

ISDRS election of Board Members 2022

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1. Dr Olufunke Alaba

Affiliation: Health Economics Unit, School of Public Health, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Track/Topic group affiliation: Sustainability and Africa

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience.

I am an Economist specializing in health. My area of specialization includes Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health. I am a Senior Lecturer in the Health Economics Unit of the School of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town.

I convened the Masters in Public Health (MPH) Health Economics Track from 2010 to 2020, within this time the student profile of the programme transformed into a more equitable profile. Furthermore, I was the chair of the Health Economics Policy Network (HEPNet), a network consisting of 6 African countries with the mandate to address challenges around Health Economics and Health Financing Capacities in Africa, including gender and regional representation.

I am currently a co-convenor of the Economic of Obesity Special Group looking into Africa's interest. Within the University, I am a co-chair of the Transformation and Equity committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

I have policy engagement experience with the Government of South Africa. For instance, I am a member of the Costing Committee in the Council of Medical Schemes to cost the newly reformed Prescribed Minimum Benefits and Primary Health Care as inputs towards the introduction of National Health Insurance in South Africa.

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

My motivation for joining the ISDRS Board stems from my participation as Co-chair of the Sustainability and Africa track (Track 10a) in the past two ISDRS conferences. This experience has opened eyes to the benefit of mentoring and inclusive engagement with emerging researchers. From my years of experience in mentoring several masters and PhD students I strongly believe that this platform alongside other board members will allow me to extend mentoring and inclusivity strategies to emerging researchers in developing countries.

Furthermore, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Developing countries, a platform like the ISDRS is important for policy engagement. Thus, I expect that ISDRS Board is an excellent platform to map and engage key stakeholders for strengthening and scaling up strategies in achieving the SDG goals in Africa and the developing countries in general.

Being part of the ISDRS Board will aid to my leadership skills and give me an opportunity to share the knowledge I have acquired to date. I also bring a lot of administration experience from previous organization engagements. Finally, I expect to grow my management and leadership capabilities by joining the ISDRS Board due to the diversity and expertise that comes with the board members.

2. Saurabh Biswas

Affiliation: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, USA

Track/Topic group affiliation: 4. Climate and Energy, 7. Social-Economic Aspects of Sustainability, 10a. New Professionals Group

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience.

In my role as Scientist in the Energy and Environment Directorate of PNNL, I support the US Department of Energy in research and development of policies, programs and technology transfers for just and equitable energy transitions. I co-lead multi-disciplinary research projects, with a focus on socio-economically marginalized population groups.

I am also an adjunct faculty at Arizona State University, mentoring and teaching students. I conduct trainings for practitioners on community-engaged research.

I co-founded Let Communities Lead, a global knowledge-based advocacy initiative for local sustainability transitions. In this role, I coordinate the network of partners and lead the production of the annual reports.

I have co-lead the ISDRS New Professionals Group (NPG) since 2020 and helped organize the PhD day for the 2021 and 2022 ISDRS conferences.

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

I am inspired by my two years of experience as the co-lead of ISDRS NPG to serve the community and help it become a stronger platform for networking and promoting sustainable development research. If elected, I expect to support the board in carrying out existing activities of the society, including organizing conferences, outreach, and mentorship. As NPG co-lead, I worked with colleagues to strengthen our social media platforms and online communication and engagement. I will continue to support this objective for NPG and ISDRS in general. Furthermore, I believe my participation in the board will help advance the aims of building an international community and promoting a broader set of opportunities for engagement. To this end, I expect to work with the board to explore strategic initiatives to enhance ISDRS's presence, visibility and engagement with the global research community. I will pursue the possibility of creating regional chapters of ISDRS to broaden the society's footprint. Leveraging my NPG experience, I will also pursue the development of an array of scholarly opportunities in the form of exchange or visiting fellowships, webinar series, and workshops to sustain the momentum of engagement between the annual conferences.

