



2013 High-level Segment

Geneva, 1 - 4 July 2013

Biographies

1 July, 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Opening of the High-level Segment

Néstor Osorio, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council



His Excellency Néstor Osorio was elected sixty-ninth President of the Economic and Social Council on 28 January 2013. Ambassador Osorio is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations in New York.

Prior to his appointment, from 2002, Mr. Osorio was the Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization. From 2000 to 2002, he was the Special Advisor to his Government on Coffee and Trade Affairs, after serving for a year as an International Consultant with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization.

His function was to assist developing countries in preparing trade negotiations in agriculture. From 1994 to 1999, he was the 1st Permanent Representative of Colombia to the World Trade Organization. From 1978 to 1994, Mr. Osorio served as permanent representative to the International Coffee Organization, including as Head of Delegation in London, and as Director of the European Office in Brussels.

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations



Mr. Ban Ki-moon is the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations. Since he took office on 1 January 2007, his priorities have been to mobilize world leaders around a set of new global challenges, from climate change and economic upheaval to pandemics and increasing pressures involving food, energy and water.

At the time of his election as Secretary-General, Mr. Ban was his country's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. His 37 years of service with the Ministry included postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C. and Vienna, and responsibility for a variety of portfolios, including Foreign Policy Adviser to the President, Chief National Security Adviser to the President, Deputy Minister for Policy Planning and Director-General of American Affairs. Mr. Ban's ties to the United Nations date back to 1975, when he worked for the Foreign Ministry's United Nations Division. That work expanded over the years, with assignments that included service as Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization and Chef de Cabinet during the Republic of Korea's 2001-2002 presidency of the UN General Assembly.

Vuk Jeremic, President of the United Nations General Assembly



His Excellency Vuk Jeremić was elected President of the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on 8 June 2012. At the time of his election, he was serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, an office he held from 2007 to 2012.

Throughout his five years as Foreign Minister, Mr. Jeremić was actively engaged in the work of the United Nations, representing his country at key sessions of the General Assembly and the Security Council. He led the Serbian delegation at high-level segments of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2008, 2010 and 2011), at the annual General Conference of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and at high-level meetings of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. Earlier, Mr. Jeremić chaired the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers (May to November 2007). From 2008 to 2012, he headed his country's delegation to all ministerial sessions of the Committee and addressed three sessions of the Council's Forum for the Future of Democracy, in Sweden (2007), Armenia (2010) and Cyprus (2011) In 2010 and 2011, Mr. Jeremić played a leading role in convening two groundbreaking conferences of foreign ministers, aimed at resolving the plight of refugees uprooted by the 1991-1995 crisis in the Western Balkans.

Ueli Maurer, President of the Swiss Confederation



Mr. Ueli Maurer serves as President of the Swiss Confederation for the year 2013. He is a member of the Swiss Federal Council and head of the Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports (the Swiss defence minister). As a leading figure in the national-conservative Swiss People's Party, he was elected member of the Swiss Federal Council on 10 December 2008 and took office on 1 January 2009.

Mr. Maurer's political career began in 1978 with his election as member of the Communal Council of Hinwil. In 1983, he was elected member of the Cantonal Parliament of Zurich. In 1991, his election as national councillor followed. From 1995 to 1996, he was chairman of the Control Committee. From 1995 to 2003, he was member of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy Committee. After 2003, he was engaged as member of the Finance Committee and after 2007, as member of the Social Security and Health Committee. From 1996 to 2008, he was chairman of the Swiss People's Party. From the very beginning, his vocational career was closely associated with agriculture and trade. From 1974 to 1994, he managed a farmers' cooperative. From 1994 to 2008, he was manager of the Zurich Farmers' Association. In 2008, he was elected president of the Swiss Vegetable Producers' Association.

1 July, 10:00 am – 11:00 am Keynote addresses

Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO



Ms. Irina Bokova has been the Director-General of UNESCO since 15 November 2009. She is the first woman to have been elected head of the Organization. Ms. Bokova joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria in 1977, where she was responsible for human rights issues. Appointed in charge of political and legal affairs at the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York, she was also a member of the Bulgarian Delegation at the United Nations conferences on the equality of women in Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995).

Ms. Bokova was Minister for Foreign Affairs and Coordinator of Bulgaria-European Union relations (1995-1997) and subsequently Ambassador of Bulgaria (2005-2009) to France, Monaco and UNESCO and Personal Representative of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria to the "Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie" (OIF). As an active member of many international expert networks and of civil society and, in particular, as Chairperson and founding member of the European Policy Forum, she has worked to overcome European divisions and to foster the values of dialogue, diversity, human dignity and

human rights. Ms. Bokova has received doctor honoris causa from many prestigious universities across the world.

Hamadoun Touré, Director-General, ITU



Dr. Hamadoun Touré has been Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to information and communication technologies (ICTs), since 2007. He was re-elected for a second four-year term in October 2010.

As Secretary-General, Dr Touré is committed to ITU's mission of connecting the world, and to helping achieve the Millennium Development Goals through harnessing the unique potential of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). A long-standing champion of ICTs as a driver of social and economic development, Dr Touré previously served as Director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) from 1998-2006. In this role he placed considerable emphasis on implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), launching projects based on partnerships with international organizations, governments, the private sector and civil society. Dr. Touré serves as co-vice-chair of the Broadband Commission for Digital Development which was launched in May 2010 by ITU and UNESCO, with Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, and Carlos Slim Helú, Honorary Lifetime Chairman of Grupo Carso, as co-chairs. He is also on the International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT) International Advisory Board.

Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Director-General, CERN



Professor Rolf-Dieter Heuer is a German particle physicist and the Director General of CERN since 2009. Prof. Heuer studied physics at the University of Stuttgart. He then obtained his PhD 1977 at the University of Heidelberg under Joachim Heintze for his study of neutral decay modes of the Ψ (3686). His post-doc studies include the JADE experiment at the electron-positron storage ring PETRA at DESY, and from 1984, at the OPAL experiment at CERN, where he also became spokesperson of the OPAL collaboration for many years.

Having been offered a full professorship for experimental physics at the University of Hamburg, Prof. Heuer returned to DESY in 1998. In 2004, he was appointed DESY's Research Director. In December 2007, the CERN research council announced that Prof. Heuer will take office as CERN's Director General starting 1 January 2009, following the term of Robert Aymar.

David Sengeh, President and co-founder of Global Minimum Inc. (GMin)



Mr. Sengeh is the President and co-founder of Global Minimum Inc. (GMin), an international NGO that has distributed over 15,000 mosquito nets in Sierra Leone. Currently, GMin's main project is Innovate Salone, the first-ever competition created to foster a culture of innovation among high-school students in Sierra Leone. He is also co-founder of one of Popular Mechanics' Innovators of the Year 2009, Lebone Solutions Inc.- a company that won \$200,000 from the World Bank to produce microbial fuel cells in Africa.

Mr. Sengeh has worked in Zambia, Namibia, Dubai and other locations on various projects on education, health care delivery, and medical device design. He is interested in the idea of using technology and innovation to drive development in developing nations. He is currently a first-yr Ph.D candidate at the MIT Media Lab. His research in the Biomechatronics Group focuses on the design of comfortable prosthetic sockets and wearable interfaces. His work is at the intersection of medical imaging, material science, human anatomy, computer-aided design and manufacturing.

Daphne Koller, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)



Ms. Koller is a Professor in the Department of Computer Science at Stanford University and a MacArthur Fellowship recipient. She's also one of the founders of Coursera, an online education platform. Her general research area is artificial intelligence and its applications in the biomedical sciences. Koller was featured in an article by MIT Technology Review titled "10 Emerging Technologies That Will Change Your World" concerning the topic of Bayesian machine learning.

Ms. Koller completed her Ph.D. at Stanford in 1993 under the supervision of Joseph Halpern, and joined the faculty of the Stanford University Computer Science Department in 1995. In April 2008, Ms. Koller was awarded the first ever \$150,000 ACM-Infosys Foundation Award in Computing Sciences. In 2009, she published a textbook on probabilistic graphical models together with Nir Friedman. She offered a free online course on the subject starting in February 2012.

1 July, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Launch of the Global Innovation Index

Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization



Mr. Francis Gurry began his WIPO career in 1985, initially in the Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. He was instrumental in establishing the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in 1994 and subsequently in developing the highly successful Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. He has served in the WIPO top management team since 1997.

Before joining WIPO, Mr. Gurry practiced as an attorney in Australia, and taught law at the University of Melbourne. He is the author of numerous publications and articles on intellectual property issues in international journals.

Soumitra Dutta, Dean, Graduate School of Management, Cornell University (Editor of GII)



Mr. Soumitra Dutta is an author, academic, businessman, and Dean of the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University since 2012. Previously, Mr. Dutta was the Roland Berger Chaired Professor of Business and Technology and Professor of Business and Technology at INSEAD. He also served as the Roland Berger Chaired Professor of Business and Technology and founder and academic director of the eLab at INSEAD.

Mr. Dutta is the co-editor and author respectively of two influential reports in technology and innovation "the Global Information Technology Report" and "the Global Innovation Index", and a member of the Davos Circle. He is on the advisory boards of several international business schools.

Bruno Lanvin, Executive Director, INSEAD European Competitiveness Initiative (Editor of GII)



Dr. Bruno Lanvin is the Executive Director of INSEAD's European Competitiveness Initiative (IECI). From 2007 to 2012, he has been the Executive Director of INSEAD's eLab, managing INSEAD's teams in Paris, Singapore and Abu Dhabi.

From 2000 to 2007, Dr. Lanvin worked for the World Bank, where he was inter alia Senior Advisor for E-strategies and Regional Coordinator (Europe and Central Asia) for ICT and e-government issues. He was also heading the Capacity Building Practice of the World Bank's Global ICT Department, and Chairman of the Bank's e-Thematic Group. From June 2001 to December 2003, he was the Manager of the Information for Development Program (infoDev) at the World Bank. In 2000, Dr. Lanvin was appointed Executive Secretary of the G-8 DOT Force. Until then, he was Head of Electronic Commerce in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, and occupied various senior positions

including Chief of Cabinet of the Director General of the United Nations in New-York, Head of Strategic Planning and later Chief of the SME Trade Competitiveness Unit of UNCTAD/SITE. He was the main drafter, team leader and editor of 'Building Confidence: electronic commerce and development', published in January 2000. Since 2002, he has been co-authoring the Global Information Technology Report, (INSEAD-World Economic Forum); he is currently the co-editor of the Global Innovation Index Report (INSEAD-WIPO-Cornell University).

Samir Mitra, Senior Advisor in the Office of Advisor to the Prime Minister of India and India's National Innovation Council



Mr. Mitra is an engineer turned technology entrepreneur turned investor and a champion of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in India.

