

CCAP MAIN-Latin American Regional Dialogue

Collected Speaker Biographies

Christopher A. Coes, Managing Director, LOCUS

Christopher A. Coes is the Managing Director for LOCUS, a network of real estate developers and investors who advocate for sustainable, walkable development. He works with real estate developers and investors across the country to advance LOCUS' public policy agenda and business opportunities. Prior to joining LOCUS, Christopher served as a Consultant for Government Affairs and Campaigns at M+R Strategic Services. As a consultant, Christopher worked with various clients including Transportation for America – a broad, diverse and unprecedented coalition advocating for a national vision for a 21st century transportation system. For nearly three years, Christopher served as Transportation for America's Senior Campaign Advisor and Deputy Director, where he was responsible for the day to day operations and advising the Campaign on its legislative and political strategies. In addition to his work on transportation issues, Christopher brings over five years of experience in government relations, political advocacy and electoral campaigns. Christopher received a BA/MA in Government and Politics from St. John's University, specializing in Public Administration and International Relations

Paolo Cozzi, International Policy Analyst, Center for Clean Air Policy

Paolo joined CCAP in August 2012, as part of CCAP's Latin America and the Caribbean team. He helps to organize Mitigation Action Implementation Network (MAIN) dialogues, convening high-level climate change policymakers from developing countries, donor country representatives, and subject matter experts in off-the-record discussions to catalyze progress on development of nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs). He also works directly with MAIN country governments, helping to develop strong NAMAs in a variety of sectors, and has provided on-the-ground support for NAMAs in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Peru. His work has involved organizing capacity building workshops, supervising consultants, policy design, and submission of NAMAs for international funding. He has also been working with the government of Colombia on development of their Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to the 2015 climate agreement. Prior to coming onboard at CCAP, Paolo worked with Tufts University's Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, providing research support on technology transfer in clean energy, and worked with Carbon Capture and Sequestration projects with the Department of Energy's office of Risk Management and Financial policy. Paolo holds an MA in International Environmental Policy from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Claudia Díaz, Technical Advisor, USAID Low Carbon Resilient Program

Claudia Díaz is a Technical Advisor at the USAID Low Carbon Resilient Development program. From January 2012 to August 2014, she was the Climate Change Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Transportation at the Colombian Ministry of Transportation. Claudia was also involved in the development of the Colombian Low Emission Developing Strategy, under the implementation of the EC-LEDS USAID/FS program. She is an Environmental Engineer holding an M.S. in Civil Engineering, with a focus on Transportation, from the Universidad de los Andes.

John German, Senior Fellow for the International Council for Clean Transportation

John German is a Senior Fellow for the International Council for Clean Transportation, with primary responsibility for technology innovation and U.S. policy development. John has been involved with advanced vehicle technology and efficiency since joining Chrysler in 1976, where he spent 8 years in Powertrain Engineering working on fuel economy issues. He then spent 13 years doing research and writing regulations for the EPA's Office of Mobile Sources' laboratory in Ann Arbor, MI. Prior to joining ICCT 6 years ago, he spent 11 years as Manager of Environmental and Energy Analyses for American Honda Motor Company, with an emphasis on being a liaison between Honda's R&D staff in Japan and regulatory affairs. John is the author of a book on hybrid gasoline-electric vehicles published by SAE and a variety of technical papers on topics including the future of hybrid vehicles, technology costs and benefits, consumer valuation of fuel savings, feebates, and light truck trends. He was the first recipient of the Barry D. McNutt award, presented annually by SAE for Excellence in Automotive Policy Analysis. He has a bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Michigan and got over half way through an MBA before he came to his senses.

Ned Helme, President, Center for Clean Air Policy

Ned Helme is the founder and president of the Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP). As a leading expert on climate and air policy, he advises Members of the U.S. Congress, state and international governments, the European Commission and developing countries on these issues. He is the author of more than 50 key studies on climate change, air quality, electricity regulation, and transportation policy. With more than twenty-five years experience in climate and air policy, Mr. Helme has a broad and deep understanding of cap-and-trade programs and other market and nonmarket approaches to addressing climate change

Ivan Islas Cortés, Director of Sectoral Economics, National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), Mexico

Ivan Islas is the Director of the Environmental Economics Division at INE, now the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), where has been since 2007. He is actively conducting research and economic analysis on issues such as energy efficiency in the transport and building sectors, mitigation actions for short-lived climate pollutants, the economic value of

biodiversity and the economics of climate change. He has also been teaching various courses and seminars in Environmental Economics and Economic Valuation. Ivan has a Master's degree in Environmental Economics and Natural Resources from the University College of London, which he received in 2003. He completed his undergraduate studies in Economics at the "Universidad de Las Americas-Puebla" in 2000.

