

**Maria J. Pereira, City Director – Hong Kong
Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), William J. Clinton Foundation**

Ms. Maria Pereira facilitates CCI's initiatives for clean energy, within the context of CCI's mission to reduce carbon emissions. CCI is the exclusive implementing partner for the C40 group of cities. It also has a partnership with the US Green Building Council to accelerate energy efficiency gains in existing buildings, including collaboration on new program development. CCI works with government, non-profit organisations, and the private sector. Through sharing of best practice, CCI helps implement projects, in alliance with partners, to accelerate market practice for cleaner energy. Programs include building retrofits, in association with energy services companies, alliances with suppliers of high energy products to reduce market prices, and collaboration with financial institutions to provide financing. The focus in Hong Kong is building and lighting energy efficiency, although CCI programs include port and airport initiatives, transport, waste management, carbon capture and storage, and other clean energy projects.

Previously Maria Pereira was Managing Director of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in New York and Hong Kong, and subsequently independent investment adviser. She joined CCI in April 2008. Her business experience spans the United States, Canada, Europe, Brazil, and Asia. She was awarded an MSc Environmental Technology from Imperial College, London, and an MBA Finance from the University of California, Berkeley. She also speaks Cantonese, French, and Portuguese.