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Opening session
Welcoming remarks

Moderator: Mr. Paweł Kotowski - Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Poland's OSCE Chairmanship 2022

Mr. Paweł Kotowski assumed the position of Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Poland's 2022 OSCE Chairmanship in December 2021. Previously served as Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Between 2017–2021, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C. Between 2013 – 2017 he was a member of the policy planning staff (Department of Foreign Policy Strategy). He served in various positions at the Polish diplomatic mission in Washington D.C. between 2000-2004 and 2006-2012.



In 2004-2006 he served as U.S. desk officer in the MFA's Department of the Americas. An alumnus of the GMF Marshall Memorial Fellowship program of 1999. A graduate from Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin and The National School of Public Administration in Warsaw. In diplomatic service since 1998.

H.E. Prof. Zbigniew Rau - OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Professor Zbigniew Rau is a Polish lawyer, university lecturer and professor of law.

He served as senator of the 6th term and governor of the Lodz Province in 2015-2019. In 2019, he was elected as an MP of the 9th term.

In 1977, he graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Lodz. He finished his PhD studies in 1982. In 1996, he obtained his post-doctoral degree in law and became professor in 2005. He heads the Department of Political and Legal Doctrines and the Alexis de Tocqueville Centre for Political and Legal Thought at the Lodz University.

In 1980, he joined the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”, where he was an expert tasked with verifying appointments to the Inter-company Founding Committee of the “Solidarity” trade union of the Lodz region.

In 2005-2007, during his term as a senator, he was a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. During his term as an MP from November 2019 to August 2020, he chaired the Sejm Foreign Affairs Committee, headed the Polish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and led the Polish-British Parliamentary Group.



H.E. Helga Maria Schmid - OSCE Secretary General

Ms. Maria Schmid was appointed to the post of Secretary General of the OSCE in December 2020 for a three-year term.

She first joined the diplomatic service as Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs (1990–1991). Since then she has held several prominent diplomatic positions during her career.

Early on, she was Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and Head of Cabinet to Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer; and just prior to her appointment as OSCE Secretary General, she was Secretary General for the European External Action Service.

From 2011 to 2016, she was the Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs for the European External Action Service. Preceding that, she was the Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (Policy Unit) of the High Representative for the CFSP in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

Ms. Schmid has an MA in English and Romance languages, literature, history and politics (1980–1987) from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and the Sorbonne in Paris. Her mother tongue is German and she speaks fluent English and French.



H.E. Mr. Ruslan Strilets - Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Mr. Ruslan Strilets was appointed as the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, on April 14, 2022.

Prior to his appointment, since November 2021, he served as Acting Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine.

Among the priority areas of the Minister's activities are the rapid environmental adaptation and rehabilitation in terms of the Russian war, acceleration of the EU integration reforms' implementation, Ukraine's participation in the EU programs, in particular LIFE and Copernicus, and the introduction of effective tools aimed at supporting the Ukrainian economy during the war and in the post-war period.

Mr. Strilets also served as the Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources for Digital Development, Digital Transformation and Digitalization (CTDO). Holding this position, he launched the large-scale digitalization of the country's environmental protection sphere. In particular, in May 2021, the EcoSystem environmental platform started functioning in test mode. This platform contains all relevant ecological information on the environmental state of Ukraine and was created to ensure the effective digital interaction between the government, business and communities in order to provide administrative services in the field of the environmental protection.

Being Deputy Minister, Mr. Strilets was also engaged in reforming the waste management sector, reducing the industrial pollution and chemical safety.



Mr. Sławomir Mazurek - Vice-President of the Management Board of the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, Poland

Mr. Sławomir Mazurek graduated in political science with a specialization in political systems and local government policy at the Faculty of History and Social Sciences of the card. Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

Mr. Mazurek was a member of the Polish delegation to the Nairobi climate summit and the 2007 Session of the UN General Assembly. In the National Water Management Board he was responsible for the promotion of European funds, and he was the Chairman of the Supervisory Board in the Provincial Fund for Environmental Protection in Olsztyn.