3. Olga Cam

Affiliation: University of Sheffield, UK

Track/Topic group affiliation: education

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience.

I would like to be considered for the position of ISDRS board member. Both my research experience and practical exercise would be useful to the ISDRS.

I am a lecturer University of Sheffield, where I teach accounting and research as a part of the Centre for Research into Accounting and Finance in Context (CRAFIC) - a leading interdisciplinary research centre in accounting and financial issues.

My primary research and experience lay in education for sustainable development and projects around accounting for sustainability.

Using a range of pedagogical and sociological theoretical lenses, I am working on a range of topics that broadly cover the adaptation of sustainability into higher education (accounting) curricula and accounting for ecosystem services, biodiversity and extinction.

Furthermore, I am a member of the steering committee of Sheffield Sustainability Network (UK). I work on the organisation of events and the development of the network aimed at supporting regional businesses in adopting sustainable practices.

Lastly, I have extensive practical experience organising and running events, including several conferences (e.g. British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA) and BAFA Education). I have also successfully organised and run numerous in-person and online thematic workshops in my research fields.

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

My motivation for joining the board is in that I want to contribute with my experiences and organisational skills to the joint efforts in support of society's presence and to enable its sustainability and broader impact. Sustainability is a philosophy that needs to permeate our outlook on all aspects of life if we are to secure humanity's long-term survival on the planet Earth. Having attended the ISDRS conference since 2018, I have found that ISDRS serves as the hub for many researchers and practitioners with whom I share my philosophy.

As a board member, I expect to contribute to society and add insights and expertise from my research area and an ECR. In particular, I can bring my experience in education for sustainable development (one of the biggest tracks in the 2021 conference) along with my previous event organising experience to enhance the experience of the conference participants in this thematic field. I can also add to the

board my perspective as an early career researcher who would support societies' aim for supporting research in sustainability-related areas from the very beginning of their professional journey. In addition, society's visual presence can benefit from further input and development.

Thank you for taking your time to consider my candidature.

4. Katarzyna Cichos

Affiliation: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw

Track/Topic group affiliation: Governance, power and institution

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience.

12.2016 - till now: Cardinal Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Faculty of Law and Administration, Department of Diplomatic Law and Public Diplomacy - lecturer (courses: Public International Law, Diplomacy, International Law and Development), researcher. Published more than 20 publication (3 books), most of them focused on law and sustainability.

01.2020-09.2020 Rector Representative for Sustainable Development

0.2010 - 06.2016: University of Silesia, Faculty of Law and Administration - PhD student, lecturer, researcher (Scholarships and grants for the best students including grant from National Science Centre (PRELUDIUM); PhD thesis: European Union's development cooperation policy. Legal perspective (defended 07.06.2016)

06.2017- 07.2019: Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology Department of Trade and International Relations/before: Department of European Affairs; including: Expert at the Unit for Trade and Investment Agreements

01.2017-04.2019 Constitutional Tribunal. Legal Advisor

09.2009- 04.2010 Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Regional Office in Katowice,

02.2014 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Development Cooperation Department, - Internship

09.2012 Polish Embassy in Kenya (Nairobi) - Internship

02.2009-06.2009 Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen - Internship (UNDP and UNIFEM project on access to justice and informal justice system)

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

ISDRS as professional and multidisciplinary research society has the greatest opportunity to search for answers to extremely complex but also crucial questions of today's world. For many years results presented during the annual conferences have been inspiring me and guide my research. Unfortunately, living in Poland I can see that the promotion of this broad perspective on world development is not enough. Most of the people, not only policy makers, but also researchers have rather narrow approach, focused on its own discipline, which makes impossible to provide changes in interrelated world or even at local or state level. Therefore, I would like to join the ISDRS Board to:

- have more influence on promotion of ISDRS, especially in the countries where sustainability is still unknown.
- chance to propose and discuss new possibilities of cooperation, partnership with universities and researchers (like providing patronage for the conferences and research initiative, etc). Annual conference is a great place for meeting and exchange ideas but to make it more recognizable maybe it would be good to support smaller events (maybe also publications) around the world under the patronage of ISDRS.