He is currently part of the Office of Advisor to Prime Minister of India and India's National Innovation Council initiative, where he is leading several innovation programs that aim to use technology and entrepreneurship to address India's challenges. He is also assisting in the creation of a US \$1bn "India Inclusive Innovation" fund focused on youth led ventures that impact bottom of pyramid health, education, livelihood improvement needs.

Mr. Mitra is also an angel investor and part of TiE Angels (The Indus Entrepreneurs) in Silicon Valley investing in startups ranging from mobile health to big data analytics. A successful technology entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, he founded two high-tech companies, namely Cast Iron Systems (purchased by IBM Corp in 2006) and Prism Circuits Inc (purchased by Mosys Inc, a Nasdaq listed Company, in 2009). He was part of the founding team that created Java software and its business unit at Sun Microsystems. Then, he led the marketing and business development of Java software for mobile devices (J2ME). He has 3 USA issued technology patents.

1 July, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Policy messages from Annual Ministerial Review preparatory meetings

Richard Manning, Chair of the Board of the Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom



Mr. Richard Manning is currently an independent consultant on international development, Chair of the Board of the Institute of Development Studies and Vice-Chair of the BBC World Service Trust.

Mr. Manning worked for the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) for many years. From 2001 to early 2003, he chaired the DAC Task Force on Aid Practices, which produced a report on "Harmonising Donor Practices for Effective Aid Delivery" ahead of the High Level Forum in Rome in February 2003. In 2003, he became the Chair of DAC and in March 2005 he was Co-Chair at the Paris High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness.

Mr. Manning was former Director General for Policy at the UK Department for International Development (DFID). He worked for UK Department for International Development (DFID) DFID and its predecessor agencies from 1965 to 2003, including periods spent serving in West Africa and South East Asia, and as Alternate Executive Director at the World Bank.

Africa: Charles Kitwanga, Deputy Minister of State in the Vice President's Office for Environment, United Republic of Tanzania



H.E. Mr. Charles Kitwanga is a Tanzanian politician serving as the Deputy Minister of State in the Vice President's Office for Environment.

H.E. Mr. Charles Kitwanga received his MSc in Information Technology from the University of Essex in 1991, making him an expert on technology related matters. He is currently a member of parliament and has been an IT specialist at the Bank of Tanzania from 1988 until 1992. Moreover, H.E. Mr. Charles Kitwanga was the deputy minister for Communication Science and Technology from 2010 until 2012.

Asia and the Pacific: Jullapong Nonsrichai, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand (TBC)



His Excellency Mr. Jullapong Nonsrichai serves as Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand. He was previously Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to: Norway and concurrently to Latvia; the People's Republic of China and concurrently to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Mongolia; and Switzerland and concurrently to Liechtenstein and the Vatican.

In 1998 Mr. Nonsrichai served as Executive Director at the Thailand Trade and Economic Office in Taipei, and in 1995 as Deputy Director-General at the Department of American and South Pacific Affairs. A year before, he worked at the Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs as Deputy Director-General. He was previously Minister Counsellor at the Royal Thai Embassy in Vienna. In 1989 worked at the Secretariat to the Department of ASEAN Affairs. In 1977 Mr. Nonsrichai worked in the Ministry of Industry as official at the Office of National Committee for UNIDO.

Europe: Rashid Meredov, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Turkmenistan



His Excellency Mr. Raşit Meredow is the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan. In 2001, he was appointed minister of foreign affairs of Turkmenistan. He simultaneously performed duties of director of the Turkmen National Institute of Democracy and Human Rights under the president of Turkmenistan. Previously, he was appointed first deputy minister of foreign affairs.

In 1996, he was deputy director of the Turkmen National Institute of Democracy and Human Rights. He worked as head of the law department in 1993, and of the Ministry of justice in 1991. He previously worked as head of law enforcing agencies department of the council for coordination of law enforcing agencies under the president of Turkmenistan. In 1982, he worked as a teacher in the department of civil law and civil process of the Turkmen State University. He was awarded "For the love of Fatherland" and "Gayrat" medals and "Galkynysh" order.

Latin America and the Caribbean: Gladys Triveño, Minister of Production, Peru



Her Excellency Ms. Gladys Triveño is a Peruvian lawyer. She was appointed Minister of Production in Peru in 2012. Ms. Triveño has been General Manager at ADEX (Peruvian Association for Exporters). She has also been Director and Manager for Industrial Development at INDECOPI. Ms. Triveño has also been consultant for UNDP and for the Minister of Economy and Finance.

In 2007 Ms. Triveño founded fundó Proexpansión S.R.L, a consulting and research company focused on micro, small and medium Peruvian companies (Mypes). In 2012, she was appointed Vice-Minister for MYPE and Industry in the Ministry of Production. Ms. Triveño assumed then the challenge to design a State policy pro-Mypes in order to promote their growth.

Western Asia: Ibrahim Saif, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Jordan



Mr. Saif is the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and Minister of Tourism and Antiquities in Jordan. Mr. Saif was a resident scholar at the Carnegie Middle East Center. An economist specializing in the political economy of the Middle East, his research focuses on economies in transition, international trade with an emphasis on Jordan and the Middle East, institutional governance, and labor-market economics.

In addition, Mr. Saif serves as a consultant to numerous international organizations including the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the International Labor Organization. He is also a fellow with the Economic Research Forum and a member of the Global Development Network.

1 July, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Adnan Z. Amin, Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)



Mr. Adnan Z. Amin was elected as the Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in April 2011. In his capacity he is charged with the responsibility of establishing a sound institutional management structure and clear strategic vision for the implementation of the agency's mandate to promote the adoption and use of renewable energy worldwide.

