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Agenda

Host: APRU Sustainable Waste Management Program

Date: 23rd November 2023

Time: 4:00-6:30 PM

Venue: Korea University Business School, Hyundai Motor Hall B307

Time	Activity
4:00 – 4:02 PM	Opening Speech Prof. Yong Sik Ok Chair and Program Director, APRU SWM Program
4:02 – 4:06 PM	Opening Speech Prof. Jay Hyuk Rhee Director, Korea University ESG Research Institute
4:06 – 4:10 PM	Welcome Speech Prof. Chan-woo Kim Former Ambassador for Climate Change and Government Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea
4:10 – 4:35 PM	Keynote Speech SDGs at Midpoint: Challenges and Opportunities Mr. Jamil Ahmad Director, UNEP New York
4:35 – 5:00 PM	Keynote Speech Collaborative Sustainability Research for Enhanced Societal Impact Dr. Monica Contestabile Chief Editor, Nature Sustainability

5:00 – 5:20 PM

Networking Break

5:20 – 5:35 PM

Sustainable Biodiversity Conservation towards Nature-positive

Dr. Yoora Cho
Director, International ESG Association

5:35 – 5:50 PM

APRU SWM Student Presentations

ESG in Higher Education

Samhita Ankareddy
PhD Student, Korea University

**Assessing Nature-Related Issues in the Energy Sector:
A Study of the Fortune Global 500 Companies**

Maheshika Senanayaka
PhD Student, Korea University

5:50 – 6:00 PM

Discussion & Concluding Remarks

Prof. Yong Sik Ok
Chair and Program Director, APRU SWM Program

Dr. Juin Yau Lim
Research Professor, Korea University ESG Research Institute

Amasha Withana
Secretary, APRU SWM Program

Sachini Senadheera
Secretary, APRU SWM Program

6:00 – 6:30 PM

Networking Break

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Banquet
(Invitation Only)



Event Organizers



Speakers of the Forum



Prof. Yong Sik Ok

Prof. Yong Sik Ok, a KU HCR Professor and serves as the Chair and Program Director of the Sustainable Waste Management Program for the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). He also holds the esteemed position of President of the International ESG Association (IESGA). Prof. Ok was recognized as a Highly Cited Researcher (HCR) in three distinct fields: Environment and Ecology, Engineering, and Biology and Biochemistry for the year 2022. Prof. Ok made history as the sole HCR across all three ESI fields, showcasing his exceptional contributions to research. Notably, he was designated as an HCR in Cross Fields in 2018 and became the first Korean HCR in Environment and Ecology in 2019. He maintains an extensive global professional network, serving as Co-Editor-in-Chief of Critical Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology (CREST, five-year IF: 13.2), a distinguished journal publishes leading research on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ESG.



Prof. Jay Hyuk Rhee

Prof. Jay Hyuk Rhee is a Professor of Business Administration at Korea University Business School. Further, he is the President of the International ESG Association (IESGA) and Director of the Korea University ESG Research Institute. He is also the Director of the Social Enterprise Center and a member of the Latin American Research Institute. He served as a member of the National Pension Fund Trustee Responsibility Specialized Committee, KOTRA Global CSR Project Review Committee, and Vice President of the Korea Management Association. Further, he is the Chairman of the ESG Management Committee of the Korea Teachers' Pension, advisory committee member of the Korea Listed Companies Council, and Director of the Sustainability Division of Working Group on Industrial Policy Research. His current collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy involves the development of K-ESG, a guideline aimed at evaluating the sustainability practices of Korean companies.



Prof. Chan-woo Kim

Chan Woo Kim is the former Ambassador for Climate Change and Government Representative at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea. With extensive experience serving as an ambassador for various countries, including the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Kenya, he has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to fostering global cooperation and addressing pressing issues. As a Visiting Professor at the Department of Political Science in Gyeongsang National University, Prof. Kim continues to contribute significantly to the field of political science, offering valuable insights derived from his extensive diplomatic career.



Mr. Jamil Ahmad

Mr. Jamil Ahmad is the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs UNEP New York. He is also Head of the Intergovernmental Affairs and leads efforts in sustainable development and the environment in support of the organization's policies and program. As an advocate of sustainability, he regularly engages with think tanks, universities, and research institutes, addressing civil society groups, official delegations, students and other stakeholders on topics related to the environment, climate change and sustainable development. He has been representing the UN Environment in various international events. He has been representing the UN Environment in 2008 as the Secretary for the Governing Bodies based in Nairobi, Kenya (2008-14). In this role, he directed, managed, and coordinated the Secretariat, oversaw the organization of Governing Bodies' sessions, and acted as the focal point for UN Environment's external relations.



Dr. Monica Contestabile

Monica Contestabile is the Chief Editor at Nature Sustainability. Monica joined Nature in 2011 as a Senior Editor at Nature Climate Change. She was the first social science editor at Nature Research. She has handled original research and review articles across the entire breadth of social sciences and interdisciplinary articles integrating natural and social science disciplines in the context of climate and global environmental change. In 2015, she moved to Nature, where she served as Senior Strategy Editor, developing the company's editorial and publishing strategy about sustainability, before becoming Chief Editor of Nature Sustainability in 2016.