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Dr. Michael Parsons has been a Policy Advisor to Vietnam's Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) since 2017. In April 2023, he was awarded the Vietnam Medal of Friendship by the President for positive and influential contributions to the sustainable development of the Natural Resources and Environment sector, developing a lateral relationship between Vietnam and Australia.

From 2007 to 2009, Dr. Parsons was the senior technical advisor of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in implementing the project integrating poverty reduction goals, environmental policy, and sustainable development plans in Vietnam.

From May 2011 - April 2016, he volunteered for the Australian Government at the Institute for Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE) under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. He has provided theoretical bases and international experiences to support developing and completing important policies, including the National Strategy on Environmental Protection for 2011-2015, with a vision for 2020; and Resolution 24-NQ/TW dated June 3, 2013, of the Party Central Committee on responding to climate change, strengthening natural resource management, and environmental protection.

He has supported the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in scientific research activities and implementing international environmental protection and climate change adaptation projects.

He was awarded the Badge "For the FUTURE of Natural Resources and Environment" in 2013 for consulting and providing feedback on related policies for the Vietnam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

During the 17th ICSEED Conference (2023), Dr. Parson is presenting "Circular Economy and Policy Implications for Developing Countries" ./.