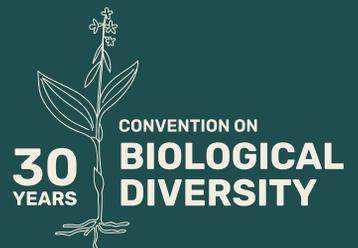




30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

# Convention on Biological Diversity



Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity

## **A Congratulatory Message from Dr. Kim Sang-do, Consul General of the Republic of Korea and Ambassador to ICAO**

June 1992 will be remembered as an important time in global efforts to protect the environment. Representatives of 178 States and nearly 1,400 NGOs from around the world gathered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and held the UN Conference on Environment and Development to discuss how best to protect the planet's environment. On that occasion, three landmark multilateral environmental agreements were established: the Convention on the Biological Diversity (CBD), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

Being the second generation multilateral environmental agreement to take the holistic approach to protect biological sphere, the CBD provides an effective and comprehensive legal framework for protection of biological diversity through its guiding principles as well as through the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

The challenges facing our planet today draw our renewed and strengthened attention to the need to protect biodiversity. While climate change is a paramount subject in the global community, biodiversity is one of the major factors bringing about climate change as well as a field that is severely affected by it. The breakout of the COVID-19 pandemic, which destabilized the world over the past two years, can be explained substantially by the destruction of biodiversity. Natural disasters such as tsunamis, large-scale forest fires, and droughts can also be prevented or alleviated through fortified biological diversity.

As a diplomat, I am proud of the Republic of Korea's firm commitment to biological diversity. The Republic of Korea, equipped with the domestic legal scheme for the implementation of the CBD, has supported the Secretariat of the CBD (SCBD) through hosting the 12th Conference of the Parties in 2014 and by providing substantial voluntary contributions to the SCBD. The Republic of Korea's commitment to biodiversity is not limited to CBD-related activities. Even before rising to its current status as an advanced country, while it sought speedy industrialization, the Republic of Korea achieved forest greening in parallel. The Republic of Korea joined the international community's initiatives on biodiversity protection on the occasion of the 2021 Seoul P4G Summit (Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030). The Republic of Korea's unique biodiversity assets also capture the attention of the international community.

A vivid example is the approximately 900 km<sup>2</sup>-sized demilitarized zone, a tragic remnant of the Korean War that cuts through the Korean peninsula, which has been kept untouched by humans since 1953 and has become a repository of global biodiversity. In addition, the Korean tidal flats (getbol) on its southwestern and southern coast are a world-class biodiversity zone with land and sea ecosystems, and were inscribed on the World Heritage List in July 2021.

Placing special importance on biological diversity, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, I wish to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the CBD. In this regard, I hope that the conference to be hosted by the Korean Consulate General and the SCBD to mark the milestone will be an important occasion where we can gather our collective will to support the protection biodiversity. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who are interested in and support the event.





Consul General and Ambassador

## Dr Sangdo Kim

Consul General, Republic of Korea

Ambassador Dr. Sangdo Kim is Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Montréal and Representative of the Republic of Korea to ICAO since June 2021.

Prior to his current post in Montréal, Dr. Kim held a number of executive and managerial positions at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea for three decades. He has extensive experience and established expertise in areas of air transport policy and safety. He has been credited with his exceptional communication skills in both bilateral and multilateral settings and most widely recognized for his diplomatic determination and leadership in global negotiations. His most notable assignments include serving as Head of Delegation for air services negotiations more than 20 times, and as Chief Negotiator in Motor Vehicle Safety Group in Korea-US and Korea-EU free trade agreement negotiations. He has further broadened his professional experience through cooperation with numerous leading international organizations such as ICAO, the OECD, the ITF (International Transport Forum), APEC, and ESCAP (UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific).

Dr. Kim received his PhD in Aviation Management from Korea Aerospace University, two Master's degrees in Public Policy from UC Berkeley and in Public Administration from Seoul National University, and BA in Social Welfare from Seoul National University. He was also previously a Visiting Fellow of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge.





# Elizabeth Maruma-Mrema

Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema is the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. She has worked with the UN Environment Programme for over two decades and was the Director of the Law Division at UNEP. Prior to joining the Law Division, she was Deputy Director of the Ecosystems Division, in charge of coordination, operations and programme delivery. Prior to these duties, she also served as Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. Her work at UNEP has focused on development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, including multilateral environmental agreements at national, regional and international levels.

Before joining UNEP, Elizabeth worked with Tanzania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and left as a Counsellor/Senior Legal Counsel.

During her time with the Ministry, she was also a lecturer in Public International Law and Conference Diplomacy at Tanzania's Centre for Foreign Relations and Diplomacy. She had also served as a pro bono visiting lecturer at the University of Nairobi Law School and in the past at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Rome, Italy.

A lawyer and career diplomat with LLB (Hons) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Centre of Foreign Relations and Diplomacy in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.



# **Message from the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Government of Canada**

Biodiversity sustains human societies ecologically, economically, culturally and spiritually. The rapid decline of biodiversity, unprecedented in the history of our planet, and the erosion of our ecosystems now pose a threat to humanity, jeopardizing our ability to address climate change.

