



DEVELOPMENT  
CORRIDORS  
PARTNERSHIP

# DCP Virtual Training Programme 2020

Session Overview

**The Development Corridors Partnership is a research and capacity building collaboration among institutions from China, Kenya, Tanzania, and the UK.** Its main purpose is to deliver effective research and build capacity so development corridor decision-making can be based on sound scientific evidence and effective use of available planning tools and procedures.

## Partners



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## Introduction

We have reached the stage of the DCP project when a lot of research has been done, much of which is producing critical insights and findings that decision-makers need to hear. We want to see this research taken up and put into practice, whether by governments, NGOs or the private sector.

The **DCP Virtual Training Programme 2020** was devised to build capacity within the DCP research cohort to do just that!

The programme will include a range of sessions led by members of the DCP and other invited guests.

## Objectives

The course aims to

- Increase researchers' understanding of how policy making works in different sectors, and how the policy making process can be influenced
- Build capacity on specific tools and tactics that we can use to turn research to impact
- Provide a platform to discuss outputs that DCP researchers are working on, and obtain feedback and guidance from senior researchers, experts and wider DCP network
- Be a meeting point for networking across country and continent borders, and allow DCP partners and researchers to get to know each other

This document provides a brief overview of the sessions in place (and planned) for the **DCP Virtual Training Programme 2020**. The document will be accessible to participants through the Sharepoint link in the invitation email (will be sent after registration is complete) and will be updated as course dates are confirmed.

Access the virtual sign in sheet [here](#), and please sign into each session 10 minutes before attending.

## Structure

Every Friday starting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 9.00 am – 11.30 am UK time (BST).

**Format** - 1 hour session/ 30 minute break/ 1 hour session (this may change in specific weeks according to trainer/ participant requirements)

**N.B.** On Fridays where sessions conducted by external trainers are not scheduled, there will be a drop-in surgery for outputs that DCP researchers are working on at the moment. These can be discussed with peers and seniors, and these sessions will be a chance to learn from each other. These are also opportunities for quiet co-writing, or networking and fellowship. We will use participant feedback to tailor these sessions to participants' needs.

## Sessions

Session Number	Date/ Time	Session title	Trainers	Content	
1	Friday 15th May 2020  9am – 11.30 am UK time	<b>Zoom 101 and Introduction to Policy Briefs</b>	Lisen Runsten, Jon Hobbs and Phil Hadridge	9am– 10am	Introductions Purpose of the course Expectations and objectives Zoom tips and best practice
				10am-10.30am	Break
				10.30am– 11.30am	Q+A Introduction to policy briefs
2	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020  9am – 11.30 am UK time	<b>DCP data management and drop-in discussion group</b>	Diego Juffe Bignoli and UNEP-WCMC team	9am– 10am	How can you manage your own personal data within the project? What are the protocols you need to follow when planning, collecting, processing, storing and sharing DCP data?
				10am-10.30am	Break
				10.30am-11.30am	A designated space for participants to discuss policy or scientific outputs they are working on, and discuss challenges and solutions
3	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May  9am – 11.30 am UK time	<b>Biodiversity policy setting</b>	Jerry Harrison and Daniela Guarás	9am– 10am	Global biodiversity governance: SDGs, CBD and IPBES Illustration of the breadth of other international agreements The nature of the obligations placed on governments How and why policymaking at the global level is relevant at the national level
				10am-10.30am	Break
				10.30am-11.30am	Policy making at the national level: Principles of international law (with a focus on the one of sovereignty over natural resources)

