



PARTICIPANT BIOS

SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2017

OPENING OF THE MEETING

10:00 - 11:00 AM



H.E. Mr. Ali Shareef Al Emadi is the Minister of Finance of the State of Qatar. He has extensive experience in the financial sector spanning over 20 years, with progressively higher posts culminating in his role as Group Chief Executive Officer of Qatar National Bank (QNB) from 2005 to 2013. Under his leadership, QNB Group became the largest and most profitable bank in the Middle East and North Africa, with the highest brand value and having one of the highest credit ratings. His Excellency has also served in the following positions: Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Economic Affairs and Investment, Chairman of Qatari Diar, Chairman of Qatar Airways, Board Member of Qatar Investment Authority and Chairman of the Investment Committee, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Qatar Telecom (Ooredoo), Board Member of Qatar Foundation, Governor at the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Governor at the Islamic Development Bank, and Governor at OPEC Fund for International Development.



Mr. LIU Zhenmin was appointed Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations on 26 July 2017. Prior to his appointment as Under-Secretary-General, he served as the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Mr. Liu brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on the promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. He was deeply involved for 10 years in climate change negotiations including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. He also widely participated in the international activities on the protection of our planet including Antarctica and the oceans.



H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová was elected seventy-third President of the Economic and Social Council on 27 July 2017. She is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations in New York. Until her appointment in 2016, Ms. Chatardová was her country's Ambassador to France and Monaco, and its Permanent Representative to the International Organization of la Francophonie. Between 2013 and 2016, she also served as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). A career diplomat, Ms. Chatardová held several positions within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She was Director of Diplomatic Protocol, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Sweden, Director of the Communications Strategies Department, and Unit Chief of the Department for the Coordination of Relations with the European Union.



Mr. Achim Steiner became UNDP Administrator on 19 June 2017, following his nomination by Secretary-General António Guterres. Mr. Steiner is also the Vice-Chair of the UN Development Group, which unites the 32 UN funds, programmes, specialized agencies and other bodies that work to support sustainable development. For over nearly three decades, Mr. Steiner has been a global leader on sustainable development, climate resilience and international cooperation. He has worked tirelessly to champion sustainability, economic growth and equality for the vulnerable, and has been a vocal advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Steiner previously led the United Nations Environment Programme and served as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.



Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi was appointed the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on 1 September 2013. Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, Dr. Kituyi served as the Chief Executive of the Kenya Institute of Governance in Nairobi, and non-resident fellow of the Africa Growth Initiative of the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. His wide-ranging experience in trade negotiations and international economics and diplomacy includes his former roles as consultant for the African Union commission, member of a team of experts advising the presidents of the nations of the East African Community on how to establish more effective regional economic links, and Kenya's Minister of Trade and Industry.



H.E. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Al-Hamadi was appointed Secretary General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar on 30 June 2016. Prior to this appointment, he served as Ambassador at the Ministry and director of Legal Affairs (2003), General-Secretary for the Committee of Drafting the Permanent Constitution (1999-2003), Deputy Lecturer of Civil Law in Qatar University (1999-2004), Deputy Chief Magistrate of the Court of Appeals (1995), Judge of the Court of Appeals (1990), Judge of Major Civil Courts (1988), Judge of Minor Criminal Courts (1984), and Assistant Judge in the Qatar Courts of Justice (1981).

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H.E. Ms. Carmen Elena Falconi Vaca is the Undersecretary of Public Investment in the National Secretary of Planning and Development of Ecuador. She has held various positions in the Ecuadorian public service, including with the National Secretary for Higher Education, Science and Innovation. She also previously worked for the Central Bank of Ecuador. Ms. Vaca holds a Master degree in Political Economy of Emerging Markets from Kings College and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador.



H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber was appointed Ambassador and Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development in 2012, entrusted to lead Switzerland engagement as lead negotiator in the international processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Addis Ababa Action Agenda. In this function, he has also led the national processes and consultations in view of the new global framework on sustainable development. Ambassador Gerber also heads Switzerland's inter-ministerial Task Force on the 2030 Agenda. Prior to his current position, he served as Head of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Policy Division where he was responsible for positioning Swiss development policy and leading key strategic processes. Before this, he was responsible for the Swiss development programmes in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, and served as Head of SDC's Domain Bilateral Cooperation and Programme Manager for Ecuador.



