



BIOGRAPHY OF PLENARY SPEAKER 1

Prof. Dr. Kanayathu Chacko Koshy is the Professor of Sustainability at the Centre for Global Sustainability Studies (CGSS), Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang. He joined CGSS in 2009, from New York where he was a consultant on global change issues and sustainability studies. He was the Professor of Environmental Chemistry at The University of the South Pacific in Fiji and the Foundation Director of the USP's Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development. Dr. Koshy was also the Director of the Pacific Centers of the global change research and capacity building networks START - SysTem for the Analysis, Research and Training - Washington, D.C. and APN - Asia Pacific Network, Kobe. He has served as Coordinator of the United Nations University Regional Centre of Expertise for Oceania (RCE-Oce), and the UNESCO-ACCU Centre of Excellence for Education for Sustainable Development in the Pacific region. Before joining The University of the South Pacific, he was a Faculty Member of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

An integral part of his research was on kinetics and mechanism of reactions, environmental chemistry, education for sustainable development; sustainability policy, and climate change responses. He was a Fulbright Fellow in USA, published extensively in his areas of expertise and has lectured and travelled widely. He is currently involved in sustainability research and training with a special focus on disaster risk management for sustainable development, establishment of a master's programme in sustainability practice, and networking.

