INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKERS
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Karen Ellemann (Danmark)

Denmark’s Environment Minister and Minister for Nordic Co-operation

Karen Ellemann was elected to the Danish parliament for the first time in the election of 2007. She has previously been spokesperson on integration and family affairs for the Liberal Party. She is a qualified teacher.

By taking up her post as new minister for Nordic co-operation Karen Ellemann has now placed herself in the chair of the Nordic Council of Ministers: “The Danish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2010 has already done a great deal of work to inject new political impetus to Nordic co-operation and to put this exceptional co-operation of the international map. I am looking forward to continuing this work and especially to finding joint Nordic responses to the major challenges of globalisation,” says the new minister.”

Jan Vapaavuori (Finland)

Finland’s Minister of Housing and Minister for Nordic co-operation

Jan Vapaavuori is Minister of Housing since 2007. He handles matters related to housing, building and land use planning. Vapaavuori is also in charge of the duties of Minister for Nordic Cooperation.

He has been Member of Parliament since 2003 for the National Coalition Party. He is lawyer by profession.

Finland takes over the Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers from Denmark in 2011. The Finnish Presidency will focus on combating climate change.
Johan Tiedemann, (Sweden)

State Secretary to the Swedish Minister for Nordic Cooperation, Cristina Husmark Pehrsson

State Secretary Johan Tiedemann has studied language at Stockholm University.

He has been for example Federation Secretary of the Moderate Party Youth Organization, Assistant Secretary at the Stockholm Municipality Council, and held several positions in the Municipality of Sigtuna. Between 1982 and 2003 he was Member of the Governing Board of the Municipality of Sigtuna. He has also worked many years at the Parliament Cabinet of the Moderate Party, were he held positions such as Vice Council Director and Administrator of Cultural Policy. Since 2006 he been first State Secretary of Culture, and now State Secretary of Nordic Cooperation.

Halvard Ingebrigtsen (Norway)

State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry

Mr. Ingebrigtsen has previously been State Secretary and political adviser in the Ministry of Culture, and has held various positions in the Labour Party.

Palle Christiansen, (Greenland)

Minister of Finance and for Nordic Cooperation

Member of the Greenland Parliament for the party “Demokraterne” Is today Minister for Finance on Greenland, has earlier been a Member of the local council, Municipality of Qeqatta. The Cabinet is divided into nine ministries, each headed by a minister. In the ministries departments handle the practical administrative work. The Minister of Finance main responsibilities are for example; budget, burden and task allocation, structure policy and Nordic Cooperation.
**Hreinn Pálsson, (Iceland)**

Expo deputy commissioner general and director of the Iceland Pavilion at World Expo 2010.

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**Heidi Hiltunen (Finland/EU Delegation in China)**

Environment Councellor at the EU Delegation in China

Heidi Hiltunen will as the Environment Councellor further cooperation on environmental issues between the EU and China. Heidi has a Masters Degree from Development and Environment Studies from the University of Tampere, Finland. She has been working for the European Commission since 1996 in the External Relations, Enlargement, and Enterprise and Industry Departments and since March 2010 in the EU Delegation in China, on environmental cooperation with China.

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**Bo Diczfalussy (Sweden / International Energy Agency)**

International Energy Agency(IEA), Director for Sustainable Energy Policy and Technology

Has a long and distinguished career in Swedish civil service, working mainly on energy issues. Former head of the Division for Energy at the Ministry of Sustainable Development, and later head of Division for Energy at the Ministry of Enterprise.
Jiang Kejun (China)

Senior Researcher, Energy Research Institute, China

Jiang Kejun received his Ph.D in Social Engineering from the Department of Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Kejun Jiang is working for Energy Research Institute (ERI), National Development and Reform Commission, China. Kejun Jiang began research on climate change relative to energy policy analysis in 1993, focusing on energy technology policy assessment, energy supply policy assessment, renewable energy development and energy conservation. From 1997, Kejun Jiang participated in Working Group III of the International Panel on Climate Change Third Assessment Report and was a lead author for the the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (Working Group Three Chapter 3) and for GEO-4 Chapter 2. Kejun Jiang’s recent studies include energy and emission scenarios, assessment on energy and fuel tax, research on China’s potential to achieve its energy targets and development of the Integrated Policy Assessment model.

Barbara Evaeus (Sweden)

Manager Climate Communications, WWF Sweden

Barbara Evaeus joined WWF in 2007, after a 20 year business career in international marketing, executive sales and sustainability communications. In addition to developing campaigns aimed at building public opinion, Barbara’s focus since joining the organization has been on creating WWF’s platform to support the commercialization and dissemination of transformative climate technologies. With a BSc in Social Welfare and Psychology, and great interest in people and the environment, Barbara’s main personal and professional objective is to apply her skills and experience to the global effort to safeguard our planet.

Jørgen Delman (Denmark)

Professor, Copenhagen University

As a professor in China Studies at the University of Copenhagen’s Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, Jørgen Delman is one of Denmark’s foremost experts on Nordic Chinese relations. Jørgen Delman’s research concentrates on state-society relations and development dynamics in
modern China, with a strong underlying interest in innovation. Mr. Delman has studied China’s climate and energy policies and sectors and organized several international conferences. He is a frequent lecturer and writer in the media. In the last few years he has helped to launch University of Copenhagen’s new Asia-programme, Asian Dynamics Initiative, where the study of China is centrally located.

