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## **Mr. AMBACHEW ADMASSIE - Steering Committee Member**

Ambachew holds a master's degree in Climate Change & Sustainable development (DE Montfort-UK) & a BSc in Civil engineering (AAU-Ethiopia). He is a practitioner in Sustainability, Climate Change & infrastructure. With more than 11 years of experience in the fields of climate change mitigation, MRV, climate finance, mitigation standards development, GHG reduction projects development including NAMAs and climate resilience in all economic fields, has been involved in the Kyoto based compliance mechanism under the UNFCCC Clean Development Mechanism (UNFCCC-CDM) from regulatory to implementation value chains including as Honorable Member of the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel) under the CDM Executive Board of the UNFCCC-CDM for eleven years involved in development and revision of methodologies & methodological cases for accounting GHG mitigation in all economic sectors as well as jurisdictions. He is also a member of the Team of Technical Experts (TTE) for the review of GHG inventories reported under National Communications (NC) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) covering all IPCC sectors (Energy, Waste, IPPU and AFOLU). He has co-developed aviation specific standards as part of the Meth Panel as well as taken competence to conduct verification under the ICAO CORSIA. In the international climate change negotiation, he serves as key negotiator on behalf of Ethiopia for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement since the Paris Agreement, the next generation cooperative mechanism that involves emissions trading. Previous to the sustainability career he has led several highway construction & design firms.

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## **Mr. BRAULIO PIKMAN - Steering Committee Member**

As an ERM Expert Advisor (since 2008) Mr. Pikman has been providing specialist technical services for companies in the public and private sectors (petroleum and petrochemical, metal and mining, steel mills, renewable energy and power generation, biofuels and biomass, financial services and agriculture among others, developing methodological approaches focused on integrating energy efficiency, product sustainability and climate resilience considerations into their businesses, providing technical, operational and investment approaches, as well as project-level analyses including alignment and consistency with the expectations of international standards and national regulations. Mr. Pikman is a Life Cycle Assessment Practitioner and has performed multiple projects on product decarbonization strategies and Scope 3 assessment in multiple jurisdictions including the Americas, Europe, Middle East and Asia. Mr. Pikman works with UNFCCC as expert reviewer of national inventories in the agriculture sector and as a member of the CDM Meth Panel.



## **Mr. CLEMENS PLOECHL – Steering Committee Member**

Clemens holds two master's (equivalent) degrees in business administration and applied ecology. For over 28 years he has been working and studying sustainability issues in general and for approximately 20 years specifically climate change, energy policy, finance and technological cooperation. Some of the key assignments taken up by him include: designing, implementing and providing trainings for MRV systems on individual, corporate, project, city and country levels applying standards such as CDM, CAR, GHG Protocol (scope 1,2,3 and city level), Gold Standard, IPCC guidelines for national GHG inventories (1996, 2006) ISO 14040, 14044; ISO 14064/1-2, ISO 14067 JI, PAS 2050, PAS 2060, Plan Vivo, VCS; authoring the following CDM/VCS methodologies (2003-2018); authoring/co-authoring of several CDM methodologies; supervising the registration (55) and verification (20) of carbon credit projects (CAR, CDM, GS, JI, UER etc.) globally; providing carbon foot print consulting in sectors such as aluminum, oil and gas, telecommunication, waste management; preparation/ support of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions/ Policies (NAMAs) for various sectors embedded in National Determined Contributions (NDC); supporting the implementation of EBRD and EIB sustainable energy specific credit lines as technical and carbon consultant; and advising an Austrian bank in the origination of an almost 40 Mio EUR portfolio of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects eligible for ELENA (European Local Energy Assistance) funding.

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## Mr. DAVID NEIL BIRD - Steering Committee Member

David Neil Bird (Neil) joined JOANNEUM RESEARCH in August, 2005 where he works on:

- the evaluation of greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions as a result of improved land management and the use of biomass;
- the estimation impacts of climate change and adaptation strategies on agricultural production and urban environments,
- the estimation of consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions,
- the evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions from different lifestyles,
- the estimation of environmental impacts (using LCA) from renewable energy systems,
- the development of methods to estimate GHG reductions from mitigation measures, and
- the influence of changes in surface albedo on environmental benefits of landuse, landuse change and forestry (LULUCF) projects.