H.E. Mr. Francisco Javier Niembro Cibrian is the Ambassador of Mexico to Qatar.



Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah began his first term as Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on 1 October 2013, and was reappointed for a second four-year term on 1 October 2017. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Agah served as Chair of the WTO General Council (2011), and Chair of the following WTO bodies: Dispute Settlement Body (2010), Council for Trade in Services (2009), Trade Policy Review Body (2008), Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (2008), Council for Trade in Goods (2006). He was also the chair of the Council for TRIPS, Special Session (2013). Before this, Mr. Agah was Nigeria's Ambassador to the WTO, where he served as the Alternate Chief Negotiator for the Doha Round and Head of Nigeria's Trade Office to the WTO in the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

H.E. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Al-Hamadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar Nations [[see page 2](#)]

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H.E. Professor Edward Scicluna is a Member of Parliament and the Minister of Finance of Malta since March 2013. In 2013, Prof. Scicluna assumed the chairmanship of the European Investment Bank (EIB), and vice-chairmanship of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Prior to these appointments, he served as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) as Vice-Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, and was a member of the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC). His previous positions include Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at the University of Malta, Chairman of the Malta Financial Services Authority, Chairman of the Malta Council of Economic and Social Development, Board Director of the Central Bank of Malta, and Electoral Commissioner. Prof. Scicluna also carried out consultancy work for international institutions.



H.E. Dr. Mustafa Mastoor was appointed Acting Minister of Economy for the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in August 2017, after serving as General Director of Budget from 2004 to 2017. Dr. Mastoor's extensive experience in public sector work includes acting as lead negotiator for the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline, Afghan team lead for the Central Asia - South Asia (CASA) 1300 MW regional electricity transmission project. Dr. Mastoor has also served in the Ministry of Public Health, as Alternate Governor for Afghanistan to the Asian Development Bank, World Bank and Islamic Development Bank. He is also one of the founders and Governor of Afghanistan in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Development Fund, and a contributing member of many boards and working groups including G7+. Dr. Mastoor also leads the Governance Working Group of the Afghanistan-US Strategic Partnership Agreement.



H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed Dirar is the Minister of State at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of Sudan.



Mr. Chaikou Yaya Diallo is the Deputy National Director of Cooperation of the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, Republic of Guinea. In July 2017, Mr. Diallo was also elected as the Chairman of the Executive Council of the ECOWAS Federation of Chambers of Mines (EFEDCOM).



Mr. Lazlo Borbely is the State Counsellor to the Prime Minister of Romania on Sustainable Development, responsible for coordinating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level. Mr. Borbely has extensive experience in Global Environmental Protection, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Regional Development and Foreign Affairs, including as Secretary of State in the Ministry of Public Works and Regional Planning (1996-2000), Minister-Delegate in the Ministry of Transportation, Constructions and Tourism (2004-2007), Minister of Development, Public Works and Housing (2007-2008), and Minister of Environment and Forests (2010-2012). Mr. Borbely has also previously co-chaired the European Ministerial Board for Environment and Health, and served as Vice-President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Program.

SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2017

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:00 - 11:30 AM

SDGs 6 AND 7 • ENERGY & WATER



H.E. Mr. Mahmamin Mahmaminov serves as the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations since February 2014 and as Vice-President of ECOSOC. Before his appointment, Mr. Mahmaminov was Minister for Labour and Social Protection since 2010. He headed the State Savings Bank "AMONATBONK" in Dushanbe, from 2005 until 2010, prior to which he was First Deputy of the JSC "ORIONBANK" since 2003. Between 1993 and 2001, Mr. Mahmaminov served as General Manager of the Tajikistan and Pakistan (IR) Mountain Society Project of the Aga Khan Foundation Development Support Programme.