Canada recognizes this and is actively engaged in protecting its ecosystems in order to sustain biodiversity and reverse its decline across Canada.

As a signatory to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, Canada has a national biodiversity strategy and action plan for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. In concrete terms, the Government of Canada's action is aimed at the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of resources and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

Furthermore, Canada has joined the States with ambitious objectives for the preservation of biodiversity and ecosystems. Our national conservation strategy now calls for the protection of up to 25% of our land and oceans. By December 2021, Canada now has 13.5% of its land and 14% of its oceans protected.

The preservation of biodiversity in Canada requires the collaboration of all governments and First Nations in Canada. For more than a decade, federal, provincial and territorial governments have been working together to protect biodiversity, and to achieve this, First Nations knowledge is becoming an asset.

Canadians recognize the need to maintain a healthy environment and are concerned about the degradation of ecosystems and the loss of species diversity as a result of human activity. Therefore, preserving biodiversity from coast to coast is without borders and without jurisdiction. It must be intensified and must become everyone's business. In this regard, Canada intends to voice its concerns and remain a strong voice on the international scene.



The Honourable

## Steven Guilbeault

Minister of Environment and Climate Change,  
Government of Canada

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Laurier—Sainte-Marie in 2019. He has previously served as Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Minister Guilbeault is a prominent advocate in the fight against the climate crisis, and has been leading the charge from Laurier—Sainte-Marie for years.

Minister Guilbeault's commitment to environmental issues started at the age of five, when he climbed a tree to protect it from real estate developers who were about to cut down the woods behind his home in La Tuque. Twenty-five years later, he scaled the CN Tower in Toronto to call for Canada to ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

In 1993, Minister Guilbeault co-founded Équiterre, the largest environmental organization in Québec, and served as its Senior Director from 2008 to 2018. He also worked as a Director and Campaign Manager for Greenpeace, and was a Strategic Advisor for more than 10 years at Cycle Capital Management, a Canadian fund dedicated to the development of clean technologies. Minister Guilbeault also worked for Deloitte & Touche as well as Copticom, a consulting firm specializing in the green and social economy, and transportation.

As an activist and strategic advisor for dozens of governments and businesses in Canada and abroad, Minister Guilbeault is a pragmatist who works to make a difference by building bridges and relationships. An avid cyclist and sportsman, he has been riding his bike 12 months a year for the last 30 years.

Minister Guilbeault is a father of four and stepfather of two.



# Québec, firmly committed to the Convention on Biological Diversity for 30 years!

*Message from the Québec Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change, Benoit Charette and Nadine Girault, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.*

Pressures on biodiversity are causing the loss of essential ecological services that ensure the population's well-being, health and safety, and that are essential to mitigating the effects of climate change and helping us adapt to them. Nature is generous to us and it is our duty to take concrete action to ensure its conservation.

The Gouvernement du Québec declared itself bound by the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as soon as it was signed 30 years ago. Québec has hosted the Convention's secretariat since 1996 and actively contributes to the implementation of major international biodiversity objectives.

As the international community celebrates the anniversary of the CBD, Québec is proud to say that it has protected the territories needed to meet the 2020 targets it set for its network of protected areas. The total protected area surface in Québec is now larger than the United Kingdom!

We have made unprecedented efforts to achieve that objective and have succeeded in protecting territories that are engrained in our collective imagination, including in the Chic-Choc Mountains. We have also committed to protecting Île d'Anticosti in its entirety in conjunction with the process to have it recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Several governments expressed their desire to protect these exceptional sites, but we have succeeded in transforming that desire into a reality.

Protecting land further south is our next major challenge. We will meet that challenge thanks to strengthened partnerships with all relevant stakeholders, including Indigenous communities, municipalities and conservation organizations working on private land. The new version of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act will enable us to create protected areas as a result of the statuses it creates, such as the protected area with sustainable use status, adapted to the reconciliation of land use in southern Québec and in compliance with international conservation criteria.

During the next year, a new Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework with new goals and targets will be adopted. As co-coordinator of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments on Biological Diversity, Québec will continue to play a key role in the adoption and implementation of this forthcoming global framework. Along with its partners, and building on a renewed legal framework for protected areas, Québec will fully support new international commitments by contributing to them based on its jurisdictions, resources and timeframes.

**Benoit Charrette**  
*Minister*

**Nadine Girault**  
*Minister*





The Honourable

## **Benoit Charrette**

**Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against  
Climate Change, Government of Québec**

Benoit Charrette has been the Member of the National Assembly for the Deux-Montagnes riding since 2008. He holds a bachelor's degree in history with a concentration in political science from the Université du Québec à Montréal and a degree in public administration from the École nationale d'administration publique. He began his career at the Ministère des Relations internationales in the Québec Government Office in Mexico City. He then worked at the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie in Moncton. Mr. Charrette was appointed Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change in January 2019. The anti-racism portfolio was added to his responsibilities in February 2021.





The Honourable

## Nadine Girault

Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie,  
Government of Québec

Nadine Girault is Québec's minister of International relationships and Francophonie. From Haitian descent, Nadine Girault was born in Missouri, leaving with her family at the age of 2 for Québec.

