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## SPEAKERS' BIO SUMMARY

*(In alphabetical order, by family name)*



**Ms. Christiane Blancot** is an urban planner/architect, and director of studies at the Atelier parisien d'urbanisme (APUR). Since 1990, she has led several programmes with the city of Phnom Penh within a cooperation framework between Paris and Phnom Penh. She led a European Reconstruction Programme for Cambodia from 1995 until 1998 and an Asia Urbs Programme from 2001 until 2003. Since 2008, she supported research studies and development plans focusing on Phnom Penh northern and southern geographies. In addition, she coordinated the production of several publications

related to Phnom Penh and the city transformation. She teaches at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture of Paris La Villette.



**H.E. Ek Sonn Chan** was appointed director of Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority (PPWSA) in 1993. Under his leadership the PPWSA was reformed and became both organisationally and financially sustainable in 1997.

He has been widely recognised for his achievements: in 2004, he was awarded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) the most prestigious prize in the water industry "Water For ALL". In 2006, he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian Nobel prize.

He was awarded by Cambodia Prime Minister the title of "Water Hero" in July 2007. In 2010, he was elevated to the rank of Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur by the President of the French Republic and received the Stockholm Industry Water Award. More recently, he was acknowledged twice by the government of Japan with the JICA's President Award and the Minister of Foreign Affairs Award.

After leaving RDE in July 2012, H.E. Ek has continued working in the water industry as State Secretary at the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy. Presently, he works as delegated minister to the Prime Minister and remains active leading water supply humanitarian projects in remote rural areas.



**Dr. Gabriel Fauveaud** holds a Phd in Geography and Urban Studies from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (2013). His thesis focuses on the impact of real estate practices on the contemporary transformations of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Between 2008 and 2013, he taught geography and development studies in various French universities, including the Université Paris Diderot, Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée, Université de Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, and the Institut d'Etude du Développement Economique et Social (IEDES).

After having conducted postdoctoral researches in Geography, Urban Planning and Political Sciences, he worked for the International Studies Program at Université de Montréal as a visiting professor in 2016 where he led a master's seminar on governance and globalization. He

finally joined the Department of Geography and the Center for Asian Studies of the Université de Montréal in 2018.



**Mr. Hassan Hajam** has 10+ years of experience, working, interacting and collaborating with underprivileged groups, social entrepreneurs, and impact investors in Africa, Asia, Central America, and Europe. He has led deal sourcing, strategic planning, incubation, coaching, due diligence, financing and portfolio management activities to support the creation, growth and empowerment of inclusive business initiatives, addressing pressing social and environmental issues. As an impact investing professional, he has developed a model that comprises a Social Business Incubator and an Investment Fund, which help to promote, start and finance social businesses across the globe.

Hassan Hajam graduated from Compiegne University of Technology with a Master of Science, double majoring in Engineering and Innovation Management. He also holds minors in Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Development, and Digital Economy & Technologies.

He is currently the Executive Director of Platform Impact, a strategy advisory and consulting firm aiming to scale Social Entrepreneurship and Socially Responsible Investing projects across Southeast Asia.



**Mr Hun Chansan**, since the founding of Re-Edge Architecture / Design in 2011, has directed the design completion of numerous projects of different types and scales. These projects are designed with the architectural approach of cultivating the dialog between a building and its environment- a concept depicted from Chansan' s Master' s Degree Thesis back in school in 2009: "Re-Edging Retails."

A native to Cambodia, Chansan has spent more than 15 years studying and living abroad in Singapore, France and the United States. In 2009, he graduated with a Master of Architecture from Northeastern University in

Boston, Massachusetts. Soon after, Chansan returned to Cambodia where he quickly established himself as a lecturer and guest professor at multiple universities in Phnom Penh. Still today, he continues to enlighten students about the beauty of Design & Concept through architecture.

Chansan not only contributes to the success of Re-Edge within the Cambodian society but also to the exposure of Cambodian architects internationally. With each design, he seeks a storyline to be told to himself, his team of aspiring architects, and his clients.



**H.E. Chep Chuktema** is a Member of Parliament since 2018.

He was private advisor to the Prime Minister from 2008 until 2013 holding the rank of minister. From 2003 until 2013, he was Governor of the Phnom Penh Municipality, a function he previously held in many provinces of Cambodia. During his two tenure, the City of Phnom Penh was awarded many prizes including but not limited to: in 2004, in Manila the ADB "Water for all" Award; in 2007, in London, the World Leadership Awards recognizing environmental rehabilitation at local level; in 2008, in Hanoi, the

ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities Award and in 2011, in Bali, the ASEAN Award for Sustainable Environment. He holds two bachelors in political sciences and medical studies.



**Dr. Fabienne Luco** holds a PhD in Social Anthropology from the Ecole des Hautes études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS- Paris) and his an associate fellow at CASE (Centre ASIE du Sud-Est/UMR 8170 - EHESS-CNRS-INALCO). She has lived in Cambodia since 1993. She conducted anthropological research on the villages of the Angkor Archaeological Park, on the management of local conflicts and on the people living on the Tonle Sap Lake. She also worked for several United Nations agencies in Cambodia.



**H.E. Mann Choeun** is a Senator of the Kingdom of Cambodia since 2015 and has been Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the 7th Senate Commission. After 1979, he oversaw strategic planning for Phnom Penh City Hall and then, from 1992, was head of cabinet of Phnom Penh City Hall before becoming Vice-Governor of Phnom Penh from 2005 to 2010. He is trained as an engineer in agricultural sciences and graduated from the University of Agriculture.



