



MENTORS' BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Andrew Dlugolecki (Course mentor for weeks 1 & 2):

Dr. Andrew Dlugolecki worked for 27 years in Aviva insurance group, in a number of senior technical and operational posts with UK and international responsibilities, retiring from the post of Director of General Insurance Development in December 2000. Modelling the effect of weather on insurance claims in the 70's and 80's led to his involvement with global warming from 1987 onward. He served as the chief author on Financial Services for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its 1995 Assessment Report, and has been an author, reviewer or review editor in later Assessment Reports. IPCC named him as a key contributor when they received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He carried out similar duties for the official UK and EU reviews of climate change. In 2009 the UK's statutory committee on adaptation to climate change appointed him as a member with specialist knowledge on financial services. He chaired three studies of climate change by the Chartered Insurance Institute (1994, 2001 and 2009).

Andrew is a special advisor of the Carbon Disclosure Project and has been an advisor to UNEP FI on climate change since 2001, having written, edited, or project-managed several of their reports and briefings. He also consults privately from his home in Perth, Scotland and includes UNFCCC as one of his clients.

Mr. Edmund Olivier (Course mentor for week 2):

Edmund Olivier (Ted) is a consultant working on environmental technology projects and sustainable finance research. Through Mirador Consulting Ltd, he works on activities ranging from business development and fund-raising for early stage environmental technology companies to due diligence, research and consulting for corporations, commercial investors and international agencies. His research work is concerned mainly with risk optimization and efficient systems. Prior to founding Mirador in 2003, Ted had more than fifteen years of wide-ranging experience in asset management, capital markets and commodities in the USA, Europe and Middle East. He has managed trading operations for the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Riyad Bank, NatWest Markets, and Banque Indosuez and began his career on the grain trading floor of the Chicago Board of Trade in the 1980s. Ted holds an MSc in Environmental Technology (Distinction) from Imperial College London and a first degree in Political Science from Stanford University.

Dr. Sascha Lafeld (Course mentor for week 3):

Dr. Sascha Lafeld is Founder of and Executive Board Member at First Climate AG. He oversees the company's commercialization of VER projects, the development of carbon neutral activities for corporate clients, First Climate's water footprinting and management services and the expansion into the US and Australian market. He acts as official advisor to the UNEP Finance Initiative and is co-chair of the International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance (ICROA). Before founding First Climate, Sascha was Head of Dresdner Bank's Climate Change Strategy and worked as a consultant for international environmental politics at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).