- chance to propose and discuss new track: sustainability and new technology, focused of different perspective (legal, technical, social, ethical, etc) on artificial intelligence, VR, etc. which might play crucial role for sustainable development.
- chance to propose and discuss new way of sponsorship. The opening of ISDRS to issues related to technology gives the possibility of cooperation with business partners, including research sponsors, as well as co-financing the annual conference and activities of ISDRS.

5. Elena Rangoni Gargano

Affiliation: Fraunhofer Italia

Track/Topic group affiliation: Sustainability and Bioeconomy

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience

I'm an Associate Researcher supporting companies and territories through consulting projects in topics such as: sustainable territory, circular economy, sustainable production, sustainable mobility, sustainable digitalization, purpose, resilient society, social inclusion, bioeconomy, governance and Sustainable Reporting. As these issues are cross-sectoral in nature and influenced by a wide range of global factors, their understanding and management requires an integrated multidimensional approach.

My role assesses companies and territories in understanding their maturity in sustainability development, measuring the gaps and developing strategies to overcome the barriers. I design governance model to guide decision makers in their choices and vision, analyze stakeholders' sustainability and monitor sustainable trends. With a focus on Reporting and ESG criteria, my focus is to develop instruments to assess circularity at macro (territories) micro (company) level and guide action plan and customized consultancy to overcome the gaps and create a sustainable impact.

I have also collaborated with the University of Bolzano and other institutes to teach sustainability and circular economy in some of the courses offered.

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

I'm an oriented leader, developer of creative, visionary and innovative strategies. I would like to apply for your position since I feel the need to be part of an entity with a strong purpose that reflects my values and stimulates other thinkers. I think I am a good candidate who tends to see life as a big and complex puzzle where everything is connected.

6. Henrik Haller

Affiliation: Department for Ecotechnology and Sustainable Building Engineering, Mid Sweden University.

Track/Topic group affiliation: Track 5f Food systems transformation

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience

I am a senior researcher and teacher in environmental science and environmental engineering. My research is related to multifunctional land use in general and bioremediation of polluted soils in particular. A lot of my research has focused on sustainable development in the Global South. Other areas of research interest include Agroforestry, Ecological Engineering, Agroecology, Bioremediation, Industrial and Urban Symbiosis and Circular Economy. I have been the coordinator for the International Bachelor's Programme in Ecotechnology for many years and course coordinator and developer for a number of courses at bachelor's and master's level. I also have more than two decades of practical experience of tropical agroforestry and ecosystem restoration. Since 2001, I run an agroecological farm in Nicaragua that has also been a platform for research and rural development together with different local NGOs and universities. In 2021, I was elected a member of the employment council of the Faculty of Science, Technology and Media at Mid Sweden University and I have long experience as a board member of different NGOs. I have been chair at different conferences including track 5f at ISDRS and the conference Agriculture for development (Agri4D) organised by SLU Global and the Swedish International Agriculture Network Initiative (SIANI), with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

I am motivated to join the ISDRS in order to contribute to the scientific progress and increase my international contacts in the field of sustainable development. I have been part of the ISDRS network for more than two years which so far has been an enriching experience for me personally, but it has also enabled me access to a platform with 2800+ sustainable development professionals. Several research cooperations (Special Issues, peer review, joint applications and research projects) have developed thanks to the network. I thus hope to deepen my commitment in the ISDRS network, as a board member, to keep contributing to research efforts that seek to support a sustainable development of our planet.

7. Rasyikah Khalid (Re-election)

Affiliation: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

Status with respect to ISDRS: Board Member (2021-2022)

Track/Topic group affiliation: 9d Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development

Short profile outlining professional and organisational activities /experience.