H.E. Ambassador Tariq Ali Faraj Hashim Al-Ansari serves as the Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Chief of Cabinet, Office of the United Nations High Representative - Alliance of Civilizations, New York, USA; Deputy Chief of Cabinet, Presidency of 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, USA; Consular, Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, New York, USA; First Secretary, Administrative and Financial Inspection Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Doha, State of Qatar; Third Secretary, Second Secretary, Administrative and Financial Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Doha, State of Qatar.



H.E. Mr. Csaba Korosi joined the Office of the President of the Republic of Hungary as head of Directorate for Environmental Sustainability and Sherpa to the President of Hungary in the High-Level Panel on Water. From 2010 through 2014, he served as the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations in New York, and was Vice President of the 66th session of the General Assembly. Mr. Korosi has also previously co-chaired the United Nations Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals. Since joining the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983, he has served in multiple positions including Deputy State Secretary for Multilateral Diplomacy and Ambassador to Greece.



Dr. Constantinos Taliotis is a post-doctoral researcher at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology. Working with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), his work initially focused on modelling scenarios for the energization of the African continent via a cost optimization approach. In collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Dr. Taliotis also participated in the construction of a Global Climate, Land-use, Energy and Water nexus model, and helped develop the first open-access Africa-wide bottom-up model with technology detail at the national level with potential for cross-border electricity trade. Dr. Constantinos has also participated in an IRENA-funded project assessing renewable energy deployment in the electricity supply system of Cyprus, and led the development of a comprehensive open-source energy systems model for Cyprus.



Mr. Nicholas Craven is a qualified engineer with broad experience of working internationally on environmental management and sustainability while based in the UK, Australia and France. He has worked on policy issues with both the UK government and European Commission, served as a Sherpa to the High Level Advisory Group for Sustainable Transport appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, written background papers and spoken at numerous UN events, in addition to leading the organisation of several major international conferences and workshops concerning sustainable development.

SDG 11 • CITIES



H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila serves as the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations and Vice-President of ECOSOC. From 2011 until his latest appointment, Mr. Matjila was the Acting Director-General of South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation. He was previously Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva from 2010 to 2011, serving concurrently as Consul-General to the French-speaking cantons of Switzerland. Mr. Matjila was Deputy Director-General of the Asia and Middle East Branch in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation between 2006 and 2010. He was Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Community from 2001 to 2006. He served an earlier stint as Deputy Director-General, between 1999 and 2001, and was High Commissioner to India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Nepal from 1995 and 1999, having joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994. Mr. Matjila was educated in France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Norway and Germany.



Dr. Philip Turner, International Association of Public Transport (UITP), specializes in corporate social responsibility and sustainable development policy issues. He has sat on a variety of expert and Shera-level groups for the European Commission and the United Nations, including the UN Secretary-General's High Level Group on Sustainable Transport, the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and UN Sustainable Development Goal 11 reporting. Dr. Turner has worked at the international, national and local level, including for the United Kingdom's Prime Ministers' Delivery Unit.



Dr. Robby Berloznik is Senior Advisor to the General Manager and Research Leader Technology and Society at the Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO) located in Mol, Belgium. Since 2016, he is also the Director Programme for G-STIC, a new global science, technology and innovation conference series that focuses on technological solutions for the SDGs. He has a long-standing career in technology assessment and foresight, including his role as the director of the Flemish Institute for Technology and Society of the Flemish Parliament in Belgium from 2001-2012. Dr. Berloznik is a member of several international academic and professional networks in the fields of technology assessment, foresight, studies in science and society and science communication. He has also served as an expert to the United Nations, the European Commission and the OECD. At the COP22 in Marrakesh, he was appointed as a member of the Technology Executive Committee of the UNFCCC.



Dr. Peter Adriaens, is CEO, Corymbus Asset Management, New York, and Professor of Environmental Engineering and Finance, The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His areas of expertise include environmental technology development, field implementation and environmental finance. Since 2005, his work has focused on an emerging area in sustainability: How can capital markets and financial technology be harnessed to simulate industrial renewal and green growth? Dr. Adriaens is also Co-Founder and CEO of Equarius Risk Analytics, and Co-Founder of Global CleanTech Cluster Association.

