SPEAKER PROFILE

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Rutger de Witt Wijnen is a senior legal, governance and ethics professional with over 30 years of international experience across private, public, and non-profit sectors. Rutger served as General Counsel at the Green Climate Fund from September 2014 to June 2017. During his tenure, he managed legal, ethics, compliance and governance aspects of the newly established international finance institution, drafted agreements for working with accredited entities and recipient countries. His recent experience includes serving as Global General Counsel at CGIAR (2023-2024), where he co-led a system wide governance review resulting in a new partnership governance model, and as General Counsel/Director Government Affairs at The Ocean Cleanup (2019-2022), managing legal and governance matters for the innovative environmental organization. Earlier in his career, he was General Counsel at The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2017-2018) and was a partner at international law firms De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek and Simmons & Simmons LLP. Rutger is currently serving as mediator and as consultant on governance, ethics and legal issues, working primarily with international organizations. He also serves as a Core Expert with the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM) and non-executive board member with Climate-KIC Foundation and Midwaste Milieu.