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# Meet the Speakers

*in order of appearance*



## Cristina Cortes

### **CEO, Canning House**

Cristina is an Oxford and LSE politics and economics graduate. Having worked in government, banking and energy across a variety of commercial, business development and government relations roles in London, Houston, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina and Brazil, in 2015 she joined Canning House, the UK's leading forum for Latin America and Iberia. She took over as CEO in 2018.



## Fiona Clouder, Chair

### **Regional Ambassador for Latin America and the Caribbean, COP26, UK Government**

Fiona was appointed as the UK Government's Regional Ambassador for Latin America and the Caribbean, COP26 in March 2020. Fiona joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (now FCDO) in 2001, from the Research Councils (now UKRI) to build and lead the FCO's global Science and Innovation Network (UKSIN). In 2011, as Deputy Director, Americas, she led the FCO's strategy on Latin America (the Canning Agenda). She served as Her Majesty's Ambassador to Chile from Feb 2014 to Jun 2018.



## Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta, Keynote

### **Author of the Dasgupta Review, the Economics of Biodiversity**

Professor Dasgupta has been a Professor of Economics at the University of Cambridge since 1985. In 2002, he was named Knight Bachelor by the Queen for services to economics. His research interests include the economics of welfare and development, technological change, population, environment and resources, the theory of games, undernutrition, and social capital. In 2019, he was commissioned by the UK Treasury to lead a global independent review on the economics of biodiversity.



## Susan Gardner, Video Address

### **Director, Ecosystems Division, UN Environmental Programme**

Susan has a Doctoral Degree in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from the University of Washington and over two decades of experience in science and environmental policy working in senior positions for both the Mexican and United States governments across the areas of fisheries science and ocean conservation. Her extensive research has generated over 30 publications related to ecology, toxicology, fisheries management and species conservation.



## Juan Bello

### **Head of Colombia Projects Office & Senior Regional Advisor on Healthy Ecosystems, Office for LAC, UNEP**

Juan is a biologist with over 24 years of experience in biodiversity issues, environmental assessments and science-policy platforms. Juan joined UNEP in 2015 later becoming Head of the Colombia office in 2017, also serving as the Regional Focal Point for Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, and as Senior Adviser to the Healthy Ecosystems Sub-programme. Prior to UNEP, Juan was also a Chevening Scholar and Project Manager at the UNEP-WCMC in Cambridge, UK.



## Vinicius Pinheiro

### **International Labour Organisation (ILO) Assistant Director General and Regional Director for the Latin American and the Caribbean**

Since March 2020, Vinicius has led 9 ILO offices across LAC, responding to the employment and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to this, he was the ILO Special Representative to the UN in New York (2012-2019), helping shape the multilateral 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and in particular, SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth. From 2009-2013 he was also part of the ILO G20 Sherpa Team, and has held senior Brazilian government roles.



## Jeannette Sánchez

### **Director, Natural Resources Division, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC**

Previous to ECLAC, Jeannette was Minister to the Ministries of Economic and Social Inclusion, Social Development Coordination, and Economic Policy Coordination of the Government of Ecuador (2007-2013). She was President of the LAC Forum of Ministers of Social Development of the UNESCO Management of Social Transformations, MOST (2009-2011), having previously served as President of the Social Development Council of the Union of South American Nations, UNASUR, (2009-2010). She also has an extensive teaching and research portfolio across development issues, macroeconomics, productive transformation, social economy, and public policy.

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