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Helgenberger joined IASS in 2014. Currently, he leads a study group on the social and economic opportunities related to renewable energy sources. He holds a BA in Environmental Sciences. His MA is largely influenced by sustainability linked to science and society players. Also, he has earned a PhD on the impact of global warming on investment decisions of small and medium-sized companies. He has served as scientific research coordinator at the BOKU Center for Global Change and Sustainability. Helgenberger has chaired the JPI CLIMATE International Working Group of Research Funders and Experts in social transformation against climate change. Also, he has coordinated the organizational development of Austria's Climate Change Center.

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Ohara holds an MA in Energy Planning from COPPE/UFRJ. She earned an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from UNICAMP. She has been working in the Brazilian energy sector for 15 years now. She has worked as technical coordinator of Instituto E + Transição Energética. Ohara has served as coordinator and consultant at the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). Also, she has held technical and coordination-level positions in Petrobras. Currently, Ohara is a consultant in iCS Energy Portfolio.