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H.E Katrín Jakobsdóttir,
Former Prime Minister of Iceland

Katrín Jakobsdóttir served as the Prime Minister of Iceland from November 2017 to April 2024. She also served as Minister of Education, Science and Culture and Minister of Nordic Cooperation from 2009 to 2013. Jakobsdóttir was the Chairman of the Left-Green Movement from 2013 to 2024, having served as Deputy Chairman from 2003 to 2013. Jakobsdóttir was a Member of the Icelandic Parliament from 2007 to 2024. She was the Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders from 2020 to 2024.

Katrín Jakobsdóttir is married and together they have three sons. She holds a master's degree in Icelandic Literature and a bachelor's degree with a major in Icelandic and minor in French from the University of Iceland. Before being elected to parliament she worked in the media, as a publishing editor, and in teaching.

CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR



Sir Andrew Haines,
Professor of Environmental Change and Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM),
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir Andrew Haines' work has focused on environmental influences on health, including the health impacts of climate change and the health co-benefits of climate action. He is co-Chair of the Lancet Pathfinder Commission and broader Wellcome Trust-funded Pathfinder Initiative. He has chaired and been a member of many international committees, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for the second, third and fifth assessment exercises. Haines was Director of LSHTM from 2001 to 2010 and until recently co-director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Health at LSHTM. He was awarded the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement in 2022.

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Majlinda Bregu,

Former Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and Minister of European Integration, Albania

Majlinda Bregu served as the Minister of European Integration and Government Spokeswoman from 2007 to 2013 in the Government of Albania. She was a member of the Albanian Parliament from 2005 until 2017 representing Tirana County. Bregu served for two mandates as Secretary General of the RCC (2019–2024). During her tenure, she achieved notable milestones, including the endorsement of three key regional frameworks: the establishment of the Common Regional Market for the Western Balkans (2020–2024 and 2025–2028), the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and the Southeast Europe Strategy 2030.



Professor Hans Bruyninckx,

Former Executive Director of the European Environment Agency

Hans Bruyninckx has over 20 years of research experience in areas including environmental politics, climate change and sustainable development. He was head of the European Environment Agency from 2013 to 2023. He has taught on global environmental politics and global environmental governance in relation to the European Union (EU), publishing extensively on EU environmental policies and its role as an actor in global environmental governance.

Bruyninckx completed a PhD in international environmental politics at Colorado State University in 1996. From 2010 to 2013, he was head of the policy-oriented research institute, HIVA, in Leuven, Belgium. He was head of the Political Science department at Leuven University from 2007 to 2010. Throughout his career Bruyninckx has worked with and advised governmental agencies, civil society and businesses.



Sandrine Dixson-Declève,

Honorary President of the Club of Rome and Executive Chair, Earth4All

Sandrine Dixson-Declève is an expert in complex systems analysis; international and European climate; energy; sustainable development; social and environmental tipping points; and sustainable finance policy development and implementation.

Over the last 35 years she has worked with royalty and business, academic, government and nonprofit leaders.

Sandrine is the author of the acclaimed book *Earth for All: A Survival Guide for Humanity* translated into 10 languages. She is a TEDGlobal and TEDx speaker and was awarded the Aenne Burda Award for Creative Leadership in 2024. She has been named as one of the “top 50 woman over 50” leading on climate by Forbes.

Today, Sandrine is the Honorary President and Global Ambassador for the Club of Rome, Executive Chair of the global initiative Earth4All, co-Chair and co-Founder of the System Transformation Hub and sits on multiple corporate, academic and international boards and advisory boards. She is a Climate Governance Commissioner, a Wellbeing Economy Alliance Ambassador and a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science. She is also a professor at the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium.



Dr Omnia El Omrani,

Climate Change and Health Policy Fellow, Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Omnia El Omrani is a medical doctor and policy fellow with eight years of experience in developing strategies at the intersection of climate change, human health and intergenerational equity to unlock systematic change for the health and prosperity of communities globally. She was the First Youth Envoy for the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs and for the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) President.

El Omrani was also the Health Envoy for COP28 where she was instrumental in permanently institutionalizing the youth role in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and supported showcasing youth-led efforts on climate and health.