I'm currently the Deputy Dean for Research, Faculty of Law UKM. I've been involved in national policymaking, namely formulating the National Water Policy, drafting the Climate Change Law, and preparing legal documentation for nominating a national heritage site as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. I'm a certified mediator of the Malaysian Mediator Centre, where I've acquired skills to solve environmental disputes. Besides providing expert opinion on environmental law and sustainable development, I'm also active in pro bono community-based projects, namely promoting bottom-up river basin governance in several states in Malaysia.

Motivation for continuation on the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to continued participation on the ISDRS Board

I've successfully bid for the 29th ISDRS Conference to be held in Malaysia, the first ever to be held in the ASEAN region. My main intention is clear, to promote sustainable development research in this thriving region. I believe that the Malaysia conference will provide a good platform for more research and activities pertaining to sustainable development and sustainability science in the region. As an ISDRS member since 2010, and a Board member for a term, I've developed confidence and capacity in fostering and nurturing new researchers in my universities through conferences, mentoring, and publication. I've also successfully edited a book on SDG in ASEAN, published by the Routledge-ISDRS Series in Sustainable Development Research. If I am re-elected, I would like to see ISDRS engage more with the community, provide small, short-term grants, and guide universities and communities in developing countries on sustainable development.

8. Dr. Reeti Kulshrestha

Affiliation: Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH)

Track/Topic group affiliation: Social Entrepreneurship/ Sustainable social enterprises

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience

I am Dr. Reeti Kulshrestha, a Sustainability and Entrepreneurship faculty and researcher. Working as an Assistant Professor, I teach 'Responsible Business', 'Entrepreneurship' and 'Enterprise Business models' to management graduates. I am also Member Secretary, Sustainability and Climate Risk Committee and Yunus Social Business Centre, BIMTECH. I am a Qualitative researcher and have published research papers, case studies and book chapters in my domain area. I am also part of a few doctoral committee of PhD candidates here at BIMTECH. Apart from teaching and research, I am involved in institution building activities through various activities and events. When on board, I will strive to host ISDRS 2024-2026 at our Institute. I also wish to contribute to the ISDRS Newsletter in the form of articles.

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

I have been attending the ISDRS Conference since 2020 and have had the good fortune to present my research work to exemplary academicians. I have always found the conference very warm and encouraging and in the last offline conference at Sweden, I got the opportunity to have conversations with some of the very senior professors at ISDRS like Prof. Peter Dobers, Prof. Tomas Ramos, Prof. Rupert Baumgartner, Prof. Shobhana Madhavan. It was a very humbling and inspiring experience, I wish to continue feeling inspired and keep learning from all the associated academicians. I look at my participation on the ISDRS Board as an opportunity to serve the academic and give back to society in the form of knowledge and intellectual pursuit. I am targeting to host ISDRS Conference between 2024-2026 at my Institute.

9. Tineke Lambooy

Affiliation: Nyenrode Business Universiteit; The Netherlands; professor corporate law

Track/Topic group affiliation: Co-Chair Track 9d of ISDRS 2023; Legal aspects of sustainable development

Short profile outlining professional and organizational activities /experience

Lambooy is professor corporate law at Nyenrode Business Universiteit in the Netherlands, where she heads Team Legal of the Research Center for Entrepreneurship, Governance and Stewardship and is a member of the Research Council. She is adjunct-professor at Airlangga University in Surabaya, Indonesia. She specialises on (international) corporate social responsibility, i.e. the role of the private sector in addressing global challenges and the legislative and policy changes required to support that role. She conducts doctrinal legal studies as well as qualitative research, often in an inter -and transdisciplinary modus, also in EU Horizon 2020 context. Topics include corporate strategy, stakeholder engagement, board composition, practice and reporting concerning impacts on climate change, biodiversity, human rights and social rights. Sustainability hotspot live cycle analysis is part of her research. Social enterprises as role models for designing new sustainable business models is also one of her research areas. Another research focus area concerns the innovative legal approach to grant Rights to objects of Nature. Lambooy supervises/d 8 PhD students and performs reviews as PhD examiner and peer reviewer. She is guest editor at several journals and editor at Yuridika. She lectures on corporate and business law, circular economy and sustainable development.

Motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to participation on the ISDRS Board

Since 2008, I have attended ISDRS conferences and for me those are the most interesting conferences of the year. As my academic interest is quite broad, the ISDRS conferences offer me an opportunity to visit many different tracks and meet interesting researchers from around the world. My Nyenrode team is also quite international. Besides my personal interest in different cultures and research approaches, I consider it crucial to work in an international and interdisciplinary way to address global challenges.

I see it as an opportunity to join the ISDRS Board to support this key research organisation. I have met several board members in previous conferences and looking forward to collaborate with them and any new board members. I am proficient in organising projects as has been demonstrated in the many research projects which I have designed and implemented, including edited volumes and special issues for several journals. I would enjoy collaborating with researchers from different parts of the world. I also support young researchers at my university and from other universities, and I consider it important to create research and PhD opportunities for them.

10. Roberta Salomone (Re-election)

Affiliation: Department of Economics, University of Messina (Italy)

Status with respect to ISDRS: board member

Track/Topic group affiliation: 5c Circular Economy

Short profile outlining professional and organisational activities /experience.

Roberta Salomone is Full Professor of Commodity Science, Rectoral Delegate for the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS Rete Università per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile) from the 07/12/2018 and Vice Rector for Student Services of the University of Messina from the 09/07/2020 She participated to various research groups, also as national coordinator, and she is author of more than 170 publications on national and international scientific journals, books and proceedings. She teaches Quality and Environmental Management, Sustainability Management, and Industrial Ecology in bachelors, master degree, PhD courses and specialization courses. Her main research interests are: Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and other environmental assessment and management systems and tools; Management for Sustainability; Industrial Ecology and Industrial Symbiosis; Circular Economy. She was member of the Board of the Italian LCA Network from June 2013 to June 2019. She is Member of the Board of the Italian Academy of Commodity Sciences from 2011 to February 2014, and from February 2016 till today, Member of the Board of the International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) from 01/01/2019, Member of the Board of Professor of the PhD in “Economics, Management and Statistics” – Universities of Messina (Italy), Member of the Board of Professor of the National PhD program in “Sustainable Development and Climate Change” – Universities of Pavia (Italy).

Motivation for continuation on the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to continued participation on the ISDRS Board

The ISDRS is one of the most complete and inspiring scientific society in which I'm involved in. It has a broad, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspective which is a continuous stimulus for me to search for new opportunities to improve my personal contribution to a sustainable society. For example, I'd like to continue to facilitate the participation in the ISDRS community of Italian researchers, scholars and students active in the field of Sustainable Development in order to promote their networking with other colleagues working on the same themes all over the world. Strengthening a global collaboration for the exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices is crucial in the path towards a fair, clean and sustainable society.

In addition to current activities in the groups (Track 5c, Best Paper Award Committee, Mentorship program), I would like to help the board in improving the Sustainability Strategy as well as in identifying additional services to the ISDRS members.

11. Sjors Witjes (Re-election)

Affiliation: Associate Professor, Nijmegen School of Management, Radboud University

Status with respect to ISDRS: Board member

Track/Topic group affiliation: 1b and 5c

Short profile outlining professional and organisational activities /experience.

After having worked on cleaner production, LCA and eco design for firms, local and national government as well as the United Nations in Latin America and as CS advisor for bigger SMEs in Europe, I co developed the sustainable business and innovation master at Utrecht University with a parallel development of my PhD on 15 years of CS experience. As an assistant professor strategic management and CSR at Radboud University as well as extraordinary professor Corporate Sustainability (CS) at the Antioquia University, my transdisciplinary research and education aims at preparing a future generation with the capabilities to contribute to a more sustainable society. As a coordinator of the global PhD programme on sustainability challenges under the Radboud Centre for Sustainability Challenges and co-director for the Responsible Organisation research centre, my research is based on the collaboration within a broad network of academic and non-academic actors (for example as board member of the local CE board) and is aimed at supporting organizations with the integration of societal challenges taking a supply chain and learning communities of practice perspective.

