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SPECIAL GUESTS



AMELIA RIGSBY
FIJI ONE MORNING HOST

Amelia Rigsby began her career in the media industry in 2002 with FM96, Fiji's #1 radio station for 13-25 year olds. After spending 14 years in the radio industry, she moved on to anchor Fiji's only Breakfast TV show, "Breakfast @ Fiji One" for 4 years, while working for Fiji's national film commission (Film Fiji) as their Communications Officer. She is an avid supporter of the Creative Arts; working as the co-project manager for the Kula Awards, the only creative development program that invites all secondary schools in the country to participate in Dance, Film, Art or a combination of all three.

In her spare time, she co-manages the Poetry Shop Fiji, a collective of writers and poets, while providing safe spaces and platforms for them to express themselves. She also founded and manages Open Space Suva, an open-mic event that allows aspiring artists and performers to practice their craft.



ANNMARY RADUVA
**YOUTH CLIMATE
ACTIVIST**

AnnMary Raduva is a 16 year old Fijian environmental and climate activist. She is an advocate, influencer, eco hero champion and founder of 'Young Eco – Champs Fiji', a network of youth dedicated to healing our deteriorating planet through advocacy, campaigns, action, sustainable practices and 'Say NO to Balloon Releasing – Fiji'.

In her effort to raise awareness on carbon emission and coastal rehabilitation, AnnMary and her young supporters have planted more than 30,000 mangrove propagules along the Suva foreshore.

AnnMary is a Year 11 student at St Joseph's Secondary School in Suva. In 2020, she became the first Fijian to be the 'United Kingdom High Commissioner for A Day' in Suva. She was awarded the Notable Eco-Hero by the Action for Nature 2019 International Young Eco-Hero Award, an international non-governmental organisation based in the United States of America.

"We can only win against these global issues, if we all fight together" - AnnMary Raduva.



KIJI FAKTAUFON
**REGIONAL DIRECTOR -CENTRAL AND NORTH
PACIFIC
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS
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Originally from Fiji and of Rotuman heritage.

Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies from the University of the South Pacific

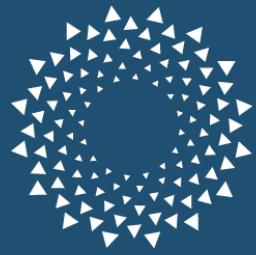
Commenced with AVI in 2007 when AVI opened its country offices. Over 10 years experience in project management, people management and International development.

My passion for International Volunteering and International Development stems from the people and communities that we work for and those that we work with and witnessing firsthand the impact of programs long after they have been completed.



PAUL BIRD
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS
INTERNATIONAL**

Paul's international development journey started by managing KPMG's practice in West Africa, before working for the Lutheran World Federation in Bosnia and Croatia during the conflict, followed by an EU earthquake rehabilitation program in northern Philippines. Since returning to Melbourne, Paul has had leadership roles in a range of purpose driven organisations, including the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Australian Red Cross Blood Service, Very Special Kids, The Body Shop, Mission Australia, World Vision and YSAS, before joining AVI in 2015. Over this time, Paul has developed enduring and innovative collaborations between business, governments, NGOs and communities including shared value projects and social enterprises.



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DAME MEG TAYLOR
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM

Dame Meg Taylor is a national of Papua New Guinea. She studied at the University of Papua New Guinea, and received her LLB from Melbourne University, Australia and her LL.M from Harvard University, USA. She began her professional life as Private Secretary to Chief Minister Michael Somare during self-government of Papua New Guinea, and then during his tenure as Prime Minister at the independence of Papua New Guinea. She practiced law with the Office of the Public Solicitor and in the private sector, and served as a member of the Law Reform Commission. She was Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to the United States, Mexico and Canada in Washington, DC from 1989-1994. In 2002, she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Meg Taylor has served on the board of the Bank of Papua New Guinea and on the boards of a number of companies in Papua New Guinea in the natural resources, financial, and agricultural sectors, as well as on the boards of companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. She has also served on the boards of international conservation and research organizations. She was appointed to the post of Vice President and Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) of the World Bank Group in 1999 following a selection process led by civil society, industry, and academia. Having set up CAO, which is a key part of the governance structure of the World Bank Group, Meg Taylor led the office for 15 years and established a rich body of work. CAO provides independent accountability and recourse for communities impacted by projects supported by the private sector arms of the World Bank Group - the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). Through her leadership, CAO has become internationally recognized for its cutting edge work in addressing corporate-community conflict around the globe, with a model that has been replicated by other multilateral institutions. She concluded her term at CAO in August 2014. In August 2014, Dame Meg was appointed by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders as Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum, a political grouping of 16 independent and self-governing states. She is the first woman to hold this post. Dame Meg is also currently the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, and as such advocates for the secure future of Pacific people based on the sustainable development, management and conservation of the Pacific Ocean and its resources. Dame Meg has recently been appointed to the High level steering committee on Every Women Every Child by the Secretary General of the United Nations.



