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Dr. Dr Ross Compton
Director, Global Policy
EnerGeo Alliance

Dr Ross Compton currently serves as the Director of Global Policy at the EnerGeo Alliance. In this role, Ross manages engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, addressing critical policy issues related to the energy geoscience industry and its role in the global energy evolution. Based in the UK, Ross focuses on Europe, Africa and the Middle East, while working in global context as part of EnerGeo and the wider membership.

Ross joined the geoscience sector in 2005, with an environmental background and worked primarily in support services related to mitigating potential environmental impacts from a variety of industrial activities at sea including geophysical exploration and construction piling. During that time Ross worked with geophysical and geotechnical contractors and international consulting firms.

As well as working with member companies, regulators and agencies, Ross represents EnerGeo with those Regional Seas Conventions with which EnerGeo holds Observer status including OSPAR and the Barcelona Convention, as well as the UN Environment Programme. Ross also co-chairs the Industry Advisory Group, contributing to the Joint Noise Working Group of the Convention on Migratory Species. Through these engagements, Ross and colleagues work to highlight the importance of geoscience and the steps industry is taking to promote environmental best practice and sustainability, advancing technological innovation, as well as ensuring that industry perspectives are heard, and that the development of policies is science/fact-based.

Ross holds an undergraduate degree in Ecological Science from the University of Edinburgh, a master's degree in Applied Marine Science and PhD in Marine Studies from the University of Plymouth. Completed alongside full-time work, Ross' doctoral studies focused on policies related to mitigating the impacts of underwater noise during geophysical survey activities. Ross is continuing part-time studies, with a shift in focus from environment to energy issues and is currently completing a further master's degree in Energy Policy with the University of Sussex.

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Mr. Faisal Alfadl

Secretary General

Saudi Green Building Forum (SGBF)

Faisal ALFADL, Secretary-General/ Chief Representative to UN ECOSOC Saudi Green Building Forum (SGBF) in Consultative Status with the United Nations associated with UNDGC accredited by UNFCCC, UNEP, UNDRR and UNCCD

Faisal ALFADL is an award-winning architect, dedicated volunteer, and community builder, known for his profound contributions to sustainable development. As the Secretary-General of the Saudi Green Building Forum, an influential figure in the architectural community, Faisal's work centers around creating a

sustainable future for our planet.

Faisal serves as the Chief Representative to The United Nations ECOSOC on behalf of the Saudi Green Building Forum in Consultative Status with the United Nations. He is an architect and sustainability expert, recognized as an observer by UNDGC, UNEP, and UNFCCC. As the principal of Faisal ALFADL Engineering Consultants based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, he collaborates with global partners to provide architectural, engineering, and planning consultancy services. Over his 18-year career, Faisal has designed, supervised, and planned buildings with a construction cost exceeding \$8 billion USD. His advocacy for green building and environmental architecture is evident in his extensive portfolio and professional endeavors.

Mr Alfadl's work focuses on promoting green practices and advocating for environmental sustainability. Through his expertise in architecture and his passion for sustainability, Faisal strives to create a positive impact on the global community.

Faisal ALFADL's dedication to sustainable development and his impressive career achievements make him a leading figure in the global architectural community, championing a future where architecture harmonizes with nature for the benefit of all.

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Dr. Mohammed Seraj ANSARI

Global President

Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry -IICCI

Dr. Mohammad Seraj ANSARI is the Founder and Global President of the Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IICCI). Through his dedicated efforts, Dr. ANSARI has secured the accreditation and Observer Status for IICCI with several prestigious organizations including the INOC, Green Climate Fund (GCF) of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) of IGC (United Nations), and International Coffee Organizations (ICO). His work has garnered appreciation and support from the Government of India, various other governments, United Nations bodies, WTO, ILO, IMO, and other UN agencies. Under his leadership, IICCI operates in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas, fostering bilateral trade among member countries and encouraging small and medium

enterprises. Notably, Dr. ANSARI has received official letters of appreciation from the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO) for his initiatives and activities through the IICCI.