Anne Cathrine Gjærde (Norway/ Nordic)

Director, Nordic Energy Research

The Director of Nordic Energy Research is an engineer with a PhD from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). She also has a Master in Professional Communications from Roskilde University. Before Joining Nordic Energy Research she gathered valuable experience in both Research and Industry in Denmark and Norway.

Jørn Bang Andersen (Denmark / Nordic)

Senior Innovation Advisor, Nordic Innovation Centre

Jørn Bang Andersen manages Nordic Innovation Centre’s globalization portfolio, including the Nordic innovation centers in China. He has solid experience in Nordic–Chinese cooperation specifically and international innovation cooperation generally.

Claus Lønborg, (Denmark)

Director, Innovation Center Denmark, Shanghai

Claus Lønborg have lead Innovation Centre Denmark’s efforts to support Danish, innovative companies and organizations with partnerships and market opportunities in China since 2007.
Troels Persson, (Denmark)

Marketing Director / Marketing & Customer Insight

Troels Persson was born in Denmark in 1971, where he graduated from Copenhagen Business School with a Masters of Science Degree in International Business Administration specializing in business strategies for foreign companies entering and operating in China.

Before joining Vestas as the Director of Marketing & Customer Insight in 2009, Troels Persson worked for ECCO A/S holding the position of Director of Marketing & PR.

During his career Troels Persson has been based in UK, Denmark, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mainland China (for a period of 7 years), and has been responsible for business development, sales & marketing activities in such diverse areas as the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern area, South East Asia and Western Europe. As such, Troels Persson has extensive experience in bridging Danish companies with global markets, through driving different modes of business collaboration.

Jaani Heinonen, (Finland)

Innovation Consul for Finland in Shanghai / Head of the FinNode China Network

Mr. Heinonen has over 15 years experience in business and technology cooperation with China. Earlier Mr. Heinonen worked for several years in the Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry being in charge of technology cooperation between Finland and China. In 2003 Mr. Heinonen initiated the Finland Innovation Center concept and worked as Project Director for the Finland-China (FinChi) Innovation Center in Shanghai until it was established in 2005. Mr. Heinonen headed the Tekes, Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation, Shanghai office from 2005 until 2010

In his current position with FinNode China Mr. Heinonen works closely with Finnish and Chinese partners to create new and unique opportunities in innovation and technology cooperation between Finland and China.
Yang Fenghui, (China)
Country Manager, Finnish Environmental Cluster for China (FECC)

On the China-Finland inter-governmental cleantech cooperation platform (FECC), Yang’s task is to enhance and promote business and technology cooperation in the fields of environment, cleaner production, energy efficiency and renewable energy between China and Finland. He has got the Bachelor Degree with the major of Environmental and Life Sciences in Fudan University, and Master Degree in Landscape Ecology in Hiroshima University. He has rich experiences in public, private and inter-governmental sectors in cleantech business.

Eldur Olafsson, (Iceland)
Enex China, Geysir Green Energy

Eldur Olafsson is a geologist at Geysir Green Energy. He has a B.Sc. in Geology from the University of Iceland. His B.Sc. thesis provided an in-depth analysis of a new technique designed to increase reservoir output and sustainability in electricity production through deep reinjection. Eldur is currently stationed in Geysir's office in Shangai.

Grethe Bergsland, (Norway)
Project Manager, Innovation Norway Beijing / Royal Norwegian Embassy, Commercial Section

Grethe Bergsland is responsible for the energy/environment sector work on behalf of Innovation Norway in China, as well as project manager for the Norwegian Energy and Environment Consortium -NEEC. Grethe has experience from China dating back 12 years and before joining Innovation Norway was engaged in private sector business development projects in the energy/environment sector, both in Norway and China.
Van Hoang, (Sweden)
Swedish Trade Council, Head of East China

Van Hoang is in charge of the Swedish Trade Councils (STC) Shanghai office. He has previously been working at STC Taipei and an American based IT company in Taiwan. He has been working with international business development for 7 years and a variety of sourcing assignments. Van has a M.Sc. degree from Chalmers University of Technology and a MBA from National Chiao Tung University in Taiwan.

Liu Yu, (China)
Head, Architecture Department / Founder and Director, Sustainable Building and Environmental Research Institute, Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU)

LIU Yu studied architecture at Tianjin University (BE.) and Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology (MArch.) in China, completed PhD research at University of New South Wales in Australia.

She has accumulated teaching and research experience in the area of green, ecological and sustainable building for over 15 years. As founder and director of the Sustainable Building and Environmental Research Institute (SBERI) in NPU, she has established effective and multi-disciplinary collaboration with experts and organizations from Sweden, Australia, Japan and America. Her recent research projects mainly focus on green building assessment, decision-making support for sustainable building development, and low-carbon renovation of rural settlements in north China.

Gabriel Somesfalean, (Sweden)
Lund University

Gabriel Somesfalean received a PhD degree in Engineering from Lund University, Sweden, in 2005. Since then he has worked with optical environmental monitoring and biophotonics at Harbin Institute of Technology as an Assistant Professor (2005-2007) and at Zhejiang University as an Associate Professor (2007-).

Gabriel is the Vice Director of the Joint Research Center of Photonics of the Royal Institute of Technology and Zhejiang University, and the Executive Director of the newly established Joint Centre of Innovation and Entrepreneurship between Zhejiang University and Lund University. Gabriel has several years of experience of coordinating Sino-Swedish research co-operation projects, besides being fluent in Chinese.