AARATHI KRISHNAN
**STRATEGY AND FORESIGHT
ADVISOR
UNDP**

Aarathi Krishnan specialises in strategic foresight for the humanitarian and development sector. A seasoned expert with over 15 years experience globally, she works at the intersection of humanitarian futures, strategic foresight, and systems transformation. She is currently the Strategy and Foresight Advisor for UNDP, based in New York, leading foresight and policy for the Asia Pacific Bureau.

Previously she has supported a range of international humanitarian organisations on how to embed foresight and strategy to drive institutional and systems transformation, including the UN Resident Coordinators, UNV, World Bank, UNHCR, MSF, ICRC and IFRC. A 2020-21 Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Harvard Carr Centre for Technology and Human Rights, as well as a Berkman Klein Fellow at Harvard University, she also supports a range of partners, including the World Economic Forum, on decolonising inclusive technologies, AI and Social Justice Futures.



ABENG LUCKY
**CEO
ONEMANONEHECTARE LTD**

Abeng Lucky received his Bachelor degree in Genetics and Biotechnology from the University of Calabar in 2016 and has more than three years' experience working on Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change, Agroprocessing and Sustainable Development issues with a special interest in Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning.

He is a UN 'Teach SDGs' Ambassador where he adopts the concept of innovative volunteerism to advocate for SDG 4. Abeng has worked on a number of sustainable development projects including a recycling project where plastic bottles were used to produce a prototype bicycle delivery bag. He is a community mobilisation expert, with extensive experience in creating, facilitating and managing projects.

He has participated in a series of UNDP-organised climate hub projects for youth and in 2019, he represented the VSO Nigeria Nation- al Youth Engagement Network in the review and validation of the draft National Volunteering Policy for Nigeria.



AFRICA ZANELLA
**CEO
CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND
GENDER ECONOMICS**

Africa Zanella M.Comm, FAICD ,Social scientist (Australian) is president and principal consultant for the centre for Sustainability and Gender Economics (CSGE)EU. In addition her roles also include Chair of Gender Watch, Life watch ERIC Research international Roster of experts at United Nations Training and development (UNITAR). Women leaders group with UNIDO on Green Industry Growth.

She also is International advocat for SDG 5 8 and 13 alignment and Women empowerment of Human Rights and in the past Executive Director International Trade Qld and member of the NSW Premiers Council for Women.



ANDREW WHITE
**VOLUNTEER
AUSTRALIAN
VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM**

Since 1977 Andrew White has worked in sustainable management of both tropical and arid Australian rangelands through research and development, extension or administration. In 2012 he was awarded a PhD from the University of Queensland "Grazing management systems for cattle in the tropical savannas of northern Australia" and subsequently, before his retirement, was the foundational coordinator of an ongoing project establishing and monitoring permanent biodiversity monitoring plots across bioregions in all Australian Rangelands States. In 2018 to 2020 Andrew volunteered on two AVP projects based in Myanmar, until being repatriated back to Australia in March 2020.



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AWONKEU FRANCOIS TEAM LEADER CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Awonkeu holds a diploma in Agronomy with a specialist Masters degree in Environmental Impact Assessment. He has dedicated the last 15 years to managing several projects and international cooperation programs. Awonkeu leads the Cuso international team in Cameroon, implementing the SHARE program funded by Global Affairs Canada.