					Different countries, different approaches to national policy making National response to global processes (probably based on examples – NBSAPs, SDGs etc.) Other commitments made by Governments that are relevant to biodiversity How national policy is influenced by global policy setting with respect to biodiversity (and vice-versa)
4	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June  9am-11.30am UK time	<b>Policy making process in China and the Belt and Road Initiative</b>	Han Meng	9am– 10am	How does the policy making process work in China? How can it be influenced?
				10am-10.30am	Break
				10.30am-11.30am	Details to follow
5	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June  9am-11.30am UK time	<b>Engaging with International Financial Institutions in Development Corridors</b>	Swenja Surminski Jon Hobbs	9am– 9.05am	Warm-up/ Introduction to session
				9.05am – 9.15am	Introduction to landscape of international finance and development investment: Jon Hobbs
				9.15am - 9.25am	Introduction to research engagement and influencing: Swenja Surminski
				9.25am – 9.35am	Insights from policy work in the context of BRI: Chunping Xie
				9.35am – 10.00am	Discussion
				10am - 10.30am	Break
				10.30am - 11.00am	Research/practitioner interactions: Interview-style discussion with Nicola Ranger, World bank/ GRI Visiting Fellow
				11.00am– 11.30am	Participants to consider options for engagement in their DCP research context – who, how, what? Draft/discuss/share some ideas
6	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June  9am-11.30am UK time	<b>The role of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in corridor planning and development</b>	Swenja Surminski Jon Hobbs	9am– 9.05am	Warm-up/ Introduction to session
				9.05am- 10am	Introduction to SEAs and EIAs
				10am-10.30am	Break
				10.30am-11.00am	Group exercise (1) and (2)
				11.00am- 11.30am	Quality Assurance in Environmental and Social Assessment/ Relevance to Development Corridors

## Profiles

The training programme delivery team:

### UNEP-WCMC



**Neil Burgess**

*Principle  
Investigator*



**Lisen Runsten**

*Project  
manager*



**Diego Juffe  
Bignoli**

*Research  
scientist and  
Data Manager*



**Amayaa  
Wijesinghe**

*Communications  
and Data Officer*



**Tanya Payne**

*Associate  
Project Officer*

### University of Cambridge



**Chris  
Sandbrook**  
*Senior Lecturer  
and Director of  
MPhil in  
Conservation  
Leadership*



**Gediminas  
Lesutis**  
*Post-doctoral  
researcher*

## Session 1: Zoom 101 and Introduction to Policy



**Phil Hadridge**

**Consultant and Coach – idenk (<http://www.idenk.com/>)**

Phil supports leaders and groups working to achieve their ambitions, from his home and office in Cambridge. He works across a range of businesses with his broad perspective on change that clients find helpful when stuck in their own sector mind-sets. Phil designs and hosts large meetings, both virtual and face to face, for energy and results. He develops boards and other leadership teams for their unique role in leading change. Phil currently works for ethical fashion, wildlife conservation, education progress and health care improvement in charities, government bodies, universities and brands. He teaches how to harness the unique potential - and mitigate the unexpected problems - of noble purpose organisations for profound social change.



**Jon Hobbs**

**DCP Consultant and Senior Advisor**

Jon provides advisory services on business and sustainability matters to companies and governments globally – specializing in environmental assessment and management in the oil, gas and mining sectors. Recent assignments include working in Armenia, China, Mongolia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya. Jon's previous appointments include 10 years at the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID) initially as Head of Strategic Processes for Sustainability

and then Policy Lead on Extractives and Development. Earlier appointments include Director of UNEP's Cleaner Production Programme (Paris), Executive Director of two of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development's regional offices (Southern Africa and Europe), Corporate Strategy Advisor (Environment) at Eskom electricity utility (South Africa) and Land Use Planner in Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

## Session 2: DCP Data Management and Drop-in Surgery



**Diego Juffe Bignoli**

***DCP Data Manager and Research Scientist***

Diego works primarily on The Development Corridors Partnership project where he is co-leading on activities related to GIS analyses, data collection and scientific research, capacity building, and biodiversity policy. Diego has over fifteen years of experience in biodiversity conservation and the agribusiness sector engaging a wide range of stakeholders in workshops, meetings, and conferences, doing spatial analyses using GIS tools, and has published over 20 peer-reviewed scientific articles and technical reports.

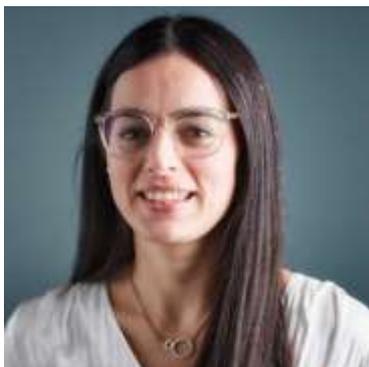
## Session 3: Biodiversity Policy Setting



**Jerry Harrison**

***Principal Technical Specialist, Ecosystem Assessment and Policy Support, UNEP-WCMC***

Jerry leads work at UNEP-WCMC on number of intergovernmental agreements and processes, with a particular focus on promoting more effective decision making within these agreements and processes through appropriate use of data, information and knowledge. His programme also works on identifying options for more coherent implementation of international agreements and processes.



