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Speakers

Name	Position	Organisation	Biography	Picture
Anders Wijkman	Honorary President	Club of Rome	Anders Wijkman is an opinionmaker and is the Honorary President of the Club of Rome. Anders dedicated his career to addressing the environmental and societal challenges of our time. He has been chairman of the Swedish Association of Recycling Industries, a member of the Board of Swedish International Development cooperation Agency (SIDA) and served as a member of the European Parliament.	
Jakob Granit	Director-General	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	Dr. Jakob Granit is an experienced leader, manager and researcher in sustainable development. He has 30 years of global experience working with freshwater and ocean management issues from the World Bank, Stockholm Environment Institute, the Global Environment Facility Scientific and Technical Panel (STAP) and Sida. He has also worked at the Stockholm Environment Institute and the Stockholm International Water Management Institute.	
Natalia Alexeeva	Dr., Coordinator	UN Decade of Ecosystems	Dr. Natalia Alekseeva is the Coordinator of the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration with UNEP. She has over 20 years of experience in the field of environmental protection, climate change, water management and development. Natalia started her career in academia and education, then consulted and managed projects for various multi- and bi-lateral organizations.	

<p>Clarisse Kehler Siebert</p>	<p>Swedish EPA, Co-Chair for the Bern synergies process for cooperation among MEAs</p>	<p>Swedish EPA, Co-Chair for the Bern synergies process for cooperation among MEAs</p>	<p>Clarisse Kehler Siebert is an environmental lawyer with expertise in climate change research, intergovernmental negotiations, and impact investment. She has managed a broad climate impact research portfolio at the Stockholm Environment Institute and contributed to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as a nominee of Sweden. Clarisse recently served as Executive Director of Nexus for Development.</p>	
<p>Muralee Thummarukudy</p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>UNCCD</p>	<p>Dr Muralee Thummarukudy has over three decades of experience as a progressive senior management and technical expertise in land restoration issues. He has most recently served as the acting Head of the Disasters and Conflicts Programme at the United Nations Environment Programme, where he implemented a portfolio of over 100 million USD, focusing on ecosystem-based disaster reduction and partnership development.</p>	
<p>August Temu</p>	<p>Professor</p>	<p>Sokoine University of Agriculture College of Forestry Wildlife and Tourism</p>	<p>Prof. August Temu is an experienced forester and educator and has published extensively on forestry, agricultural and natural resources education and research in Eastern Africa. He has led the Partnerships and Impact Directorate at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF). He was the first Executive Secretary of The African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAPE).</p>	
<p>Aida Bargaés Tobella</p>	<p>Researcher</p>	<p>Department of Forest Ecology and Management, SLU</p>	<p>Dr.Aida Bargaes Tobella is a researcher at SLU at the Department of Forest Ecology and Management. She is a soil scientist and ecohydrologist specialized in restoring and sustainably managing tropical dryland ecosystems. Her research focuses on tree-based restoration and agroforestry to improve soil health, water availability, and ecosystem services, with a focus on dryland sub-Saharan Africa.</p>	

<p>Nenibarini Zabbey</p>	<p>Professor, Project Coordinator HYPREP</p>	<p>HYPREP</p>	<p>Prof. Nenibarin Zabbey i is the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) under Nigeria’s Federal Ministry of Environment. He is a professor of biomonitoring and restoration ecology at the University of Port Harcourt and previously served as a UNEP Senior National Expert on Mangrove Ecosystems. Nenibarini’s extensive research on the Niger Delta’s streams, creeks, rivers, wetlands, and estuaries has provided critical insights into the region’s aquatic ecology.</p>	
<p>Johan Hollander</p>	<p>Professor</p>	<p>World Maritime University</p>	<p>Prof. Johan Hollander is a professor in sustainable marine management & ocean governance. He holds the Nippon Chair of Sustainable Marine Management and Ocean Governance. His research is strongly associated with applied science such as global climate change, and ecosystem-based sustainable marine management. His research group studies how to mitigate coastal erosion in Sweden and the Western Indian Ocean using green infrastructure such as beach nourishment and restoration of seagrass meadows.</p>	