A green recovery: Rethinking the built environment and transport

16 - 18 November

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The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a rethink of urban design and transport, while recovery and stimulus measures put in place by governments represent an opportunity to turn such discussions into action by building back better for a green recovery. Cities are engines of growth and home to more than half of OECD citizens, but are often characterised by unhealthy levels of pollution. Mobility of people and transport of goods have contributed to prosperity, poverty reduction and stability but account for a quarter of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions.

The 2021 OECD Green Growth and Sustainable Development (GGSD) Forum will focus on COVID-19 recovery measures and their role in greening the built environment and the transport sector. It will discuss how different countries are making use of recovery measures to also address the global goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century and environmental objectives. The Forum will also address how to better design cities as well as mobility for a greener and more resilient future. What synergies could be forged among efforts to promote a rapid economic recovery while addressing climate, air quality and health challenges? How can our built environment and transport infrastructure become safer and greener to enhance public health and to achieve a low-carbon future? What opportunities and challenges has the COVID-19 crisis presented for designing accessible and sustainable cities? The role of subnational governments in promoting a green and inclusive recovery will also be addressed.
Policy Questions:

1. What are the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for urban mobility? How can urban planning and the application of the “avoid - shift - improve” principle help to design sustainable and resilient urban transport systems?

2. How can cities be designed in order to contribute to increase citizens’ well-being while also reducing pollution and carbon emissions?

3. How can place-based policies, including targeted investment in human capital and infrastructure, support the global achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?
International and domestic tourism have been heavily affected by the pandemic. While the tourism industry can contribute to sustainable development and it is explicitly mentioned in several SDGs targets (e.g. targets for SDGs 8, 12, 14), pre-pandemic rapid growth in visitors led to negative economic, social and environmental impacts in a number of regions. As governments support the restart of the tourism sector, this session will discuss the role of multiple policies (e.g. transport, tourism, environmental) to ensure a green recovery and long-term sustainability of tourism. How to promote the horizontal (e.g. transport, environment, agriculture, innovation, education, health, tourism policies) and vertical (across national, regional, and local governments) coordination needed for the provision of sustainable infrastructure for tourism? What programmes can help local communities respond to fluctuations and eventual growth in visitors?

Moderator:
• Céline KAUFFMANN, Head, Entrepreneurship, SME and Tourism Division, OECD
Scene-setter:
• Simon UPTON, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, New Zealand
Panellists:
• Constanza OLAYA CANTOR, Director of Quality & Sustainable Development of Tourism, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Colombia
• Jakob DIETACHMAIR, Deputy President, Commission Internationale pour la Protection des Alpes (CIPRA), Leichtenstein
• Jérémy FOSSE, Director, Eco-Union, Spain
• Virginia MESSINA, Senior Vice President, Advocacy & Communications, World Travel & Tourism Council

Policy Questions:
1. How can we ensure that recovery measures targeting the tourism sector benefit local economies, communities, and the environment? How can we measure the degree of success for sustainable tourism?
2. What is the role of cross-government co-ordination?
3. What policy approaches can encourage quality investment in tourism? What is the role of digital skills?

In many countries, green recovery measures have targeted the building sector which accounts for a third of global GHG emissions and has high job-creation potentials. As people spend more time at home due to teleworking, energy use has shifted from commercial to residential buildings. Emerging evidence suggests that energy savings from reduced commuting could more than offset increased residential energy use from less energy-efficient homes, the trend of moving to larger homes in suburban/rural, and intensified IT use. This session will discuss the implications of the pandemic for energy efficiency in the buildings sector, and how green recovery measures can enhance its sustainability. What lasting impacts has the pandemic had on commuting and office occupancy? How can building renovation policies benefit the environment and people’s wellbeing? What innovative policy and financing instruments can address the barriers to energy efficiency investments? How could “deep retrofit” be promoted and what role for energy service companies (ESCOs)? The session may also investigate the implications of growing residential energy use for carbon-pricing policies and energy poverty.

