

## DDRN General Assembly 2009

### Board candidate:

John Christensen

Director of the UNEP Risoe Centre (see [www.uneprisoe.org](http://www.uneprisoe.org)) and Head of the Secretariat for the Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD see [www.gnesd.org](http://www.gnesd.org)).

I have worked for the UN Environment Programme for almost 20 years in different capacities. I have both a MSc and a PhD from the Technical University of Denmark.

I have worked on development issues for almost 25 years and my PhD was on energy in rural areas of Zambia with field work up in North Western Province in the mid-eighties. I joined UNEP in Nairobi in 1988 and have worked with the organization either inside or as consultant since. My work has focused extensively on energy and climate issues both at the global level and in a large number of projects in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The last 5 years I have increasingly gotten engaged in climate vulnerability and adaptation with a focus on mainstreaming climate change concerns into development activities and building more resilient development.

My work spans from detailed studies of local energy options in rural and peri urban areas with a focus on achieving the MDGs to national energy or climate strategies. In addition I have closely followed the UNFCCC since it was negotiated and have been a delegate for UNEP at all 14 COPs so far. I have worked on many aspects of the UNFCCC implementation and current focus is on CDM, technology transfer and adaptation.

I have been very active in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) both as a member of the Bureau and as lead author in the global assessments and a number of special reports, including currently a report on renewable energy and climate change.

I have been a member of the DDRN since it was created and have worked very closely with the secretariat over the last year on a session in the recent Copenhagen University conference, where DDRN had proposed a session on adaptation in LDCs and I was asked to co-chair. It has been a very positive experience and I would like to further engage in the DDRN using my international experiences combined with an interest to understand better the Danish research competencies.