From 2015, he was the Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of the Environment and the government plenipotentiary for the development of hydrocarbon extraction. He was a member of the Committee for European Affairs and the Digitization Committee of the Council of Ministers. He chaired the Polish delegation during COP24 in Katowice and UNEA-4 in Nairobi, as well as UNCCD New Delhi. From 2020 he worked at Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. as the Managing Director and Chief Ecologist of the Bank.

Currently, as the Vice President of the Management Board of the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, he supervises the work of the Departments: Water Protection, Adaptation to Climate Change, Ecological and Climate Education and the Department of Promotion and PR, as well as the Department of Regional Cooperation.



**Mr. Nick Bridge - Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change,
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom**

The Foreign Secretary appointed Mr. Nick Bridge as Special Representative for Climate Change in May 2017.

Mr. Bridge was previously Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD & IEA from 2011 to 2016. He served as Chief Economist at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Head of Global Economy Department. He has served for over a decade in diplomatic postings to China, Japan and the United States.



Mr. Bridge formerly worked in the Treasury, where he co-led a \$4 billion facility to immunize half a billion people in the developing world, and was an economist in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

He graduated in economics from the University of Nottingham.

Dr. Hinrich Thölken - Ambassador, Special Advisor for International Climate and Energy Policy, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Ambassador Hinrich Thölken studied medicine in Germany and the United Kingdom and holds a Medical Doctorate (M.D.) of the University of Heidelberg. He joined the German Foreign Service in 1989.

His foreign postings included Namibia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United States of America, and France. In the Federal Foreign Office, during his most recent assignment from 2010 to 2015, he led Germany's initiatives on the implications of climate change and enhanced competition for natural resources on foreign and security policy.



His main activities comprised the initiation of a UN-Security Council debate on Climate Change and Conflict in 2011, a regional project on transboundary water co-operation in the Aral Sea Basin and creating awareness for the loss of biodiversity as a foreign policy challenge.

In 2015, Ambassador Thölken was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN-Organizations in Rome.

In 2018, he took over the position as Special Envoy for international digitalization policy and digital transformation at the German Federal Foreign Office - as Germany's first Digital Ambassador.

Session I

“Environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources in support of green growth”

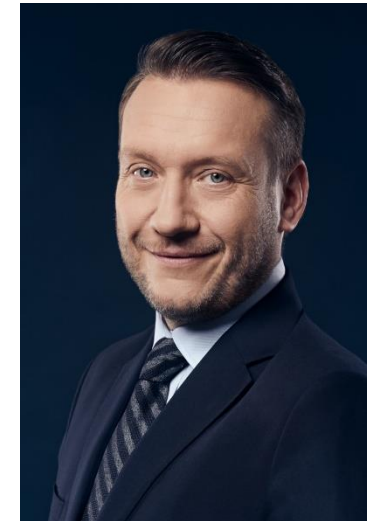
Moderator: Mr. Remigiusz Nowakowski - President of the Management Board, The Lower Silesian Institute for Energy Studies (DISE), Poland

Mr. Nowakowski has many years of experience in building and implementing business strategies, managing large enterprises and investment projects in the energy and heating sectors, as well as excellent knowledge of the specifics of the energy sector and the rules of the electricity and natural gas market.

Currently, he is the President of DISE. In years 2015-2016, he was the President of the Management Board of TAURON Polska Energia (the leading Polish energy company).

In the years 2016-2019 he was a member of the Board of Directors in EURELECTRIC. In the years 2018 – 2020 – the President of the Management Board of PILE ELBUD SA (construction of power infrastructure). In 2020 – Executive Director, Heating & Cooling, Poland and Baltics in Fortum.

Mr. Nowakowski completed master’s studies at the University of Economics in Wrocław and law studies at the University of Wrocław.



Mr. Ilir Bejtja



**Deputy Minister, Ministry of
Infrastructure and Energy,
Albania**

Mr. Bejtja completed PhD studies at the University “Aleksander Moisiu” of Durrës, Albania, in Marketing Sciences, on 2013.

He has been an Albanian Parliament Member during September 2009 - May 2013, representing the Elbasan Region under the Socialist Party of Albania logo. He has been member of Economy and Finance Committee.

