

## Speakers' Biographies

**Govindan Parayil** is the Vice Rector of the United Nations University and the Director of United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS). Prior to joining UNU, he had been serving as full Professor with Centre for Technology, Innovation, and Culture, University of Oslo (Norway), where his research focus was on science, technology, innovation, and sustainability.

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**David Jensen** heads the Policy and Planning Team of the UN Environment Programme's Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch in Geneva, Switzerland. He has led or participated in 12 post-conflict operations in countries ranging from Afghanistan and Iraq to Sudan and DR Congo, to assess and address the linkages between environmental damage and the impacts on human health, livelihoods, and security. He is now leading UNEP's efforts to provide technical expertise on environment, conflict, and peacebuilding to the Peacebuilding Commission, the United Nations Development Group, and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

**Carl Bruch** is a Senior Attorney and Co-Director of International Programs at the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), and he also co-chairs the IUCN Specialist Group on Armed Conflict and the Environment. His research focuses on making environmental law work. He has extensive experience internationally in helping countries develop and implement laws, policies, and institutional frameworks to effectively manage water resources, biodiversity, forests, and other natural resources.

**Jon Unruh** is a Professor in the Department of Geography at McGill University. His research and policy work over the past 20 years has dealt with post-conflict land tenure in the developing world. His past endeavors have focused on conflict resolution, land policy and law, legal pluralism, approaches to reconciling customary and formal tenure systems, and agriculture in postwar and peacebuilding scenarios. His research and policy experience includes work vastly in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin and Central America.

**Christian Webersik** is a JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellow at UNU-IAS. There, he researches links between drought and political violence. His general research interests are the role of natural resources in armed conflict, climate change and security, natural hazards and development, and post-conflict economic recovery. Prior to UNU-IAS, Webersik briefly worked as report writer for UNDP's Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery and prior, he was at the Earth Institute of Columbia University.

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**Mikiko Sugiura** is an Assistant Professor of the Department of Biological and Environment Engineering, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Tokyo. Her field-based research focuses on Water Resources Management, especially on how to manage water scarcity and conflict when people have too little water during an abnormal dry period or suffer from too much water during floods. She has also contributed to agricultural public reports as an author, and participated in an OECD Expert Meeting of water pricing as an expert.