



# **2015 Environmental Emergencies Forum**

**1 to 3 June 2015  
Oslo, Norway**

## **Forum Book**



**OCHA**



**UNEP**

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## FOREWORD



*Welcome to Oslo and to the 2015 Environmental Emergencies Forum!*

*The Forum aims to promote partnership and international cooperation. It is an opportunity to realise our vision of a world where countries are better prepared, more resilient, and able to effectively respond to environmental emergencies.*

*The 2015 Forum comes at a time when global risks are intensifying - the number of people affected by humanitarian crises has doubled in the past decade. At the same time, intergovernmental agreements negotiated this year on disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, and climate change offer an opportunity to tackle these risks. In 2016, the World Humanitarian Summit will explore how humanitarian needs can be tackled in a fast-changing world.*

*The 2015 Forum seeks to contribute to these global policy discussions. This Forum will explore the nexus of environmental risk, humanitarian crisis and climate change, identifying ways to better prepare for and respond to environmental emergencies.*

*We are honored to have the participation of distinguished experts and speakers. The format of the Forum is designed to provide networking opportunities, enhance sharing of knowledge and to motivate commitment to help us realise our vision. Your active participation will help us achieve these goals.*

*I hope the 2015 Forum will meet your expectations and be an inspiring and memorable event for all of us.*

*A warm welcome,*

**Wendy Cue**

**Chief, Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit (JEU)**

**United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**  
**Executive Director Achim Steiner**

*"This Forum is uniquely positioned to influence global agendas"*



**Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and**  
**Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien**

*"Environmental considerations have never been so critical for humanitarian actors given the range and scale of emergencies occurring today"*



## 2015 EEF - AGENDA

MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015

### 12:00 Registration and Lunch

### 13:00 Opening Session

*Welcome by the Norwegian government and the organising UN agencies.*

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Statements by UNEP and OCHA

### Keynote speech

- **Jan Egeland**, Secretary-General of the Norwegian Refugee Council.

*A performance-presentation by **Rama Mani***

*Chief of Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit **Wendy Cue** will highlight recent achievements and SAGEE Chair **Orjan Karlsson** will outline expectations and outcomes of the EEF.*

### 14:00 Making it work

*A set of actors determined to find a solution to an environmental threat jointly identify the technical solution, capacities and funding necessary to eliminate risk in Madagascar. (in French with English translation)*

- **Wendy Cue**, JEU
- **Olivier Mahafaly Solonadrasana**, Minister of Interior and Decentralisation of Madagascar
- **Jean-Louis de Brouwer**, Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Operations, ECHO
- **Patrick Appert**, Sherritt International / Ambatovy

### 14:45 Refreshments

**15:15 Managing risk and reducing vulnerabilities to environmental emergencies**

*How to move from a reactive humanitarian response to an integrated risk management system.*

- **Nick Harvey**, World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat
- **Alexandra Rueth**, German Red Cross
- **Hugh MacLeman**, OECD
- **Pascal Peduzzi**, GRID-Geneva, UNEP
- **Birgitta Liljedahl**, FOI
- **Andrew Thow**, OCHA
- **Larry Maramis**, ASEAN

**17:00 Transport to Oslo Military Society Assembly Hall**

**18:00 Green Star Awards ceremony**

*Recognizing individuals, organizations, governments and companies that demonstrate remarkable achievements in raising awareness, building capacity, and effectively responding to such crises.*

**19:00 Reception hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

*Scenic walk by the sea (optional)*

## TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015

### **8:30      Leading by example – how the environment contributes to better humanitarian action**

*An overview of progress and challenges made by humanitarians over the past decade.*

- **Anita Van Breda**, WWF
- **Achala Navaratne**, American Red Cross
- **Patrick Fox**, Swedish Red Cross
- **Claudine Joseph**, OCHA
- **Urs Bloesch**, SDC Switzerland

### **10:00      Refreshments**

### **10:30      The High North**

*A visual and inter-active presentation on the impact of climate change on the high north and Arctic regions*

- **Jan-Gunnar Winther**, Norwegian Polar Institute

### **12:00      Lunch break**

### **13:30      Evidence from the field: response and preparedness actions that work**

*Round-robin sessions to demonstrate environmental emergency preparedness and response interventions with a proven positive impact. Participants can choose to attend two out of three sessions.*

#### **What's Left Behind: Examining Disaster Waste and Debris**

- **Anna Nordlander**, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency
- **Martin Bjerregaard**, Disaster Waste Recovery
- **Wim Zwijnenburg**, PAX
- **Aneaka Kellay**, Toxic Remnants of War Project
- **Svetlana Jumaeva**, CCCDR Tajikistan
- **Firdavs Faizulloev**, UNDP Takistan

**Rewinding from Response to Preparedness -  
Chemical Accidents Avoided**

- Peter Kearns, OECD
- Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, UNECE TEIA
- Valeri Bagiyany, MTA&ES Armenia
- Irakli Saneblidze, MIA Georgia
- Tim Gablehouse, CEPP
- Christelle Gaëlle Goumpo, MINADT/DPC Cameroon
- Deendradev Singh Towakel, Mauritius

**When Speed is of the Essence -**

**Responding to Oil Spills and the Lessons for Preparedness**

- Joseph Attwood, NRC
- Birgitta Liljedahl, FOI
- Amir Hosain Chowdhury, MEF, Bangladesh
- Alamgir Hossain, UNDP Bangladesh
- Gilbert Le Lann, CEDRE
- Leanne Minshull, Greenpeace

**16:00 Refreshments**

**16:15 World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction: What Next?  
Preparedness for Response**

*Opportunities and challenges in strengthening capacities in  
preparedness for response in the Sendai Framework for DRR.*

- Mette Wilkie, UNEP
- John Harding, UNISDR
- María de Lourdes Ydirín Alonso, CENAPRED Mexico
- Stewart Maginnis, IUCN
- Elizabeth Ridley, CDEMA

**17:45 Visit to the Olympic Ski Jump**

**19:00 Dinner hosted by Norwegian government at the hotel**

**20:30 Evening Programme / Ignite Stage**

- 10 Lessons from Fukushima (CWS Japan)
- The Environmental Emergencies Centre Live! (JEU)
- Revised APELL handbook (UNEP DTIE)
- Syria study (Toxic Remnants of War)
- Bangladesh oil spill clean up

**WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2015**

**8:30 Lessons from environmental peacebuilding for humanitarians**

*Environmental and resource management considerations the humanitarian community needs to be aware of at the onset of a crisis to contribute to recovery and peacebuilding.*

- **Braulio de Souza Días**, Convention on Bio-Diversity
- **Oli Brown**, UNEP
- **Bishnu Raj Upreti**, University of Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Carl Bruch**, Environmental Law Institute

**10:00 Refreshments**

**10:30 How preventing and preparing for environmental emergencies is better business**

*Businesses can contribute to preparedness where corporate resources and technical capacity have immense potential and wide-ranging benefits.*

- **Rashid Khalikov**, OCHA
- **Anton Rhodes**, Oil Spill Response Limited
- **Andrew Simms**, Global Witness

**12:00 Observations from the front lines of climate change and other disasters**

- **George Kourounis**, Stormchaser

**12:30 Lunch (and closing)**





## CHAIR

### **ØRJAN KARLSSON**

*Head of Department of International Relations, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning*



Ørjan N. Karlsson is head of the international relations department at the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection.

He is also the Chair of the Strategic Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies (SAGEE), and among other things an Advisory Board Member of Crisis Response Journal.

He holds a Master in Sociology from the University of Oslo and has experience from the Norwegian armed forces as an officer, including international missions.

Ørjan is also an EU Civil Protection Mechanism expert, and was sent as a team leader for the EU CivPro deployment after hurricane Haiyan struck the Philippines in 2013.

He is also a published Norwegian crime/thriller author with 8 novels so far to his name.

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## SPEAKERS

### JAN EGELAND

*Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council*



Jan Egeland is Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, Norway's largest humanitarian NGO with more than 4000 employees. He is responsible for the organization's activities in more than 20 countries.

As Secretary General of NRC, Jan Egeland is a courageous spokesperson for the displaced people in the world. Through his career, Jan Egeland has built

experience and expertise that make him uniquely qualified to lead the organization towards its vision of 'Rights Respected and People Protected'.

Jan Egeland took up his post as Secretary General in NRC in August 2013. He came from the position as Europe Director of Human Rights Watch. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, he was the executive director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs.

As UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator from 2003 to 2006, Jan Egeland helped reform the global humanitarian response system and organized the international response to the Asian Tsunami, and crises from Darfur to the Democratic Republic of Congo and to Lebanon. From 1999 to 2002, he was the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Colombia, and from 1990 to 1997 he was State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## ACHIM STEINER

*UNEP Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations*



The United Nations General Assembly in 2006 unanimously elected Mr. Achim Steiner as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term, and subsequently for a further four years in 2010. Following the decision of the 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of United Nations, Mr. Steiner's mandate has been extended for two years up to June 2016.

From March 2009 to May 2011, he was also Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON). Before joining UNEP, Mr. Steiner served as Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) from 2001 to 2006, and prior to that as Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams. His professional career has included assignments with governmental, non-governmental and international organizations in different parts of the world including India, Pakistan, Germany, Zimbabwe, USA, Vietnam, South Africa, Switzerland and Kenya. He worked both at grassroots level as well as at the highest levels of international policy-making to address the interface between environmental sustainability, social equity and economic development.

Mr. Steiner, a German and Brazilian national, was born in Brazil in 1961. His educational background includes a BA from the University of Oxford as well as an MA from the University of London with specialization in development economics and policy. He also studied at the German Development Institute in Berlin as well as the Harvard Business School.

## STEPHEN O'BRIEN

*Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator*



Stephen O'Brien is the Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, OCHA and Emergency Relief Coordinator (USG/ERC). He assumed office on 1 June 2015 following his appointment by the UN Secretary-General.

A member of the United Kingdom Parliament, notable among Mr. O'Brien's posts are his time as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development between 2010 and 2012, and his founding and chairing of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases, since 2004.

He served as the United Kingdom Prime Minister's Envoy and Special Representative for the Sahel since 2012, chaired the Malaria Consortium NGO between 2006 and 2010, and is Director-Trustee of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. In addition to his political and non-governmental roles, Mr. O'Brien has also served as a Senior Executive at global industrial manufacturer, Redland.

Recently he won the 2014 Champions Action Award for his leadership in mobilizing the campaigns against malaria and neglected tropical diseases, having undertaken multiple pro bono civil society engagements, notably as Global Advocate for the United Nations/WHO "Roll Back Malaria Partnership," and Patron of Malaria No More UK.

Mr. O'Brien, a qualified and formerly practicing solicitor, holds a degree in Law from Cambridge University.

## **BØRGE BRENDE**

*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Norway*



Børge Brende is a Norwegian politician from the Conservative Party and has been the Minister of Foreign Affairs since 16 October 2013. He served as Minister of the Environment 2001–2004 and as Minister of Trade and Industry 2004–2005, and as a member of the Storting 1997–2009.

Brende served as Chairman of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development 2003-2004. In 2005, he took up the appointment of International Vice Chairman of the China Council for the International

Cooperation on Environment and Development (advisory board to the State Council).

In January 2008, Brende joined the World Economic Forum as Managing Director, particularly in charge of relations with governments and civil society. In 2009, Børge Brende joined the Norwegian Red Cross as Secretary General. He re-joined the World Economic Forum in 2011 as Managing Director with responsibility for policy initiatives and engagement of the Forum's non-business constituents.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs is responsible for Norwegian foreign policy, the promotion of Norway's interests internationally and the work of the Foreign Service, which includes more than 100 embassies, permanent missions and delegations, and consulates general. [utenriksminister@mfa.no](mailto:utenriksminister@mfa.no)

## **HANS J. RØSJORDE**

*State Secretary, Government of Norway*



Hans Johan Røsjorde is State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice and Public Security.

Hans J. Røsjorde is a Norwegian politician for the Progress Party. A former member of parliament specializing in defense matters, Røsjorde has resigned from active politics and served as County Governor of Oslo and Akershus from 2001 to 2011.

He has both a civilian and a military education. In 1970 he graduated from the University of Oslo having majored in marine biology. He then worked as a lecturer from 1970 through 1987. From 1970 to 1972 at Breidablikk School in Sandefjord, Vestfold, and from 1972 to 1987 at Stord Upper Secondary School in Hordaland where he also was school counselor.

In 1982 he attained to the rank of captain. He has been a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (1989–2001) and in conjunction with this has held miscellaneous NATO positions. Between 1974 and 1990 he was local commander of the Norwegian Home Guard for Stord. Between 2002 and 2006 he served as president of the Norwegian Reserve Officers' Association. hans.rosjorde@jd.dep.no

## MODERATOR

### RAMA MANI



Peacebuilder and Poet-Performer, Rama Mani weaves artistry into her public appearances to address burning global issues. She electrifies diverse audiences around the world, and inspires them to become active participants in reshaping our shared future. Rama's performances raise funds for her philanthropic activities to promote peace and justice in the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Rama has 25 years experience in international peace and security. Rama is a Councilor of the World Future Council, and a Senior Research Associate at the University of Oxford's Centre for International Studies. She was earlier the Executive Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (Sri Lanka). She was the Africa Strategy Manager and conflict advisor for Oxfam GB. She was the Director of the Global Peace and Security Course at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and the Senior External Relations Officer of the Commission on Global Governance. Rama is a Co-Founder of 'Rising Women, Rising World'.

Since 1992, Rama has partnered with and advised United Nations agencies. She serves on several boards including the Advisory Board of NATO Defence College, and the Board of UNESCO-CISH International Centre for Human Sciences (Lebanon). In 2013, Rama received the *Peter Becker Peace Prize* in Germany for the combined impact of her scholarship and peace activism.



## PANELLIST BIOS

### MAKING IT WORK



**Wendy Cue (Moderator)**

*Chief of Section, Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit*

Wendy has more than 15 years of international and UN experience. She was appointed Chief of the Joint OCHA/UNEP Environment Unit (JEU) in July 2012. [cue@un.org](mailto:cue@un.org)



**Jean-Louis de Brouwer**

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**Minister Olivier Mahafaly Solonadrasana**

*Minister of Home Affairs and Decentralization, Government of Madagascar*

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## MANAGING RISK AND REDUCING VULNERABILITIES TO ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES



### **Nick Harvey (Moderator)**

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Before joining the WHS Secretariat, Nick was Head of the Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Policy Team in the Department for International Development of the UK Government. [harvey@un.org](mailto:harvey@un.org)



### **Alexandra Rueth**

*Coordinator, German Red Cross*

Experienced in international cooperation in Ecuador, Afghanistan and Cuba, Alexandra has been working in relief, rehabilitation and long-term rural development projects. [ruetha@drk.de](mailto:ruetha@drk.de)



### **Hugh MacLeman**

*Policy Advisor, OECD*

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### **Pascal Peduzzi**

*Director, GRID-Geneva, UNEP*

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### **Birgitta Liljedahl**

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Birgitta is a senior analyst at FOI, with experience in environmental and health hazards in conflict and crises. She is Project Leader for FOI support to The Swedish Armed Forces. [liljedahl.birgitta@gmail.com](mailto:liljedahl.birgitta@gmail.com)



**Andrew Thow**

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**Larry Maramis**

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## LEADING BY EXAMPLE - HOW THE ENVIRONMENT CONTRIBUTES TO BETTER HUMANITARIAN ACTION



### **Anita Van Breda**

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### **Achala Navaratne (Moderator)**

*Deputy Country Representative, American Red Cross*

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### **Patrick Fox**

*Senior Advisor Resilience, Swedish Red Cross*

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### **Claudine Joseph**

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### **Urs BLOESCH**

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## THE HIGH NORTH

### Jan-Gunnar Winther

*Director, Norwegian Polar Institute*



With a Ph.D. (and M.S.) from the Norwegian Institute of Technology (NTH), Dr. Winther is director of the Norwegian Polar Institute since 2005.