Mr. Bejtja has been Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Energy and Industry during the period September 2013 to October 2017. He has been covering the sector of energy and the extractive industries.

He was the advisor of the Minister in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Industry from October 2017 to January 2019, covering the sectors of energy and industry.

In January 2019, he was appointed the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, covering the energy and industry sectors always.

Prof. Anita Ramasastry



**Special Representative of the
OSCE Chairman-in-Office on
Combating Corruption**

Prof. Anita Ramasastry, a U.S and Irish citizen, is the Henry M. Jackson Professor of Law and the Director of the Sustainable International Development Graduate Program at the University of Washington School of Law. She is an expert in the fields of anti-corruption, commercial law, sustainable development and business and human rights.

She is one of the leading academics and a pioneer in the field of business and human rights and the linkages between corruption and human rights.

She currently serves as a member and the immediate past chair of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, having been appointed as rapporteur by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2016. She leads the Working Group's thematic work on corruption.

From 2009 to 2012, Ramasastry served as a senior advisor in the International Trade Administration of the US Department of Commerce where she led a special initiative focused on anti-corruption and international trade, with engagement with APEC, the G20, the OECD, and in other multilateral fora. As of 2019, Ramasastry is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption.

Mr. Jan Tytgat



**Director Government Affairs EU,
Umicore, Belgium**

Mr. Jan Tytgat obtained a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Leuven (Belgium).

He joined Umicore in 1987 and has assumed several managerial positions (laboratories, purchasing and battery recycling) before joining Umicore's Government Affairs department in 2012.

In his current position as director Government Affairs EU, Mr. Tytgat is in charge of the relation with public authorities on topics such as sustainable mobility, energy, trade and recycling.

He is Member of the Board of Recharge (the European Association for Advanced Rechargeable and Lithium Batteries) and of EBRA (the European Battery Recycling Association) and is chairman of the Trade Committee of Eurometaux (The decisive EU voice of non-ferrous metals producers and recyclers). He is also member of the steering committee of the International Congress for Battery Recycling

Ms. Mary Gaerty



**Joint Managing Director, Green
Skip Services Ltd, Malta**

Ms. Mary Gaerty is the immediate past President of the National Council of Women (NCW), a post she has held for the last 9 years. As a working mother, owning her own business in the environmental sector, being an employer of 46 employees and having been exposed to the daily challenges of multi-tasking, she is well aware of the difficulties being faced by women on a daily basis.

Ms. Gaerty has served for a number of years as a member of the Environment and Energy Committee within the Malta Chamber of Commerce, a Council member of the Enterprise Consultative Council, the Chairperson of the Recyclers Association Malta and a member and Vice Chair of the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (MCESD) Civil Society Committee and a representative on the MCESD Council.

Ms. Gaerty has also held the post of Chairperson of the Industrial Tribunal, participated as a speaker in numerous seminars and sits on various Councils representing her company, the National Council of Women and herself.

Mr. Viktor Novikov



**Project Development and
Management Central Asia, Zoï
Environment Network**

Mr. Viktor Novikov works at Zoi Environment Network (zoinet.org), a non-profit organisation based in Geneva, whereby he is responsible for project development and management in Central Asia.

He originates from this region and has twenty years' experience in environmental assessments, reporting, information management and communication.

Mr. Novikov contributed to various studies and solutions in Central Asia in partnership with the Aarhus centres and local NGOs, OSCE, UN, development banks, universities, international and national agencies. He participated in international climate, biodiversity, water, and waste negotiations, Pan-European environmental conferences and numerous projects on natural resources management and pollution risk reduction.

Current areas of his work include: biodiversity safeguards in infrastructure and tourism in the mountains of Central Asia, climate and water visualizations, promotion of strategic environmental assessments.

Session II

“Greening the economy through co-operation in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy”

Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig - Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee

Ambassador Florian Raunig is the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE and Head of Department for OSCE, Council of Europe, Inter-parliamentary Union at the Ministry for European and International Affairs.

Previously, Ambassador Raunig was Austrian Ambassador to Albania and Montenegro. He also served as Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania and as the Head of the Austrian OSCE 2017 Chairmanship Task Force.

