

## **SHIN, Dongwon (Republic of Korea)**

### **Current employment and position/title:**

Executive Director (2010 ~ present) Korea National Park Service, Republic of Korea

### **Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:**

Dr Dongwon Shin has been committed to nature conservation activities for about 30 years.

- Leading KNPS to have an agreement with IUCN for strengthening management capacity of protected areas through the 2012 World Conservation Congress (WCC) and initiating three project-contributions to IUCN including a publication of IUCN Best Practice Guidelines on urban issues.
- Proposing to host the 2012 World Protected Areas Leadership Forum (WPALF) (May) and initiating the first CEOs of National Parks Forum at the Jeju WCC.
- Leading in preparing the 2012 WCC workshops, events, and motion development for Korea and initiating the Korea Conservation Community Campaign for support of the 2012 WCC.
- Organized 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network and Forum on UNESCO ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) especially for spreading awareness of ESD in Protected Areas.
- Involved in supporting protected area management of Mongolia, Indonesia, Costa Rica and Ecuador.
- Member of Korean National Committee of UNESCO MAB, Member of the Korea PA Forum, Member of the ESD Committee, Korean Commission of UNESCO (2010 – present).
- Served as a Senior Programme Officer (P5) of UNEP (Geneva, Paris) (2002–2005, 1996–1998) launching “UNEP Network of Institutions for Sustainable Development (NISD)”.
- OECD environmental negotiator as a Director of the Overseas Division Korean Ministry of Environment (1999–2002).

### **Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:**

Academic background: Ph.D in Sustainability Policy, Erasmus University, Netherlands / MSc in Urban Planning (ecological economics), Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University, Korea (SNU) / BS in Social Studies, SNU

- He worked as Adjunct Professor at the Department of Natural Resources Sciences, McGill University (Canada) and developing an EIA course, regional sustainability projects with CIDA on a global base especially in Asia and Africa.
- He has been serving as Director-General for the Regional Environmental Agency of Korean Ministry of Environment: Head of Seoul Metropolitan Air Quality Management Agency, Head of Wonju Regional Environment Administration Agency (2006–2009), where comprehensive regional projects were implemented: ecosystem conservation projects, eco-tourism projects, EIA, etc.
- As the Director for Overseas Cooperation Division, Ministry of Environment, he established international networks such as the World Bank-Korea Knowledge Partnership Program (2001~2007), Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting for China, Japan, and Korea (TEMM).
- He was invited by the US Department of State in accordance with the International Visitor Program (IVP), working for the Korea Environmental Research Institute (1984–1986).