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Focus on Natural Disasters and Climate Risk

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The Ashoke, New Delhi

Biographies of speakers

1. Dhar Chakrabarti ,P. G.

Director, SAARC

Disaster Management Centre

P. G. Dhar Chakrabarti joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1980 and has held many assignments in the State, National and International levels. Currently, he is also heading India's National Institute of Disaster Management. He was nominated by the UN Secretary General as a Member of the UN's Advisory Group on the Central Emergency Fund. He has served in a number of Expert Panels of the UN on disaster risk reduction and written a number of books on different aspects of disaster management.

2. Gupta ,Akhilesh

Adviser/Scientist-G

**Department of Science & Technology,
Government of India**

Dr Akhilesh Gupta obtained his MSc degree in Physics from Lucknow University in 1984 and joined M.Tech course at IIT, Kanpur. Dr Gupta received his doctorate degree in Atmospheric Sciences from IIT, Delhi. He worked in the India Meteorological Department during 1985-1994 as Meteorologist and then joined National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Department of Science & Technology (DST) where he worked at various levels until 2006. He became Adviser / Scientist-G in 2006. During 2007-09, he has worked as Adviser to the Union Minister for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences. Presently he is working as Coordinator, Climate Change Programme at the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

Dr Gupta has been a weather forecaster by profession. He has published over 75 research papers in various National and International journals. He has been Managing Editor of the Bulletin Prof. N. Vinod Chandra Menon is an alumnus of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and has participated in training programmes at Cranfield University, UK and the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex. He has attended a six weeks training on Disaster Management in Russia, participated in the Global Training of Trainers Program of UNICEF at New York on Emergency Preparedness and Response and attended the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) Training at Brindisi, Italy.

3.Kwek ,Jeanette
Senior Strategist
Centre for Strategic Futures

Jeanette Kwek is a Senior Strategist at the Centre for Strategic Futures, Strategic Policy, at the Public Service Division in the Prime Minister's Office. The Centre for Strategic Futures aims to develop Public Service capability to prepare for the future, and position Singapore to deal with emerging strategic challenges and opportunities. Prior to joining the Public Service Division, Jeanette was a Senior Policy Officer at the Defence Policy Office, Ministry of Defence. She was educated at Raffles Girls' School and was a Humanities Scholar at Raffles Junior College. She was awarded the Singapore Public Service Commission's Overseas Merit Scholarship in 2001, and graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Economics from the University of Chicago in 2005.

4.Mabey,Nick
Founding Director & Chief Executive
E3G



Nick Mabey is Chief Executive and a founder director of E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism) a non-profit international organisation dedicated to accelerating the transition to sustainable development. In addition to his management role, Nick leads E3G's work on European climate change policy, climate diplomacy and foreign policy, and the security implications of climate change.

Nick was previously a senior advisor in the UK Prime Minister's Strategy Unit leading work on national and international policy areas, including: energy, climate change, countries at risk of instability, organised crime and fisheries. Nick was employed in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Environment Policy Department, and was the FCO lead for the Johannesburg Summit in 2002 where he established international partnerships on clean energy, tourism and environmental democracy. Before he joined government Nick was Head of Economics and Development at WWF-UK. He came to WWF from research at London Business School on the economics of climate change, which he

published as the book "Argument in the Greenhouse". This followed a period in the UK electricity industry working as a negotiator for PowerGen and an engineer for GEC-Alsthom. Nick trained as a mechanical engineer at Bristol University and holds a masters degree in Technology and Policy from MIT where he specialised in energy systems analysis.

Among other appointments Nick is currently on the advisory board of Infrastructure UK, the independent commission reporting to the UK Conservative Party on the design of a Green Investment Bank, and the Advisory Council of the European Technology Platform for Zero Emission Fossil Fuel Power.

5.Mehra,Malini
Founder and CEO
Centre for Social Markets



Malini Mehra is founder & CEO of the Centre for Social Markets (CSM). She has worked and published on sustainability issues in the public, private and voluntary sectors for more than 20 years. This ranges from international NGOs such as Oxfam and Friends of the Earth to the United Nations and national government. She was the architect of the UK's pioneering Sustainable Development Dialogues with China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico, and served as adviser to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. A graduate of Smith College (USA) and the Institute of Development Studies (Sussex) her honours include World Economic Forum 'Young Global Leader', Asia 21 Young Leader and CNN Principle Voice. Malini is a director of Chinadialogue.net the world's first bilingual website on China's environment,

and serves on numerous advisory boards including Unilever, BHP Billiton, Kimberly-Clark and the UK Science Museum. In 2009, she produced the film, *In Good Company*, profiling corporate leadership on climate change in India. CSM also produces the regular 'Who's Who in CSR in India', the 'Who's Who in Climate Change in India' and hosts the India Climate Portal. An Indian national, Malini speaks six global languages and has lived and worked on three continents. An optimist, she is married with three small children and splits her time between India and the UK.

6. Menon, Vinod Chandra

Former Member

National Disaster Management Authority Government of India



Prof. Menon has worked in the Economics Area of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and in the Information Centre on development-Policy Modelling (ICDM) supported by the IDRC, Canada at Systems Research Institute, Pune. Since 1986, he worked as Associate Professor (Economics and Planning) at Maharashtra Institute of Development Administration (MIDA), Pune and from 1996 as Professor (Disaster Management) at the Yeshwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune. While working as the Professor at the Centre for Disaster Management at YASHADA, Pune, he coordinated the preparation of state and district disaster management plans, the setting up of a state-wide satellite-based Emergency Operations Centre network and the preparation of spatial and non-spatial overlays of ARC/INFO-based geographic information system covering 43,000 villages of 35 districts of Maharashtra.

In August 2002, Prof. Menon joined the UNICEF India Country Office in charge of emergency preparedness and response. He coordinated the UNICEF response to floods in several states, drought in Rajasthan, post-earthquake rehabilitation efforts in Gujarat and the Indian Ocean Tsunami in the affected states and Union territories, including Andaman & Nicobar islands. He has been a Member of the United Nations Disaster Management Team in India, UNICEF Country Management Team and the Operations Group.

Prof. Menon was nominated as a Member of the High Power Committee (HPC) on Disaster Management Plans set up by the Government of India in 1999. He has worked as Consultant to the World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF and ADPC, Bangkok on Disaster Management related projects. He has published scores of articles, papers and chapters in books on disaster management. Prof. Menon has participated and presented papers at several International Conferences in USA, UK, Germany, Thailand, Nepal, Italy, Japan, etc.

In August 2005, Prof. Menon was nominated as a Member of the newly constituted National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

7. Schnarwiler, Reto

Global Head Public Sector



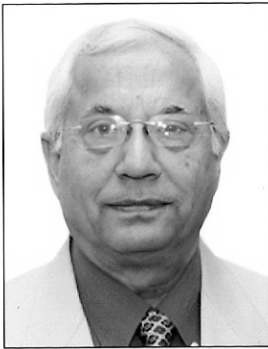
Reto Schnarwiler leads Swiss Re's business activities with governments, development and non-governmental organisations world-wide. As the world's leading and most diversified global reinsurer, Swiss Re offers financial services products that enable risk taking essential to enterprise and progress. The Group's position as preferred partner in the risk transfer industry is based on value propositions that comprise risk expertise, global reach, scale, diversification, very strong capitalisation and resilience over the long term.

8.Sharma ,Vinod Kumar

Professor, Disaster Management and Environment

Chairman, Public Policy, Planning and Environmental Studies

Indian Institute of Public Administration



Professor Sharma is involved in training, research, and documentation of natural disasters. He is presently working on capacity building programme of the Government, for Climate Change Adaptation in Indian Institute of Public Administration with the assistance of Ministry of Environment and Forests. He is the Convener for Training in the same.

Until October 2006, Professor Sharma was the Chief of Party, Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER) at the USAID funded programme for six Asian Countries.

Until May 2003 he was the coordinator for the National Centre for Disaster Management.

Until March 1995, Professor Sharma was the associate Professor of Environment/ Coordinator Public Policy Planning and Environmental Studies, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

Presently, he is the Professor, Disaster Management and Environment besides being the Chairman, Public Policy, Planning and Environmental Studies Indian Institute of Public Administration