Ambassador Raunig holds a Magister philosophiae in political science, philosophy and law studies and is fluent in German, Albanian English, French, Italian and Montenegrin.



Ms. Anna Strzaska



**Head of Division of the
Green Transition Division,
European External Action
Service (EEAS)**

Ms Anna Strzaska is currently Head of "Green Transition" Division in the European External Action Service, EU (Brussels).

Prior to this, she held a number of positions in the European External Action Service and the European Commission, including Head of EU Neighbourhood Policy Division. Throughout her career in the EU institutions, Ms Strzaska focused on policy, peace and security, sectoral and multilateral issues, as well as financial assistance, with particular geographic focus on EU Neighbourhood and Africa.

Prior to joining the EU, Ms Strzaska served as a diplomat in the Polish Embassy in France, and worked on preparation of Poland's accession to the EU in the Polish Ministry of Economy.

Ms Strzaska received her Economics and International relations Master degrees from the Warsaw School of Economics. She also studied at the University of Warsaw, at Science Po, Political Studies Institute in Paris, Écoles des hautes études internationales et politiques, the EU European Security and Defence College and Yale University.

Mr. Daulet Zakaryanov



**Head of Division of
Implementation and
Monitoring of Renewable
Energy Facility, Department
of Renewable Energy
Sources, Ministry of Energy,
Kazakhstan**

Since 2020, Mr. Zakaryanov has been working at the Ministry of energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a head of division of implementation and monitoring renewable energy facilities of RES department. The division is responsible for international cooperation, formation of the schedule of RES auctions, development of a new Law of the alternative energy, monitoring of existing and planned renewable energy facilities, investments etc.

Previously, before working at the Ministry of Energy, he was a senior financial and tax specialist at the «Financial-Settlement Center for supporting renewable energy sources» LLC (FSC). FSC is a single buyer (off-taker) of electrical energy produced by renewable energy facilities.

Mr.Zakaryanov also worked at the United Nations Development Program as a technical expert of projects where he assisted in the development of innovative strategies and tactics for negotiating with representatives of small and medium-sized businesses and conducted research on needs and opportunities for improving the management system.

Formerly, after graduated from Geneva Business School he started his professional career in the financial field. Mr.Zakaryanov was a financial project manager at the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC), where he worked on global markets. After «AIFC», Daulet was invited to work in Moscow as a senior specialist in exchange transactions in the investment company «Univer Capital».

Ms. Sarah Orndorff



Expert in civil nuclear cooperation in the Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety and Security, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State

Ms. Sarah Orndorff is an expert in civil nuclear cooperation in the Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety, and Security in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation at the U.S. Department of State.

Ms. Orndorff's portfolio includes a broad range of bilateral and multilateral civil nuclear cooperation and nuclear export control issues, including the negotiation and implementation of nuclear cooperation agreements and serving as a member of the U.S. delegation to the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

Prior to beginning her career at the State Department, Ms. Orndorff served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a National Security Analyst for the government contractor SAIC.

Ms. Orndorff holds a Bachelors of Science in Foreign Service, Masters of Science in Foreign Service, and a certificate in Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies from Georgetown University

Mr. Tabriz Ammayev



**Deputy Director, State
Agency for Renewable
Energy Sources (AREA),
Ministry of Energy,
Azerbaijan**

Mr. Tabriz Ammayev has joined the State Agency for Renewable Energy Sources under the Ministry of Energy in September 2020 from SOCAR and was a head of the Strategic Development Department.

Mr. Ammayev is currently serving as deputy director of the Agency and a part of the team who engages with the implementation of various renewable energy projects in Azerbaijan, cooperation with international organization, development of Green Energy Zone Concept and green energy space as a part of National Priorities of the country till 2030.

Ms. Juliane Arriens



**Researcher, Mobility Unit,
Reiner Lemoine Institute,
Germany**

Ms. Juliane Arriens has been a researcher in the RLI Research Unit Mobility with Renewable Energies at RLI since May 2021. She mainly focuses on the topic of sector coupling through hydrogen technologies, nationally and internationally.