BHOLA BHATTARAI EXECUTIVE ADVISOR NATIONAL FORUM FOR ADVOCACY

Mr. Bhola Bhattarai is a resident of Nepal who works with different social and professional organisations promoting volunteerism, participatory development and working for social justice. Mr. Bhattarai has extensive experience in community volunteerism in forest conservation, management and utilisation in Nepal, where he has been advocating for the access and control of marginalised people over the resources.



BONNIE LEARMONTH FORMER RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY LEAD AVI

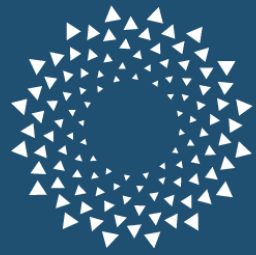
Bonnie has worked with Forum for a number of years, including presenting at previous conferences in Montreal and Seoul. She first engaged with Forum as Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Coordinator and later, as International Projects Manager, both at AVI. She has worked with Pacific-based colleagues on several international development programs, including recently on a program focused on disaster preparation and response in Solomon Islands and Fiji.

While working for the SNV Netherlands Development Organisation in Vietnam, she supported projects focused on climate-resilient agriculture. In addition to the not-for-profit sector, Bonnie has worked with the Australian Government across various aspects of environmental management. Some of her most rewarding roles were volunteering in Australia and oversees with organisations supporting social justice and environmental outcomes through advocacy, leadership training, project management and monitoring and evaluation.



BORUM KIM PLAN OF ACTION COORDINATOR UNV

Boram Kim (Republic of Korea) is currently based in Bonn, Germany as Coordinator of the Plan of Action to integrate volunteering into the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme. She provides global oversight for the implementation of the Plan of Action through multi-stakeholder partnerships and advocacy at country, regional and international levels and represents the Plan of Action Secretariat designated by the UN General Assembly. Previously, she was Portfolio Manager for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States covering over 25 countries at UNV. Boram began her assignment in the UN as UN Volunteer in the peacekeeping mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) and subsequently served in UNDP Palestine and the UN peacekeeping mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) in the field of political affairs, governance, rule of law and human rights. Prior to joining the UN in 2007, she worked with the Ministry of Gender Equality in the Republic of Korea on gender policy. Boram has extensive programming and policy experience, particularly in complex crisis and political settings and is passionate about people's engagement for sustainable development. Her favorite SDG is SDG16.



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DR. CLIFF ALLUM
RESEARCHER
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, UK

Dr. Cliff Allum is a writer, researcher and consultant in Inter-national Development, specialising in volunteer-ing. In 2017, he joined the Third Sector Research Centre at the University of Birmingham, UK as an Associate Fellow where he has worked with academics, practitioners and activists in different countries on research and articles. Dr Allum has led or supported a number of FORUM papers on a range of issues impacting on volunteering for development. He has also connected with his former university - the University of Warwick – as part of their mentor programme for students on their MBA programme.

This represented a return to his former career, having spent most of it in international work, most recently as the CEO of Skillshare International, a UK based development agency focused primarily on volunteering for development, which followed on from an earlier career in adult education, community and economic development. Dr Allum is active in his local community in Birmingham UK, developing and facilitating community tennis and supporting local campaigns. He is also national trustee of the WEA, the largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in the UK.



COURTNEY MAY
**ACTIVIST - AUSTRALIAN
VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM**

Courtney May is an environmental and social justice activist, with a genuine interest in building capacity for climate action throughout society. During her Masters of Environmental Management and Sustainability at Monash University, she was selected to work on a Green Climate Fund project with UNDP Sri Lanka, and she continues to volunteer with a number of grassroots and development groups to support communities in political engagement activities to encourage stronger action on climate.

Since returning from an assignment with the Australian Volunteers Program, where she was engaged with the Vanuatu Department of Climate Change, Courtney has relished the opportunity to consolidate her communications skills in her role with the Victorian Greens. She has also enjoyed the chance to revisit her love of hiking in our remarkable outdoor spaces again.



DAN OWEN
**CULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FACILITATOR - FONDATION SUZANNE
BASTIEN GALLERY**

Daniel Owen is an individual artist, collaborator and arts development facilitator. His volunteer assignment in Vanuatu as Cultural Economic Development Facilitator with Suzanne Bastien Fondation focused on skills development, capacity building and encouragement of contemporary visual arts practices as a tool for economic and cultural empowerment. Daniel and the Fondation developed and implemented exhibition Sik Plastik Long Solwota as a creative vehicle to advocate for and generate awareness about the critical impact of plastics on Vanuatu's marine environment.