Moderator:
• Walid OUESLATI, Senior Economist, Environment Directorate, OECD
Scene-setter:
• Brian MOTHERWAY, Head of Energy Efficiency Division, IEA
Panellists:
• Paula PINHO, Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation (ENER.B), European Commission
• Mónica GAZMURI DEL CURTO, Director, ANESCO Chile
• Arik LEVINSON, Professor of Economics, Georgetown University, United States
• Atsuhito OSHIMA, Senior Policy Analyst, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD

Policy Questions:
1. How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect energy use in buildings and with what implications for carbon emissions?
2. What barriers can undermine the joint objective of energy efficiency improvements and economic growth pursued by green recovery measures?
3. How can we ensure that policies to promote a more sustainable energy use in the building sector also contribute to addressing energy poverty?
Many governments have intervened to support airlines, which is one of the hardest hit sectors by the Covid-19 crisis. Yet, the findings of the OECD Green Recovery Database shows that significant shares of funding went to support this carbon-intensive sector often without any environmental conditionalities. Restoring air connectivity will be crucial for economic recovery, but this need to be compatible with long-standing concerns over the environmental and carbon footprints of the aviation sector. At the same time, rail connectivity has become increasingly competitive with short-haul flights. This session will explore the role of recovery measures in promoting the greening of medium- and long-distance transport. What is the role of carbon pricing to mitigate carbon and other emissions from aviation when fuels are often exempt from taxes? What innovations could help to decarbonise aviation, and how could policies help to unlock them? What are the inter-modal complementarities and substitutability? The session will also discuss progress in measuring aviation carbon emissions, and the implications of the pandemic for the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

**Policy Questions:**
1. How “green” are recovery packages introduced by countries in response to the COVID-19 pandemic? And can they deliver a just green transition?
2. How can we ensure that recovery measures speed-up the research and development of the green technologies needed to meet the Paris agreement objectives?
3. What are the key lessons learnt and pitfalls to avoid from previous economic recovery measures?

**Moderator:**
- **Benjamin SIMMONS,** Head, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP)

**Panellists:**
- **Julia REINAUD,** Senior Director, Europe, Breakthrough Energy
- **Francesco VONA,** Senior economist at the OFCE Sciences-Po and Adjunct Visiting Professor, University Ca’ Foscari of Venice
- **Gabriele WAGNER,** Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH GIZ
- **Oliver GREENFIELD,** Convenor, Green Economy Coalition
- **Enrico BOTTA,** Policy Analyst, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

A number of initiatives are analysing and tracking green recovery plans across countries. This session will bring together some of the leading experts to discuss their findings, and the key challenges and opportunities they see ahead. Is the rhetoric on green recovery met by the reality of expenditure plans? What should the green growth community focus on in supporting a COVID-19 response? And what are the key lesson learnt and pitfalls to avoid from previous economic recovery measures?
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Mathias CORMANN
Secretary-General, OECD

Mathias Cormann is the 6th Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). His five-year term commenced on 1 June 2021.

Working with OECD members, his priorities as Secretary-General are to:

- Help maximise the strength of the economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19;
- Drive and promote global leadership on ambitious and effective action on climate change to achieve global net zero emissions by 2050;
- Finalise a multilateral approach to digital taxation;
- Seize the opportunities and better manage the risks in the digital economy;
- Promote market-based policies and a rules-based international order; and to
- Strengthen the engagement and outreach of the OECD into the Asia-Pacific.

Prior to his appointment to the OECD, Mathias served as the Australian Minister for Finance, the Leader of the Government in the Australian Senate and as Federal Senator representing the State of Western Australia. In these roles, he has been a strong advocate for the positive power of open markets, free trade and the importance of a rules-based international trading system.

Mathias was born and raised in the German-speaking part of Belgium. Before migrating to Perth, Mathias had graduated in law at the Flemish Catholic University of Louvain (Leuven), following studies at the University of Namur and, as part of the European Erasmus Student Exchange Program, at the University of East Anglia. Between 1997 and 2003, he worked as Chief of Staff as well as Senior Adviser to various State and Federal Ministers in Australia and for the Premier of Western Australia. Between 2003 and 2007, Mathias worked for major Western Australian health insurer HBF in a range of senior management roles.

Young Tae KIM
Secretary General, International Transport Forum (ITF)

Young Tae Kim is the Secretary-General of the International Transport Forum (ITF). He was elected by the transport ministers of ITF member countries at their annual summit on 1 June 2017 and took office in August 2017.

Prior to his election as ITF Secretary-General, Dr. Kim distinguished himself in the civil service of his native Korea, most recently serving as Director General in the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT). As Deputy Director-General from 2015, he was responsible for coordinating various transport policies including on autonomous vehicle, greenhouse gas reduction, urban transportation, Intelligent Transport Systems and road safety, among others.