In recent years, she has worked in business development in the field of alternative fuels for a service station company. She also worked as a consultant for international projects on e.g. the decarbonization of global transport routes.

Ms. Arriens earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Environmental Science and Engineering at the Technical University of Berlin. In her master thesis, she identified the potential for hydrogen infrastructure hubs along federal waterways.

Besides her work at RLI, she is involved as a tidal flat guide for the Dutch non-governmental organization for the protection of the Wadden Sea. Juliane is fluent in Spanish, Dutch and English.

Session III

“Pathways towards a “Green and sustainable recovery””

Moderator: Ms. Suna Park - Deputy Director, State Unitary Enterprise Tourist and Recreational Zone “Charvak” under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Ms. Park started her career in policy consulting, briefly worked for the UK Government and later founded a company specialising in sustainable packaging solutions, while simultaneously advising governments in Central Asia and Middle East on social, institutional reforms, urban policy and sustainable development.

She holds a position of a Deputy Director of the Directorate of Tourist and Recreational Zone “Charvak” under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In this capacity, Suna manages an integrated development of Bostonliq district, Tashkent province with the focus on effective spatial planning, enhanced liveability and ecological resilience. As an International Consultant, Suna worked with ADB on Integrated Urban Development, Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation and Sustainable Waste Management projects in Uzbekistan.



Ms. Park received Master Degree in Global Politics at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Mr. David Advadze



**Head of Sustainable
Development Division,
Ministry of Economy and
Sustainable Development,
Georgia**

Mr. Advadze graduated from Tbilisi State University and received the qualification of the economist. In 2015, he received a PhD in Economics.

During his work experience, Mr. Advadze has worked in public sector as well as in private companies, simultaneously lecturing in different state and private higher education institutions.

From the state organizations, he would highlight: Ministry of International Economic Relation, Ministry of State Property Management, State Chancellery of Government of Georgia and his current job in the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable development as a head of the Sustainable development division.

His position is connected with the most interesting trend in the world economy: how to combine economic development and growth with environmental interests, how to better consider environment-related actions, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

Ms. Wanda Buk



**Vice-President for Regulatory
Affairs, Management Board
of the PGE Polska Grupa
Energetyczna S.A, Poland**

Ms. Wanda Buk holds the title of attorney, she graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Łódź, as well as the Faculty of French Business Law at the Université de Poitiers in France.

She also graduated International Military Relations at the War Studies Academy, European Academy of Diplomacy, postgraduate studies at the Warsaw School of Economics and the prestigious Leadership Academy for Poland programme organised by the Center for Leadership in cooperation with Harvard University. She started doctoral studies at the War Studies Academy.

On August 18, 2020 the Supervisory Board of PGE appointed Ms. Wanda Buk to the Management Board as from September 1, 2020 and entrusted her the position of the Vice-President for Regulatory Affairs.

Prior to PGE, Ms. Wanda Buk has held position of the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Digital Affairs since July 2018. At the same time she has been a member of the Committee for European Union, the Standing Committee of the Council of Ministers and the Joint Central Government and Local Government Committee.

Ms. Marta Kaprāle



**Representative of Latvia
Investment and Development
Agency and mission
“Sea2030” team, Latvia**

Ms. Marta Kaprāle is currently actively contributing to the strategic development of Mission “Sea 2030”, a mission with a nation-wide importance and global-scale benefit launched by Latvia.

The Baltic Sea is a Latvian valuable source of health and biodiversity, yet is one of the most polluted seas in the world. By proactively taking on this challenge, Latvia is going to vividly innovate, connect industries and collaborate internationally. The country’s ultimate ambition is to drive the emergence of solutions to help improve the health of seas and oceans all over the world. Based on mission-oriented approach, new cooperation forms and policies will be developed by bringing together government, industry and science.

The overall goal of the mission is to address the issues of climate change, pollution and the circular economy. This will be attained by creating environment – playground - for sustainable global scale innovations with legal support instruments for innovations to happen.