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DAVID JONES

REGIONAL DIRECTOR - SOLOMON ISLANDS,
KIRIBATI & VANUATU
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

David Jones worked for the Australian Public Service and the Australian Federal Police in various policy and advisory roles, including on five overseas postings, prior to joining AVI in 2017. His current role is Regional Director responsible for the Australian Volunteers Program in Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Vanuatu. David holds a Masters Degree in International and Community Development from Deakin University.



DIEGO REGOSA

COORDINATOR
FRANCE VOLONTAIRES

As a researcher and humanitarian, Diego has a deep interest in environmental issues and is one of the France Volontaires Volunteers under the EU Aid Volunteers (EUAV) initiative. He was deployed with other volunteers in Guinea to strengthen the activities of local organisations facing climate changes. He supported them helping them understanding how to build resilience of local communities facing climate change.



EMMA MORLEY

CHIEF OF VOLUNTEER ADVISORY
SERVICES
UNV

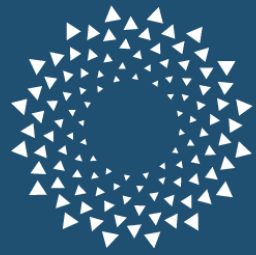
Emma Morley is the Chief of Volunteer Advisory Services, at the United Nations Volunteers (UNV). Ms. Morley leads UNV's work to position, strengthen and integrate volunteerism in the 2030 Agenda through research, policy and programming. She has 18 years of strategic policy development and programming experience with the United Nations and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prior to joining UNV, she led UNDP's work in support of the governance transition in Myanmar from 2013 to 2017. She holds a BSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a MA in Human Rights from the University of London.



GEETA DEVI PRADHAN

GLOBAL LEAD ADVISOR- GENDER
VSO

Geeta has worked in the development sector for more than 16 years, working across Asia Pacific and Africa. She leads VSO's strategic and technical approach to Gender and Social Inclusion integration across VSO's global portfolio. This includes advising programs and projects to integrate and embedded gender to bring about transformative norm change. She leads programmes on women's empowerment that tackle gender-based violence and embedding gender-responsive programs across VSO's thematic programs of health, education, and resilient livelihood.



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GERASIMOS KOUVARAS

COUNTRY DIRECTOR ACTIONAID HELLAS

Gerasimos Kouvaras has 25 years of engagement as executive director, instructor, advisor and volunteer in and for civil society sector at national and international level. Since 2007, he is the Country Director of ActionAid in Greece. Before joining ActionAid, among others, he has served Amnesty International as Director for Greece and the Greek Ministry of Education as Special Advisor on Volunteering and Youth Sector. In that capacity, he led the National Office for Youth Policies and chaired the Working Group "Youth" of the Council of the EU during the Greek EU Presidency in 2003.

He is a PhD in Management candidate at Cass Business School of City University of London and his other academic background includes a MBA from Nottingham Trent University concentrated in non-profit management (dissertation on volunteer satisfaction), and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Aristoteleion University of Thessaloniki. As an instructor, he has given several lectures and workshops in Greece and abroad within his areas of expertise to audiences including university post-graduate students, UN staff, public officials, NGO senior staff and youth leaders, and he has published educational toolkits including a handbook for effective volunteer management. He is co-founding member of the fair-trade movement in Greece and is currently member of the Advisory Board of the feminist organization "Women on Top".

