

Biographies

Round table 4: Ensuring policy coherence and an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development

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Ms. Vesna Pusić serves as the First Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs since 2012. Before her current role, she worked as Minister of Foreign and European Affairs in 2011. She worked as Vice-president of the European Liberal Democratic and Reform Party from 2006 to 2012. Meanwhile, between 2008 to 2011, she also held the roles of Chairperson of the National Committee for Monitoring the Accession Negotiations between Croatia and the EU, as well as Chairperson of the HNS and HSU parliamentary group. She was elected to Croatian Parliament in 2000 and became the Deputy Speaker of Croatian Parliament in 2003. Before joining the parliament, she served as President of the HNS for two terms.



H.E. Mr. Ato Getachew Adem serves as Deputy Commissioner of the National Planning Commission in Ethiopia. He previously held positions such as the Director of the Economic Policy and Planning Department (EPPD) of the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFED), as well as Member of the board of Management of the Ethiopian Insurance Corporation.



H.E. Mr. Jaime Alfredo Miranda Flamenco is the Deputy-Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador. Previously he served as Vice Minister of Development Cooperation and Economic Relations. He is an expert in the areas of development, cooperation, public policy design and implementation, business administration and the protection of human rights. Among his other professional experiences, he was Program Coordinator at the German Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in El Salvador, Political Affairs Officer for the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala and Director General of the Salvadoran Association for Integral Development.



Ms. Alicia Bárcena assumed office as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on 1 July 2008. She had previously served as the Under-Secretary-General for Management at United Nations Headquarters in New York, Chef de Cabinet and Deputy Chef de Cabinet to the former Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. She held the post of Deputy Executive Secretary and Director of ECLAC's Environment and Human Settlements Division. Prior to her time at ECLAC, she served as Co-ordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme of UNDP, responsible for the Environmental Citizenship Project at the UNEP.



Mr. Richard Samans is Head of the Centre for the Global Agenda and Member of the Managing Board for the World Economic Forum. He has been with the World Economic Forum from 2001 to 2011 and became Managing Director since 2013. Since 2007, he served as a non-resident Senior Fellow for International Economic Policy at the Center for American Progress and Chairman of the Climate Disclosure Standards Board. Previously, he served as Senior Director of the National Security Council for the White House and Director-General at the Global Green Growth Institute. He holds a BA in Economics and French from Tufts University and a Master degree in International Affairs from Columbia University.