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Speakers

Session 1



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Domenica graduated with honors in Foreign Languages at the University of Turin and completed a MBA in Sustainable Business at University of St. Gallen and Business School Lausanne. She has several years of experience in teaching, marketing and communication, customer services and consultancies for the private sector. Domenica is specialized in sustainability strategy and sustainable performance assessment. Her professional interests include corporate social responsibility, energy efficiency, disaster risk reduction, sustainable urban development and noise mitigation. At the UNECE, she currently coordinates the project on smart urban solutions for transition and developing countries and on standards on EE in buildings and works on sustainable urban development initiatives as well as on indicators for smart cities.



Ms. Doris ANDONI

Director General
National Housing Agency, Albania

Ms. Andoni is General Director of the National Housing Agency of Albania. She is an architect and urban planner with a Master’s degree in Urban Housing Management. She has over 25 years of work experience in the field of policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and analysis. She has worked with different international organizations like UNDP, UNECE, UN-HABITAT, CEB and IFC. In UNECE, she has previously worked as an international expert for the Country Profiles of Armenia and the Republic of Moldova responsible for the chapter in housing. She was both a coordinator and a national expert for the Country Profile of Albania. She has been involved in several projects of the Housing and Land Management Unit and was its consultant prior to joining her current employer. Ms. Andoni has been a Chair of UNECE’s Committee on Housing and Land Management.



Mr. Valery KAZEIKIN

First Vice President of the International Association of Housing Funds and Mortgage Lending and Deputy Chairman of the Expert Council on Housing Policy and Housing Duma Committee, Russian Federation

Valery graduated with honors in 1980 from the Military Academy and holds a PhD in medical sciences. He worked in the State Scientific Research Institute of Defense for several years and now he is First Vice President of the International Association of Housing Funds and Mortgage Lending (MAIF) where he is in charge of developing and implementing programs for housing and mortgage lending. He was the executive secretary of the Commission for the Implementation program of the State Duma and the U.S. Congress on Housing in Russia, Deputy Chairman of the Expert Council of the Federation Council ensuring the development of affordable housing, Deputy Head of the working group of the General Council of All-Russian political party “United Russia” for the development of low-rise housing construction “My House”. He is member of several international academies and holds medals for service to the Motherland.



Mr. Kakhramon USMANOV

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Kakhramon Usmanov joined UNDP in Uzbekistan in 2002. Since 2002, he managed a number of development projects on piloting renewable energy and energy efficient solutions in building sector. Currently Mr. Usmanov is the manager of the joint Government/UNDP/GEF project on Promoting Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings in Uzbekistan. The project aims to promote EE of on-going and future state-funded re/construction programs in Uzbekistan by revising building codes and standards, enhancing capacity of relevant government authorities and specialists, and showcasing the best practices through demonstration projects. Mr. Usmanov is responsible for satisfactory implementation and achievement of the project outputs. Mr. Usmanov holds Masters Degrees in (i) Business Administration from Tashkent State University of World Economy and Diplomacy, and (ii) International Affairs from the Academy of State Administration under the President of Uzbekistan. Outside of professional interests, he travels widely with his spouse and two daughters across the country and abroad.



Mr. George ABULASHVILI

Director
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Mr George Abulashvili occupies the position of Director of Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia since 1999. Also, he is Key Expert of EC funded Project “Supporting the participation of Eastern Partnership and Central Asian cities in the Covenant of Mayors” responsible for Georgia and Azerbaijan, as well as for Support to Donor Coordination activities for CoM signatories. Formerly, Mr. Abulashvili advised the Energy Charter Secretariat member countries in energy sector investments and energy efficiency policy implementation.

Mr. Abulashvili’s experience spans from energy efficiency and related environmental aspects to analysis of energy efficiency and renewable energy policies and regulations. Since 1996, he has initiated and managed numerous local and international projects and programs, and has acted as an expert consultant to the Georgian parliament on energy issues. Including market studies for financing of RE&EE projects within region.



Mr. Andreas JAADLA

Chairman
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Andres Jaadla was born on 10 March, 1965. He graduated at Tartu University 1991 and acquired his Master’s degree in law. He held the position of Mayor of Rakvere from 2002-2012 and was member of the European Committee of Regions from 2009-2012. Since 1996 he has been the Chairman of the Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations and member of the Board and since 2014 he has been a board member of CECODHAS – Housing Europa, the biggest housing organization in Europe. In 2012 he started to work at SA Virumaa Competence Center of Excellence (Estonian Smart city/house Competence Center, in Rakvere) as Director of development and education.

