

Speakers Biographies

Juha Uitto is the Director of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office. His career has combined positions in international organizations and academia. He has worked, *inter alia*, in UNDP, the United Nations University, IFAD and the Nordic Africa Institute, and has held visiting academic positions at Rutgers, Kyoto University in Japan, and the University of Montana. A geographer by training, he's always been fascinated by human-environment interactions, natural resources management, and environmental hazards. Over the past decade and a half, he has conducted and managed a large number of programmatic and thematic evaluations of international cooperation at the global, regional and country levels, in particular related to environmental management and poverty-environment linkages. He has published widely on related topics. In October 2012, the European Evaluation Society awarded his paper on environmental evaluation for a "distinguished contribution to evaluation practice." The book *Evaluating Environment in International Development* that is the subject of this webinar was edited by Juha and published by Routledge in 2014.

Andy Rowe has worked for over thirty years as an economist and evaluation consultant. His work focuses on evaluation in sustainable development, natural resource and dispute resolution settings. He has a PhD from the London School of Economics and is a 2013 Fellow and former President of the Canadian Evaluation Society. His contributions to evaluation journals and books have emerged from his experiences as an evaluation practitioner.

Vijayalakshmi Vadivelu is the Evaluation Advisor at the Independent Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She has managed and carried out a number of evaluations of development and crisis related programmes at the global and country levels. Prior to joining UNDP she carried out applied research on governance issues and gender equality in development at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India. Vijaya holds a Ph.D. in Sociology.

Arild Hauge joined the UN in 1990 as a JPO in Zimbabwe, following an initial private sector career based in Norway. Subsequently serving as Head of External Assistance Unit in Swaziland's Ministry of Planning, he then joined the Office of Evaluation and Strategic Planning at UNDP in New York as an Evaluation Advisor in 1996. Between 1999 and 2005 he was an independent M&E Advisor to various UN agencies and the World Bank. During this time he did the initial development of UNDP's Outcome Evaluation Guidelines and authored some of its earliest country-level ADR evaluations. He was a partner co-recipient of the World Bank President's 2002 Team Excellence award for his contribution as M&E Advisor to the Uganda Poverty Reduction Strategy Credit (PRSC) programme sponsored by the Operations Evaluation Department. Most recently prior to joining the Independent Evaluation Office as Deputy Director, Arild served at the UN Secretariat for nearly 10 years as Chief at the Inspection and Evaluation Division of Office of Internal Oversight (OIOS), supervising a large range of thematic and programme evaluations considered by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly and specialized oversight bodies. He holds a PhD in Management Science from Manchester University.