

Panel 4. Solutions to Climate Change: Growing Decent Jobs (1 March 2015, 10:00 – 11:30)
Biographies

Mr. Michael Renner, Senior Research, The Worldwatch Institute (Moderator)



Michael Renner is a Senior Researcher at the Worldwatch Institute, where he serves as co-director of the State of the World book series and manages the Institute's Vital Signs series, an online and print publication. In 2007–2008, Michael was the lead author of a report on green jobs commissioned by the United Nations Environment Programme, and he is also consulting for the International Labour Organization and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) on this topic. He was lead author of IRENA's 2012 report on Renewable Energy Jobs and Access and is one of the main authors of Renewable Energy and Jobs, released at the World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi in January 2014. Prior to joining Worldwatch in 1987,

Michael was a Corliss Lamont Fellow at Columbia University, and a research associate at the World Policy Institute in New York City.

Hon. Miles Sampa Deputy Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

[Bio to be added]

Professor Robert Pollin, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts



Robert Pollin's research centers on macroeconomics, conditions for low-wage workers in the U.S. and globally, the analysis of financial markets, and the economics of building a clean-energy economy in the U.S. Professor Pollin has worked recently as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Energy, the International Labour Organization and numerous non-governmental organizations on various aspects of building high-employment green economies, and is currently directing a project with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on this topic. He has also directed projects on employment creation and poverty reduction in sub-Saharan Africa for the United Nations Development Program, and has been a member of the United States Competitive Policy Council. He is presently a member of the Scientific Advisory

Committee of the European Commission project on Financialization, Economy, Society, and Sustainable Development.

Dr. Gayle Schueller, Vice President, Global Sustainability, 3M Company



Dr. Gayle Schueller is 3M's Vice President of Global Sustainability. She is responsible for the company's integrated strategy to deliver customer solutions to meet their sustainability challenges and to operate in a way that advances environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic success for all 3M stakeholders. Gayle started in 3M's corporate laboratory as a product development specialist and has over 20 years of technical and business leadership experience. Her career spans a broad range of businesses from electronics to healthcare to consumer industries. She has led technical and business teams from around the world including Europe, Asia,

Latin America and North America.

Gayle earned a BS in Physics from the State University of New York at Geneseo and a Ph.D. in Materials Science from the University of Virginia.

Mr. Peter Poschen, Director, ILO (*Discussant*)



Mr Poschen has over 25 years of experience on four continents in sustainable development with a focus on the social dimensions of the use of natural resources. He is currently Director of the Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department of the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva, where he continues to be responsible for the coordination of the ILO Global Green Jobs Programme. After joining the ILO in 1986, Mr Poschen has served in various capacities: providing technical support to the infrastructure field programmes in Africa (1988-90), forestry and wood industries specialist in the Sectoral Activities Department (1991-94), coordinator of the Environment and World of Work Country Programme, based in Santiago, Chile (1994/95), team leader in the Sectoral Activities Department (1996-2002), coordinator of the Decent Work Pilot Programmes in the Policy Integration Department (2002-2005) and Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development (2006-2009).

Before joining the ILO, Mr Poschen served as a volunteer in Ethiopia (1981-84) and worked as a researcher at the University of Freiburg. Mr Poschen holds a PhD in sciences from the University of Freiburg in Germany (1987), an MSc in forestry (1980) and a Diploma in 'Modelling and accounting for sustainable development' from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (2006).