

## Biographies

### Round table 5: Global partnership and the three dimensions of sustainable development

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**H.E. Mr. Jayant Sinha** is the Union Minister of State for Finance in the Government of India. He has been a member of important parliamentary committees such as the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Accounts Committee. His prior business experience includes twelve years with McKinsey & Company as a Partner in the Boston and Delhi offices. He was most recently a partner at Omidyar Network, where he led Omidyar Network's overall investment strategy and operations in India. He also spent several years as a Managing Director at Courage Capital, a global special situations hedge fund. He holds an M.B.A. with Distinction from the Harvard Business School, an M.S. in Energy Management & Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Technology degree with Distinction from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.



**H. E. Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** was appointed as the Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria in July 2011. Prior to this appointment, she was Managing Director of World Bank from October 2007 to July 2011. She served as finance minister from July 2003 until her appointment as foreign minister in June 2006, and as foreign minister until her resignation in August 2006. She is notable for being the first woman to hold either of those positions. Prior to her ministerial career in Nigeria, she was vice-president and corporate secretary of the World Bank Group. She received BA in Field Economics from Harvard University, and MCP and PhD. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



**Mr. LI Yong** serves as Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) since June 2013. He is a senior economic and financial policy-maker. In 1996, he became Executive Director for China at the World Bank Group. Later on in 1999, he was appointed Secretary General of Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Between 2003 and 2013, he served as Vice-Minister of Finance of the People's Republic of China and member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank for a decade. He played a key role in China's cooperation with multilateral development organizations, such as the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank. He holds a Master degree in economics following his graduation from the Research Institute for Fiscal Science of the Ministry of Finance.



**Mr. Carlos Lopes** was appointed as the eighth Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, at the level of UN Under-Secretary-General, in September 2012. He previously served as Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva and Director of the UN System Staff College in Turin at the level of Assistant-Secretary-General from 2007 to 2012. He was earlier appointed as UN Assistant-Secretary-General and Director for Political Affairs in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General during 2005 and 2007. He joined the UNDP as a development economist in 1988. While at UNDP, he occupied various positions, such as Deputy Director at the Office of Evaluation and Strategic Planning, Resident Representative in Zimbabwe, as well as Deputy, and later Director of the New York-based Bureau for Development Policy. He

was a member of UNDP's executive team. In June 2003, he became the United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil. He holds a PhD in history from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and a research master from the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.



**Ms. Naoko Ishii** is the CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, unanimously selected by the GEF Council in June 2012 and took office on August 1. Prior to her current role, she worked as Deputy Vice Minister of Finance and was responsible for Japan's international financial and development policies. She led the Japanese delegation at the Transition Committee for designing the Green Climate Fund. Previously, she was Japan's Director for Bilateral Development Finance (2004-2006) and for coordination with Multilateral Development Banks (2002-04). At the World Bank, she was the Country Director for Sri Lanka and the Maldives

(2006-2010). She also served as the country program coordinator for Vietnam at the World Bank (1997-2001), project manager at Harvard Institute for International Development (1996-1997), economist at the International Monetary Fund (1992-1995) working for Africa and Asia, as well as visiting fellow at Center for International Affairs at Harvard University (1984-1985). She holds BA and Ph.D. from University of Tokyo.



**Mr. Dereje Alemayehu** serves as the Coordinator of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice and Senior Economic Policy Advisor of Tax Justice Network Africa. He also works as a Senior Economic Justice Advisor to Christian Aid and serves as country director in Burkina Faso, Tanzania and Kenya. Prior to his work in the development sector, he was a Lecturer at the Free University in Berlin from 1987 to 1998. He holds MA in Development Studies and PhD in Economics from the Free University in Berlin.