After joining the MOLIT in 1994 as Deputy Director for Urban Transport, Dr. Kim also held several Deputy Director and Director positions with responsibility for housing welfare, integrated city development and overseas infrastructure construction. He was seconded to the Prime Minister’s Commission on Administrative Reform in 1996 and the Presidential Committee on Social Inclusion in 2005-2007. From 2010 to 2014, Dr. Kim worked in Washington, D.C., as Counsellor for Construction, Transport and Maritime Affairs at the Korean Embassy.

Dr. Kim earned his Master’s degrees in Public Policy from Seoul National University, Korea, and in Urban Studies from Paris University de Vincennes-Saint-Denis, France. He also received his Doctorate degree in Political Sociology and Public Policy from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Sciences-PoS), Paris, France.

Dr. Kim speaks fluent English, French and some Spanish, in addition to his native Korean.
Aziza AKHMOUCH
Head, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD

Aziza Akhmouch is the Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development division within the Centre for entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities of the OECD. She oversees a team of 30+ experts providing governments with new data, evidence, analysis and guidance in a wide range of urban policies to foster smart, inclusive, competitive and sustainable cities. Amongst others, she oversees the OECD metropolitan and National Urban Policy Reviews, and a broad range of thematic work related to housing, transport, cities and inclusive growth, cities and environment, metropolitan productivity and governance, and localising the Sustainable Development Goals. Aziza Akhmouch spearheaded the OECD Principles on Urban Policy and the OECD Water Governance Initiative. She also manages the OECD Champion Mayors Initiative for Inclusive Growth, the OECD Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers, and the OECD-UN Habitat-Cities Alliance National Urban Policy Platform. She holds a PhD and Ms Degree in Geography, specialised in Geopolitics from the University of Paris 8-Vincennes, and a Master’s degree in international relations.

Karen VANCLUYSEN
Secretary General, POLIS

Karen was appointed as Secretary General of Polis in September 2014, after having been the network’s Research Director for 8 years. Prior to joining POLIS in 2004, she was Network Manager at ACCESS-EUROCITIES for a New Mobility Culture and project manager at Langzaam Verkeer, a Belgian centre for mobility management. Since 1998, she has been involved in urban mobility networking, innovation and policy activities as well as a wide range of European urban transport research projects. You can contact her in English, Dutch and French.

Einet KALISCH-ROTEM
Mayor of Haifa, Israel

Dr. Einat Kalisch Rotem is an architect and urban planner by profession. On Oct 30, 2018 Einat was elected Haifa mayor by a landslide, and assumed her position as mayor of the third largest city in Israel on Nov 20, 2018. From 2013 to 2018 Dr. Kalisch served as the head of the opposition’s largest party at the municipal council, called ‘Chaim Bhaifa’ (bhaifa.org).

Einat was born and raised in Haifa, studied architecture and urban design at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, and received her PhD from ETH Zurich, Switzerland. Parallel to the planning work, she is a frequent contributor to national media and participates in various forums on sustainable urban planning, the connection between urbanism and health, urban renewal in general, and the renewal of industrial areas in particular. For many years, she has taught at the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning at the Technion and at the Faculty of Architecture at Tel Aviv University. In the framework of public activities - Einat served as Chairman of the Haifa Association of Architects, a member of the Coalition for Public Health.

Prior to being elected mayor, Einat was the owner and lead architect at an architectural firm located in Haifa, specializing in urban regeneration, renewal of industrial zones and cities, as well as sustainable urban planning and design. Einat received numerous prizes from the Israeli government, as well as abroad, for her innovative ideas. Last year, Haaretz magazine described Einat as one of ten most influential architects and one of hundred most influential people in the Israeli culture.

Einat is married to Boaz, raising their two sons in the Ramot Sapir neighborhood, Haifa, Israel, and has a black belt in karate.

Carlos MORENO
Associate Professor and scientific director, ETI Chair « Entrepreneurship – Territory – Innovation » IAE Paris - Sorbonne

Researcher of international renown, Carlos Moreno is Scientific director of the Chair «Entrepreneurship – Territory – Innovation», Panthéon Sorbonne University – IAE Paris (France). Carlos Moreno earned recognition as a scientist with an innovative mind, pioneer works and his unique approach on urban issues. He is also a scientific advisor of national and international figures of the highest level, including the Mayor of Paris Smart City special Envoy.