**Daniela Guarás**

***Senior Technical Specialist, Ecosystem Assessment and Policy Support, UNEP-WCMC***

Daniela leads and contributes to the work of UNEP-WCMC on intergovernmental processes such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. Daniela uses her prior experience working in national government to ensure the Centre's science and expertise is directly relevant to supporting decision makers at both global and national levels. Daniela also lectures on environmental governance (MPhil of Conservation Leadership, University of Cambridge).

## Session 4: Policy making process in China and the Belt and Road Initiative



**Han Meng**

### **China Representative, UNEP-WCMC**

Dr. MENG Han serves as the China Representative of UNEP-WCMC since 2015. Han leads UNEP-WCMC's regionalisation strategy and its implementation in and with China. Han's role contributes to UNEP-WCMC's broader mandate to strengthen UN Environment's strategic presence and biodiversity capabilities in China and Asia-Pacific, through leveraging UNEP-WCMC's expertise and resources. Han works closely with UN Environment's China Office and its other relevant regional/country offices and divisions to deliver more effective support to national and regional governments and other stakeholders. Prior to her current role, Han held technical position at IUCN UK office, leading the climate change vulnerability assessment work for Tanzania, and worked with UNEP-WCMC's Science Programme, focusing on protected area effectiveness assessment and conservation portfolio development for West Africa. Han graduated from the University of Cambridge, PhD.

## Sessions 5 & 6: Engaging with International Financial Institutions in Development Corridors/ EIAs & SEAs



**Swenja Surminski**

***Head of Adaptation Research, GRI-LSE / Co-I, DCP***

Swenja is Head of Adaptation Research at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, part of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), overseeing social science research projects on climate adaptation, Loss and Damage of climate change, and disaster risk finance with a geographic scope ranging from the UK to developing countries. Swenja's research is investigating climate risk management and resilience strategies focusing on public policies, financial instruments and individual behaviour through a mix of inter-disciplinary approaches, integrating concepts from geography, climate science, economics and governance studies. Prior to joining LSE in 2010 Swenja spent more than ten years in the insurance industry working on climate and risks management, including roles at Munich Re, Marsh Mc Lennon and the Association of British Insurers.



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## Guests



**Nicola Ranger**

***Specialist on crisis and disaster risk financing, World Bank***

Nicola Ranger works as a specialist on crisis and disaster risk financing for the World Bank. Her research is on climate and disaster risk management, with a focus on multi-hazard risk assessment and how to make decisions under uncertainty, including forecast-based early action, insurance and climate-resilient development. Nicola formerly worked as a senior adviser for the UK Department for International Development, focused on policy, analysis and delivering aid programmes on disaster and climate resilience, with a focus on early warning systems, risk financing and early humanitarian action. Prior to this, Nicola was a Senior Research Fellow and Head of Adaptation and Development at the Grantham Research Institute, LSE. Nicola joined LSE in March 2009 from the insurance catastrophe modelling firm, Risk Management Solutions Ltd (RMS), where she was a Senior Research Analyst on climate change and disaster risk. Nicola holds a PhD in Atmospheric Physics from Imperial College London and a first-class honours degree in Physics from the University of Warwick.



**Chunping Xie**

***Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment***

Chunping is a Policy Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment leading a programme to inform decision-making about China's policies on climate change, energy, economics and development. Chunping is an energy economist with experience in China's energy policy and development, the global energy markets and energy security, the economics of energy storage, and sustainable transition. Before joining the Grantham Institute she worked at Energy Systems and Policy Analysis Group, Birmingham Centre for Energy Storage (BCES), with an especial emphasis on developing techno-economic models for analysing the value of energy storage. Before that she worked at King's College London, looking at the global natural gas market and energy security. She holds an MSc and a PhD in Energy Economics and has experience of working in multi-disciplinary teams.