

## **Profile**

**Artur Runge-Metzger, Director, DG Climate Action, European Commission.** He took up his current position in January 2016. His current responsibilities cover domestic and international climate strategies, governance and emissions from non-trading sectors including buildings, road transport, land use, land use change and forestry, waste, as well as financial instruments for innovation and modernisation in the EU. Before, he led on climate strategy and international climate negotiations. He co-chaired the Ad-hoc Working Group preparing the Paris Agreement in 2013/14, and he served as Vice-President of the UNFCCC Bureau from 2010-2012. He serves on the Board and Bureau of the European Environment Agency since 2010. Until mid-2003, he spent two years as Head of Operations in the EC Delegation in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. From the end of 1997 until 2001, he worked in DG Development and DG Environment in Brussels on a wide range of environmental issues, particularly climate change in developing countries. He joined the European Commission in 1993, when he was first responsible for the bilateral co-operation covering agricultural policies, rural development and the environment in the EC Delegation in Harare, Zimbabwe. After his University education, he started his professional career at the University of Göttingen, Germany in 1985. His main scientific and lecturing topics were natural resources economics and development economics, including extensive field research in rural West Africa between 1984 and 1992. He holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics.