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Facing Global Environmental Change ***Environmental, Human, Energy, Food, Health and Water Security Concepts***

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**World Conference Centre, 53113 Bonn, Görresstrasse 15,
Room "Süßmuth" at TNT (formerly UNU-EHS)**

Short Biographies of Moderator and Speakers



Ms. Nina Haase, former host of the Environmental Magazine: Living Planet, Deutsche Welle Radio, Bonn

She developed a curiosity for different environments, places, and people at an early age. During high school, several exchange programmes brought her to England, France, Israel and Russia, which formed her dream of working in an intercultural environment. She studied English and French in Cologne, Aix-en-Provence and Liverpool, did an MBA in International Management and Intercultural Communications in Cologne, Aix-en-Provence and Jacksonville, FL. When she joined the English Service of Deutsche Welle Radio in 2005, she soon became an integral member of the Living Planet team. The award-winning 30-minute radio programme covers topics such as climate change and biodiversity on a weekly basis.



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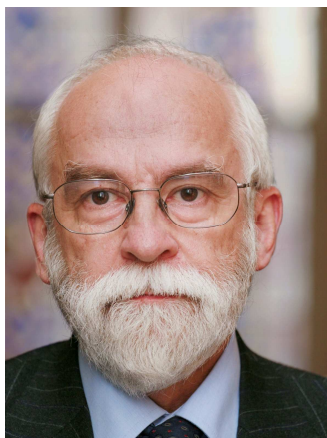
Adj. Prof. (Privatdozent) at the Faculty of Political Science and Social Sciences, Free University of Berlin; since 2005 fellow at the Institute on Environment and Human Security of the United Nations University (UNU-EHS); since 1987 chairman of Peace Research and European Security Studies (AFES-PRESS). He was guest professor of international relations at the universities of Frankfurt on Main, Leipzig and Greifswald and at the teachers training college in Erfurt. From 1976-1989 he was research associate at Heidelberg and Stuttgart universities, a research fellow at Harvard and Stanford University and he was also teaching at the universities of Darmstadt, Tübingen, Stuttgart and Heidelberg.

Coeditor of: *Security and Environment in the Mediterranean* (2003); *Globalization and Environmental Challenges* (2008); *Facing Global Environmental Change* (2009); *Coping with Global Environmental Change, Disasters and Security* (2010).

Prof. Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring, UNAM-CRIM, Cuernavaca, Mor., Mexico, 1st MunichRe Chair on Social Vulnerability, UNU-EHS, Bonn

Research professor at the National University of Mexico (UNAM) in the Regional Multidisciplinary Research Center (CRIM). She was General Attorney of Ecology in the State of Morelos (1992-1994) and National Delegate of the Federal General Attorney of Environment from 1994-1995. She was President of the International Peace Research Association (1998-2000); General Secretary of the Latin-American Council for Peace Research (2002-2006). For her scientific work she received the *Price Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz* (2005), the *Environmental Merit in Tlaxcala, Mexico* (2005, 2006); the *Price of Development of the UN* in Geneva. She was recognized as *Women Academic in UNAM* in 1990 and 2000; *Women of the Year 2000*. She works on non-violence and sustainable agriculture with peasants and women and with *Diverse Women for Diversity*.





**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. h.c. Janos Bogardi, Vice Rector UNU Europe;
Director of UNU-EHS, Bonn**

Janos J. Bogardi holds a post graduate Diploma in Hydrology from the University of Padua, Italy and earned his doctorate in Civil Engineering at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany. Since 2003, Prof. Bogardi has been the Director of the United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) in Bonn which inter alia aims at academic excellence in researching trans-boundary migration due to environmental push-factors to support policy and decision makers with authoritative information. Furthermore, he is part of the Scientific Committee of the project on 'Environmental Change and Forced Migration Scenarios' (EACH-FOR) which together with UNU-EHS organised 'International Conference on Environment, Forced Migration and Social Vulnerability' (EFMSV) which he chaired in October 2008 in Bonn. Further information at: <<http://www.ehs.unu.edu>>; <<http://www.each-for.eu>> and <<http://www.efmsv2008.org>>.

**Prof. Dr. P. S. Ramakrishnan, INSA Hon. Senior Scientist, School of
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Professor Emeritus of Ecology at Jawaharlal Nehru University, is an internationally recognized ecologist working in the interphase areas of linking ecological processes with social processes, directed towards sustainable livelihood/development of traditional societies. For his work, involving over 350 research publications and 8 books in this area of study, he has received a variety of national and international recognitions. He is currently involved in networking with a large number of scientists through many national and international programmes.



Dr. Andreas Rechkemmer, Executive Director, IHDP, Bonn

He holds a masters degree in philosophy and political science and a PhD in international relations. He lectures at the University of Cologne, Germany, and has published several books, book chapters and journal articles. Among others, he is the editor of: *UNEO – Towards an International Environment Organization* (2005). He has a distinct background in science for policy making processes, and has worked with the UN in several functions, as well as with the *Social Science Research Center Berlin* (WZB) and the *German Institute for International and Security Affairs* (SWP).

Laudator and Commentator

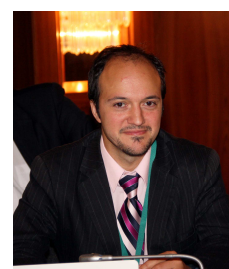


**Prof. (em.) Dr. Eckart Ehlers, Department of Geography, Univ. of
Bonn; Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn**

He was full professor of geography at the universities of Giessen (1970-1972), Marburg (1972-1986) and Bonn (1986-2004), chairman (1996-1999) and member (1999-2001) of the Scientific Committee of IHDP and chairman of the German National Committee for Global Change Research (1996-2002). Since 2004 he is Chairman Scientific Evaluation Committee "Megacities for Tomorrow", German Ministry of Science and Technology; Senior Fellow, Center for Development Research (ZEF), Univ. of Bonn; Senior Scientific Advisor to the German Research Foundation for international affairs and since 2007 he is Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of START and chair of the Donor's Group of the International Foundation for Science (IFS), Stockholm.

Mr. Marcos Montoiro, Awareness Raising, Communication and Education Unit, UNCCD, Bonn

Mr. Montoiro studied law at the universities of Zaragoza (Spain), Nantes (France) and Queen's Univ., Belfast (UK) and social and cultural anthropology at the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (2004-2008). Since April 2000 he has been working with UNCCD as an assoc. programme officer for Latin America and the Caribbean, assoc. external relations officer and since February 2008 as a communication officer. He has published i.a.; *Women Pastoralists: Preserving traditional knowledge, facing modern challenges*; *Women of the Earth - Nurturing the future*; "Making a difference".



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