He works at the heart of issues of international significance as a result of his research, bringing an innovative perspective on urban issues and offering solutions to the issues faced by the cities, metropolises and territories during the 21st century. Some of his concepts traveled the world: the Human Smart City, the 15mn City, the Territory of 30mn.

Carlos Moreno received the Foresight Medal by the French Academy of Architecture (2019), Author of “Urban life and proximity at the time of Covid-19” Published by: Editions de l’Observatoire, July 2020 and “Droit de cite, de la ville-monde à la ville du quart d’heure” Published by: Editions de l’Observatoire, November 2020.

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Areti is a longtime activist and a founder of Bicitekas, an organization that promotes the use of bicycles in Mexico City and lobbyists for policy change around cycling and urban mobility. Bicitekas are making waves in Mexico successfully lobbying for the construction of numerous bike lanes in the nation’s capital, and in 2015 they were victorious in passing Mexico City’s first municipal road safety law on a mission to transform the government’s hazardous approach to traffic safety. One of her many focus points as Bicycle Mayor is to encourage cycling for people living on the outskirts of Mexico as a tool to increase individuals mobility and access to the city, as well as empowering poor marginalised communities living on the fringe.

Wallid OUESLATI
Senior Economist, Environment Directorate, OECD

Walid Oueslati holds a PhD degree from the University of Paris Ouest - Nanterre (France). He is currently working as a senior economist at the OECD Environment Directorate. He was previously a full professor of Environmental Economics at Agrocampus, University of Angers (France) and a visiting professor at Newcastle University (UK).

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Céline KAUFFMANN
Head, Entrepreneurship, SME and Tourism Division, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

Dr. Kauffmann started her career at the OECD in 2000. She joined the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities in September 2020, where she heads the Division on Entrepreneurship, SME and Tourism. She was previously Deputy Head of the Regulatory Policy Division in the OECD Directorate for Public Governance, where she led the development of the Regulatory Policy Outlook, as well as the work on international regulatory co-operation and on regulation and innovation. Before that, she was with the Investment Division of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprises Affairs, responsible for the work on private sector participation in infrastructure and on green investment. Prior to that, she was responsible for coordinating the OECD work on the annual African Development Bank / OECD African Economic Outlook Report. Before the OECD, Céline Kauffmann contributed to the 2000 Transition Report of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and worked at the London School of Economics as research assistant. Dr. Kauffmann holds a PhD in Economics from the Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Simon UPTON
Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, New Zealand

Simon Upton was sworn in as Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment for a five-year term on 16 October 2017.

Mr Upton is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and a Rhodes Scholar, with degrees in English literature, music and law from the University of Auckland, and an MLitt in political philosophy from Oxford University. He was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in 1999.

A Member of Parliament between 1981 and 2000, Mr Upton held a variety of ministerial portfolios including environment, research, biosecurity, health and state services between 1990 and 1999. After leaving Parliament, Mr Upton moved to Paris to chair the Round Table on Sustainable Development at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

In 2005, he returned to New Zealand to pursue a number of private sector roles while continuing to chair the Round Table. In April 2010 he returned to the OECD full time as Environment Director, a post he held for seven years until coming back to take up the role of Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.

Constanza OLAYA CANTOR
Director of Quality & Sustainable Development of Tourism, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Colombia

Her professional training as an administrator of tourism and hotel companies was received at the Externado de Colombia University. She also has a master’s degree in Development Administration and Planning from the University College of London.

Nohora Constanza has worked extensively, for about 15 years, in tourism processes related to sustainable development and has extensive experience in areas of international development, public policy, competitiveness and sustainability, planning and strategic direction, structuring, development, monitoring and evaluation of Projects. She has been an international lecturer and professor and research professor in related areas. At the governmental level, she has worked in our MinCIT, in the Unit of National Natural Parks of Colombia, in Bancoldex - Program of Productive Transformation- and in USAID, with the National Planning Department. She has worked in the private sector and supported processes with national and international organizations related to tourism and sustainable development.

Jakob DIETACHMAIR
Deputy President, Commission Internationale pour la Protection des Alpes (CIPRA), Liechtenstein

Jakob Dietachmair is the Deputy Director of CIPRA International, an autonomous non-governmental, non-profit umbrella organisation that has been committed to the protection and sustainable development of the Alps since 1952.