Charles Kooshian, Transportation Policy Analyst, Center for Clean Air Policy

Charles (Chuck) Kooshian has more than 20 years' experience in transportation and land use planning for regional and local government. At CCAP, Chuck evaluates international and domestic transportation and land policy alternatives and their effects on greenhouse gas emissions, governmental planning processes and institutional coordination issues. He has been instrumental in developing a Transit-Oriented Development NAMA for Colombia as part of the MAIN project. He was the lead author of *Growing Wealthier: Smart Growth, Climate Change and Prosperity* (CCAP 2011). He has also prepared urban planning guidelines for new growth in Saudi Arabia, which are being considered for adoption nationwide. Before joining CCAP, Chuck developed travel demand models for public and private use in California, Michigan, Florida and Texas. As a member of the Joint Action Committee for the Improvement of Air Quality in the Paso del Norte Basin, he formulated recommendations for cooperative actions to reduce pollution along the U.S.–Mexico border region. Chuck holds an MS in Urban and Environmental Systems from Florida International University and a BA in Political Science from the University of California Berkeley.

Gianni Lopez, Director, Centro Premio Nobel Mario Molina

Gianni Lopez is a mechanical engineer with more than 20 years of experience in environmental management in Chile and in South America. During the nineties he was in charge of the process that defined the emission standards for new vehicles in Chile, including the project that created the national vehicle emission labs. After that he was appointed as the technical director of National Environmental Agency at the Metropolitan Region of Santiago, CONAMA. In 2000 he was appointed as Regional Director of CONAMA, where he was in front of the process for the definition and implementation of the Decontamination Plan for Santiago, including actions like diesel desulfuration to 50 ppm. Two years later he became National Director of the Environmental Agency. Since 2004 he has been on the Board of Directors of the Mario Molina Center – Chile, a private center for air quality investigation and sustainability policies, working in Chile and South America (sponsored by Professor Mario Molina, who won the Nobel Prize in 1995). Gianni has a long experience working in air pollution issues in Latin America. He was president of Regional World Bank's Clean Air Initiative from 2000 to 2002, and he had worked on projects with the Swedish International Cooperation Agency, the Swiss Cooperation Agency, and the World Bank. Today, he is the coordinator of the action plan in Latin America for a Global UNEP initiative called the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles. Gianni has a Master's degree in management and technological entrepreneurship.

Alejandro Morales, Special Projects Coordinator, Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development, Mexico

Alejandro Morales joined SEDATU in 2014 as a Public Policy and Urban Mobility Advisor for the Under Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. He was committed to coordinate the design of the National Program of Urban Mobility that has been approved as a new institutional mechanism to promote local policies and projects. Alejandro is also in charge of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) pilot project that aims to improve the regulatory framework and local government capacities for TOD. Prior to joining SEDATU, Alejandro has been a cyclist and urban advocate. He worked with the Institute of Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) and the National Network of Urban Cyclists (BICIREDA). He was the coordinator of a National Campaign that aimed to increase the federal budget for non motorized mobility projects (5% para la BICI). He holds a BA in Publica and Policy and Affairs from El Colegio de Mexico.

Rachel Muncrief, Program Lead, the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)

Rachel Muncrief's current work focuses on the development of policies and strategies to reduce emissions and fuel consumption from heavy-duty vehicles worldwide. Rachel previously worked at The University of Houston where she conducted research focused in the area of NOx and PM emissions reduction for diesel applications as well as full scale heavy-duty vehicle and engine testing of vehicle technologies and fuels. Rachel holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering with a focus in catalysis and reactor engineering from Tulane University, an MBA from The University of Houston, and a BS in Chemistry from The University of Miami.

Georg Schmid, Principal Advisor, GIZ-México

Georg Schmid is a principal advisor at GIZ-México. Born in Linz, Austria, Georg has specialized in the field of environment, energy and transport both through his academic studies and professional experience in both the public and private sector. He began his career as a political analyst in the department of Energy, Environment and Transport at the Austrian Foreign Ministry. Afterwards he worked for three years at EMBARQ-México as consultant for environmental economics and regulation. Currently he works at the German Cooperation Agency for International Development (GIZ) in Mexico, where he cooperates with the Mexican Ministries of Environmental and Transport in order to develop a Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) that aims to improve energy efficiency in the terrestrial freight transport.