From Xerox and Bank of Montréal to the Montréal police department, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Mouvement Desjardins, Mme. Girault is well known for her strategic insight and for leading successful teams.

Always engaged with her community, Nadine Girault has been involved in several board of directors and committees, such as Investissement Québec, the Fonds de solidarité FTQ, l'École supérieure du ballet du Québec, the Jean-Talon Hospital Foundation, the Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital Foundation, the Association of Québec Women in Finance, and many others.

A graduate of HEC Montréal, Nadine Girault holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, specialized in finances and marketing and a MBA in financial services of the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Still to this day, Ms. Girault is very proud to represent the people of Québec at the National Assembly of Québec, to strengthen Québec's ties with the various communities abroad and to affirm her Haitian roots.



# A word from the Mayor, Ms. Valérie Plante

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Montréal on the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. This treaty marked an important milestone in our collective understanding of the need to protect nature, everywhere on the planet.

Now, more than ever, is time to act! More than one million of the eight million animal and plant species listed are threatened with extinction if we do not act quickly. In addition, poor ecosystem health is now threatening our populations.

The last two years of the pandemic have demonstrated how nature and biodiversity are essential allies in our daily lives. We have a duty to meet the needs of people through the sustainable and equitable management of natural resources.

This is why, in Montréal, we are committed to achieving the socio-ecological transition in a fair and inclusive manner. Cities are the first to suffer the consequences of climate change. They are therefore key players in this transition. Hence the importance of being in action mode and acting locally and internationally.

The city of Montréal has an important role to play in protecting its biodiversity. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously, not only as mayor, but also as ICLEI global ambassador for local biodiversity.

In Montréal, we have adopted an ambitious Climate Plan, which contains concrete, validated and quantified measures, approved by experts. These measures will have a critical impact on protecting biodiversity, reducing GHG emissions, adapting to climate change and mobilizing the community.

We also support our partners, such as Espace pour la vie, in their work, whether it be in research, education or in raising awareness about the socio-ecological transition. Montréal has distinguished itself internationally, for example, by developing pollination and phytotechnology strategies. We must continue to move forward together to have a concrete and global impact on the future of our planet.

Partnerships are essential to ensure the protection of biodiversity. I would therefore like to acknowledge the work of organizations working to protect biodiversity, including the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the David Suzuki Foundation, the Université du Québec à Montréal, the Fonds de recherche du Québec and the Maison du développement durable, which have organized this day of conferences, bringing together national and international specialists. I would also like to thank the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Montréal for its leadership in organizing this event.

We look forward to continue working with you to halt the decline of biodiversity, especially in urban areas.



# Valérie Plante

Mayor of Montréal

First elected city councillor in Saint-Marie district in 2013, Valérie Plante was chosen by Projet Montréal members to lead the party in 2016. Her contagious passion and energy have helped her rally people around her progressive vision.

Deeply committed to participatory democracy, Valérie Plante has a bold plan for Montréal centered on increased access to public transit, improved urban planning and public services, the economy and the environment. Her commitment is to bridge the gap on these issues for all 19 city boroughs.

She was first elected mayor of Montréal in the November 2017 municipal election. The people of Montréal gave her a second term in November 2021. As mayor of Montréal, Valérie Plante is a member of various advisory committees and governing boards.

- Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM);
- President of the Big Cities Caucus of the Union des Municipalités du Québec (UMQ);
- Governing board member of Montréal international;
- Governing board member of Fondation Montréal inc.;
- Member of the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Co-president of Metropolis
- ICLEI's Global Ambassador for Local Biodiversity



# Program

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**17:00 Future  
generation college**

Young scholar and student pre-conference meeting

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**18:00 Welcoming cocktail**

**Welcoming speech**

Consul General and Ambassador Dr. Sangdo Kim,  
Consulate General of Republic of Korea (ROK) in Montreal

**Video address**

The Honourable Nadine Girault, Minister of International  
Relations and La Francophonie, Government of Québec

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment  
and Climate Change, Government of Canada;

*Introduced by: Ms. Line Beauchamp, Ex-Deputy Premier and Ex-Minister  
of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, Government of  
Québec.*

Ms. Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal;

*Introduced by: Ms. Julie Jodoin, Acting Director, Espace pour la vie.*

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# Program

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 Welcome address**

## **Welcoming speech**

Consul General and Ambassador Dr. Sangdo Kim,  
Consulate General of Republic of Korea (ROK) in Montreal

*Introduced by: Ms. Corinne Gendron, Ph. D., Professor, Dept. of Strategy, Social and Environmental Responsibility, École des science de la gestion (ESG), Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).*

## **Congratulatory speech**

Ms. Elizabeth Maruma-Mrema, UN Assistant  
Secretary General, Executive Secretary of  
the Convention on Biological Diversity

*Introduced by: Mr. Jae-woo Kim, Consul in Montréal, ROK.*

**10:00 History and  
Achievements of the  
Convention on Biological  
Diversity**

Moderator : Ms. Janice L. Bailey, Ph.D, Scientific Director,  
Fonds de recherche du Québec en nature et technologies