Dr. Kira Vinke



**Head of Center for Climate
and Foreign Policy, German
Council on Foreign Relations,
Germany**

Dr. Kira Vinke heads Center for Climate and Foreign Policy at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP).

She co-chairs the Advisory Board to the German Federal Government on Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding.

Dr. Vinke is affiliated as a scientist with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and has provided her expertise as a consultant for the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She has extensive field research experience in South Asia, the Pacific, and the Sahel.

Dr. Vinke completed her doctoral dissertation at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin on the subject of climate change and migration. Dr. Vinke is a member of the board of trustees of World Vision Deutschland e.V., the German association of Action Against Hunger, and the Development Service and Humanitarian Aid Committee of Brot für die Welt.

Prof. Jon D. Unruh



**Director, African Field
Studies Semester Department
of Geography, McGill
University, Canada**

Prof Jon D. Unruh is a professor in the Department of Geography at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

He has over 25 years' experience in developing and implementing research, policy and practice on international development, natural resources and the environment, and land and property rights and has published widely on these topics.

His specialty is housing, land and property (HLP) restitution processes in war-affected scenarios. Most recently he has assisted the UN in HLP restitution and evaluation programmes in Sri Lanka, Yemen, Iraq and Syria.

Prof. Unruh has conducted research and policy work in, Darfur, Liberia, Somalia, Mozambique, East Timor, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, Madagascar, Cambodia, Angola, Cameroon, Jordan, Colombia, Peru, Zanzibar, Kenya and Saudi Arabia. He has worked with the UN, The World Bank, USAID, DFID, and other multilateral and bilateral donors and NGOs.

Session IV

“Digital and technological innovations to accelerate green growth in the OSCE area”

Moderator: Ms. Iga Pocztarek-Tofil - Deputy Director of the Department of International Affairs, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland

Ms. Pocztarek-Tofil has been working within the Polish Public Administration since 2006.

In 2010 she was part of the team organizing the Polish participation in the EXPO 2010 in Shanghai. In 2011 she supported the Polish Permanent Representation in Brussels, Defence Policy Unit, in programming and implementing Polish Presidency in the Council of the European Union.

From September 2012 until 2020 she has been working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, office of the Secretary of State for the EU Affairs. In 2014 she joined the Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU as the coordinator of the COREPER I works, presenting and defending Polish position in sectoral policies related to economic affairs. In January 2020 she was appointed Director of the Department of International Affairs in the Ministry of Climate and Environment.

Since January 2022 Ms. Pocztarek-Tofil holds a position of a Deputy Director in the same Department. She is in charge of the planning and coordinating of international bilateral and multilateral relations of Poland in the area of energy, climate and environment policy.



Ms. Celia García-Baños



**Programme Officer at
International Renewable
Energy Agency (IRENA)**

Ms. García-Baños is a Programme Officer, in IRENA’s Knowledge Policy and Finance Centre in Abu Dhabi.

She is a chemical engineer from the Industrial Engineering School of the Technical University of Madrid. She holds a masters in Water and Environmental Engineering from Masdar Institute.

Within IRENA’s Policy Unit, she works on a diverse range of subjects, in topics related to policy assessment and socio-economic impacts of renewable energy, including jobs and gender.

In this regard, Ms. García-Baños’ efforts focus on producing up-to-date and authoritative renewable energy data and on identifying best practice within the renewable energy sector to achieve an inclusive global energy transition.

Mr. Korioun Khatchadourian



**Managing Director,
"Children of Armenia Fund",
Armenia**

Mr. Khatchadourian joined the Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) at the beginning of 2019. Before that, he spent time in his educational and professional career all over the world - from London to Sweden, then Brussels to Paris and finally to Armenia.

Most recently, he led several of TUMO's pioneering initiatives: first as a Center Manager, then as the Expansion Manager in Paris, France, spearheading the expansion of TUMO's educational model worldwide.

Mr. Khatchadourian holds a dual Master's degree in Management & Entrepreneurship from Kedge Business School in Marseille, France and has over 8 years of experience within the non-profit and educational fields. Thanks to technology and innovation, he believes COAF will build stronger communities, improve economic development, and advance the key programs across rural Armenia.

