



Secretariat Staff

Clean Energy Ministerial Secretariat

Christian Zinglersen, Head of Secretariat

Christian is the first Head of the new Clean Energy Ministerial Secretariat, established at the International Energy Agency (IEA). He previously served as Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, as a member of the Ministry's Executive Board, with responsibility for the energy policy portfolio. This included Denmark's bilateral energy partnerships with a number of key emerging economy members of the CEM. He was the Danish government's representative and Vice-Chair of the IEA's Governing Board. He was also the Danish participant in the Director-General meetings on energy policy within the EU and Denmark's Sherpa to the CEM.



Mr. Zinglersen started his career in the Danish Foreign Service, working primarily on EU policy and law, having been posted to Brussels at the Danish Representation to the EU. After leaving the Foreign Service, he worked for an energy company prior to returning to government to serve as Lead Negotiator for Denmark in the United Nations climate change negotiations. Mr Zinglersen holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and is a graduate of IESE Business School's Advanced Management Program and Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Managers in Government program. Christian is a Danish national.



Rui Luo, Deputy Head of Secretariat

Rui will join the Clean Energy Ministerial Secretariat as Deputy Head on July 1st, 2017. He is a seasoned clean energy and climate professional with extensive strategy, management and implementation experience across public, private and non-governmental sectors. Prior to the CEM Secretariat, Rui worked across various organisations and programmes in clean energy, energy efficiency, climate policy and carbon markets. They included International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group, EU-China and US-China bilateral cooperation programmes on climate

change and emission trading capacity building, energy and climate consulting firm ICF International, a think tank based in Hong Kong, and a carbon trading firm. Rui brings rich experience in developing long-term trustworthy partnership with national and sub-national government agencies, think-tanks, industrial associations, state-owned and private enterprises, foundations and international organisations. Rui had the privilege of joining the Robert Swan International Antarctica Expedition in 2008, where he gained further inspiration for his work in clean energy, witnessing the impact of climate-change on polar glaciers. Rui holds an M.A. in Environmental Management, a B.A. in Environmental Sciences and a B.A. in Economics from Peking University. Rui is a Chinese national.

Sarbojit Pal, Manager of Partnerships

Sarbojit is a researcher working on various aspects of integrated energy data and modelling, new and renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable transportation. He is currently engaged as a Consultant with the Government of India's think-tank NITI Aayog, where he is assisting Indian states in drawing up their Renewable Energy Roadmaps in accordance with India's 175GW renewable energy targets by 2022.

He was a Fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), where he led the Centre for Research in Sustainable Urban Development and Transport Systems. Sarbojit has undertaken energy and emissions impact assessment studies of various Government policies aimed at encouraging sustainable transport in India and modelled the impact that efforts such as increased electric mobility and railway shares would have on India's energy use. Sarbojit is an Indian national.



Ellina Levina, Manager of Partnerships

Ellina has 20 years of international experience in climate change and energy policy. She has worked on a broad range of issues, including international carbon markets, energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage technologies, energy technology policies, resilience and adaptation to climate change impacts, air quality and climate policy synergies, and international climate change governance architecture. She has authored numerous reports and managed many international projects. Ellina has worked as an analyst and project manager

at the International Energy Agency, directed an international climate programme at a US-based think tank Center for Clean Air Policy and also worked for the OECD and UNFCCC. Ellina holds two Master's degrees, in Climatology from St. Petersburg State University (Russia) and in Environmental Management from the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands). She also has a Certificate of Accomplishment in Environmental Law. Ellina is Russian-American.

Eva Stepniewska, Manager of Operations and Communications

Eva has been working in the energy sector for the past six years. She has spent the last three years as a Senior Policy Adviser in the UK Government in a number of areas, including oil and gas reforms as well as carbon capture and storage and most recently in strategy and planning for the UK's exit from the EU. Prior to this, she worked for three years at Argus Media as a reporter and deputy editor, covering coal markets and providing news and analysis in the energy sector.



She has a BA in Journalism and an MA in International studies, both from Cardiff University. Eva is a Polish national.



Susannah Nash, Office and Event Coordinator

Susannah joined the CEM Secretariat at the start of April, coming from the OECD Environment Directorate Directors' Office. She has seven years' experience in other OECD positions, working with Directors and events and publication teams in Employment, Labour and Social Affairs and the Statistics Directorate. She has worked in logistics and events in both the travel and wine industries in Spain, Italy and London and has a background in English teaching in Oxford and South America. Susannah holds a French degree from the University of London and is a British national.

Xie Xi, Senior Advisor

Xi joined the CEM Secretariat when it was first established in February 2017. She has since supported the Head of the Secretariat in the management of daily operational tasks and communications, including providing suggestions and support on refining the CEM Secretariat's strategy as well as engagement with different stakeholders.

Xi is an Official / Programme Manager with an academic and professional background in Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development. She has more than 10 years' experience in policy analysis and energy technology-related research, as well as developing, managing, and coordinating international & national collaborative projects.

Xi is seconded from the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and recently spent a year and a half working for the Directorate of Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks at the International Energy Agency (IEA). Xi is a Chinese national.



Rodolfo Lobato, Senior Advisor

Rodolfo is a specialist in Planning for Regional Development, protection of natural resources and energy. He has combined his research and advisory work throughout his professional career. He has worked mainly in Mexico, Central America and South America, with the Federal Government of Mexico, GTZ \ GIZ, UNHCR and the WWF. Since 2001 he has worked on renewable power issues as a consultant for Electricité de France EDF in their Wind projects in Southern Mexico. For 4 years, he has been SENER's representative in Vienna for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). In 2016 he collaborated in the WEO

Special Report on Mexico Energy Outlook, as an official seconded from the Energy Ministry of Mexico to the IEA.

He studied Philosophy, Anthropology and French Literature at the National University of Mexico, UNAM and at the Université de la Sorbonne in Paris. He holds a master's degree in Social Anthropology from the National Anthropology School, ENAH, Mexico. Rodolfo is a Mexican National.

Rachael Briggs, Senior Advisor

Rachael has over ten years of experience in government and international organisations, with a particular interest in global governance and strategic issues. During her time working for UK Government, she worked on a broad spectrum of policy issues before specialising in policy project and programme management with a focus on energy and low carbon high growth. Since moving to the IEA, she has managed the Agency's extensive portfolio of voluntary contributions and served as legal advisor, responsible for the legal aspects of energy technology collaboration programmes and providing advice to both internal and external stakeholders on institutional matters. She played a leading role in the creation of the new, multilateral Secretariat at the IEA, working closely with CEM and IEA members to achieve this in a very ambitious timeframe. Going forward, it is envisaged that Rachael will continue to advise the CEM on a wide range of legal, institutional, governance and strategic matters.



Rachael has studied at Sciences Po, the University of St Andrews and BPP Law School, graduating in political science, international relations and law. She is a British national.