

Planetary Dialogue: The Future of Sustainable Development in #Worldaftercorona

SDPI & Pardee Center at Boston University Plenary

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Host: Dr Adil Najam



Dr Adil Najam is the inaugural Dean of the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University, USA. He is also a Professor of International Relations and of Earth and Environment. Earlier, Prof. Adil Najam served as Vice Chancellor of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Lahore, Pakistan and as the Director of the Boston University Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future. In addition to Boston University, Najam has taught at MIT and at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. His research focuses on issues of global public policy, especially those related to global climate change, South Asia, Muslim countries, environment and development, and human development.

Dr Najam was a co-author for the Third and Fourth Assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - work for which the scientific panel was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for advancing the public understanding of climate change science. In 2010, he was awarded the *Sitara-i-Imtiaz* (Star of Excellence), one of Pakistan's highest civil awards by the President of Pakistan. In 2019, he was appointed to the Prime Minister of Pakistan's Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs.

Dr Najam has written over 100 scholarly papers and book chapters. His recent books include *South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures* (2013). He was also the lead author for the 2017 *Pakistan National Human Development Report* on youth.

In conversation with:



Walk don't drive. Use public transport and don't drive private cars. Get serious about conservation. We must have designated places where only conservation takes place. She is noted for her directness. She is a strong advocator of people power.

Ms Yolanda Kakabadse's work with the environmental conservation movement officially began in 1979, when she was appointed Executive Director of Fundación Natura in Quito, where she worked until 1990. During this time, she helped Fundación Natura become one of Latin America's most important environmental organizations and, in 1993, she created Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano, an organisation dedicated to promoting the sustainable development of Latin America through conflict prevention and management. She was its Executive President until 2006. From 1990 until 1992, Ms Kakabadse coordinated the participation of civil society organisations for the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development (Earth Summit) in Geneva.

From 1996 to 2004, she was President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN). In August 1998, Ms Kakabadse was appointed Minister of Environment for the Republic of Ecuador - a position she held until January 2000. During 2001, she was a visiting professor at Yale's School of Forestry and Environment, USA. She has been co-chair of the Environmental Sustainability Task Force of the UN Millennium Project; and the Scientific and Technology Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (STAP / GEF). Ms Kakabadse was WWF's International President from 2010-17; and is a Member of the Board of several national and international organisations of civil society and the private sector.



Dr Sunita Narain is a Delhi-based environmentalist and author. She is currently the Director General of Center for Science and Environment (CSE) and Editor of the fortnightly magazine, *Down To Earth*.

Dr Narain plays an active role in policy formulation on issues of environment and development in India and globally. She has co-authored influential publications on India's environment, conducted in-depth research on the governance and management of the country's environment and directed campaigns on air pollution control, community water management, sustainable industrialisation and food & toxins, among others. She has also worked extensively on climate change, with a particular interest in advocating for an ambitious and equitable global agreement.

Dr Narain continues to serve on national and international committees on environment. She was a member of the Indian Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change and has been awarded the *Padma Shri* - the fourth highest civilian honour. In 2005, the Centre for Science and Environment, under her leadership was also awarded the Stockholm Water Prize. In 2016, Time magazine selected her as one of the most influential people in the world. She received *The Order of the Polar Star* award from the Swedish Government in 2017. CSE received the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2018. Dr Narain was included in the list of the 'World's 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy' for 2019 by *Apolitical*.



Ms Alice Ruhweza joined WWF as Regional Director for Africa in July 2019. Her role is to develop and lead WWF in Africa so that it is highly influential and able to shape the sustainability agenda of Africa domestically and globally.

Prior to WWF, Ms Ruhweza worked for Conservation International, first as Executive Director of the Vital Signs Programme, where she championed data-driven policy making in four countries and helped expand to 12 additional countries. She later served as Interim Vice President of Sustainable Production, where she engaged across sectors to co-design a program to enable African governments and businesses to adopt sustainable pathways for production sectors, including agriculture, mining, oil and gas, fisheries, and renewable energy. In her last year at CI, she was promoted to Vice President of Programs and Partnerships, where she brought together science, strategy, and fundraising to build stronger programmes and align regional-level and interrelated country-level work across the continent.

Prior to joining CI, Ms Ruhweza was Team Leader of the Global Environment Finance Unit in Africa for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Prior to joining UNDP, she worked for the National Environment Management Authority in Uganda, Forest Trends (USA), Sprint Corporation (USA), and as a consultant for the World Bank, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch, the UNFCCC Secretariat, the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development, and the Institute for European Environmental Policy on a wide range of issues.



Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr is the Director of the Julien J. Studley Graduate Programs in International Affairs and Professor of International Affairs at The New School. Her teaching and research have focused on human rights and development, global health, and global goal setting and governance by indicators.

Prof. Fukuda-Parr's most recent appointments include the UN Committee on Development Policy as Vice Chair, the Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines and Innovation, and Boards of Knowledge Ecology International and International Association for Feminist Economics. She directs the Independent Panel on Global Governance for Health at the University of Oslo, and also serves as Distinguished Fellow at the JICA Research Institute, Tokyo.

From 1995 to 2004, she was lead author and director of the UNDP Human Development Reports. Her recent publications include *Millennium Development Goals: Ideas, Interests and Influence* (2017); *Fulfilling Social and Economic Rights* (with T. Lawson-Remer and S. Randolph, 2015) - winner of the American Political Science Association's 2016 Best Book in Human Rights Scholarship and the 2019 Grawemeyer Prize for Ideas to Improve the World Order.

Plenary Organiser:

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