Mr. Ben Barry



**Senior Fellow, The
International Institute for
Strategic Studies (IISS),
United Kingdom**

Mr. Barry joined the IISS in 2010, before which he served in the British Army. As well as training in Germany, France, Cyprus, Canada, Portugal and New Zealand, and operational service in Hong Kong and Northern Ireland, he commanded both an armoured infantry battalion and a multinational brigade on UN and NATO operations in Bosnia.

He was director of the British Army Staff in the UK Ministry of Defence and author of the Army's lessons learned analysis of post-conflict stabilisation of Iraq.

He is a visiting professor at the Department of War Studies at King's College London, and the author of *Harsh Lessons: Iraq, Afghanistan and the Changing Character of War* (IISS, 2016), *The Road from Sarajevo: British Army Operations in Bosnia, 1995–1996* (The History Press, 2016) and *Blood, Metal and Dust How Victory Turned into Defeat in Afghanistan and Iraq* (Osprey, 2020).

Mr. Seyitguly Bayseyidov



**Head of Turkmenbashi
International Seaport,
Turkmenistan**

Mr. Bayseyidov was appointed Director of the Turkmenbashi International Seaport in August 2021. Prior to this role he was the Head of the Legal Department mostly in charge for control of sea port compliance with national legislation including business, labor matters and environmental issues.

In 2020, he worked with the “Marine Merchant Fleet” CJSC National Shipping Company of Turkmenistan as Legal Advisor, tasked to develop risk management policies to support all departments of company including ISM related questions of Navigation Safety department.

Prior, he served also as General Director of the “Balkan Shipyard” Open Joint Stock Company. As of 2018, he covered the role of Head Of International Rules And Conventions Department of the State Administration on Supervision of Navigation in Turkmenistan.

In 2011 he joined the State Service of Maritime and River Transportation as a lawyer and then became the Head of Legal Department, in 2017, responsible for the development of the merchant marine code of Turkmenistan and for the control and management of the implementation of International Conventions into national maritime law and other relevant regulations.

Concluding Session

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani - Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Ambassador Hasani assumed the duties of Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities on 1st October 2021.

Before joining the OSCE, Ambassador Hasani has been Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna. In 2019, as part of OSCE Troika, he was Chair of the Mediterranean Contact Group, before he became Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council during the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship in 2020. This year, Ambassador Hasani assumed the position of the Chairperson of Asian Partners for Cooperation Group.

He has extensive experience in international security and has contributed to shape the security and defence policy package of the Republic of Albania. For 17 years, he served in the Albanian Ministry of Defence in various management roles, including as Secretary General (2017-2018), Director General for Defence Policy (2015-2017), Director of NATO and Foreign Relations (2013-2014), Director of Euro-Atlantic Integration (2013-2014) as well as Director of Press and Information, Policy and Media and Legal Affairs. Prior to his career at the Ministry of Defence, he worked as a journalist and editor for several newspapers and TV stations in Albania.

Ambassador Hasani holds degrees in Law, Sociology and Philosophy from the University of Tirana, a master's degree in International Relations from the King's College London, and is a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies.



Mr. Sebastian Barkowski - Special Envoy for International Climate and Energy Cooperation, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland

Mr. Barkowski is a member of Polish Civil Service and Diplomatic Service. His professional career includes various expert and managerial posts in Polish public administration – the Office of the Committee for European Integration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Chancellery of the Prime Minister and, currently, the Ministry of Climate and Environment.

Between 2015 and 2019, he was serving as a Deputy Permanent Representative of the Poland to the EU, being responsible a.o. for climate, environment and energy issues. In June 2021, he has been appointed for the post of the Special Envoy for International Climate and Energy Cooperation. The Special Envoy initiates, coordinates and performs actions supporting the Minister for Climate and Environment in the shaping of the international climate, energy and sustainable development agenda. His portfolio includes as well sustaining and developing bilateral relations with the individual countries and international organisations. He has a MSc in International Economic & Political Relations with specialisation in European Affairs and a Postgraduate Diploma in the EU Law, and is the author of several publications on international and European affairs.