At CIPRA, Jakob has managed extensive projects on tourism, such as “Reset Alpine Tourism”, which has made a critical contribution to the current discourse regarding the future of tourism, bringing together relevant tourism stakeholders to discuss climate protection and sustainable development in tourism. On sustainable mobility, Jakob has contributed to projects that motivate commuters to change to sustainable modes of transport and integrating active personal mobility into various organisation’s health programmes. Jakob has also contributed to projects on behavioural economics, including holding workshops with tourism professionals in the Surselva region on climate change adaptation.

Jakob holds a Master of Arts in Sustainable Tourism Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communication Sciences.

Jérémie FOSSE
Director, Eco-Union, Spain

Jérémie Fosse is an international expert on sustainable development with a specific focus on green and blue economy, supporting the transition to sustainability for organizations, cities and territories in Europe, the Mediterranean region and globally. He is co-founder and president of eco-union, an independent environmental think and do tank based in Spain (Barcelona), that aims to catalyze the socio-ecological transition towards sustainable development in the Euro-Mediterranean region. He is also the founder and director of the Global Eco Forum, an annual and international multi-stakeholders conference on sustainability in the Euro-Med region.

Moreover he regularly advises international institutions on Green and Blue Economy as well as Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean region. He holds an Msc in Industrial Engineering at INSA Lyon (France) and an Executive MBA at ESADE Business School (Spain), completed by short courses from major universities on Economics, Sustainability and Energy Transitions.

Virginia MESSINA
Senior Vice-President, Advocacy and Communications, World Travel & Tourism Council

With over 15 years of experience in the public and private sectors, Virginia has spent the last decade advocating for Travel & Tourism. She joined WTTC in 2013 responsible for driving the strategic plan and served as Executive Director of the Global Travel Association Coalition which aligned key industry organisations (ACI, CLIA, IATA, ICAO, UNWTO and WEF) to speak with ‘One Voice’.

Prior to joining WTTC, she worked for the Mexican Government, including the Presidential Office under President Felipe Calderon. During her time at the Ministry of Tourism, Virginia was instrumental in the creation of the National Agreement for Tourism which aligned the public and private sectors in Mexico around ten key strategic pillars and resulted in Mexico being one of the most visited countries globally.

In 2012, under Mexico’s G20 Presidency, she chaired the Tourism Working Group and orchestrated the Tourism Ministers of the G20 countries, which resulted in tourism being recognised as a key pillar for economic growth by the G20 Leaders. As Senior Vice President, Advocacy Virginia leads all of WTTC’s Strategic Initiatives as well as our engagement with governments and other Industry Associations.
Session 3 - Energy efficiency and the built environment

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Brian MOTHERWAY
Head of Energy Efficiency Division, IEA

Brian Motherway is Head of the Energy Efficiency Division at the International Energy Agency, overseeing a range of analytical and outreach programmes supporting energy efficiency globally.

Prior to joining the IEA Brian was Chief Executive of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. Brian holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in engineering and a PhD in sociology.

Paula PINHO
Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation (ENER.B), European Commission

Ms Paula Pinho has been appointed as a Director for Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation in the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER) in April 2021. Ms Pinho, a Portuguese national and lawyer by training, draws on her extensive knowledge of various EU policies and in particular EU energy policy, as well as on her leadership, management and negotiation skills towards her commitment to Europe’s clean and just energy transition. Since 2015, she has been Head of Unit in DG ENER, and acting Director between 2019 and 2020, in charge of energy strategy and coordination of energy policy in the context of the Green Deal and Recovery. She has been monitoring the implementation of the Energy Union and the ‘Clean Energy for all Europeans’ legislative package. From 2008 until 2015, she was a member of various Cabinets and notably of the one in charge of energy from 2010 until 2014. Prior to that, she worked in the Directorates-General for Trade and for Internal Market. She joined the Commission in 2000.

Mónica GAZMURI DEL CURTO
Director, ANESCO Chile

Social Communicator with a major in managerial marketing and strategic communication.

Since 2011, Mónica Gazmuri del Curto has been the manager of Anesco Chile A.G., the National Energy Efficiency Association. She promoted the creation of the private public table of ESCO promotion for the installation of the ESCO model in the State, the EE criteria in design, the incorporation of managers in public services, as well as dissemination of the different contract models and implementations of EE in productive industries and public services.