Mr. Amin served as Head of the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) Secretariat. The CEB is the highest level interagency coordinator framework in the UN system and oversees UN coordination on Policy, Management and Field Operations. Mr. Amin also served as the Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Secretary-General's High Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence, co-chaired by the Prime Ministers of Mozambique, Norway and Pakistan. Previously, Mr. Amin served as the Director of the New York Office of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Special Representative of the UNEP Executive Director.

Vietnam: Nguyen The Phuong, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investments



His Excellency Mr. Nguyen The Phuong serves as Vice Minister at the Ministry of Planning and Investments in Vietnam. The Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), formerly the State Planning Commission, provides, among others, strategic advice for country-level socio-economic development. The agency also programs and plans economic management mechanisms and policies for the national economy, for specific sectors as well as for domestic and foreign investments.

Foreign investment in Vietnam is governed under the Law on Foreign Investment and its related regulations, decrees and circulars. The four main types of foreign investments in Vietnam are: Joint Ventures; Business Cooperation (Contracts); 100-Percent Foreign-Owned Enterprises; and Build-Operate-Transfer enterprises.

Nigeria: Precious K. Gbeneol, Senior Special Assistant to the President on MDGs



Dr. Precious Gbeneol is the Senior Special Assistant to the Nigeria President on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) since 2011. In this capacity, Dr. Gbeneol is responsible for managing \$1 billion Debt Relief Gains for investments in pro-poor programmes and projects that will complement national efforts to achieve the MDGs.

Prior to this appointment, she was Secretary of Health in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, from 2009 to 2011. She started as a Consultant Family Physician at River State University of Education, Health Services Department. Subsequently, she was

appointed as Deputy Director of the Medical Services and then Secretary of Health. Dr. Gbeneol also worked with the Jigawa State Government as a Medical Officer from 1993-1994 and with the Ministry of Health in the Kaduna State from 1994-2000. She enrolled for her Post Graduate Residency Training at the University of Port-Harcourt teaching Hospital in 2001 and completed her Post Graduate Training in 2007 in the same institution, where she received the Fellowship of West African College of Physicians and Fellowship of National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. In 2011, she was awarded a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Liverpool and received a Leadership Training for Chief Executive Offices from Harvard School of Public Health.

2 July, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

High-level policy dialogue with the international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy

Leonel Fernández, Former President of the Dominican Republic



His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández, was President of the Dominican Republic from 1996 to 2000 and from 2004 to 2012. He is a Dominican politician, intellectual, lawyer, and academic. Dr. Fernández was a professor to several generations of journalists and communicators from the state university, where he taught subjects related with media law, history, sociology of communication and international relations. He was also part of the teaching staff at the Latin American Social Sciences Institute (FLACSO). Dr. Fernández was the first Head of State from the PLD ranks and one of the youngest presidents in Latin America.

After ending his first term of office in the year 2000, Dr. Fernández continued his contributions to the country's and Latin-America's development, as President of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE). FUNGLODE is a non-profit organization devoted to studying vital subjects for the country and its international context, elaborating innovative proposals of a strategic nature for public policies design, the improvement of the national debate's quality, and human resources training. Parallel to his academic, professional and political responsibilities, he is also a prolific essayist.

Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs



Mr. Wu Hongbo was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 August 2012. A career diplomat, Mr. Wu had been serving, since 2009, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Germany. His prior diplomatic postings also included New Zealand, and the Philippines where he served as China's Ambassador.

Mr. Wu Hongbo brings to DESA his outstanding coordination and negotiation skills, as well as rich and extensive experience with multilateral organizations and international conferences. From 2006 to 2009, he served as Director-General and later Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. He worked with the Chinese inter-agency coordination mechanism for the Boao Forum for Asia in 2006, the Chinese working group for the implementation mechanism of the UN conventions on environment and development, and the Chinese inter-ministry coordination mechanism for the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions in 2007.

Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the WTO



Mr. Pascal Lamy is the Director-General of the World Trade Organization. He was appointed as the fifth Director-General of the WTO in 2005 for a four-year term. In April 2009 WTO members reappointed Mr Lamy for a second four-year term, starting on 1 September 2009.

Mr. Lamy holds degrees from the Paris based Ecole des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC), from the Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP) and from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA). He began his career in the French civil service at the Inspection Générale des finances and at the Treasury. He then became an advisor to the Finance Minister Jacques Delors, and subsequently to Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. In Brussels from 1985 to 1994, Pascal Lamy was Chief of staff for the President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, and his representative as Sherpa in the G7. In November 1994, he joined the team in charge of rescuing Credit Lyonnais, and later became CEO of the bank until its privatisation in 1999. Between 1999 and 2004, Pascal Lamy was Commissioner for Trade at the European Commission under Romano Prodi. Mr. Lamy is currently the Honorary President of Paris-based think tank Notre Europe.

Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD



Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi is the Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) since 2005. Prior to this, he was the Director-General of the World Trade Organization from 2002 to 2005. In 1999 he was elected to become Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Born in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1946, Mr. Supachai earned both a Master's and PhD from the Netherlands School of Economics (now Erasmus University) in Rotterdam. In 1973, he completed his dissertation under economist and Nobel laureate Jan Tinbergen. Mr. Supachai has held key positions in the government and financial institutions of Thailand as: Deputy Minister of Finance (1986-88); Director of the Thai Military Bank (1988-1992); and Deputy Prime Minister (1992-1995). In September 1999, he was elected Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), taking office on September 1, 2002. In March 2005, following his term with the WTO, Dr. Supachai was appointed Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He was appointed for a second four-year term in September 2009. Keen to reform and revitalise the organization during his stewardship, he has established a Panel of Eminent Persons to oversee the start of reform of UNCTAD

Zhu Min, Deputy Managing Director, IMF



Mr. Min ZHU assumed the position of Deputy Managing Director on July 26, 2011. Previously he served as Special Advisor to the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund from May 3, 2010 to July 25, 2011.