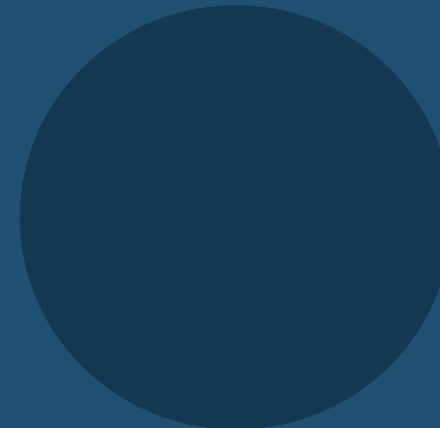


HELENE PEROLD

DIRECTOR HELENE PEROLD & ASSOCIATES

Helene Perold is the director of Helene Perold & Associates, a South African consultancy established in 1993. An evaluator, researcher, publisher and strategist, Helene has worked in the fields of volunteering, youth development, community service, education, public health and communication. www.hpa.co.za. In 2003 Helene founded VOSESA (Volunteer and Service Enquiry Southern Africa), a non-profit research organisation that for ten years worked to build an evidence base about volunteering and civic service in Southern Africa. Through its research and publications, VOSESA became recognised regionally and internationally as a knowledge leader in the field. Selected studies are available at www.vosesa.org.za.

Helene has served as a research fellow at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, St Louis, USA, and as a senior research fellow at the Center for Social Development in Africa, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.



IONIE BOLENGA

PRINCIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION



JAMES O'BRIEN

DIRECTOR FORUM

James O'Brien is the Executive Coordinator of the International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum). Prior to joining Forum, he spent a decade in various roles with Voluntary Service Overseas, most recently as Volunteering for Development Leadership Advisor. He has served as Coordinator of the Volunteer Groups Alliance and Chair of the Post-2015 Volunteering Working Group, and worked with Better Care Network and Lumos on responsible volunteering.



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JAMIE ISBISTER

AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DFAT

Mr Isbister is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and was most recently First Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian, Non-Government Organisations and Partnerships Division. He has previously served overseas as Minister-Counsellor, Australian High Commission, Pretoria.

Mr Isbister holds a Master of Policy Studies from the University of New South Wales and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales/University of New England.



JEAN TAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Jean Tan is the Executive Director of the Singapore International Foundation (SIF), a non-profit dedicated to international peace-building and development. Prior to SIF, she served at the ministries of Manpower, Foreign Affairs, and Information and the Arts. Jean is a graduate of the National University of Singapore and was awarded the Singapore Government Merit Scholarship to pursue postgraduate studies in the United States. In her spare time, Jean volunteers on the Board of the International Forum on Development Service, a global network of volunteer-driven development agencies, and chairs its annual conference committee. She also serves on the Global Public Diplomacy Network as a Founder Board Member and on the Board of SG Enable, an agency dedicated to serving persons with disabilities.



JESS LEES

LEADER HUMANITARIAN ADVISORY GROUP

Jessica Lees (Jess) is a Leader at Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) where she has led on a range of projects, including as lead author of the *Creating Communication that Works: Humanitarian*. Prior to joining HAG, Jess worked in humanitarian response operations management in Africa and the Asia-Pacific for a range of humanitarian agencies including NGOs, UN agencies and the Red Cross Movement. During her time at the Australian Red Cross as a Response Manager, Jess coordinated Australia's contribution to operations in East African countries facing drought and famine and tropical cyclones Winston in Fiji in 2016 and Gita in Tonga in 2017. Jess holds a Bachelors degree in International Studies from RMIT University in Melbourne and a Master of International Crisis Management from Monash University.



JESSICA MCCOMMON

RESEARCHER HUMANITARIAN ADVISORY GROUP

Jessica McCommon is a researcher at Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) in Melbourne, Australia. HAG is a social enterprise founded to elevate the profile of humanitarian action in Asia and the Pacific and to challenge the aid sector to think and do things differently. Before joining HAG, Jessica's work focused primarily on sustainable development. Her current work surrounds the humanitarian impact and response to climate change. This has included targeted research into climate communications and advocacy campaigns for humanitarian and development actors to better engage the public in the push for climate action. Jessica is passionate about elevating the urgency of the climate crisis in our region and encouraging positive action and change. She holds a Master of International Relations from the University of Melbourne.



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JOSEPH SIKULU
REGIONAL CAMPAIGNER
350.ORG

Joseph Sikulu is a Tongan man from Ha'apai and Vaini in Tongatapu. He grew up in Darug Country or Western Sydney, Australia as it is known today.

He is an Environmental, Cultural and Queer activist finding his strength in the cross section of these communities from people who like him are fighting to shift the narrative the world has on Queer people of colour.