- Mr. David Ainsworth, Information Officer, CBD Secretariat/UNEP
- Ms. Sabaa Khan, Director General, Québec and Atlantic Canada, David Suzuki Foundation
- Ms. Lucie Robidoux, Head of the Ecosystems Unit, Commission for Environmental Cooperation
- Mr. Jean Lemire, Emissary for Climate Change and Northern and Arctic Issues, Government of Québec
- Ms. Danika Littlechild, Assistant Professor, Dept of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University

**12:00 Lunch - Address by Minister Benoit Charrette**

The Honourable Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, Government of Québec;  
*Introduced by: Mr. Komlan Sedzro, Doyen, ESG, UQAM.*

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**Exhibition - Poster session**

**14:00 The future of the Convention on Biological Diversity, what objectives for 2050?**

Moderator: Mr. Jérôme Dupras, Ph.D., Professor in the Dept. of Natural Sciences, Université du Québec en Outaouais

- Ms. Jihyun Lee, Ph.D. Director of Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division, CBD Secretariat/UNEP
  - Ms. Francine Pauvif, MA, Founder, Canadian Youth Biodiversity Network
  - Mr. Maxim Larrivière, Ph.D, Director, Insectarium, Espace pour la vie
  - Ms. Dalal Hanna, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Dept. of Biology, Carleton University
  - Mr. Florian Roulle, Senior Director, Strategy and Partnerships, Head of Sustainable Finance, Finance Montréal
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**16:00 Cocktail closing event**

Ms. Marie-Christine Bellemare, President of the Association des biologistes du Québec;  
*Introduced by: Mr. Philippe Bourke, President of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement, Government of Québec.*

**Summary and wrap up of the conference**

Ms. Corinne Gendron, Ph. D., Professor, Dept. of Strategy, Social and Environmental Responsibility, ESG, UQAM

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- Corinne Gendron, Professor, UQAM
- Sébastien Côté, Master's degree candidate in management, UQAM
- Élisabeth Durand, Master's degree candidate in management, UQAM
- Pierre-Luc Fortier, Master's degree candidate in management, UQAM
- Alexandre Viger-Collins, Political and Economic Specialist, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Montreal

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# David Ainsworth

Information Officer, SCBD-UNEP

Dr. Ainsworth has been working with the communications unit of the Secretariat since 2003. Prior to this he has held managerial positions in private industry, taught at McGill University and worked at Rights and Democracy. He has led the communications efforts of the Secretariat during the International Year of Biodiversity 2000, throughout the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and has launched four volumes in the Global Biodiversity Outlook series. Dr. Ainsworth has combined his strategic vision and strong communications skills to coordinate media outreach and education efforts under the Convention, with a focus on the interaction between communication, and behaviour change. He has been a long-standing member of the steering committee of the Commission on Education and Communication of IUCN.

David received his Ph.D. in Political Science from McGill University. Prior to this he graduated cum laude from the University of Toronto with a degree in History and Political Science. He attended the Lester B. Pearson United World College in British Columbia where he obtained an International Baccalaureate diploma.





# Janice L. Bailey

Ph.D, Scientific Director, Fonds de recherche du Québec en nature et technologies

Janice Bailey is the Scientific Director of the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Nature et technologies (FRQNT) since 2019. The mandate of FRQNT is to develop and promote research activities to address societal challenges, including environmental crises, and to stimulate socio-economic development. In doing so, FRQNT favors support to the next generation of researchers, interdisciplinary collaboration, research partnerships and diversity in its approaches. Prior to joining FRQNT, she was Professor in Animal Sciences and Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Laval University (Québec, Canada).

As an active researcher for over 25 years, her research has explored the impact of the environment on fertility and the ability to produce healthy offspring over multiple generations. She has worked on a range of species including bees, fish, mammals of agricultural importance, laboratory rodents and human studies. During her career, she has been elected to executive governance positions in various national and international learned societies. Professor Bailey has been recognized for her research contributions and leadership, and was recently named a Distinguished Fellow of the Society for the Study of Reproduction.





# Line Beauchamp

Ex-Deputy Premier and Ex-Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, Government of Québec

Ms. Beauchamp held several important positions in the Québec government, where she led several departments.

Elected as a Member of Parliament in 1998, she joined the Cabinet in 2003 as Minister of Culture and Communications. She held this position until 2007, when she was appointed Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks. She was Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport from 2010 to 2012. She also served as Deputy Premier of Québec from 2011 to 2012.

Line Beauchamp is a strategic consultant. She works with clients in the private sector and non-profit organizations. Her main mandates are in the fields of environment, land use planning, real estate, innovation and culture.

She served as Québec's Delegate General to France, and to the Principality of Monaco, from 2016 to 2019. As of February 2017, she also acted as personal representative of the Premier of Québec (sherpa) at the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

As a volunteer, Line Beauchamp has chaired the board of directors of Synapse C, an organization dedicated to the effective use of data for the benefit of the Québec and Canadian cultural ecosystem, since 2019. She is also a director of the National Theatre School of Canada, the Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation and the Angus Land Trust.





# Marie-Christine Bellemare

President of the Association des biologistes du Québec

Ms. Bellemare is a biologist by formation and completed her graduate studies at the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2012. Since then, she has worked in the fields of conservation and private consulting, and more recently in the public service.