SDGs 12 AND 15 • SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, AND TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS



H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King serves as the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations and Vice-President of ECOSOC. Until her appointment, Ms. King had an extensive career in academia and publishing, as well as in business development and financial management. Since 2010, she served as Honorary Consul for Portugal to the Saint Vincent and Grenadines Government, working concurrently as Chairperson of National Investment Promotions, Inc. in Kingstown. Along with being a business owner, wstrategy consultant and Editor-in-Chief of a literary journal, Ms. King taught English as a foreign language in China between 2002 and 2003, and designed and conducted seminars to mitigate cross-cultural sensitivities for Chinese English teachers there, receiving teacher-of-the-year award from the Mayor of Jiangdu City.



Mr. Simon Zadek is currently a Co-Director of the Inquiry into Design Options for a Sustainable Financial System launched by the United Nations Environment Program in early 2014. He is also on temporary secondment from UN Environment to the Office of the Secretary-General in New York to support the Deputy Secretary General, Amina Mohamed, in formulating a UN strategy for its contribution to ensuring the effective financing of the 2030 Agenda. Mr. Zadek is also DSM Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor at Singapore Management University, and is Visiting Fellow at the Oxford Martin School of the University of Oxford. He is on the Advisory Board of the leading sustainability investment fund, Generation Investment Management. He founded and was until 2009 Chief Executive of the international think tank, AccountAbility, and before that Development Director of the New Economics Foundation, founding Chair of the Ethical Trading Initiative and on the founding Steering Committee of the Global Reporting Initiative.



Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee is currently Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch in the Division for Sustainable Development. Prior to this he worked at the United Nations Development Programme where he led the writing team for the Human Development Report, and somewhat earlier, the MDG team in its policy bureau. He began his professional career in the Indian Government, working in Finance, Planning and implementation both in the field and HQ. He earned a PhD in Economics from Princeton University and also holds advanced degrees in Physics and Public Affairs.



Dr. Michael Obersteiner is Director of the Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM) Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria. His research experience stretches from biophysical modeling in the areas of ecosystems, forestry and agriculture to economics, finance and integrated assessment, Climate Mitigation and Adaptation, Nutrient Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Water Management, and Food Security, as documented in his publications record. From 2008 to 2009, Dr. Obersteiner served as a seconded Staff Expert for the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During the past decade, Dr. Obersteiner has been the principal investigator at IIASA of more than 35 international projects covering diverse fields of different scales and numerous funding organizations. Dr. Obersteiner has been a consultant to a number of national and international organizations, including inter alia the European Commission, WWF, OECD, and other national and international institutions that have received science based policy advice using quantitative modelling techniques. He is author of over 250 scientific papers and consultancy reports in the above mentioned fields.



Ms. Julie McBride is a Senior Social Franchise Consultant at MSA Worldwide, and Founder and CEO of Stage Six. She is a thought leader in the field of social franchising and was recently named one of "Five Innovative Consultants that are changing the world" in Inc. Magazine. Her experience using the franchise model to scale social businesses spans 20 years, five continents, and several industries including healthcare, water, sanitation, agribusiness, clean energy, and education. She was instrumental in designing and operating PSI's pioneering reproductive health franchise in Pakistan (Green Star) and supported the expansion of social franchises into 27 additional countries. In her most recent venture as founder and CEO of Stage Six LLC, Ms. McBride is building and supporting a portfolio of investment-ready social franchises across a range of sectors and geographies. Her efforts to inform and inspire potential actors in this field have included several high profile speaking engagements and publications.



Dr. Nikolay Khabarov is a Research Scholar at the Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM) Program of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Dr. Khabarov first joined ESM in January 2007 to strengthen the team in charge of quantifying the benefits of improved Earth observations. Since then, Dr. Khabarov has been a principal investigator and contributor to a range of IIASA research projects, with a particular focus on crop growth modeling, economics of adaptation, disasters, assessment of climate change impacts and adaptation options, estimation of the value of information, modeling of carbon market and regulatory risks and their reduction through innovative financial tools. Dr. Khabarov's expertise is in mathematical modeling and optimization under uncertainty with a rich set of applications, including natural disasters and risk-optimal portfolios. With his technical skills, Dr. Khabarov is concentrating on improving the methods, tools, and technologies used by IIASA for large-scale biophysical and economic modeling at regional and global scales.