Dr. Winther serves on a number of national and international committees and delegations including deputy chair of the Norwegian Government's Expert Committee on Northern Regions Policies, national expert to the Arctic Council and the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings, Lead Author

on IPCC's fifth assessment report, member of the Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences, the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arctic and the Explorers Club.

Dr. Winther has considerable experience in cold-regions field research by leading and participating on a number of research expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic. Dr. Winther led the Norwegian-USA scientific traverse into a largely unexplored region of the East Antarctic ice sheet during the International Polar Year in 2007-2009. This expedition is the largest and most complex scientific expedition for Norway in Antarctica in modern times. In 2011, he retraced Roald Amundsen's route to the South Pole in 1911 as part of the national celebration of the Nansen-Amundsen Year 2011.

## EVIDENCE FROM THE FIELD: RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS THAT WORK

### WHAT'S LEFT BEHIND: EXAMINING DISASTER WASTE AND DEBRIS



#### **Anna Nordlander (Moderator)**

*Environmental Advisor, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency*

Anna has experience in several fields concerning industrial environmental protection and public health. She has more than 20 years of experience in the field of environmental protection. [anna.nordlander@msb.se](mailto:anna.nordlander@msb.se)



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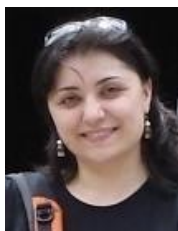
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**Firdavs Faizulloev**

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Firdavs has been managing projects at UNDP since 2007. He has worked on MCB project in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and as manager of the Sustainable Land Management Project. [firdavs.faizulloev@undp.org](mailto:firdavs.faizulloev@undp.org)

**REWINDING FROM RESPONSE TO PREPAREDNESS –  
CHEMICAL ACCIDENTS AVOIDED**



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**Franziska Ilg-Hirsch**

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Franziska has been secretary to the UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents since 2014. She has serviced different UNECE multilateral environmental programmes, covering issues ranging from air pollution, water and health to forestry and cross-sectoral issues. [franziska.ilg@unece.org](mailto:franziska.ilg@unece.org)



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**Irakli Saneblidze**

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**Tim Gablehouse**

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**Deendradev SinghTowakel**

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## WHEN SPEED IS OF THE ESSENCE - RESPONDING TO OIL SPILLS AND THE LESSONS FOR PREPAREDNESS



### **Joseph Attwood (Moderator)**

*Environment & climate change adviser, NRC*

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### **Birgitta Liljedahl (Moderator)**

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### **Mr. Md. Amir Hosain Chowdhury**

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### **Alamgir Hossain**

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**Gilbert Le Lann**

*Executive Director, CEDRE*

Gilbert left the French Secretariat general of the sea, to join the Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on accidental water pollutions, Cedre, as director in 2008. [gilbert.le.lann@cedre.fr](mailto:gilbert.le.lann@cedre.fr)



**Leanne Minshull**

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## WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION: WHAT NEXT? PREPAREDNESS FOR RESPONSE



**Mette Løythe Wilkie (Moderator)**

*Director, UNEP DEPI*

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**John Harding**

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**Ing. María de Lourdes Ydirín Alonso**

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**Stewart Maginnis**

*Global Director, Nature-based Solutions Group*

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**Elizabeth Ridley**

*Deputy Executive Director, CDEMA*

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## LESSONS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PEACEBUILDING FOR HUMANITARIANS



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