Initially specialized in ichthyology, she now has extensive experience in the management of natural environments in a context of urbanization, mainly in the greater Montréal area. Ms. Bellemare has had the opportunity to conduct nearly twenty environmental studies and environmental impact assessments in recent years. It is her great passion for her profession and those who practice it that explains her involvement with the Association des biologistes du Québec for a little over 10 years. The Association des biologistes du Québec (ABQ) is a non-profit organization with more than 1000 members from the vast field of biological sciences: biologists in private practice, researchers, managers employed by public agencies, industry and other institutions, professors and teachers in biology, students in biology, etc. Ms. Bellemare has been the president since 2020 and is now working to integrate the biology profession into the Québec professional system..





# Philippe Bourke

President of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement, Government of Québec

On November 20, 2017, Philippe Bourke was appointed President of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement. Passionate about environmental issues, social acceptability, energy, climate change, and sustainable development, Philippe Bourke previously served as Executive Director of the Regroupement national des conseils régionaux de l'environnement du Québec for 20 years (1997-2017).

During this period, he was vice-president (2010-2016) and then president (2017) of the Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable and member of the board of directors of Territoires innovants en économie sociale et solidaire (2016-2017). Philippe Bourke also served as an expert on the Comité-conseil sur les changements climatiques (2014-2017), a multidisciplinary committee responsible for advising the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change on a multitude of issues related to the fight against climate change.

Creative and concerned with a greater sharing of expertise on environmental protection issues, he founded GaïaPresse (2007), a specialized media dedicated to the environment, and is co-instigator of the Unpointcinq impact project on climate action. He has also been a director of the Agence de l'efficacité énergétique, the Canadian Environmental Network and the Centre québécois d'action sur les changements climatiques.

Philippe Bourke is a biologist and holds a master's degree in environmental sciences from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.





# Jérôme Dupras

Professor in the Dept. of Natural Sciences, Université du Québec en Outaouais

Jérôme Dupras is a professor in the Department of Natural Sciences at the Université du Québec en Outaouais, Canada Research Chair in Ecological Economics and researcher at the Institute for Temperate Forest Sciences (ISFORT).

Mr. Dupras is a recognized specialist in the socio-economic valuation of biodiversity. His work on socio-ecological modelling, natural infrastructures and environmental governance is not only published in the best scientific journals in the field, but has also been widely used by various actors in civil society to build a new argument for nature conservation and to develop new programs and policies for land use planning.

In recent years, his work has been recognized by numerous awards and distinctions. Mr. Dupras was notably awarded the Academic Medal - Gold of the Governor General of Canada in 2015 and the Prix du Québec de la relève scientifique in 2018. In December 2019, Radio-Canada's ICI RDI network named him one of the four personalities of the year in Québec for his commitment to the fight against climate change and in 2020, the Royal Belgian Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters awarded him the Québec Chair.

Mr. Dupras holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a doctorate in geography from the Université de Montréal, and a postdoctorate in biology from McGill University. In addition to his scientific activities, Jérôme Dupras also works as an artist on the francophone music scene, as a member and founder of the group Les Cowboys Fringants.





# Dr. Corinne Gendron

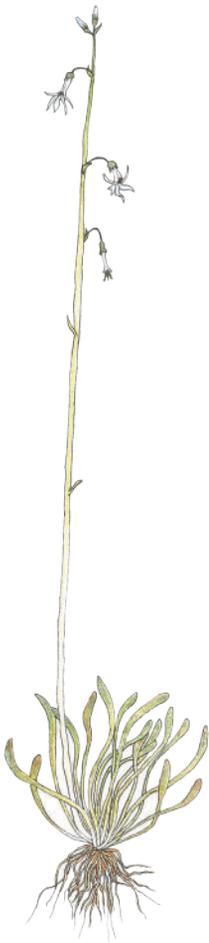
Ph. D., Professor, Dept. of Strategy, Social and Environmental Responsibility, École des science de la gestion (ESG), Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

Dr. Corinne Gendron is a Professor in the Department of Strategy, Social and Environmental Responsibility at the School of Management Sciences (ESG) at UQAM since 2002. She has worked in the environmental field for over twenty years. From 2004 to 2017, She was head of UQAM's research chair in Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development, where she has directed several research programs regarding sustainable development, corporate social responsibility, globalization, new social economic movements and fair trade. She teaches courses in business, environmental management and research methodology.

Dr. Gendron served between 2011 and 2013 on the Committee of the Strategic Environmental Assessment on shale gas, which worked under the Coordinating Bureau of the then-Québec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks. She is also a member of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) since 2011, whose mission is to inform government decision-making in a perspective of sustainable development, encompassing ecological, social, and economic aspects. She has served as BAPE commissioner for various energy and urban projects.

Dr. Gendron holds several distinctions, such as being an elected member of France's Académie des technologies; receiving the ESG Career Award in Research; receiving the Chevalier de l'ordre de la Légion d'Honneur of France; and being an elected fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Holder of a PhD in environmental economic sociology from UQAM, Dr. Gendron also holds an MBA from HEC Montréal, specializing in marketing and finance. She received her LLB from the Université de Montréal, and has been a member of the Québec Bar since 1990.