Joshua Silver, Community Planner, District of Columbia Office of Planning

Joshua Silver joined the D.C. Office of Planning in June 2014 as the Ward 1 - Neighborhood Planning Coordinator. Mr. Silver is responsible for managing and developing planning studies and serves as a liaison to elected officials and community stakeholders on land use, development, and planning issues in the District of Columbia. Prior to joining the Office of Planning, Mr.

Silver worked for seven years as a planner at the Montgomery County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission in the Historic Preservation Section. His work at the planning department focused on historic preservation, design review analysis, and land use planning. Mr. Silver holds a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University at Albany, State University of New York and is certified by the U.S. Green Building Certification Institute. Mr. Silver is a District resident and an avid cyclist that enjoys experiencing cities by bicycle.

Alejandro Pablo Taddia, Lead Transport Specialist in the Transport Division of the Infrastructure and Environment Department, Inter-American Development Bank

Alejandro Pablo Taddia works at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as a Lead Transport Specialist in the Transport Division of the Infrastructure and Environment Department. He has led or participated in technical and economic studies of land, urban, air and maritime transportation, preparation and administration of infrastructure loans and technical cooperation, and coordination of transport policies. Since 2012, Alejandro has coordinated the development and implementation of the IDB road safety strategy. Before joining the IDB, Alejandro worked in Argentina at the Transport Secretariat (Ministry of Infrastructure) and the Renegotiation Commission of Public Works Concession Contracts (Ministry of Economy). Alejandro is a civil engineer with a specialty in transportation from the University of Buenos Aires, and a Master of Engineering degree in transportation planning and economy from the University of California at Berkeley.

Felipe Targa, Senior Urban Transport Specialist, World Bank

Felipe Targa was Deputy Transport Minister of Colombia from 2010 to 2012. Before joining the World Bank he was founder and Director of the SEGC CityLab, a multidisciplinary consultancy center for academic research, supporting innovation in planning and design of green and equitable urban transport and public space infrastructure. Prior to this, Felipe worked in Colombia's National Planning Department (1998-2001), on a special task force responsible for designing the first National Urban Transport Policy and conceptualizing the first group of Colombia's BRT systems. From 2004 to 2010, he was Senior Transport Specialist at the IDB. Felipe has been involved in the climate change agenda, participating in COPs and designing two innovative urban transport programs: a CTF Investment Plan and a TOD NAMA for Colombia. Mr. Targa holds a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina, and is a Ph.D. candidate in Transport Systems at the University of Maryland.

John Thomas, Director, Community Assistance and Research Division (CARD), Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), USEPA

John Thomas is the Director of Community Assistance and Research Division in the EPA Office of Sustainable Communities. He works on sustainable transportation and land use planning issues at the Federal level and provides technical assistance to state and local governments. John spends significant time on the HUD DOT EPA Sustainable Communities Partnership and plays a



leading role in providing technical assistance and supporting performance measures development. John is also an Adjunct Professor at George Washington University.

Steve Winkelman, Director of Transportation and Adaptation Programs, Center for Clean Air Policy

Steve Winkelman has 20 years of experience engaging in the intersections of urban planning, climate policy and economics. He assists government and corporate officials around the world with policy design, implementation and evaluation. Steve specializes in fostering public-private collaboration in pursuit of practical, effective and politically viable policy solutions. Steve led the development of the Colombia Transit Oriented Development (TOD) NAMA proposal, and is currently assessing low-emissions development strategies in Mexico. Steve is co-author of *Growing Wealthier* and of *Growing Cooler*, which assess environmental and economic benefits of smart growth and sustainable urban transportation. Steve has assisted leading local governments “Ask the Climate Question” when making infrastructure and land use decisions. Steve’s latest effort is to advance “Green Resilience” measures that reduce GHGs and enhance climate resilience, thereby increasing return on climate and infrastructure investments. Steve has testified to four U.S. Congressional committees and has been a featured presenter at numerous conferences and workshops. His work has been covered by numerous media outlets such as. Prior to joining CCAP, Steve managed ICF’s Climate Wise industrial energy efficiency work for the US EPA. Steve is a member of the National Academy of Sciences’ Special Task Force on Transportation and Climate Change. He holds a BS in Physics from the University of Michigan and an MA in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota. Steve lives in Montréal.