After completing university, Neil started his career as a research geophysicist for Chevron Oil where he was employed in the 1980s and 90s. In 1996, he switched career paths and worked as a climate change consultant in Canada (Woodrising Consuing Inc.) where he evaluated and developed JI and CDM projects in LULUCF, particularly in Latin America. In 2005, he was given the opportunity to participate in research projects on climate change at JOANNEUM RESEARCH. Since then, Neil has participated in a few international organizations. From May 2007 to November 2017, Neil served as a methodological expert for LULUCF on the Afforestation / Reforestation working group of UNFCCC Secretariat, CDM Executive Board. From October 2007 to December 2012, Mr. Bird was the Task co-leader of IEA Bioenergy Task-38. He is a member of the advisory editorial board of Global Change Biology Bioenergy and Advances in Climate Change Research. He is an active member of the Gold Standard Technical Advisory Committee for land use change and forestry.

Neil holds a BSc in Solid Earth Geophysics and an MSc in Seismology. He is a native English speaker and has good knowledge of Spanish, German and French.

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## **Mr. JEAN-JACQUES BECKER - Steering Committee Member**

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Jean-Jacques Becker was graduated from Ecole Polytechnique the leading engineering school in France and holds a PhD in Economics from the University Paris Dauphine.

Jean-Jacques worked as a high level civil servant in different French Ministries (Prime Minister, Agriculture, Finance, Transport, Environment) for more than 40 years. He is involved in Climate Change activities since 1992 both at the national level (design of the French climate change mitigation action plans and strategies) and at the international level (key negotiator for the French government of the Kyoto Protocol and in particular of its so called flexibility Mechanisms). He acts now as an independent consultant in the fields of climate change mitigation and economic evaluation of public investment projects.

Jean-Jacques served as a member of the Executive Board of the CDM for two terms from 2001 to 2006 and chaired its Methodology Panel. Afterwards he joined the Methodology Panel as a member and still belongs to this Body. He acted also as a member of the Registration and Issuance Team of the CDM.

His expertise covers the development and assessment of climate change mitigation activities in the sectors of energy production, buildings, transportation, agriculture and forestry.

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## **Mr. THOMAS BOSSE - Steering Committee Member**

Thomas has over 15 years of international experience as a director, program manager, and team leader in different areas such as energy, sustainability, green economy, and climate change. His primary focus areas include carbon management, environmental commodities markets, climate mitigation projects, and sustainability and green economy strategies and frameworks.

Some of his most significant work includes managing emission reduction projects and programs (CDM, JI, GS) throughout the entire project life cycle from initial project identification and development up to the point of implementation and project operations; authoring UNFCCC-backed CDM large scale baseline and monitoring methodologies, executing on-site technical and financial project due diligence and environmental impact assessments; conducting capacity building workshops for government institutions, investors, funds, and energy trading companies; developing carbon footprints, GHG inventories, and MRV frameworks at product, project, organization, city, and country-level, in line with international standards (ISO 14067 and 14064, GHG Protocol Product Standard, Corporate Standard, GPC, IPCC); developing and implementing carbon abatement strategies at organization and city level; drafting GHG regulations and policies at city level, developing offset portfolio management strategies and fund concepts for organizations; transacting offsets and environmental attributes, and developing a market for renewable energy certificates across the GCC region.

Thomas holds a M.Sc. Industrial Engineering (Dipl.-Wirt. Ing.) with a specialization in Energy and Environmental Management from Flensburg University in Flensburg, Germany.