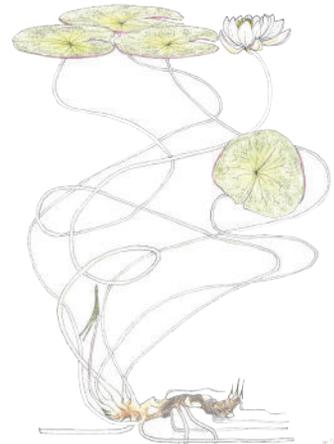


# Dalal Hanna

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Dept. of Biology,  
Carleton University

Dalal Hanna is a freshwater ecologist, science communicator, and National Geographic Explorer who works to generate the information and momentum required for society to shift toward more sustainable and equitable living. She completed a PhD in Natural Resource Sciences at McGill University, in Canada, and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Carleton University. Her focus is on how rivers and lakes can best be protected to ensure their continued contributions to people's well-being.

She is also the co-founder and director of Riparia, a Canadian Charity that works to create better connections between youth, science and water by bringing youth on free, multi-day, freshwater science expeditions.



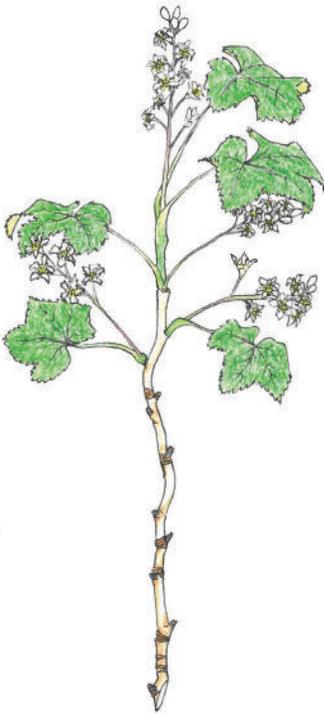


# Julie Jodoin

Acting director, Espace pour la vie

Julie Jodoin has been acting director of Espace pour la vie since September 2020. She led the organization during the pandemic, as well as the integration of the Biosphere and the opening of the new Insectarium. HEC Montréal graduate in management, she has acquired expertise in strategic, organizational and performance development for more than fifteen years in cultural organizations. Responsible for public funding strategies at TOHU, the Cité des arts du cirque, she joined Espace pour la vie in 2013. Successively Executive Advisor, Head of Strategy and Business Development, and Director of Operations, she ensures the realization of strategic orientations in order to broaden the research, education and public programs as well each of the five museums' commitment to the socio ecological transition, to which Espace pour la vie actively contributes.

Espace pour la vie brings together the Biosphère, the Biodôme, the Insectarium, the Jardin botanique and the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium and is the largest natural science museum complex in Canada.



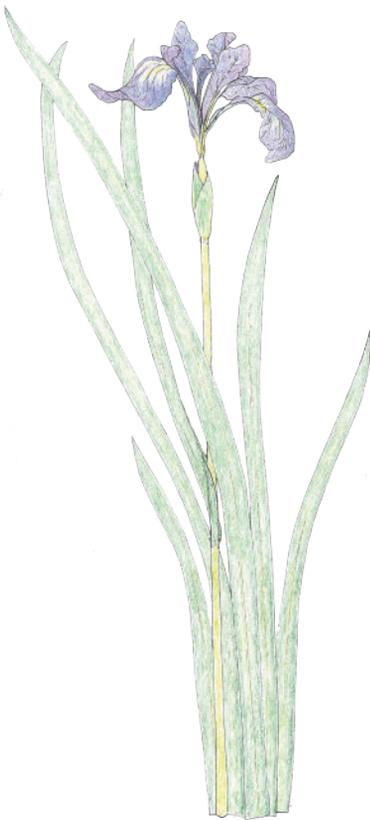


# Sabaa Khan

Director General, Québec and Atlantic Canada,  
David Suzuki Foundation

Ms. Sabaa Khan (DCL, LL.M. LL.L.) is the Executive Director for Québec and the Atlantic at the David Suzuki Foundation. She is an international lawyer and a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN), with extensive experience in climate governance and commercial law. She is a former member and chair (2019) of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, as well as a former member of the NAFTA Advisory Committee on the Environment (Government of Canada).

She holds a Doctorate of Laws from McGill University's Faculty of Law, a Master's degree in International Law from the Université de Montréal, and has published numerous articles on contemporary issues and problems in environmental law, multilateral treaties, free trade agreements, and climate justice. She is also a pianist, member of the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada, and mother of two children.





# Jae-woo Kim

Consul in Montréal, Republic of Korea

Mr. Jae-woo Kim is a Consul of the Republic of Korea in Montréal and an Alternate Representative of the Republic of Korea on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) since August 2019.

Mr. Kim is a career diplomat since 1997 and served in the following posts prior to the current post:

- Embassy in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Mission to International Organizations in The Hague from 2009 to 2012;
- Embassy in the Republic of Belarus from 2012 to 2014; and
- Embassy in the Republic of Uzbekistan from 2017 to 2019.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he worked in the Passport Division, the Trade Information Team, the Bilateral Treaties Division, the Multilateral Treaties Division, the Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division, and the International Legal Affairs Division as Second Secretary or First Secretary. He also served as Director of Multilateral Cultural Affairs and Tourism Division, which is now called the UNESCO Division.