PLENARY SESSION ON THE SDG MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

12:00 - 1:00 PM



Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director of the Financing for Development Office (since January 2010) at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), is responsible for secretariat support to the intergovernmental follow-up process of the 2002 Monterrey Consensus, 2008 Doha Declaration and 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. At present, he leads the work on promoting the implementation of the FfD outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the SDGs. His previous assignments at UNDESA were in the areas of Development Finance (2000-2009) and Macroeconomics and Development Policy (1989-1999). Prior to joining the UN Secretariat, he worked in the Russian Foreign Service. Mr. Trepelkov holds MA and Ph.D. degrees in International Economics from MGIMO-University and authored several publications.

Mr. Philip Turner, Independent Expert [[see page 4](#)]

Dr. Michael Obersteiner, Program Director, IIASA, Expert Member of the International Resource Panel [[see page 5](#)]

Mr. Nicholas Craven, Independent Expert [[see page 4](#)]



Mr. Stefano Prato is the Managing Director of the Society for International Development (SID) and the Editor of SID's Quarterly Journal "Development". He is the coordinator of the Civil Society Financing for Development Group and member of the Editing Team of the annual Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development. He served as one of the Advisors to the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Eminent Personalities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. He is also the co-coordinator of the global Nutrition Civil Society Group and member of the Editorial Board of the Right to Food Watch. He is a very active participant of the Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) of the Committee on World Food Security and co-facilitates the CSM Working Groups on Nutrition, Sustainable Agriculture & Livestock and SDGs. His most recent areas of interest address the democratization of global economic governance, the architecture of nutrition governance, the corporate capture of food, agriculture and nutrition, and the political economies of inequalities, particularly in the African context. Before joining SID, he was actively engaged in several Italian development cooperation NGOs as well as social development volunteer-based organizations.



Ms. Louise Kantrow was appointed International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Permanent Representative to the United Nation in April 2007. ICC is the largest, most representative business organization, which serves as the voice of business at the UN since 1946, frequently taking part in UN and related multilateral deliberations in the economic, social and environmental arenas. Since her appointment, Ms. Kantrow has been involved in multiple major UN conferences, including as co-chair of the Private Sector Steering Committees in the Follow-up International Conference to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Fourth UN Conference on Least Development Countries, and as co-organizing partners of the Business and Industry Major Group for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. Her career has also included posts within the UN and senior positions at nonprofit organizations, including the International League for Human Rights and the United Nations Association of the USA, UN Population Fund, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and US Agency for International Development.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO MOBILIZING SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS FOR SDG INVESTMENTS

2:00 - 3:15 PM



H.E. Mr. Bart de Groof is the Ambassador of Belgium to the State of Qatar. Prior to this appointment, Mr. de Groof served as Consul-General in India.



H.E. Mr. Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Kuwari is the Director-General, Qatar Fund for Development, State of Qatar.



Dr. Rajiv Sharma is a Research Director at Stanford University's Global Projects Center and an honorary research associate at the Oxford University Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. He received his Doctorate from Oxford University in the field of Pensions, Sovereign Wealth Funds and Infrastructure Investment. Prior to his position at Stanford, Rajiv worked as an economist for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. Promoting long-term investment by institutional investors is a focus of his current work at Stanford and through this, he has worked with a number of global institutional investors and governments. His latest book is entitled Reframing Finance, which looks at how more institutional investor capital can be channelled into long-term projects like infrastructure, real estate, private equity and agriculture through collaboration and co-investment. He has also worked for venture capital private equity firm Oxford Capital Partners and London-based Infrastructure/Private Equity Advisory firm, Campbell Lutyens.



Mr. Bayasgalan Rentsendorj is Senior Membership Manager at the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) based in London. Prior to joining IFSWF, he was Senior Research Officer at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, DC, where he published research on Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) strategic asset allocations and managed a knowledge-sharing platform for IFSWF Member SWFs. Mr. Rentsendorj has also worked with the Asian Development Bank and the Bank of Mongolia (Central Bank). He is also a Fellow at Bocconi University's Sovereign Investment Lab.