Motivation for continuation on the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to continued participation on the ISDRS Board

As ISDRS board member, I am eager to continue to use and share my experience in topic groups 5a and 1b to strengthen the other ISDRS topic groups. By connecting the topic groups to other global networks and supporting them to organise in-between conference topic group activities, a stronger and more secure base for ISDRS can be created leaving room for enhancing the yearly conference by sharing and summarizing ISDRS work that has taken place throughout the year in combination with new input from global or local sustainability related research as has been the case. Moreover, I would like to use my experience of having been one of the ISDRS auditors for 3 years to improve the formal organisational processes aiming for a faster and better overview of the current general and, specifically, financial status to be able to, for example, improve our response to non-paid bills.

12. Prof. Dr. Marc Wolfram (Re-election)

Affiliations: Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) and TU Dresden, Chair of Spatial Development and Transformation

Status with respect to ISDRS: Board member

Track/Topic group affiliation: 6a) and coordination with other tracks under theme VI “Cities and regions”

Short profile outlining professional and organisational activities /experience.

My academic and professional career is an inter- and transdisciplinary one, embracing various strands of geography, engineering and the social sciences (at universities in Stuttgart, Barcelona, Lyon; Ph.D. in planning in 2002), in positions in policy consulting, science management, research and higher education (Cologne, Dresden, Seoul, Suwon) - guided by a strong motivation: **To foster urban sustainability at local to global scales**. I have been working and [publishing](#) on concepts and approaches for understanding urban change dynamics, and on strategies for pursuing urban sustainability, empirically focusing on Europe and East Asia. At present I am leading a large non-university research institute ([IOER](#)) in Germany and teach graduate courses in MA and PhD programs, dealing with spatial development and sustainability transformations. I am a member of the Sustainability Steering Group of the [Leibniz Association](#), co-speaker of the Leibniz Research Network “[Knowledge for Sustainable Development](#)”, and founding member of the thematic group “[Urban Transitions and Transformations](#)” of STRN. I am also co-founder and editor-in-chief of the open access journal “[Urban Transformations](#)” and editor of the open access journal “[Spatial Research and Planning](#)”.

Motivation for continuation on the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to continued participation on the ISDRS Board

Urban areas and processes have been widely recognized as pivotal for the outstanding transformations required to achieve *all* SDGs, and to limit global warming to 1.5°C. As an ISDRS board member I have focused on restructuring and consolidating theme VI “**Cities and regions**” **conference tracks**. These are among the largest now with a very wide geographical coverage, durably focusing on two overarching sustainability challenges (*transformation*/track 6a and *resilience*/track 6b), while also accommodating temporary topics. I have also led a board working group for exploring new perspectives of **open access publishing** for ISDRS. In addition I have been active as a mentor for young researchers within the ISDRS **mentorship program and PhD days**. Based on this, my principal aims for the next election period are to:

- Further expand the global network of active contributors to theme VI in numbers and diversity while fostering scientific excellence and innovation;

- Aid the emergence and creation of joint outcomes from this community (e.g. in terms of collaboration projects, publishing, transfer)
- Help ISDRS in taking a leading role in promoting *diamond* open access publishing (i.e. at no cost for authors) in line with multi-level policy orientations for the transformation of the scientific publishing landscape and the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (COARA)
- Assist in further improving the ISDRS conference management approach esp. regarding track governance and the use of an open source platform
- Support young researchers in their scientific and professional development and as highly valuable members of the ISDRS community

Through these contributions, I hope to be able to **enhance the overall impact of ISDRS in science and society, attracting new members and establishing novel collaborations**, besides fulfilling all primary responsibilities of a board member.