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## **Mr. VINAY DEODHAR - Steering Committee Member**

Vinay Deodhar is a Specialist in climate change mitigation with experience in CCM project development, financing, evaluation, baseline methodology development/review and accreditation under global standards. He was appointed by the UNFCCC CDM Executive Board as a desk reviewer of baseline methodologies and has reviewed 36 methodologies. Mr. Deodhar was also a member of the CDM Registration & Issuance Team and CDM Accreditation Panel. He has reviewed over 400 submissions for registration & issuances. He was also member of the JI Review Team. He led the Team of international consultants under the six-year Carbon Market Program of ADB. He also reviewed proposals under World Bank's Partnership for Market Readiness.

He currently provides technical assistance to the ADB's Pacific Regional Department for CCM project development and identification of CCM potential. Mr. Deodhar has experience in the clean energy (RE/EE), urban (water/wastewater, solid waste), transport and industrial sectors.

He has worked on funding and development programs of bilateral aid agencies like USAID, DFID, KfW and multilateral agencies like ADB, World Bank, UNDP. Vinay worked for ICICI Bank (INDIA) in the Project Finance area where he appraised innovative projects in the clean energy and environment space.

Mr. Deodhar has also conducted terminal evaluation of a project under the UNDP-GEF and assisted UNIDO in the development of a PIF under GEF.

Vinay is Chemical Engineer and holds Masters' in Management Studies. He is a Certified Energy Auditor/Manager by BEE/GOI and has undergone training at reputed international institutions.



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## **Mr. WERNER BETZENBICHLER - Steering Committee Member**

Werner Betzenbichler is founder and CEO of BeCe Carbon Experts GmbH. As external service provider he runs the operations office of D.I.A., a global acting association of auditing companies accredited by UN for performing validation and verification services of ghg emission reductions. Furthermore, he is Executive Chairman of verico SCE, a European cooperative of freelancers and small consultancy enterprises established in 2013.

Before starting this new activity, he worked with Sindicatum Carbon Capital based in London and specialized to equity investment by the use of carbon market instruments. There he has been responsible for assessing and managing risks in new investment ideas which enter the pipeline as well as in supporting projects through their way to UN registration. In his position, prior to that, he has been global head of climate change services at TÜV SÜD in Munich. Under his responsibility one of the globally leading verification/certification companies in CDM and JI as well as in EU-ETS and renewable energy certification schemes has been formed. His background as physicist, as auditor and more than a decade of activities in environmental monitoring, environmental impact assessment, accreditation and international project management proves his unique competence which he could already gather before joining the climate change arena in 2000. Thus, his experiences and capabilities cover the whole scope of technological and regulatory instruments and allow professional input to the decision-making process of investments, to the design of projects and to their conformance for implementation in a wide range of economies and technologies.

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## **Mr. KISHOR RAJHANSA - Steering Committee Facilitator**

Kishor Rajhansa is working as a Director-Climate Change with Gulf Organisation for Research & Development (GORD), Doha, and is primarily responsible for designing and implementing the first and only voluntary carbon offsetting platform of MENA region "Global Carbon Council". He holds Master of Technology in Energy Management and MBA in Finance. He is the acting member of expert panel responsible for climate mitigation standards of UNFCCC (CDM Methodologies Panel). Kishor is a climate change, energy and sustainability leader with a professional experience of 23 years at leadership positions in multi-national advisory, international regulatory and government organizations. Previously, he worked for 5 years for a lead agency of India-European Commission Energy Cooperation Programme as Energy Engineer, for 5 years with Ernst & Young, India as Manager at its Environment & Sustainability Services, and for 10 years for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Germany as Team Leader and Project Manager of Standards Setting Unit.

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## **Mr. AMIT THUSU - Steering Committee Coordinator**

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Mr. Amit Thusu has experience of more than 20 years in climate change, carbon markets, GHG auditing, validation of CDM projects and evaluation of CDM/GCC projects and carbon credit issuance requests. As Director-Climate Actions, he is involved in establishment and operationalizing the voluntary carbon offsetting program "Global Carbon Council". From 2008 to 2016, he worked for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Germany, on CDM Project Registration & Issuance team of CDM at UNFCCC.

He also worked for Det Norske Veritas (DNV) as validator and verifier of CDM/GHG projects. He also worked as short-term consultant for the World Bank and international consultant for UN Environment.