Mr. Zhu, a native of China, was a Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China. He was responsible for international affairs, policy research, and credit information. Prior to his service at China's central bank, he held various positions at the Bank of China where he served as Group Executive Vice president, responsible for finance and treasury, risk management, internal control, legal and compliance, and strategy and research. Mr. Zhu also worked at the World Bank and taught economics at both Johns Hopkins University and Fudan University. Mr. Zhu received a Ph.D and an M.A. in economics from Johns Hopkins University, an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a B.A. in economics from Fudan University.

Mahmoud Mohieldin, President's Special Envoy, World Bank



Mr. Mohieldin is the Special Envoy for the President of the World Bank. His responsibilities include coordinating the World Bank Group agenda on the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 process; supporting the work on financial development, including long term finance and financial inclusion; and coordinating the World Bank's efforts to strengthen partnerships with the UN, multilateral development institutions, and the G-20.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Mohieldin held numerous positions in the Government of Egypt and served on several Boards of Directors in the Central Bank of Egypt and the corporate sector. He was a member of the Commission on Growth and Development and selected a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum in 2005. He has also served as Member of the Board of several universities in Egypt and held leading positions in national and regional research centers and think tanks. As a Professor of Economics, he has authored numerous publications and articles in leading journals in the fields of international finance and economics in English and Arabic. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Warwick and a Master of Science in Economic and Social Policy Analysis from the University of York.

2 July, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

National Voluntary Presentations

Meera Tiwari, Head of Global Studies, University of East London



Dr Meera Tiwari is Reader in International Development specializing in multidimensional poverty, the Capability Approach and sustainable human development.

She is based in the School of Law and Social Sciences at the University of East London. She teaches on the MSc NGO and Development Management and BA International Development and International Development with NGO Management programmes. Her research interests are - exploring social and economic poverties within the Capability Approach, exploring deprivation in both Northern and Southern contexts, the MDGs and the post 2015 discourse, and how can globalization be made to work for the most vulnerable communities.

France: Nicolas Niemtchinow, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva and International Organizations in Switzerland



Mr. Nicolas Niemtchinow is the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Niemtchinow served as Deputy Director of the Office of Alain Juppe, France's Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, from March 2011 until February 2012. He was a Diplomatic Counsellor at the Ministry of Defence from 2009 to 2011. He held the post of Deputy Director for Strategic Affairs of the Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament Directorate at the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2009. A career diplomat, Mr. Niemtchinow was posted in Jordan as Deputy Head of Mission of the French Embassy between 2002 and 2005. From 1998 to 2002, he was posted in Russia, where he served as a First Secretary at the French Embassy. Mr. Niemtchinow joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995 and worked for the NATO, European Defence, Operations and National Defence Policy Section of the Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament Directorate until 1998.

2 July, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Introduction of the Reports of the Secretary - General on the themes of the AMR and thematic discussion

Introduction of the Report of the Committee for Development Policy

José Antonio Ocampo, Chair of Committee for Development Policy



Mr. José Antonio Ocampo is director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration at and a fellow of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University. In 2008-2010, he also served as co-director of the UNDP/OAS Project on

“Agenda for a Citizens’ Democracy in Latin America”, and in 2009 a Member of the Commission of Experts of the UN General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Ocampo served in a number of positions in the United Nations and the Government of Colombia, most notably as United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs; Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Chairman of the Board of Banco del República (Central Bank of Colombia); Director, National Planning Department; Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Executive Director of FEDESARROLLO.

3 July, 10:50 am – 11:05 am Special Keynote Address

Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, President, Republic of Colombia



His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón was appointed President of Colombia in August 2010. He served as Minister under the Presidency of Gaviria and Pastrana, and as Minister of Foreign Trade during the mandate of César Gaviria Trujillo. He was then appointed designee to the presidency, a position that was later folded into the office of vice president.

In 1994, Mr. Santos was part of a team of negotiators who attempted to reach a peace agreement with the FARC. He was a leader of the Colombian Liberal Party in the late 1990s. In 2005, Mr. Santos helped found the Social Party of National Unity, a coalition of lawmakers and officials from various parties who supported President Uribe’s agenda. Mr. Santos joined Uribe’s cabinet as defense minister in 2006, and he escalated the government military campaign against the FARC.

3 July, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Panel: Africa and Least Developed Countries

Martial De-Paul Ikounga, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology



His Excellency Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga Dr Ikounga is the African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology. He is a member of the Congolese National Assembly and currently the chairman of the Education, Culture, Science and Technology Commission.

He served in various positions in the Government, including as Secretary of State and Minister of Science and Technology, Minister to the Office of the President, Minister of Education, Minister of High and Technical Education, Minister for Reconstruction and National Heritage.

Dr. De-Paul Ikounga holds a Doctorate in Engineering and has lectured in general statistics and Physics. Dr Ikounga has also published several articles on these subjects both in French and in English.

Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)



Mr. Carlos Lopes serves as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He brings to the position more than 24 years of experience at the United Nations as United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative in Brazil and Zimbabwe.