She leads the Council of Civil Society for the Ministry of Energy, participates in different working tables for the development of Human Capital, Mitigation and Adaptation, Carbon Price, Decarbonization, and Climate Change. She is the creator of the Energía + Mujer Labor Fair to try to include more women in the energy sector. She is also a member of the advisory committee of Energy Ministry of Energy for the National Estrategic Policy. She has been a member of the jury of the most prestigious innovation contest in Chile, AVONNI Energy.

Arik LEVINSON
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Arik Mark Levinson is a professor of economics at Georgetown University. He is known for his research in the fields of energy economics and environmental economics. He was a senior economist at the Council of Economic Advisers in the Obama administration from 2010 to 2011. Professor Levinson received his A.B. from Harvard University in 1986 and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1993.

Atsuhito OSHIMA
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Atsuhito Oshima leads OECD’s work on building decarbonisation in cities and regions. Since joining the OECD, he has started and implemented the new OECD program Building Energy Efficiency in Cities and Regions that aims to support countries, regions and cities in driving low-carbon transition in building stock, through localised data and analysis, international policy dialogue and tailored case studies.

Before joining the OECD in 2019, Atsuhito has worked for the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan for more than 10 years. He led a number of initiatives in housing and urban policies, including green building, public and social housing, and disaster resilience programmes. He also served Nara Prefecture in Japan as the director of housing department, leading the efforts to adapt the region to its demographic change (in particular ageing and depopulation) through long-term housing strategy and pilot programmes on public housing. Atsuhito holds master’s degrees both in public policy (Georgetown & Syracuse University) and urban planning (University of Tokyo).
Marc Hamy is currently the Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Airbus. He is an alumnus of École Normale Supérieure (ENS) de la rue d’Ulm and a civil aviation engineer, with a post-graduate diploma from the French national school for civil aviation (ENAC) and a Master’s degree from the University of Paris Dauphine. He has a background in aviation, transport, economy, and politics, with many senior executive positions. He has served in the following positions: Deputy Chief Financial Officer of DSNA, the French air navigation services provider; General Manager of the two air traffic control centres of the south of France; Director of the civil aviation authority in the French Pacific territories; Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DSNA (8000 employees and a turn-over of 1 Billion Euros a year); Chief of staff of the French Minister for Transports; Deputy Chief of staff of the Minister for Energy, Transport, and Environment; Chief Operating Officer of Airbus ProSky; Chief of staff of the Airbus CEO, Vice president of Air Transport and Public Affairs, and finally Vice President Corporate affairs at Airbus SAS.

He is a founding member of the SESAR Joint undertaking, and of the EGNOS SSP, and contributed to create Airbus ProSky in 2010, three companies developing new technologies and services in aviation and space. He is holder of the Legion of Honour, of the National Order of Mert, and of the Medal of aeronautics.

As a lead author on aviation-related issues, she received a certificate acknowledging her contribution to the IPCC’s award of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Prior to joining ICAO in 1998, Ms Hupe served as an advisor on environmental matters to the French national school for civil aviation (ENAC) and a Master’s degree from the University of Paris Dauphine. He has a background in aviation, transport, economy, and politics, with many senior executive positions. He has served in the following positions: Deputy Chief Financial Officer of DSNA, the French air navigation services provider; General Manager of the two air traffic control centres of the south of France; Director of the civil aviation authority in the French Pacific territories; Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DSNA (8000 employees and a turn-over of 1 Billion Euros a year); Chief of staff of the French Minister for Transports; Deputy Chief of staff of the Minister for Energy, Transport, and Environment; Chief Operating Officer of Airbus ProSky; Chief of staff of the Airbus CEO, Vice president of Air Transport and Public Affairs, and finally Vice President Corporate affairs at Airbus SAS.

In 2011, she has been leading various projects at the International Transport Forum (ITF) at the OECD. Jagoda currently serves as a strategic advisor in the Office of ITF Secretary-General. Prior to taking up her role at the ITF, she was in charge of managing strategy and relationships with airlines at the UK Airports Commission, a body set up by the Prime Minister to examine the long-term airport capacity needs in the UK. Jagoda has also worked as a consultant on public policy issues in the private sector and academia. Jagoda holds an MSc in Public Policy from Maastricht University and a BSc in Mathematics and Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a British and Polish national.

