

## Panel 6. At Work in Africa (31 March 2015, 3:00 – 4:30)

### BIOGRAPHIES

#### **H.E. Ambassador Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Decent Work for Sustainable Development**



His Excellency Ambassador ISMAEL ABRÃO GASPAR MARTINS has been the Permanent Representative of The Republic of Angola to the United Nations since 2001. In this capacity, he currently serves as the Representative of Angola to the Security Council (January 2015 - December 2016). He is also the Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Decent Work for Sustainable Development. He has also served as the Chairman of Peacebuilding Commission from June 2006 to June 2007, the Chairman of Forum of Mine Affected Countries in November 2004, and the representative of Angola to the Security Council from January 2003 to December 2004, during which Angola held the Security Council Presidency in November 2003.

Prior to this, he held numerous prominent positions as the Governor of the Central Bank of Angola (1976-77), the Minister of Finance (1977-1982), the Minister for External Trade (1982-1987), and the Executive Director of African Development Bank (1989-1995). He previously held positions at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. In addition, Ambassador Martins is the founding member and Co-President of Angola – South Africa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Managing Director of Gaspar Martins & Associates International Business Consultants.

#### **H.E. Mr. Ebrahim Patel, Minister for Economic Development, South Africa**



Mr. Patel was active for many years in the anti-apartheid and labour movements and in social dialogue institutions. He headed the Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers Union (SACTWU), which provided a range of services and social benefits to workers and their families and built a significant stake in the economy through its investment strategy. He served on the governing body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for a decade, in which capacity he was spokesperson on employment and social policy for many years. He was one of the drafters of the ILO's Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalisation in 2008 and a number of ILO policy documents and instruments. Locally, he led the labour team in the finalisation of a number of the country's labour laws, including the Labour Relations Act in 1995, as well as key economic documents such as the Framework for South Africa's response to the International Economic Crisis, adopted by Nedlac in February 2009. His past board and council memberships include the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC), the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the SA Labour Research Institute, the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA), the Council of the University of Cape Town (UCT), the Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC) and Proudly South African. He served on the Judicial Services Commission joint interview panel for appointments to the Labour Court and the Labour Appeal Court.

**H.E. Mr. Hakim Ben Hammouda, Former Minister of Finance (Tunisia) and Special Advisor to the African Development Bank (AfDB) President**



H.E. Hakim Ben Hammouda has served as the Minister of Economy and Finance of Tunisia from January 2014 till January 2015. Prior to that, he was the Special Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank. Before he was the Director of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation Division in the WTO. Prior to this assignment, he was the Chief Economist and Director of the Trade, Finance and Economic Development Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He was also the Director of the Trade and Regional Integration Division (2003-2006) and the Director of ECA's Office in Central Africa (2001-2003). He holds a PhD in International Economics from the University of Grenoble, France. He also holds a HDR (Habilitation à Diriger la Recherche) from the same university. He taught international economics and development economics in several universities and published extensively books, reports, articles and chronicles.

**Mr. Aeneas Chuma, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa, ILO (Moderator)**



As the ILO Chief for Africa, Mr. Chuma oversees a continental program promoting an all-inclusive growth focused on creation of sustainable jobs, particularly for young women and men; improved social protection, sound labour relations and social dialogue; and labour migration. A member of the Senior Management Team of the ILO, Mr. Chuma has an extensive record in development and with the United Nations. In November 2012, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed him Deputy Special Representative for Consolidation of Democratic Governance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL). During the assignment, he also served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Representative. Prior to the posting in West Africa, he was serving as the UN Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Representative in Kenya. From 2003 to 2008, Mr. Chuma served as the Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations in Zambia. From 2000 to 2003, he was the UN Deputy Resident Representative in Mozambique. He also held various positions with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York, Oman and Zimbabwe. At the national level, he also served as a macroeconomist and econometrician with the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

**Mr. Alioune Sall, Executive Director of the African Futures Institute**



Alioune Sall is the Founder and Executive Director of the African Futures Institute, a Pan-African think-tank established in 2004 and specialized in foresight exercises, research and capacity development. The Institute is headquartered in Pretoria (South Africa) and has provided technical support to more than 20 African countries engaged in long term perspectives studies or operationalization thereof. The Institute has also consulted for the African Union Commission and its NEPAD agency, as well as several bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies. Prior to establishing the African Futures Institute, Alioune Sall has had a distinguished career in the United Nations Development Programme. The positions he has held in the UNDP include: Regional Coordinator of the African Futures Program (1997-2003); Chief, Office of the UNDP Assistant Administrator for Africa, (1995-1997); Chief, UNDP Liaison Office in South Africa (1993-1995); Senior Adviser in the Bureau for Program Policy and Evaluation (1988-1993); Technical Adviser to CILSS

on Human Resources Development (1979-1986). Before joining the UNDP, Alioune Sall has worked with the Dakar-based UN Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and ENDA as researcher and lecturer from 1975 to 1979. In his personal capacity, Alioune Sall has recently served as special advisor to Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia in her capacity as co-Chair of the UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

**H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa (Discussant)**



Under-Secretary-General Abdelaziz has been the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa since 2012. He brings to the position more than 33 years of experience in multilateral diplomacy, a direct engagement in promoting global peace, security and development. Mr. Abdelaziz served as the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations in New York from 2005 to 2012. He has more than 33 years of experience in the multilateral diplomacy and direct engagement in promoting global development and socio-economic agenda, including as the Co-chair of the Financing for Development Review Conference in 2008 and the Rapporteur representing Africa at the Conference on the Economic and Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Development in 2009. He represents Africa in the United Nations Economic and Social Council as its vice President and in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20, Conference bureau. He focuses on revitalizing the agenda of the special needs of Africa, including through the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), on which the Secretary-General attaches highest priority.