Through his work he is the Regional Campaigner in the Pacific for 350.org and serves on the Secretariat for the Pacific Climate Warriors.



KRISHNEIL NARAYAN
DIRECTOR
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
CONSULTANCY

Krishneil is a sustainable development and climate change consultant with 13 years' economic, environmental and social change experience. He is the Director and Principal Consultant at Sustainable Future Consultancy and a Certified Expert in Climate Adaptation Finance. Krishneil was Fiji's youth ambassador for climate change and sustainable development from 2009-2015. He is an experienced climate change negotiator at the United Nations where he contributed to the adoption of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage in 2013 and the Paris Agreement in 2015. Krishneil is the Board of Directors Chairperson at Project Survival Pacific (PSP) - a youth-led organisation on sustainable development, working to ensure the survival and resilience of Pacific island people by addressing the region's development challenges. He works closely with the Pacific Island Governments and development agencies to formulate development action plans for the Pacific region.



KUDZO NYAMEKO
FOUNDER
ASSOCIATION JSA

Kudzo began volunteering at a very young age as an animator of workcamps. In 2002, he set up his own organisation, Jeunesse Sensibilisation Action (JSA) in Togo with other young people. He volunteers as a trainer for young people with local organisations and has been involved in several activities to promote volunteering in his country. He participates in the Welwärts program survey and evaluations at the national level on the contribution of volunteers to development and the Sustainable Development Goals. Kudzo worked on community rights during the establishment of the Biosphere Reserve Transboundary Togo – Benin from 2015 – 2019 and has also served as President of the network of international Volunteers organizations in Togo (CAVO) since 2018. He currently holds the position of Treasurer General of the national framework of volunteer organizations in Togo (CCOVT).



LÉNAÏK LE POUL
PROGRAMME MANAGER
FRANCE VOLONTAIRES

Lénaïk Le Poul is a multi-stakeholder programme manager, at France Volontaires, with experience in leading projects addressing climate change, education and inclusion issues all over the world. She fosters strategies combining several approaches, such as policy reform, capacity building and long-lasting cooperation. She facilitates collaborative experiences for groups of stakeholders who wish to build a strong partnership to tackle complex issues together, ensuring positive impact. She believes that transnational cooperation at all levels is a key towards global understanding and justice.



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MARGARET MORRIS

**URBAN ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION
IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER - SECRETARIAT
OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMME**

Margaret Morris, recently returned from her time as an Australian volunteer in Vanuatu based with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program. Trained as an Environmental scientist, Adult Educationalist and Statistician, she has 25 years engagement with environmental advocacy and project management. She has 13 years' experience in the VET sector as a passionate educator in Tourism, Events and Wine studies and 10 years' experience in project management and strategic management with one of Australia's leading manufacturing companies.



MOYOSOLUWA OLADAYO

**GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING FOR
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
VSO**

Moyosoluwa Oladayo is a development professional with significant experience in project management, specifically designing, implementing and evaluating health, education, good governance & policy and livelihood projects. She works with VSO as their Global Volunteering for Development Officer. Moyosoluwa has more than eight years' experience in community development, project development and management, youth programming and management and volunteering management. She currently supports 14 VSO countries across the globe, designing volunteering policies, frameworks and promoting the Global Standard for Volunteering for Development. In Nigeria, she led the implementation of 60+ projects in 45+ Communities (approximately 20 States) delivered at a grassroots level by over 750 people, impacting over 50,000 people. She graduated with Honours in Sociology from the University of Abuja, Nigeria where she was recognised as one of the best three students with outstanding performance in academics in 2010. She was also awarded the most outstanding female students of her class. She has a Diploma in Accountancy from the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro in Nigeria.



PELENISE ALOFA

**COORDINATOR
KIRIBATI CLIMATE ACTION
NETWORK**

Pelenise Alofa is National Coordinator for the Kiribati Climate Action Network (CAN), an umbrella NGO in Kiribati. She hails from the beautiful Pacific isles: Kiribati, Fiji and Tuvalu. Pelenise is an active advocate for stopping climate change internationally and in the Pacific region. Her strengths lie in project development, program facilitation, capacity building and strategic management. She has strong work relationships with the government on climate change programs in Kiribati. She has also successfully established the Banaban Network in Fiji for the Banabans, an indigenous people who were resettled in Fiji, and is working diligently to create the Pacific node for CAN.

