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Koko Warner's research focuses on two climate adaptation paths: environmentally induced migration and environmental change, and financial mechanisms to assist the poor, including insurance and remittances. She was on the management board of the EACH-FOR project (Environmental Change and Forced Migration Scenarios), a first-time global scoping survey of the links between environmental change and migration. She contributed to the establishment of the Climate Change, Environment, and Migration Alliance (CCEMA), and in collaboration with the Munich Re Foundation, planned and implemented a summer academy on environmental change and migration. She is an executive board member of the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII).

Koko Warner studied development and environmental economics at George Washington University, and the University of Vienna where she received her PhD in 2001. She was a Fulbright Scholar from 1996 to 1998 to Austria, and has worked in Austria, Switzerland, and Germany for over 10 years. Previously she worked at IIASA, and the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research (SLF) at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich). She serves on the editorial board of the International Journal of Global Warming. She is pursuing a Habilitation at the ETH Zürich, Department for Environmental Science and Economics, and serves as an assistant professor at the University of Richmond's Emergency Service Management graduate program and adjunct professor at Webster University Vienna's Business and Economics Department.

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Geoffrey D. Dabelko, for nearly two decades, has facilitated dialogue among policymakers, practitioners, journalists, and scholars grappling with complex links among environment, population, development, conflict, and security. His current research focuses on environmental pathways to confidence-building and peacemaking, with a special emphasis on managing transboundary fresh water resources. He is principal investigator for ECSP's *Navigating Peace: Forging New Water Partnerships initiative* and co-principal investigator for the *Environment, Development, and Sustainable Peace* initiative, an international effort to bridge the gap between Northern and Southern perspectives.

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Simon Dalby's research interests are in the areas of critical geopolitics, environmental security, globalization, and empire. He is author of the *Creating The Second Cold War* (1990) and *Environmental Security* (2002) and coeditor of *The Geopolitics Reader* 2 nd edition, (2006). His latest book is *Security and Environmental Change* (2009). He is also co-editor of the scholarly journal *Geopolitics*.

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Simon Dalby received his BA from Trinity College, Dublin, MA from University of Victoria, British Columbia; and obtained his Ph.D. from Simon Fraser University in 1983.

Rolph Payet, Special Adviser, President of the Republic of Seychelles

Rolph Payet was one of the lead authors on *Small islands*. *Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report*. In 2006 Rolph Payet was recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum for his work in advancing environment, ocean and climate issues at the global level. He has served as keynote speaker/panelist at numerous international conventions including the UN General Assembly and European Development Days.

Rolph Payet was instrumental in the setting up of several non-governmental organisations in Seychelles and the promotion of conservation advocacy at the local, regional and global level. He once held the co-chair of the International Coral Reef Initiative and has represented Seychelles for over 10 years at the climate change, hazardous wastes and ozone negotiations. He has served as Interim Coordinator for the Regional Seas Nairobi Convention for the last eight years. He is Steering Committee Member of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands and leads the SIDS working group within that forum.

Rolph Payet has published widely on a number of island issues and was lead researcher for several projects in marine and climate change research. In 2001 he established the Seychelles Centre for Marine Research, the first ever institution exclusively dedicated to research in Seychelles. In June

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2007 he was appointed chairman of the Seychelles University Foundation by President James Michel of the Seychelles, to establish the first University in Seychelles.

Rolph Payet received a BSc(Hons), Biochemistry, (University East Anglia, UK); MBA (University of Surrey, UK); MSc Coastal Science (University of Ulster, UK); PG D Applied Environment Economics (Imperial College, UK); JFK School of Government (Harvard University, USA); and a PhD Environmental Science (University of Kalmar, Sweden)

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Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action/ United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Margareta Wahlstrom has a career spanning more than 30 years in international disaster response and humanitarian work during which she has held wide range of posts in the humanitarian and international sphere and has either worked in or undertaken missions to more than 100 countries, including many across the Middle East and North Africa, Southeast Asia, Southern Africa and Latin America.

Her latest appointment as the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction also carries responsibility to the UN Secretary-General for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action. Prior to this Ms Wahlstrom has served the United Nations as the Executive Secretary to the United Nations Secretary-General's Panel on the Safety and Security of UN Staff and Premises under the Chairmanship of Mr Lakhdar Brahimi.

From 2002 – 2004 Ms Wahlstrom was the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Assistant Secretary-General, in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UN New York (OCHA). During the initial phase of the international response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Ms Wahlstrom served as the Secretary General's Special Coordinator for the Response Coordination. During the period 1989 – 2000 Ms Wahlstrom worked for the Geneva-based International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as Under-Secretary-General for the Disaster Response and Operations Coordination division and prior to this as Deputy Director Operations. Ms. Wahlström holds a Bachelor degree from the University of Stockholm.