Professor Enrico Giovannini,

Former Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility, Italy

Enrico Giovannini is a professor of Economic statistics and Sustainable development at the University of Rome “Tor Vergata” and a professor and the National School of Administration. He was Minister of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility in the Draghi government (February 2021–October 2022) and Minister of Labour and Social Policies in the Letta government (April 2013–February 2014). He is co-founder and Scientific Director of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development, a coalition of more than 300 organizations, established to implement the United Nations 2030 Agenda in Italy. He was Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (2001–2009) and President of the Italian Statistical Institute (2009–2013). In October 2014, the President of the Italian Republic made him “Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica”, the highest-ranking honour of the Italian Republic and in January 2023 he received an honorary PhD in sustainable development and climate change. He is the author of more than 130 articles published on national and international journals and eight books on statistical and economic topics.



Khatuna Gogaladze,

Former Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia

Khatuna Gogaladze is an environmental professional with over 20 years of experience providing leadership and strategic recommendations to governmental entities, nongovernmental organizations and multilateral institutions in environmental policy development processes.

Gogaladze possesses extensive expertise in translating policies into actionable strategies. Her contributions include the development of several national policy documents in the field of environment.

As Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (2012–2014), she initiated several reforms and led the development of national environmental policies aligned with the EU–Georgia Association Agreement. In 2014, she was elected Vice-President of the Bureau of the United Nations Environmental Assembly, representing eastern European countries.

Gogaladze is a founder of the organization GEO Outlook which is dedicated to promoting good environmental performance across various industries and provides consultancy services to public and private entities in Georgia.



Connie Hedegaard,

Professional board member, former Minister of Environment of Denmark and EU Commissioner for Climate Action

Connie Hedegaard was the Danish Minister of Environment and of Climate and Energy from 2004 to 2009 and EU Commissioner for Climate Action from 2010 to 2014. She is Chair of the OECD Round Table for Sustainable Development and the EU's Mission on Adaptation to Climate. Today she is a professional board member among others in Danfoss, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) and the Villum Foundation.

Hedegaard holds degrees in history and literature from the University of Copenhagen. She was elected for the first time to the Danish Parliament in 1984. She has 14 years of experience in journalism, among others, as Head of Radio News and the Danish Broadcasting Corporation (DR), and as a TV anchor.



Professor Ernst Kuipers,

Vice President (Research) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and former Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

Ernst Kuipers served as Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and as President and chief executive officer of the Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam, Netherlands (Kingdom of the). He was also a member of the Governing Board of the National University Health System in Singapore, a member of the Board of the Curaçao Medical Center and chair of the Netherlands Federation of University Medical Centers as well as the European University Hospital Alliance.

Professor Kuipers is a medical doctor with specialized training and practice in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He is a Fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association, Honorary Member of the European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group and an Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology. An esteemed scholar, Professor Kuipers is the recipient of many awards.



Professor Dr Karl Lauterbach

Member of the German Bundestag and former Federal Minister of Health, Germany

Karl Lauterbach studied medicine in Aachen and Düsseldorf, Germany and in Texas, United States of America. He holds a doctorate in Health Policy and Management, from Harvard University, United States.

Dr Lauterbach has been a Member of the German Bundestag (federal parliament) since 2005. He is currently on leave as Head of the Institute for Health Economics and Clinical Epidemiology at the Medical Faculty of the University of Cologne, Germany. Since 2008, he has also been an Adjunct Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. From December 2021 to May 2025, he served as the Federal Minister of Health of Germany.



Sulton Rahimzoda,

Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management, Tajikistan

Sulton Rahimzoda is a champion of the Water Sector Reform in Tajikistan. He was appointed as Chair of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea from 2005 to 2008. Since then, Rahimzoda has held positions in the Executive Office of the President and the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan.

He was a member of the International Steering Committee of the first Asia-Pacific Water Summit held in 2007 in Beppu, Japan and Co-Chair of the International Steering Committees of the High-Level International Conference on Water Cooperation in 2013 and the High-Level International Conference on Implementation of the International Decade for Action "Water for Life", 2005–2015 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.



Dr Hülya Şirin,

Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, Gülhane School of Medicine, University of Health Sciences, Türkiye

Hülya Şirin is a medical doctor and holds a PhD in public health. She served as a scientific advisor to the Director-General at the Ministry of Health's General Directorate of Public Health, Türkiye, where she contributed to policy development on the health impacts of climate change. She represented the Ministry of Health at various national and international meetings, including the World Health Assembly (2014 and 2015) and the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (2014).

Her research focuses on climate change and health, risk communication and environmental health literacy. She teaches PhD courses in global crises and health impact, maternal and child health, health literacy, epidemiology, health education and migrant health.