joining FMO in 2001, Anton designed and implemented the comprehensive sustainability framework for a specific FMO financing program, taking into account full World Bank / IFC performance standards and guidelines.

In 2007, Anton has also been a key originator of the FMO guidance for a dedicated environmental and social risk management approach for microfinance. This very practical and targeted FMO E&S risk management methodology is now being implemented by loan officers in various microfinance institutions worldwide. These institutions recognize the importance of this approach, as minimizing the (small but numerous) negative environmental and social impacts of micro-business maximizes the net social benefits. In 2009, this approach has been incorporated in an innovative e-learning program.

Summarizing, Anton's experience into sustainable finance reaches from microfinance to Equator Principles.

## **CHRISTOPHER BRAY**

### **Head of Environmental Risk Management Barclays group, UK**

Chris is Head of Environmental Risk Management for the Barclays group, having previously managed Barclays UK Bank's Environmental Risk Management Unit.

- Barclays has a number of established processes for screening environmental risk issues as a part of its corporate lending due diligence. A benchmarking study of European banks by a leading asset manager identified Barclays as a 'race leader', pointing to 'relatively mature and detailed review procedures'.
- Chris led Barclays' collaboration with ABN AMRO, Citi and WestLB in developing the Equator Principles environmental due diligence framework. This has become an industry standard in the international project finance market, having been adopted by over 60 banks worldwide.
- He is a past member of the steering committee of the United Nations Environment Programme, Finance Initiative. Amongst other activities for UNEP FI, Chris led the development of a series of environmental credit risk briefings relating to a range of industry sectors which now form a basis of the UNEP FI sustainability risk 'toolkit' for members.
- In 2008 Chris represented Barclays, as one of only three overseas banks invited to present on environmental credit risk management to the China Banking Regulatory Commission conference 'Training for Risk Management and Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Lending'
- Chris is a banker by training having fulfilled roles in departments as diverse as electronic banking, credit cards and corporate banking, and undertaking responsibilities as varied as strategic planning, development capital raising and project management.
- He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Financial Services, and holds a degree from the University of Oxford where he read Agricultural and Forest Sciences.

## **NIGEL BECK**

### **Global Environmental Manager within Project Finance Standard Bank**

Nigel Beck is the Global Environmental Manager within Project Finance at Standard Bank. His responsibilities include the development, implementation and management of Equator Principles within the Standard Bank Group, as well as the development of 'green products' and services. He largely provides an advisory role to clients, and projects, around environmental and social risk mitigations.

Previously Nigel was the Environmental Management, Divisional Leader, at Golder Associates Africa, responsible for the development and management of a team of consultants, with a focus on International Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental Audits and Environmental Management Plans. He was based in London between 2002 and 2006,

specifically involved in the business development of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). He was employed by UK National Government as programme manager on the New Forest National Park Public Inquiry. Nigel's practical experience includes the extractive industry, as well as the process industry with a specific developing economies focus.

Nigel has a BSc from the University of Cape Town, BSc (Hons) from Pretoria University and an MSc & DIC (Environmental Technology) from Imperial College, University of London. He is currently reading towards an MBA at Wits Business School, with a focus on 'environmental finance'. He is a Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (MIEMA) within the UK, and one of the few Chartered Environmentalists based in Africa. He is also a Certified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (CEP) within South Africa.

## **PETER M. THIMME**

### **Head of the Sustainable Development/ Environment Department DEG, Germany**

Dr. Peter M. Thimme heads the Sustainable Development/ Environment Department of DEG, Germany. DEG, member of the KfW Banking Group, finances investments of private companies in developing and transition countries. As one of Europe's largest development finance institutions, it promotes private business structures to contribute to sustainable economic growth and improved living conditions. Adherence to international environmental and social standards is one of the main prerequisites for financing by DEG.

Dr. Thimme leads DEG's team of experts analyzing the environmental and social impacts of projects and assists the project companies to manage environmental and social risks and opportunities in a manner compliant to international standards. His team is also responsible for ensuring effective monitoring of these aspects. Dr. Thimme is also in charge for designing and implementing environmental and social policies and procedures at DEG.

Before taking up his current position, Dr. Thimme worked as a Senior Investment Manager, focusing on Eastern Europe, and as an environmental consultant. He earned a Ph.D. working on the "Potential of corporate environmental management systems for developing countries". Dr. Thimme also carries a Master of Environmental Technology from the Technical University of Aachen (RWTH) and a Diploma in Chemistry from the University of Würzburg.

## **CHRISTINA WOOD**

### **Tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) E-learning programme**

Christina is an independent sustainability consultant based in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has been a tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) e-learning programme for the last three years. She previously worked with the international consultancy Sustainable Finance Ltd, and has extensive work experience with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and its Financial Intermediary (FI) clients in Africa. Her expertise includes the development of social and environmental management systems; and capacity development and mentoring to organisations wishing to address and embed sustainability issues at a strategic level. She has delivered several training programmes on behalf of IFC to banks from around Africa, and has a sound knowledge of IFC's E&S Performance Standards.

Previously Christina worked with the African Institute of Corporate Citizenship to help establish the Centre for Sustainability Investment (CSI). She was a founding member of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiatives' African Task Force, which aims to set sustainability priorities for the financial sector in Africa. She co-authored the UNEP funded report on 'Sustainable Banking in Africa' in 2004. She has over 15 years' wide ranging experience throughout Africa, in environmental management, and sustainability issues, with a specific focus on the financial sector in the last 7 years.

## **MELISSA MAKWARIMBA**

### **Tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) E-learning programme.**

Melissa Makwarimba is an independent consultant based in Zimbabwe. She has over 15 years experience advising and building the capacity of public and private sector organisations, primarily in the financial, infrastructure, extractives and housing sectors, to integrate sustainable development principles into policy, strategy and management activity.

Recently Melissa has been involved in three long term management support programmes, one assisting a leading global financial institution to rollout their environmental programme. She has also undertaken due diligence assignments for financial consortia, portfolio assessments, developed social and environmental risk management training programmes for financial institutions and provided advisory services to clients of DFIs, both Financial Intermediaries and investee companies.

In 2007 Melissa was appointed as a core tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) e-learning programme.

Melissa holds a BA Hons in Pure & Applied Biology and an MBA. She is a registered Environmental Auditor with the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and was trained by the IFC to deliver training on their Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability.

Prior to going independent Melissa headed up the Resource Consulting business unit of Scott Wilson, Africa and worked as an environmental advisor for a textile company.