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Ms Jane Hupe is the Director responsible for the Environment programme at International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and serves as the Secretary of the ICAO Council’s Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP). Jane provides leadership for ICAO’s efforts to define and promote policies and Standards for environmentally sustainable aviation, managing a portfolio that includes aircraft noise, local air quality, global climate, clean energy and sustainable aviation fuels, adaptation, circular economy and a global market-based measure for international aviation. Ms Hupe was at the forefront of the development of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORISIA). She leads its implementation strategy, including putting in place the necessary regulatory frameworks and ACT-CORISIA (Assistance, Capacity Building and Training for CORISIA). Ms Hupe also manages projects for implementation of mitigation measures and capacity building in SIDs and other developing States.

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With fifteen years’ experience at AEF, Cait leads the organisation’s UK work programme and campaigns. She has given evidence on the environmental impacts of airport expansion to the parliamentary Transport Committee and Environmental Audit Committee, as well as to the Airports Commission and the London Assembly Transport Committee. A regular speaker at transport, environment and business travel events, Cait’s has appeared at conferences organised by the Institute of Civil Engineering, the Chartered Institute for Environmental Health, the Royal Aeronautical Society, and the Westminster Energy Environment and Transport Forum. Her media experience includes giving interviews on Sky, BBC’s News, Radio 4 (including the Today Programme and Costing the Earth) and – on the topic of carbon offsets – on consumer programmes for the BBC (Watchdog) and for Channel 4.

She has a First Class degree in sociology and an M.A. with Distinction in environmental philosophy, which focussed on the social justice implications of climate change.
Benjamin SIMMONS
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Benjamin Simmons is the founding head of the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership. Prior to his current role, Benjamin coordinated the establishment and implementation of the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) initiative, a groundbreaking effort involving over 500 experts to draw attention to the global economic benefits of biodiversity and the costs associated with continued biodiversity loss.

Benjamin was also Head of the UNEP Trade, Policy and Planning Unit where he managed UNEP’s trade and environment program and served as the principal UNEP delegate to the World Trade Organization. Benjamin is the author of numerous articles, papers and book chapters examining the interface between environmental and economic policies. Prior to joining UNEP in 2003, Benjamin worked as an environmental lawyer for a private law firm in New York City and served for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer promoting sustainable agricultural systems in southern Senegal.

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Julia REINAUD
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Julia has been working in the field of climate and energy for the past two decades, focused on decarbonizing the industry sector. She is an experienced business developer with a track record of spearheading international projects and integrating sustainability and innovation into businesses and government strategies.

Julia joined Breakthrough Energy in 2018. She has been shaping and implementing the organization’s activities and partnerships in Europe. As part of that effort, Julia worked with the European Commission and the European Investment Bank to set up Breakthrough Energy Ventures Europe, a €100 million fund dedicated to investing in Europe’s best clean energy entrepreneurs whose solutions can deliver significant and lasting reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Prior to Breakthrough Energy, Julia served in a variety of leadership roles in the climate and energy sector – heading industry and energy innovation programs at the European Climate Foundation, ClimateWorks Foundation, and the Institute for Industrial Productivity. She started her career as an analyst at the International Energy Agency. She has worked internationally with projects in Europe, China and India.

Julia holds a PhD with distinction in Economics and Industrial Strategy and a Masters in Corporate Strategy and Industrial Transformation processes towards inclusive green economy and recovery at global and country levels in cooperation with multilateral organizations and other stakeholders active in the green economy space. Prior to this assignment, she was a project leader of a GIZ regional program supporting South-East European countries in their EU accession efforts related to biodiversity conservation, based in Sarajevo. Earlier, she spent 17 years working as team leader and operational advisor in charge of portfolio development, supervision and evaluation of environmental operations funded by the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Washington and at country level in various regions.

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Oliver GREENFIELD
Convenor, Green Economy Coalition

As Convenor, Oliver provides the GEC’s network leadership, enabling people from diverse institutions to work and influence collectively. Before GEC, Oliver spent 7 years enabling stakeholder change leading WWF’s Sustainable Business and Economics work. He previously worked in corporate strategy advisor with Booz Company and the BBC World Service.

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Dr. Lacy has had extensive experience in policy making in the field of environment.

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• OECD Climate Change Hub www.oecd.org/climate-change


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• OECD International Transport Forum www.itf-oecd.org

• Green Growth Knowledge Platform www.greengrowthknowledge.org

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