A member of several African academic networks, as well as a strategist and socio-economist, Mr. Lopes has vast experience in capacity-building and technical cooperation on the continent. Mr. Lopes was most recently the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and Director of the United Nations System Staff College.

Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, OHRLLS



Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDSs) since 2012. He is also the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations.

Since 2009, as Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of LDCs, Ambassador Acharya has contributed to the successful conclusion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the LDCs and follow-up process. He was also closely involved with the 2010 MDGs mid-term review and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). From 2010 to 2011, Mr. Acharya served as the Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peace building Commission. He was also a Member of the Bureau of LLDCs and Chair of the Commission on Social Development. Mr. Acharya served in many Government's posts, as Foreign Secretary (2007-2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva (2003-2007), Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry (1999-2002) and Joint Secretary (Director-General) responsible for South-Asia, Europe and the Americas and Regional Organizations, Economic Relations and Coordination Divisions (1998-2003)

Francisca Okeke, Professor of Physics, University of Nigeria, Winner, L'Oreal-UNESCO for Women in Science Award



Prof. Okeke is a Professor of Physics at the University of Nigeria. She was the Dean in the faculty of Physical Sciences in University of Nigeria Nsukka from 2008 to 2010 and the first female head of a department at the University of Nigeria.

Prof. Okeke has dedicated much of her career to study the ionosphere and the "equatorial electrojet phenomenon". Her research on how solar activity in the ionosphere affects the Earth's magnetic field could help pinpoint sources of dramatic phenomena like tsunamis and earthquakes. She has recently received the **L'Oreal-UNESCO for Women in Science Award** for her contribution to the understanding of "daily variations of the ion currents in the upper atmosphere which may further our understanding of climate change."

3 July, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Panel on Universal Health Coverage

Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Senior Advisor on Disease Control Ministry of Public Health, Thailand



Dr. Suwit Wibulpolprasert is a general practitioner, a public health specialist, an administrator and a policy advocator. He began his career as a director and a practitioner in four rural district hospitals in Thailand from 1977 to 1985. Later he was the Director of the Northeastern Public Health College, Director of Technical Division of the FDA, Director of Bureau of Health Policy and Plan, Assistant Permanent Secretary, Deputy Permanent Secretary, and Senior Advisor at the Thai Ministry of Public Health. In Thailand, Dr. Suwit is the editor of a local journal for para-medical personnel and had produced radio and television programs on health and social issues for more than 15 years.

He represents Thailand in many international health forums and the World Health Assembly. He also represented Thailand and the South-east Asia Region as a member and Vice Chair of the Governing Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria in 2001-2004. He was the President of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety in 2003-2006 and a member and Vice Chair of the WHO Executive Board during 2004-2007. He also chaired the Board of the Health Metrics Network in 2006-2007. Dr. Suwit currently chairs the Steering Committee of Asia Partnership on Avian Influenza Research and the Steering Committee of Asia-Pacific Action Alliance on HRH. He is also a member and Chair of the Program Coordinating Board of the

UNAIDS, and member and Chair of the Program and Policy Committee of the interim Board of the Global Health Workforce Alliance.

Ali Gofran Mukti, Vice Minister of Health of Indonesia



His Excellency Mr. Ali Ghufron Mukti, is the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Health in Indonesia. As part of his educational history in the field of health, Prof. Ghufron has received an award as a research fellow from Brown University. During his professional career, Prof. Ghufron has been appointed as Head of Public Health Division, Director of Gadjah Mada Medical Centre department, and Director of Health of Gadjah Mada Graduate Program on Health Financing and Health Insurance Management in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta.

Prof. Ghufron also had a professional career as consultant for international agencies in the area of social protection, health finance, and health insurance. Since the 90's, Prof. Ghufron has published more than 30 publications and wrote several books. Prof. Ghufron is actively involved in many professional organizations both in the national and international scale. Internationally, Prof. Ghufron was appointed as Indonesian country representative for the South East Asian Public Health Institutes Network (SEAPHEIN) in 2007 and designated as Chairman of the ASEAN "One Health" in 2011.

Margaret Chan, Director General, WHO



Dr. Margaret Chan, from the People's Republic of China, obtained her medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She joined the Hong Kong Department of Health in 1978, where her career in public health began. In 1994, Dr. Chan was appointed Director of Health of Hong Kong. In her nine-year tenure as director, she launched new services to prevent the spread of disease and promote better health. She also introduced new initiatives to improve communicable disease surveillance and response, to enhance training for public health professionals, and to establish better local and international collaboration. She effectively managed outbreaks of avian influenza and of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

In 2003, Dr. Chan joined WHO as Director of the Department for Protection of the Human Environment. In June 2005, she was appointed Director for Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response as well as Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza. In September 2005, she was named Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases. Dr. Chan took office as Director-General on 9 November 2006. The Assembly appointed Dr Chan for a second five-year term at its sixty-fifth session in May 2012. Dr. Chan's new term started on 1 July 2012 and will continue through 30 June 2017.

Timothy G. Evans, Director of Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank



Dr. Timothy G. Evans is the Director, Health, Nutrition and Population at the World Bank. Dr. Evans has been active in the international health arena for more than 20 years. Before joining the World Bank, he was the Dean of the James P. Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University in Bangladesh. Previously, he served as Assistant Director General at the World Health Organization, heading the Evidence, Information, Research and Policy Clusters where he supervised the publication of the annual World Health Report.

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Alliance and the World Alliance for Patient Safety. Dr. Evans earned his DPhil in agricultural economics at Oxford, and pursued medical and postgraduate studies at McMaster and Harvard Universities.