He has been a member of the Rakvere City Council since 1993 and one of the Covenant of Mayors initiators in Estonia.

Session 2



Mr. Artem SEDOV

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Mr. Sedov graduated and holds a PhD from the Moscow State University in Technical Sciences. He distinguished himself for his merits and was granted several scholarships and certificates for his achievements such as the Diploma of the Government of Moscow for the youth of the district competition, the Certificate of Merit for the development of scientific and technical creativity, Diploma of the State Duma deputy for the demonstration of innovative projects in the field of construction and more than 40 licenses of excellence in the field of energy efficiency in buildings, energy modeling, automatic adaptive control. From 2013 he is the head of the laboratory "Academic center for Intelligent systems and automation in construction".



Mr. Joachim RAMAKERS

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Joachim Ramakers is currently a programme manager with Habitat for Humanity International, responsible for the programmatic and organisational growth of 5 national offices/programmes in the Europe, Middle East and Africa region as well as the project manager for a regional energy efficiency programme for low income households (REELIH), funded jointly by USAID and HFHI. This project builds sector capacity for investment in residential energy efficiency of apartment buildings in Bosnia and Armenia. It does so by convening relevant sector stakeholders, strengthening the governance capacity of home owner associations and supporting the development of financial loan products and subsidy models. Previously he worked in different geographic regions (Europe, East Africa, Asia Pacific, Central and South America, USA) and in different types of development organisations (NGO's, UN and bilateral aid). His thematic focus areas other than poverty housing have been (local) governance, poverty reduction, crisis prevention and recovery and capacity development



Ms. Kawther LIHIDHEB

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Since September 2013, Mrs. Kawther LIHIDHEB is an International Key Expert 'Business development and financing' in the regional Project funded by the EU 'Energy Efficiency in the Construction Sector in the Mediterranean Countries' MED-ENEC in charge of supporting ME's partner countries to improve policies and framework conditions to increase EE solutions and technologies in the building sector. She has been working for 20 years at the Tunisian National Agency for Energy Conservation (ANME) on designing implementing and monitoring Energy Efficiency programmes in Buildings, household appliances and Industrial sectors, as well as in the field of Renewable Energies. She has contributed on the definition of strategic National Energy Efficiency Action plan in Tunisia and conducted several capacity buildings programmes on Energy Efficiency. She has been Team Leader of many projects in the field of EE and RE supported by bilateral and multilateral donors (World Bank GEF, UNDP, EUD, UNIDO, GIZ, ADEME, IDAE, etc). Finally, she has contributed on supporting and sharing experience with several countries in the field of development and implementation of appropriate sustainable energy policies with a view to developing a favourable regulatory framework, economic incentives and financial structures favorable to EE policies.



Dr. Mounir BEZZARGA

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Dr. Bezzarga is professor in Potential Theory where he deals with probability and potentials, Markov processes, semi-dynamic systems, harmonic analysis and partial differential equations. He is as well adviser in the areas of innovation with technology transfer especially on photovoltaic energy, biofuel and other alternative energies. He is the CEO of BIODIX-SA, a company which specializes in the production of biodiesel. And within the framework of the mobility of researchers to technological innovation and the transfer of technology. Furthermore, he founded EPC-Int, a company which is specialized in renewable energy. Finally he has published his scientific results in several journals AMS, de Gruyter, Springer, Taylor & Francis and supervises doctoral theses.



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Dato Seri Haji Suhaimi Haji Abdul Rahman, is the founder and CEO of Masers Energy Inc. Masers Group of Companies developed its expertise and reputation in core business areas of energy and telecommunications. Started way back in 2003, with activities that focused primarily on the Broadband Powerline Communication(BPL) and VOIP markets. Masers Energy Focused on enhancing Malaysia's Energy Efficiency, Masers Energy's important projects include working on the country's government sanctioned Smart Grid. The highly ambitious project will be key for helping Malaysia hit its goal of reducing carbon emissions by 40% by 2020. The Eco friendly company is also spearheading the Melaka Carbon Free City Project, which aims to be operational by 2030. Just recently, Masers received the International Star Award for Quality, in Geneva.