

Speaker Biographies

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Mrs. Karen Wendt, Vice President, Head of Extra-Financial Risk Advisory

Karen Wendt holds an MBA of the University of Liverpool. She is responsible within UniCredit Group for the group-wide introduction and implementation of the Extra-Financial Risk Management. Karen is a member of the Steering Committee of the Equator Principles Financial Institutions and chairs the workings groups Outreach and ECA Stakeholder Engagement.

Mrs. Christina Wood, tutor, UNEP Finance Initiative

Christina is an independent sustainability consultant based in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has been a core tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) e-learning programme for the last three years. She previously worked for the international consultancy Sustainable Finance Ltd, and also for 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 many training programmes on behalf of IFC to banks from around Africa, and has a sound knowledge of IFC's E&S Performance Standards. She has also undertaken transaction support work for several FIs evaluating complex projects around the continent.

Mrs. Hulya Kurt, Head of Engineering Department, TSKB

Chemical Engineer and has an MBA Degree, started to work for TSKB which is the largest investment bank in Turkey in 1995 as a project expert in the Engineering Department.

After several positions, she became the head of the same department. Hulya also acts as "team leader of Environmental Management System" and setting the Bank's environmental and sustainability policies are under her responsibility.

She has broad experience in environment, sustainability, renewable energy, energy efficiency and carbon financing.