Sania Nishtar, President and Founder, Heartfile



Professor Sania Nishtar is a Pakistani cardiologist and founder of Heartfile, Pakistan's Health Policy Forum, and Heartfile Financing—a programme to protect people against health impoverishment. She is a member of many expert working groups and task forces of WHO, and a member of the board of the International Union for Health Promotion, the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council, the Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health, and the Clinton Global Initiative. She is Chair of GAVI's Evaluation Advisory Committee. Sania is the author of Pakistan's first health reform plan, Pakistan's first compendium of health statistics, and the country's first national public health plan for non-communicable diseases. She is the author of 6 books, more than 100 peer review articles and around the same number of op-eds.

She holds a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and a Ph.D from King's College London, and a medical degree (MBBS) from Khyber Medical College. In April 2013, Ms. Nishtar was sworn in as Pakistan's Caretaker Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Information Technology, and Education and Training.

4 July, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thematic debate: “ The contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the Post-2015 Development Agenda”

David Steven, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Centre for International Cooperation, New York University



Mr. David Steven is a Senior Fellow and Associate Director at the Center on International Cooperation (CIC) of New York University (NYU), where he works on development policy and the post-2015 agenda. He is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution leads CIC's joint work with Brookings on the geopolitical implications of climate change and natural resources. He has advised UNDP and a number of UN member states on the post-2015 international development agenda, whilst recent work at CIC has included partnerships with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the MacArthur Foundation, the Bertelsmann Stiftung, Forum for the Future, and the Skoll Foundation. He is Director of Research for Pakistan Task Force on the Next Generation, which recently published its second report on young voters and the 2013 election. David is additionally a director of the consultancy River Path Associates, and is on the advisory board of JLT's World Risk Review. He co-edits Global Dashboard, the foreign policy website.

Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme



Ms. Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues. Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Ms. Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Helen Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres.

Under her leadership, New Zealand achieved significant economic growth, low levels of unemployment, and high levels of investment in education and health, and in the well-being of families and older citizens. She and her government prioritized reconciliation and the settlement of

historical grievances with New Zealand's indigenous people and the development of an inclusive multicultural and multi-faith society.

Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission



Dr. Anthony Mothae Maruping is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho to UNOG and United Nations agencies in Geneva and to WTO, where he is the coordinator of the LDCs. Ambassador Maruping has served in various organizations in Lesotho and internationally. Dr. Maruping was the Executive Director at the Macro-Economic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa. He also served as the Governor of the Central Bank of Lesotho from 1988 to 1998.

From 1981 to 1986, he worked at the National University of Lesotho, first as a member of the University Council, then as Dean of the Faculty of Social Science and finally as Pro-Vice Chancellor. Dr. Maruping has served in a number of organizations and institutions, including the National Planning Board of Lesotho, the Education and Examination Policy Committee of the Lesotho Institute of Accountants, the Social Science Committee of the Lesotho UNESCO National Commission, the Association of African Central Banks, and the Governing Council for African Centre for Monetary Studies. He was Chair of the Eastern and Southern African Chapter of the Association of African Central Banks and a member of the Advisory Committee of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC).

François-Xavier De Donnea, Inter-Parliamentary Union/Chamber of Representatives, Belgium



Honorable Mr. François-Xavier De Donnea is currently Minister of State of the Belgian House of Representatives. He is also chair or member of several intergovernmental delegations and institutes, including head of the Belgian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, chairman of the MEDEA Institute, and member of the Board of the Royal Institute for International Relations – Egmont (Belgium), among others.

Mr. De Donnea has been a Co-Rapporteur of the First and Second Standing Committee of the Interparliamentary Union (IPU), on "the Trafficking of small Arms and light Weapons" and on "The role of Parliaments in developing South-South and Triangular cooperation" respectively. He has also been Co-Rapporteur of the Second Standing Committee of the IPU in 2007-2008, on "Parliamentary Oversight of State Policies on Foreign Aid". Mr. de Donnea has held a number of important positions in the Belgian government, including Secretary of State for Development Cooperation (1983-1985), Minister of Defence (1985-1988), Mayor of the City of Brussels (1995-2000), Minister-President of the Brussels Capital Region (2000-2003). He was also briefly a Member of European Parliament between 1989-1991. Throughout his career, Mr. de Donnea has served also in a variety of roles in academia and he is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Louvain.

Amina Mohammed, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning



Ambassador Amina J. Mohammed of Nigeria is the Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning.

Ms. Mohammed was previously Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the Millennium Development Goals after serving three Presidents over a period of six years. In 2005 she was charged with the coordination of the debt relief funds (\$1 billion per annum) towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria. From 2002-2005, Ms. Mohammed served as coordinator of the Task Force on Gender and Education for the United Nations Millennium Project. Prior to this, she served as Founder and Executive Director of Afri-Projects Consortium, a multidisciplinary firm of

Engineers and Quantity Surveyors (1991-2001) and worked with the architectural engineering firm of Archcon Nigeria in association with Norman and Dawbarn UK (1981-1991). Ms. Mohammed currently serves on numerous international advisory panels and boards, including the Global Development Program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Secretary General's Global Sustainability Panel, the Hewlett Foundation on Education, African Women's Millennium Initiative, the ActionAid International "Right to Education Project", the Millennium Promise Initiative, and the Institute of Scientific & Technical Information of China. She is a Governor of the International Development Research Centre in Canada, and currently chairs the Advisory Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Global Monitoring Report on Education.

