

Friends of Green Investment

“Green investment is urgently needed for a transition to a low-carbon economy, in particular for developing countries which face enormous investment gaps. The international investment treaty regime could play a galvanizing and reinforcing role through facilitating, promoting and protecting green investments while providing regulatory space for countries to implement climate change measures.”



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The Friends of Green Investment is a multidisciplinary and international team, generating solutions to increase climate-friendly investment through strengthening international law.

The team consists of five members from Argentina, China, the Netherlands and Switzerland, representing expertise in international investment law, international environmental law, dispute settlement, treaty negotiations, economics and sustainability science. More specifically, the team brings experience of working in developing countries such as African countries. They met through different conferences and sustainability networks.

The team members:

- **Wei Zhuang** (Chinese), Team Captain, is a Geneva-based international lawyer specializing on international law matters and WTO dispute settlement. Previously, she practiced international law at an international trade law firm in Geneva, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations. She also closely followed international climate change negotiations while serving as associate fellow with the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law.

She holds a PhD in International Law from University of Geneva and an LL.M in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS). She is the author of the book *“Intellectual Property Rights and Climate Change: Interpreting the TRIPS Agreement for Environmentally Sound Technologies”* (CUP, 2017).

- **Peter Lunenburg** (Dutch) is an economist and seasoned policy advisor advising developing country governments in negotiating and drafting international trade and investment treaties at a Geneva-based intergovernmental organization of developing countries. His work on bilateral trade agreements has contributed to new treaties or changes in draft treaty texts. He is a member of the Advisory Panel to United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS). He has been actively working with several UN agencies including UN-DESA, UNECA and UNEP and other organisations such as Commonwealth Secretariat.

Mr. Lunenborg holds master degrees in Law as well as Economics from the Erasmus University Rotterdam. He has, among others, published in the Ashgate Research Companion to International Trade Policy and the Global Trade and Customs Journal.

- **Dimitrij Euler** (Swiss) is an international investment law expert and currently working at a leading international law firm in Germany. Previously, he practiced international investment arbitration in a leading swiss law firm. He also conducted risk assessments and developed clean energy projects mostly for clients in Africa.

He holds a PhD in International Investment Law from the University of Basel. Dimitrij is the co-editor of the book *Transparency in International Investment Arbitration* (CUP, 2015). He won of the Malawi Innovation Challenge Fund 2016 competition with a clean energy start-up.

- **Gustavo Laborde** (Argentinian) has over 10 years of professional experience in international arbitration, including in energy and natural resources as arbitrator, tribunal secretary and counsel. He has practiced in the United States, Switzerland and France. He holds an LL.M in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) and a Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School.
- **Xiaoyue Du** (Chinese) is Chief Sustainability Officer at a food technology start-up in Zurich, specializing in environmental science and sustainability. Through her work experience in Switzerland and the US, she helps businesses define sustainability strategies, identify risks and opportunities, and find valuable, practical business solutions, specifically on energy, waste management, sustainable products and supply chain.

She holds a PhD and masters in Environmental Science from Yale University in the US and a bachelor in geochemistry from University of Science and Technology of China.

The team has exerted all efforts to deliver a best-in-class product, taking into account the busy work schedules of team members. The team is looking forward to an engaging process with a view to further propagating this work with a broader group of stakeholders. Please note that the text of the Green Investment Treaty does not represent the views of the entities team members are associated with. The image used is from VectorJunky.com.