Dr. ANSARI also serves as the Global President of the World Economic Forum for Asia-Africa (WeFaa). His efforts have led to the establishment of branches in most African countries, promoting global business leadership. He manages over 100 National Directors and National Chairmen of IICCI and WeFaa across Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas. Dr. ANSARI has developed national business leaders who actively promote trade and industry, as well as small and medium enterprises, within their countries, leveraging the global network he has established.

Additionally, Dr. ANSARI is the National President of the Indian Textiles & Handicrafts Export Organization (ITHEPO). Under his leadership, ITHEPO is the first Export Promotion Organization in India to promote the global export of textiles, handicrafts, and handloom products, striving to secure fair market prices and labor wages for weavers, laborers, suppliers, and manufacturers.

Dr. ANSARI has organized and attended numerous international business conferences and expos as a special guest, guest of honor, and speaker on various business topics. Most recently, he was a guest of honor and speaker at the 15th International Economic Forum "Russia-Islamic World: KazanForum 2024" in Russia, where he spoke on "Halal Horizons Unveiled: Governmental and Chambers of Commerce Perspectives."

Dr. ANSARI's distinguished career is marked by his extensive global network and his deep understanding of current trends in globalization, business industry issues, and global peace and social interests. He has significantly advanced the IT & Hospitality, Textiles Business & Industry sectors through technology, innovation, and manpower utilization. He has been honored with numerous national and international awards, including the "Prakrati Ratna Award" (2004), "Acharya Vishnugupt

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'Charakkaya' Manavadhikar Award" (2006), and the "International Who's Who of Professional Award" (2007-2008) by the International Who's Who Historical Society, USA. In 2016, Dr. ANSARI received the "Golden European Award for Quality & Business Prestige" from the World Business Assembly, Spain, the "Manager of the Year" medal from the Socrates Almanac Editorial Board, Oxford, London, UK, the "Best Enterprise Award" from the same organization, and the "Distinguished Achievement Award & Medal in Global Education" from the Russian Federation.

Dr. ANSARI's leadership and vision continue to drive significant contributions to global business and industry, making him an exemplary candidate for the Co-chair of the Business and Industry Major Group Elections of UNEP

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Ms. Diane B. Holdorf

**Executive Vice President, Pathways
World Business Council for Sustainable
Development (WBCSD)**

Ms Diane B. Holdorf is Executive Vice President (EVP) and a member of the Senior Management Team (SMT) at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Diane joined WBCSD in December 2018 as Managing Director of Food and Nature where she led business efforts to accelerate the system transformation in the areas of food, nature and water. In October 2021, Diane took the role of EVP for Pathways.

In her role as EVP, Diane focuses on the Pathways as part of WBCSD's strategy, leading business efforts to accelerate collaborative solutions in Food and Agriculture, Energy, Products & Materials, Mobility and Built Environment, and Health and Wellbeing – working in partnership to deliver business solutions for the Imperatives and Redefining Value Program pillars. Before joining WBCSD, Diane was Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer at Kellogg. Prior to joining Kellogg, Diane served as Vice President for Delta Consultants (now Antea), a global environment, health and safety and sustainability consulting firm. During her 17 years with Delta Consultants, she served in numerous management and consulting roles, based in the US and in the UK, where she worked with many consumer-packaged goods, forest products and manufacturing companies in development and implementation of global programs for sustainability, environmental management and risk management.

In 2022 Diane was selected as one of the 25 Badass Women shaping climate action by GreenBiz. In 2015, Diane was recognized as a Maize and Wheat Super Woman by CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center) as part of the United Nation's International Women's Day. She is also recognized as an Oxfam Sisters on the Planet Ambassador. Diane received a Bachelor's degrees in Public Communications and in German from Syracuse University. She also completed the Executive MBA Program at the University of St Thomas. Diane is an active Twitter user and can be found tweeting at @DianeBHoldorf and on LinkedIn