Throughout his career, in addition to the bilateral relations between the Republic of Korea and his host countries, Mr. Kim has been in charge of various subject matters such as international laws, disarmament and non-proliferation, cultural cooperation, aviation, biological diversity, and cooperation, with the relevant international organizations totaling more than 10.

He graduated from Korea University, Law College (LL.B) and Georgetown University, Law Center (LL.M), and served in the Republic of Korea's Air Force from 1998 to 2002.



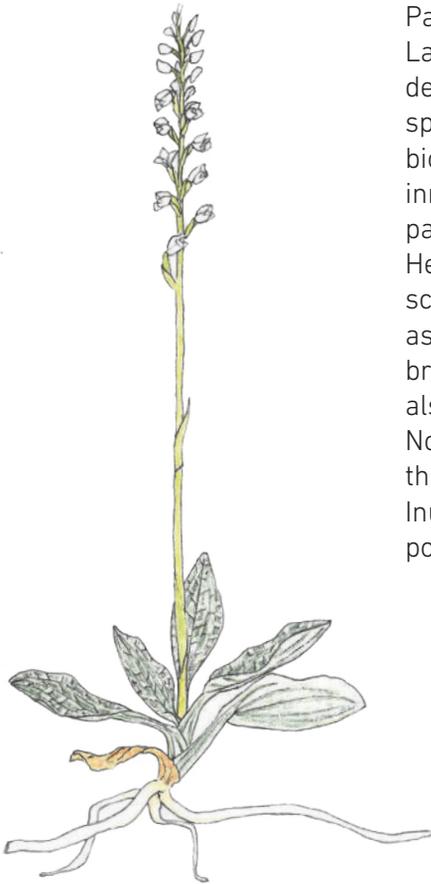


# Maxim Larrivéé

Director, Insectarium, Espace pour la vie

A renowned scientist and astute manager, Maxim Larrivéé has been the Insectarium's director since 2019. He recently led the successful opening of the new Insectarium in spring 2022. Along with his colleagues on the Espace pour la vie management team, he collaborates on developing strategies and achieving the department's goals of reconnecting humans with nature and encouraging them to protect it; he also pursues the development of participatory science programs and the deployment of Espace pour la vie's indigenization program.

Passionate about entomology since a young age, Maxim Larrivéé holds a Ph.D. in entomology as well as a Master's degree in ecology and a Bachelor's degree in biology. He specializes in the study of the impacts of climate change on the biodiversity of several arthropod groups. He combines several innovative approaches to biodiversity monitoring, including participatory science and more recently artificial intelligence. He founded and co-directs eButterfly, a global participatory science project focused on monitoring butterfly biodiversity, as well as Mission Monarch, which focuses on identifying the breeding grounds of the Monarch butterfly in Canada. He has also set up an insect monitoring network in Québec's Great North in collaboration with the Nunavik regional government, the Nunavik Riverkeeper project, where young people from Inuit communities are trained and hired to monitor insect pollinators in their communities.



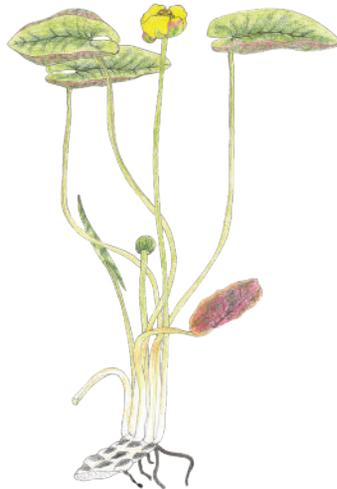
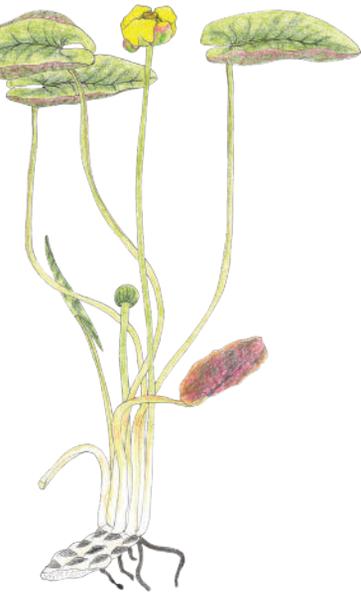


# Jihyun Lee

Director of Science, Society and Sustainable Future Division,  
SCBD-UNEP

Jihyun Lee, the Director of the Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division (SSSF) Division at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)/UNEP, brings more than 20 years of the United Nations experience and 9 years of national government experience in the fields of sustainable development, conservation of biodiversity, and integrated management of environment and natural resources.

She has broad international experience in about 150 countries, providing policy and technical advice and capacity building opportunities for enhancing country's implementation efforts for achieving global goals and targets relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.





## Jean Lemire

Emissary for Climate Change and Northern and Arctic Issues, Government of Québec

A biologist by training and renowned science communicator, Jean Lemire has conducted work on climate change and biodiversity that has led to major scientific missions.