Michael Anderson, Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Post-2015 UN Development, United Kingdom



H.E. Mr. Michael Anderson joined the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in 2001 and has been Director General for Policy and Global Issues since April 2010. Mr. Anderson has had a personal leadership role on evaluation, climate change, and private sector development.

Since July 2012 he has been on part-time secondment to the Prime Minister's Office as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for the UN Development Goals. He supports the Prime Minister's role as co-Chair of the UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 development agenda. Mr. Anderson also convenes a cross-government team to lead UK inputs to the Sustainable Development Goals following the Rio+20 Conference.

Ann Aerts, Head of the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development



Dr. Ann Aerts is Head of the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development. Dr. Aerts holds a Degree in Medicine and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Leuven, Belgium, as well as a Degree in Tropical Medicine from the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium.

Most recently she was the Franchise Medical Director Critical Care for Novartis Pharma in Basel. Prior to joining Novartis in 2006, Ann worked with international organizations in various countries overseas, after which she served as the head of the Health Services Department of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva and then as the Director of the Lung and Tuberculosis Association in Belgium.

4 July, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Continuation of thematic debate

Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Federal Republic of Ethiopia



His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Shide Mohamed serves as the State Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Ethiopia. The Ministry, besides allocating budget, introduces new and efficient ways of utilizing resources to both federal and regional governments. A "Pool Service", is one of the ministry's innovations.

The ministry has recently introduced Financial Administration Proclamation and Procurement and property Administration Proclamation Amendment drafts. The amendment proclamations enables the country to close the gaps that might be observed in the finance, procurement and property management of the nation and to create internationally accepted financial working system.



Martin Dahinden, Director, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, Switzerland

Ambassador Martin Dahinden took over the position of Director-General at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in 2008. Prior to this, Dr. Dahinden headed the FDFA's Directorate of Corporate Management, after having worked as Director of the

Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining. He entered the diplomatic service in 1987. During his career, he held assignments in Geneva as member of the Swiss Delegation to GATT, at the Swiss Embassy in Paris, as Deputy to the Swiss ambassador in Nigeria, and was temporarily posted at the Swiss Mission to the UN in New York.

Mr. Dahinden worked at the FDFA's Service for Disarmament Policy and Nuclear Issues as Head of the OSCE Service of Political Affairs Division I, and served as Deputy Head of the OSCE Coordination Unit during the Swiss Chairmanship of the OSCE in 1996. The following year, he served as Deputy Head of the Swiss Mission to NATO in Brussels. Before entering the diplomatic service, Dr. Dahinden studied Economics (Business Administration) at the University of Zurich. He worked as a post-graduate assistant at the University, and subsequently was employed with a bank and later with a publishing house.

John W. McArthur, Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation and the Fung Global Institute



Mr. John W. McArthur is a Senior Fellow with the United Nations Foundation, a Senior Fellow with the Fung Global Institute, and a Nonresident Senior Fellow with the Brookings Institution. He was previously the CEO of Millennium Promise and a faculty member at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs as well as a Research Scholar at the University's Earth Institute, where he earlier served as Policy Director.

From 2002 to 2006 Mr. McArthur served as Manager and Deputy Director of the United Nations Millennium Project, the Secretary-General Kofi Annan's independent advisory body mandated to recommend an action plan for achieving the MDGs. Prior to that, he was a Research Fellow at the Center for International Development at Harvard University.

Bernadette Fischler, Policy Analyst (post-MDGs), CAFOD



Ms. Bernadette Fischler works with the post-2015 team in CAFOD, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, and the Beyond 2015 campaign to ensure that the priorities and perspectives of people living in poverty are taken into account by the UN and governments, when designing the new post-2015 development framework.

Ms. Fischler policy and advocacy work focus on post-MDG strategies to end poverty while ensuring a sustainable environment.

Faeqa Saeed Alsaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Social Affairs Sector, League of Arab States



Ambassador Ms. Faeqa Saeed AlSaleh is currently Advisor to the Secretary General of the League of Arab States (LAS). She is also Director of Education and Scientific Research at LAS and in charge of the Arab Economic and Social Council Secretariat. Before taking her current position at the LAS, she was the Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Information at the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain and held several positions in statistics and educational planning for 25 years.

Ms. Saeed AlSaleh is a member of several regional and international councils such as: Global Monitoring Report (GMR) Advisory Board, International Institute of Educational Planning's (IIEP) Council of Consultant Fellows and Council of the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education. She has also been a member in many councils and higher committees such as: G8/BMENA on Education Task Force, Arab Planning Institute Council, Public Administration Institute Council and the Education Committee of the Supreme Council of Women. She also held key positions in many projects such as national coordinator of Education For All (EFA), project coordinator of the Education and Training Reform in Bahrain and project manager of enhancing the quality of education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy Director General, Europeaid



Mr. **Klaus** Rudischhauser is in charge of the European Commission's new Directorate B "Quality and Impact of Aid" at DG Development and Co-operation – EuropeAid since 2011. His responsibilities include Quality of aid, Evaluation, Inter-institutional relations as well as Information and Communication. He joined the European Commission in 1989 and took up duty in the Directorate-General Environment. Subsequently he worked on assistance to the Newly Independent States and then was Head of Unit at the Directorate-General Personnel and Administration and the Directorate-General Energy and Transport where he was in charge of the Transeuropean Transport Networks.

From 2007 to 2011, Mr. Rudischhauser was Director at the Directorate-General Development and Relations with ACP Countries. His areas of responsibility covered amongst others: Programming of the European Development Fund (EDF), Panafrican issues, Peace and Security in Africa, Migration, Governance, Budget support and debt relief.