**H.E. Mok Mareth** is a Member of Parliament of the Kingdom of Cambodia since 2013. He was Vice-Governor of Phnom Penh from 1979 to 1988, then Vice-Minister of Agriculture from 1988 to 1992, and Minister of the Environment from 2003 to 2013. In 1970, he was an engineer in agronomy at the Phnom Penh Royal University of Agronomy and left to complete his PhD in animal biology at Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, France.



**Mr. Natharoun Ngo** is the director of the Center for Khmer Studies (CKS). CKS is an independent research centre operating in Cambodia since 1999. It successfully established several programs, including an innovative urban studies and research program in 2018. Prior to that, Natharoun served for a decade with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) till 2016. He also worked for business consulting firms in Europe, the US, and Asia (Ernst and Young Consulting, Cap Gemini) from 2000 to 2007. He holds an MBA from University of Paris XII (1999), and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School (2015).





**H.E. Pa Socheatvong** is currently the Chairman of Phnom Penh Capital Council. He is also personal advisor to the Prime Minister of Cambodia. He held several deputy governor positions from 1996 till 2013, prior to becoming in 2013 Governor of Phnom Penh Capital City till 2017. He holds a master's degree of Science and Philosophy, from Hanoi, Vietnam, and a Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA), from Southern California, USA.



**Mr. Seng Vannak** received his Post-Master Degree in Architecture and Urban Planning from the National School of Architecture Paris-Malaquais (within the National Fine Arts School) in Paris in 2008. Since then, he registered to the French "Ordre des Architectes" (Association of Architects) in 2008 and to the ASEAN Board of Architects in 2013. After completing his secondary education at Sisowath High School in 1998, he left Phnom Penh to pursue his education in Paris. Once graduated in architecture, he worked for a few years as an architect and then returned to Cambodia after 12 years living in Paris.

In 2010, he joined the City Hall of Phnom Penh as Director of the Urbanization Office under the Urban Management Division. In 2014, he was promoted to deputy chief of the Urban Management Division. In April 2018, he became Chief of the Administration of the Phnom Penh City Hall.



**Dr. Sisowath Men Chandevy** holds a PhD in architecture. She is Vice-Rector and professor at the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, where she teaches Archaeology, Architecture and Protection of built heritage.

In 2007, she began her career as director of a Heritage Centre, a public institution under the umbrella of the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts. The Centre has two functions: a regional heritage training center and a mission to preserve heritage. The Centre trained professionals from three different countries (Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam). The Heritage mission deals with the inventory of heritage, restoration and rehabilitation of the built-up heritage of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. As she also works as an independent expert and consultant, she has extensive experience in the restoration of built-up heritage in Cambodia, specifically with the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh.



**H.E. Dr. Thong Khon** is currently serving his third term as Minister of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia. He started his public career working with the Municipality of Phnom Penh in 1979, as its Bureau Chief of Staff. He then became in 1983 the City Vice Mayor, prior to become Mayor of Phnom Penh from 1985 to 1990. He got his Ph.D. in Tourism Management (Ecotourism) from the National University of Economics, Hanoi, Vietnam, in 2011. He obtained in 1997 a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health from the Faculty of Medicine from Nancy, France. He also holds a Diploma as

Medical doctor from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Health Sciences, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He was a medical student from 1970-1975, until the country plunged into civil war in 1975. He is since 2018 a Member-Academician in the European Tourism Academy, and he was granted in 2011 at the World Ecotourism Conference the World Leadership Award.



**Dr. Jean-Marie Dulix Théodat** was born in Port-au-Prince. Following secondary studies in Haiti, he studied geography at the University of Paris Sorbonne up to the aggregation. He subsequently undertook PhD studies on the theme of the double insularity caused by the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He was recruited as a lecturer at the University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, where he lectured in political, economic and cultural geography from 1998 to 2010. He has been living and teaching in Haiti since 2010.



**Ms. Nadine Umutoni Gatsinzi** is Vice-Mayor in charge of socio-economic affairs for the City of Kigali. She was previously Secretary-General of the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion in Rwanda. She also served as the Head Corporate Services for the Rwanda Governance Board, and as a regulatory board member for the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority. She holds a LLM in Public Law and Good Governance from Utrecht University.



## **MODERATORS' BIO SUMMARY**

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**Ms. Dominique Alba's** career of an architect started at Jean Nouvel's agency. Then she helped to develop the Congo countryside, later she taught in the Ecole des Mines of Paris and co-created the Roux-Alba agency. There Dominique worked on buildings renovation and city planning operations in France, Europe and Africa. When Bertrand Delanoë became Mayor of Paris, Dominique joined his advisors' team, focusing on urban renewing and architecture. In 2003 she became General Director of the Pavillon de l'Arsenal, the information centre on architecture and city planning in Paris. She joined the APUR in 2008 as vice director, before becoming its main director in 2012.



**Dr. Lionel Prigent** is an urbanist and economist, researcher, and professor at the Institute of Géoarchitecture (University of Brest) where he runs a Master programme in Spatial Planning and Urbanism. His research focuses on public policies and their effects on development, habitat, tourism and the environment.



**Dr. Brigitte BERTONCELLO**, geographer (EHESS Paris) and urban planner (ENPC Paris) worked at the Reunion island Town Planning Agency on planning documents, for the City of Mantes-la-Jolie and at Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations on urban social development programs, before joining the University.

Professor at the Institute of Urban Planning and Regional Planning (Aix-Marseille University) which she directed between 2013 and 2017, her main research themes relate to the urban fabric.

Involved for over thirty years in research programs focused on the city, its production and its metamorphoses, she has conducted researches in Europe (Marseille, Naples), in Asia (Hong-Kong, Canton, Shanghai) and then in West Africa (Abidjan, Ouagadougou, Dakar). She questions, in contexts of urban renewal, the design and implementation of projects, identity and the role of urban actors by targeting participatory approaches and citizen dynamics, and analyses the transformations at work in particular through public spaces.