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Dr Veerle Vandeweerd, a Belgian national, has over 25 years of experience in global, national and local environmental and sustainability policy setting and programme implementation, spanning diverse fields from integrated sustainability assessments, forwarding inclusive green economic transformations and global environmental norm setting, to financial, regulatory and institutional capacity building in over 160 countries. Dr Vandeweerd has been teaching at the University of Zambia, conducting research on African Sleeping sickness, heading the environmental reporting department in the Flemish Government, Belgium, and has over 20 years' experience in the United Nations, starting with the United Nations Environment Programme, where, amongst others, she initiated and directed the Global Environment Outlook report series, and UNDP, where she directed the UNDP Environment and Energy division, including the UNDP/GEF and the Montreal Protocol divisions. Dr Vandeweerd served as the Special Advisor to the UN Global Compact, the UN leadership platform for responsible corporate policies and practices, and serves on the boards of several international and national organisations, including CCICED (China). Dr Vandeweerd is currently an entrepreneur and co-founder of a new financial mechanism to redirect major private flows to sustainable investments. She is also the convener of the non-for-profit European Partnership for Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment, a network of European research institutes and think tanks, geared toward supporting European policy setting in the field of sustainability.