Mr. Adam Robbins is Practice Lead, Long-term Investing Initiatives at World Economic Forum, where he leads the Forum's work on long-term investing, active investment stewardship, investor-corporate dialogue, and strategic investment funds. Prior to joining World Economic Forum, he worked with the London-based International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds, based in London. Adam has also worked on issues of institutional investment and economic development at World Bank, Amundi Asset Management, and Columbia University. Adam earned a Master of International Business degree at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, and is a graduate of Colby College.

THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS IN ACHIEVING THE SDGS: THE CASE OF ISLAMIC FINANCE

3:30 - 4:45 PM

Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, UNDESA [see page 6]



H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Muraikhi was appointed Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs on 8 December 2016. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Al-Muraikhi served in important positions in various institutions in Qatar such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar Fund for Development, Qatari Authority of Charitable Work and Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities.



Dr. Habib Ahmed is Professor and Sharjah Chair in Islamic Law & Finance of Durham University's Business School. Prior to joining Durham University in 2008, Professor Ahmed was Manager, Research & Development, Islamic Development Group, National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia, and has also worked at the Islamic Research and Training Institute of the Islamic Development Bank Group in Saudi Arabia. Professor Ahmed has also taught at the University of Connecticut, National University of Singapore, and the University of Bahrain, and was a Visiting Professor at Hamad bin Khalifa University in Qatar. Professor Ahmed's has authored and edited more than 90 papers and publication. Some topics of his research include Islamic microfinance, legal and regulatory issues, risk management and corporate governance, and implications of Islamic law on economic institutions and organizations. Professor Ahmed has provided consultancy services on various topics of Islamic finance to national and international organizations, including the World Bank, Islamic Development Bank, Islamic Financial Services Boar, COMCEC, CIBAFI and DIFC.



Mr. Michael O'Neill joined UNDP in February 2014 as Assistant Administrator and Director of External Relations and Advocacy, with the rank of UN Assistant Secretary-General. Prior to this appointment, Mr. O'Neill was a British diplomat, serving most recently in London as Chair of the Prime Minister's Gulf Strategy Group in the UK Cabinet Office. Mr. O'Neill previously served as British Ambassador to Qatar, Head of Mission, Helmand Provincial Reconstruction Team, and ISAF Senior Civilian Representative in South-West Afghanistan, UK Representative for Sudan, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, External Relations.



Mr. Nedžad Ajanovic is Senior Partnership Specialist, Cooperation and Resources Mobilization Department (CRMD), Cooperation and Country Programming Complex at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). Mr. Ajanovic joined IsDB in January 2011. He serves as a partnership and cooperation focal point for some of the major development partners (e.g. IFIs, MDBs, UN system, and bilateral agencies). He coordinates, helps develop, and monitors the implementation of strategic partnership arrangements (e.g., Cooperation MoUs and Co-financing Agreements) for the bank. Previously, Mr. Ajanovic worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), CARE International in Myanmar (Burma) as Natural Resources Coordinator and Project Manager in agro-forestry.



Mr. Marco Lichtfous, Partner at Deloitte, leads the Financial Institution Strategy and Regulatory Affairs department in the Advisory & Consulting Unit. He has accompanied scores of Financial Institutions from inception to full-scale rollout. He has accumulated extensive experience in Business Development, in particular in Operations Transformation and Digitalization, leveraging these to create and restructure organizations in order to capitalize on differentiation and industrialization opportunities. Prior to joining Deloitte, Mr. Lichtfous was head of prudential supervision at the Banque centrale du Luxembourg, worked at the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, and was member of various Working Groups at the Basel Committee on Banking Supervisions and the European Banking Authority. Before this, Mr. Lichtfous acquired over 10 years of experience in consulting, restructuring, change management and corporate finance in the Omega Capital, American Express, Kearney Management and Renaissance Worldwide Strategy Ltd.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

4:45 - 5:00 PM

Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations [\[see page 1\]](#)

H.E. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Al-Hamadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar [\[see page 2\]](#)