Pelenise is a teacher by profession and is member of the Advisory Committee and Scholarship Board for the Ministry of Education in Kiribati. Her involvement in education has led to her working with youth and students on climate change programs. Her objective in life is to fully utilise knowledge and skills, talents and abilities to help alleviate poverty and improve quality of life for the people of Kiribati and the Pacific in the face of climate change.



DR. PETER DEVEREAUX

**RESEARCH FELLOW
CURTAIN UNIVERSITY**

Dr Peter Devereux is coordinator of the SDG Unit he developed at Curtin University as well as the Sustainability, Ecology and Communities unit at Murdoch University. He is a co-chief investigator on a longitudinal research study of Australian Volunteers. He is on national and international volunteer research committees including the Forum Research, Policy Practice and Learning group and coordinates the Western Australian SDG Network. Peter has focused on volunteering for development and sustainability policy, research and practice for 30 years and publishes and presents extensively in this area. Previously he worked on Volunteering and SDGs research in Myanmar; UN Volunteers HQ; as environmental adviser in Nicaragua, UN volunteer in Fiji, and manager of AVI's Perth office.



REBECCA PURSELL-GOTZ
RESEARCH SPECIALIST
VSO

Rebecca Pursell-Gotz is a Research Specialist in Volunteering for Development at VSO. She has a diverse background in research and evaluation with experience in East and Southern Africa. Her particular research interests are in the areas of community volunteering and volunteering in mixed teams (also known as blended volunteering). In her role at VSO, she leads on a series of research partnerships and undertakes primary research in key interest areas. Prior to joining VSO, Rebecca undertook a range of research and evaluations for international donors and government in South Africa.



RITA WARLEIGH
FOUNDER
IVP

Rita Warleigh is an environmental activist and Founder of International Volunteers for Peace (IVP), the Australian branch of Service Civil International (SCI). She has been leading the Australian branch for the past 32 years since its inception in 1988. As such, she has initiated, driven, resourced and participated in numerous community projects for peace around the world. For the last four years she served on the International Executive Committee of SCI, three years as Vice-President.

Committed to Social Justice issues, Rita holds a Masters of Social Ecology and has been active in social work in various fields including child protection, women's rights, people with less advantage. Rita is also a passionate community choir director and worked as a shiatsu/ remedial massage practitioner for 30 years.



SHENUKA PEIRIS
VOLUNTEER MOBILISATION AND
CHAPTER COORDINATOR
ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

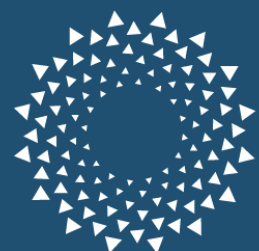
Shenuka currently holds the role of Mobilisation and Chapter Coordinator at Engineers Without Borders Australia (EWB Australia). An Engineering Graduate, who's professional career has spanned working within Finance and then an Economic research organisation prior to joining EWB Australia.

He is a former volunteer of EWB and is a current MBA candidate at the Melbourne Business School. Shenuka's passion is to explore how the nonprofit sector, social enterprise and profit for purpose organisations can align their values, core operations and business models to support climate action as well as the sustainable development goals more broadly.



SIMON LAFLAMME
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
CHANGE ADVISOR
OXFAM-QUÉBEC

Simon Laflamme worked as a volunteer with Oxfam Peru from 2016 - 2019. There, he supported local partners in community development initiatives centred on ecotourism, conservation and climate change adaptation. He is currently based in Montreal, Canada, where he works as an Environment and Climate Change Adviser with Oxfam-Québec and helps implement the new Volunteer Cooperation Program.



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VIVIANE OBED
GENERAL MANAGER
FURTHER ARTS

Viviane (Vivi) Obed is currently working with Further Arts as the General Manager. She joined Further Arts in November 2017. Vivi is a very strong advocate for promoting and protecting culture, through 'deep listening and prioritizing local voices and cultural knowledge – including traditional, consensus-based governance and deliberative processes'. Through her passionate project called the Pandanus, she mobilises communities to work together for availability of leaves to help local "artists" sustain their creative practices.