



# Speakers and Panelists

## Thai-German Renewable Energy Community Conference

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Speakers and panelists are listed in order of appearance.

### Dr. Peer Gebauer

### German Embassy Bangkok



Dr. Peer Gebauer is the Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Bangkok. Dr. Gebauer has been working for the German Foreign Service since 2000 with postings to Israel and Japan. In July 2014 he took over his current position in Bangkok where he focusses on economic affairs and also serves as an observer to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Dr. Gebauer studied law in Tübingen, Stuttgart and Washington, D.C. and wrote his dissertation at the University of Tübingen, Germany.

### Thomas Chrometzka

### Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



In March 2013, Thomas Chrometzka took over the position of Director Renewable Energy at GIZ GmbH in Bangkok. His team is at the Ministry of Energy promoting the cooperation between German and South-East Asian companies in the framework of the “renewables - Made in Germany”-Initiative funded by the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). Thomas holds a Master Degree in Political Science with a focus on International Relations and studied at Westfälische-Wilhelms University in Münster, Germany and Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. After his graduation he worked at the “European Renewable Energy Research Centres Agency” (EUREC) in Brussels. Before joining GIZ, Thomas was Head of International Affairs at the German Solar Industry Association (BSW-Solar) in Berlin.

Facilitator



## Chaowarat Thongkaew

## Ministry of Energy



Chaowarat Thongkaew is an Expert on Energy Planning at the Office of Public Participatory Promotion, Ministry of Energy(MoEN). His focus is on the energy planning at local and provincial level. Before joining MoEN in 2006, Chaowarat worked in the field of community energy planning at Appropriate Technology Association (ATA).

## Dr. Kouk Donsamran

## Cooperatives League of Thailand



Dr. Kouk Donsamran is a chairman of the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT). The focus of his work is to enhance and support all types of cooperative groups nationwide in every aspect of cooperative promotion and dissemination. He is also supporting and assisting the cooperatives on combatting issues and challenges especially on the renewable energy development.

## Sarah Rieseberg

## Arepo Consult



Sarah Rieseberg is a project director at Arepo Consult, a private consulting firm based in Berlin. The focus of her work is the analysis of energy policies and their implications for businesses. She co-authored guidelines on solar business models for the German Solar Association BSW. She also analysed the implications of rising power and energy prices for energy intensive companies, and provided the first German analysis of the cumulative effects of energy taxes and subsidies. Sarah previously worked with the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) in the "Energy Strategy & Energy Scenario Unit". She acted as government focal point of the Low Carbon Society Research Network. Sarah received a bachelor's degree in international politics from the University of Maastricht and completed her studies in environmental policy at King's College London.

## Gerd Paffenholz

## Project Team Jühnde



Since 2005, Gerd Paffenholz is a member of the Project Team and international representative of Bioenergy Village Jühnde. The village is located in Lower Saxony in the Northwest of Germany close to Göttingen. Jühnde was one of Germany's first villages to produce heat and electricity using renewable biomass such as silage and wood chips, thus creating a CO<sub>2</sub> neutral balance. Mr. Gerd Paffenholz studied electrical engineering in Hannover and has previously been a sales engineer for Mahr GmbH, a German SME specialized in industrial measuring technology.

## Chatchai Kunlohit

## Ministry of Energy

Chatchai Kunlohit is a plan and policy analyst in Senior Professional Level at policy and strategy coordination office, Ministry of Energy (MoEN). Mr. Chatchai is currently responsible for driving and evaluating overall energy strategy, he also involves in the implementation of projects related to the promotion of renewable energy in the community. Chatchai was responsible for energy cooperation with other countries in ASEAN both at bilateral multilateral cooperation.

## Payomsarit Sripattananon

## Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA)



Payomsarit Sripattananon is Deputy Director of Alternative Energy Encouragement and Efficiency Department at the Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA). In this position, he is responsible to develop, plan and control for connecting distributed generations into distribution system to ensure power system reliability. In addition he develops and plans for purchasing power from very small power producers (VSPPs) by means of renewable energies such as solar, wind, biomass, biogas, waste etc. In his previous position, he was Deputy Director of the Power System Planning Department at PEA. Mr. Payomsarit received a Master of Business Administration from Kasetsart University, Bangkok and holds a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering of King Mongkut University of Technology Thonburi.

Facilitator



## Amiram Roth-Deblon

## Juwi Renewable Energies



Amiram Roth-Deblon is the Regional Director for the juwi Group in Asia Pacific. He and his team lead and expand juwi's operations in Asia Pacific. The company operates offices in Singapore, Japan, India, Thailand, Philippines and Malaysia with more than 500 MW of projects completed or under construction in Asia Pacific. Amiram is based in the Regional Headquarter in Singapore. Prior to his current assignment Amiram headed the Business Development globally at juwi Solar and successfully expanded juwi's business into several new countries: India, South Africa, Great Britain, Chile and Bulgaria. Before Amiram joined juwi in 2009 he was in charge of Business Development in Asia Pacific for a leading international Renewable Energy Company in Singapore and for Product Management in Hamburg Germany. The company grew during his tenure in APAC from two offices in Australia and India with a turnover of 10 Mio.€, to approx. 250 Mio.€ in 5 countries.

## Saithsiri Saksitthisereekul

## SBANG Corporation Ltd.



Mr. Saithsiri is the founder and Managing Director of SBANG Corporation Ltd. and SBANG Group. SBANG invest and provides EPC service for Renewable Power Plants. The company focuses on thermal power plants using biomass and RDF (Refused-derived fuel) from MSW (Municipal Solid Waste). Also SBANG owns and holds partnerships in renewable power plant projects. Mr. Saithsiri is passionate about small Energy Generating Station (EGS) so that each community can turn their own municipal solid waste and agriculture waste to energy supply. This concept is named "The sustainable cycle". Mr. Saithsiri holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (Executive MBA) from the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Bangkok, and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering of King's Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL).

## Boonsong Somboon

## Cooperatives League of Thailand



Mr. Boonsong Somboon is the Chairman of the Board of Thasae Landsettlement Cooperative, located in Chumphon province. The cooperative owns and operates a 2 MW Biogas Power Plant using wastewater from palm oil mill as raw material since November 2014. Mr. Boonsong holds a diploma degree in Agricultural Technology from the Suratthani Rajabhat University, Suratthani. He was the President of Chumphon Chamber of Commerce.

Facilitator



## Dr. Decharut Sukkumnoed

## Kasetsart University



Dr. Decharut Sukkumnoed is the Head of Department of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kasetsart University. Dr. Decharut is also the director of healthy public policy foundation. The foundation works with local communities in developing appropriate technologies for community energy. Now, several communities can develop from self-sufficient projects into social enterprises, which can continue their development from their own business.

### Contact

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