In 2001, Mr. Lemire converted a large oceanographic schooner into a scientific research platform and production studio that took him across the world's oceans to raise awareness about key environmental issues. In 2012, following missions to the Arctic (2002) and Antarctica (2005-2006), he and his crew, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity, began the "1,000 Days for the Planet" series, involving a three-year world expedition to examine the state of Earth's biodiversity.

In association with the Sedna Foundation, Mr. Lemire has also designed many instructional programs that have become references over the years in the field of education. His commitment to protecting the environment has earned him a number of awards and honours, including the Citation of Lifetime Achievement from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

Mr. Lemire was appointed Envoy for Climate Change, Northern and Arctic Affairs by the Government of Québec in 2017, thus becoming the first envoy in the history of Québec diplomacy.

Mr. Lemire has a Master's in Biology with a specialty in Ecology from the Université de Sherbrooke, as well as honorary degrees from UQAM and the Université du Québec à Rimouski.





# Danika Littlechild

Assistant Professor, Dept of Law and Legal Studies,  
Carleton University

Danika Billie Littlechild is Cree from Ermineskin Cree Nation in Maskwacis, Treaty No. 6 territory in Canada (Alberta). Danika is an Assistant Professor at Carleton University in the Department of Law and Legal Studies (Faculty of Public Affairs). Prior to joining the Faculty in January of 2020, Danika practised law in Canada for almost two decades, advising Indigenous Peoples across Canada and internationally. Danika was the first Indigenous woman to be appointed as Vice-President of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (2014-2018) after almost 15 years of working with CCUNESCO in various voluntary, leadership and advisory capacities.

Danika served as Co-Chair of the Indigenous Circle of Experts under Canada's Pathway to Target 1 initiative and is excited to work with the Conservation through Reconciliation project as the Lead for the Research Stream on Ethical Space. Danika is a co-lead investigator of the Arramat Project, a multi-million dollar international research project on Indigenous health, wellbeing and biodiversity.





# Francine Pauvif

Founder, Canadian Youth Biodiversity Network

Ms. Francine Pauvif currently works as the Mobilization Campaigner for World Animal Protection and one of the Founders of the Canadian Youth Biodiversity Network (CYBN), a chapter of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

Francine has extensive experience in youth mobilization, policy analysis and research in the environmental sector. Francine has worked with several environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOS) at the local, provincial, and federal levels, including the Sierra Club of Canada Foundation, the Canadian Environmental Network, and Protect Our Waters and Environmental Resources. Francine currently sits on the Sierra Club of Canada Foundation's Conservation Committee and the Canadian Environmental Network's Biodiversity Caucus Steering Committee.

Francine has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Political Science from the University of Guelph and a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Ottawa. Francine's research interests include the animal rights and welfare movements, the Rights of Nature, and youth mobilization.





## Lucie Robidoux

Head of the Ecosystems Unit, Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Lucie Robidoux has been working at the intersection of environmental science, policy and action for over 30 years. As Head of the Ecosystems Unit at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), her work focuses on fostering knowledge creation and exchange across Canada, Mexico and the United States to strengthen conservation actions across North America.

Lucie works on a variety of issues related to pollinators, migratory birds, marine protected areas and marine litter, engaging government experts, researchers and local communities in collaborative conservation.



## Florian Roule

Senior Director, Strategy and Partnerships, Head of Sustainable Finance, Finance Montréal

Florian's role is to monitor and analyze the evolution and major trends in the financial services industry, to make forecasts and to contribute to Finance Montréal's strategic planning. He is also responsible for the cluster's initiatives in sustainable finance and support for financial entrepreneurship and asset management.

An economist by training, Florian has over 10 years of experience in socio-economic research, strategic planning and evaluation of government programs, particularly those related to economic development.





# Komlan Sedzro

Doyen, École des sciences de la gestion, UQAM

Professor Sedzro has been Dean of ESG UQAM since 2018. He previously held several positions of academic and scientific responsibility, including Scientific Director of the Institute of Mathematical Finance of Montréal, Director of the Department of Finance, Director of the MBA Financial Services, Director of the PhD program in Administration, as well as Director of the M.Sc. in Applied Finance and the DESS in Finance and Derivative Financial Instruments that he created at ESG-UQAM in collaboration with the Montréal Stock Exchange.

Professor Sedzro sits on several boards and committees such as, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the UQAM Entrepreneurship Center, members of the Boards of Directors of the Cercle de la finance internationale de Montréal, of the CÉGEP Marie-Victorin, of the UQAM Foundation and of the evaluation committee of the fund for education and good governance (2011-2018) of the Autorité des marchés financiers du Québec, etc.

Professor Sedzro's research activities include optimal portfolio allocation, performance evaluation, hedge funds, the application of operations research methods in finance, microfinance, and financial engineering. He has also carried out several consulting, research and training mandates on various subjects for the Montréal Stock Exchange, the World Bank, the National Bank of Canada, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, Revenue Canada, the Institute of Economics and Finance in Gabon, among others. He holds a Master's degree in Business Economics from the University of Clermont 1 in France and a Ph. D. in Business Administration (Finance and Insurance) from Laval University.





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