

Green Fiscal Policy Network Side-event:

## Delivering the Paris Climate Agreement – The role of green fiscal reforms in the transport sector

Friday 28 September, 08:45-10:30am  
19th Global Conference on Environmental Taxation

### *Speaker biographies*

**Jesús Gascón Catalán,**  
Director of the Spanish Tax Agency

Jesús Gascón Catalán is the Director General of the State Agency of Tax Administration of Spain. He is the State Finance Inspector and Service Inspector and has previously held the positions of Director General of Taxes, Director of the Tax Management Department and Deputy Director of the Organization, Planning and Institutional Relations Department of the Tax Agency. Likewise, he has been Permanent Technical Secretary of the Joint Coordination Commission, Deputy General Director of Tax Verification and Control and Deputy General Director of Juridical Assistance and Regulatory Coordination of the Tax Management Department. In addition to his positions in the administration, Mr. Gascón has carried out consultancies and participated in meetings and seminars in Latin America, the European Union and OECD; published and conducted courses and conferences on tax policy, law and tax procedures and tax administration for different public and private organizations.



**Jaqueline Cottrell**

Senior Policy Advisory, Green Budget Europe (GBE)

Jacqueline Cottrell is Senior Policy Advisor to GBE and has worked with GBE from its inception in 2008. Jacqueline works as an environmental policy consultant for numerous international organisations, including GIZ, the German development agency, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development, and has worked for GBE’s founder organisation, FÖS, since 2004. Jacqueline has published widely in the field of environmental economic policy, as co-editor of *Critical Issues in Environmental Taxation, Vol VI* (Oxford University Press 2009), lead author of *Green Revenues for Green Energy* (IISD and CNREC 2013), and as contributor to *Paying the Polluter* (Edward Elgar 2014). Jacqueline has an M.A. in International Peace and Security and is on the international programme committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Environmental Taxation.



**Philip Gass,**

Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Programme, Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI) of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Philip Gass is a Senior Policy Advisor, Energy and Lead, Indonesia with the Energy program at GSI. He specializes in climate change and energy policy at the sub-national and national level in North America and Indonesia, and international developments within the UNFCCC process. His recent work has focused on the development of provincial climate change strategies, GHG mitigation policy for state owned enterprises in developing countries, the green economy in Canada and internationally, energy policy (including CCS stakeholder engagement), early reduction allowances within the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) and engagement of the private sector in international climate negotiations. Prior to joining IISD in 2008, Philip spent three years with the Official Opposition Caucus in the Manitoba Legislature as a substantive policy researcher specializing in the portfolios of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines (including climate change) and Manitoba Hydro.



## **Rob de Jong**

Head of Air Quality and Mobility Unit, Economy Division, UN Environment

Prior to joining the United Nations, Rob worked as a consultant and for the Netherlands Government. In 1996 he joined UN-HABITAT to work for the joint UNEP/ UN-HABITAT Sustainable Cities Programme, supporting cities to develop their urban environmental planning and management capacities. In 1998 he joined UNEP to work on urban environment issues. In 2000 he became the Special Assistant for the Director of the Division of Policy Development and Law in UNEP. From 2002 to 2008 he set up and managed UNEP's Urban Environment Unit. Since 1 April 2008 Rob has been heading the Transport Unit which works on promoting and supporting sustainable and low carbon transport. The Unit's work includes: cleaner fuel, cleaner and more efficient vehicles; non-motorised transport; clean ports; clean busses, electric mobility, including electric 2&3 wheelers. Mr de Jong holds an Engineer's Degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master's Degree in Environmental Policy.



## **Joy Kim**

Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economy Division, UN Environment

Dr Joy A. Kim has been working in the area of macro-economic and environmental policies for nearly 20 years, focusing in particular on the interface between fiscal policy, trade policy and green economy policy. She is currently leading a project on 'fiscal policy and the green economy' at UN Environment and serves as the co-chair of the Fiscal Instruments Research Committee of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP). Before joining UN Environment, she worked as an economist/senior policy analyst at the Environment as well as the Trade/Agriculture Directorates of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris; a research associate at the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) in Tokyo; Visiting Professor at the Aoyamagakuin University in Tokyo; PhD researcher at the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research in the UK; and Assistant researcher at the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy in Seoul. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of East Anglia in the UK.



### **Eike Meyer, Advisor**

Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure Division, GIZ

Eike Meyer is an Adviser with the German Development Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). From 2010 to 2015 he was a staff member of Green Budget Germany (GBG) and its Vice Director since 2012. In 2014 he was also Interim Director of the GBG project Green Budget Europe (GBE). From its establishment as an independent organization in the end of 2014 until the beginning of 2016, he represented GBG as treasurer in the GBE Board. Since 2015, he has also been a member of the GBG board. He has a degree in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Potsdam.



### **Ian Parry**

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Ian Parry is the Principal Environmental Fiscal Policy Expert in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Fiscal Affairs Department, where he specializes in fiscal analysis of climate change, environment and energy issues since 2010. Before joining the IMF, Mr Parry was the first appointee to the Allen V. Kneese Chair in Environmental Economics at Resources for the Future. Currently, Mr Parry's research focuses on developing analytical models to quantify the economic impacts and efficient levels of environmental, energy and transportation policies. Mr Parry has a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago. He has published over fifty papers in professional journals.



## **Kurt van Dender**

Head of the Tax and Environment Unit, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

Kurt Van Dender is a Senior Tax Economist leading the Tax and Environment Unit, which is part of the Tax Policy and Statistics Division of the OECD's Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, since 2013. Previously, he was Chief Economist at the International Transport Forum and Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics at the University of California at Irvine. He also worked as a researcher at the University of Leuven (Belgium), where he obtained his Ph.D. with a dissertation on the economics of road pricing. Kurt's work focuses on the use of taxes as instruments of environmental policy, and on tax policy more broadly. Some of his work is published in leading academic journals, and he is an author of several reports published by the International Transport Forum and the OECD. He is a frequent speaker at, and an occasional organizer of, policy research and policy supporting events.

