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Building global partnerships: Enhancing growth and inclusiveness in LCDs

Speaker and Panelist Biographies

Day 1: 23 November 2017

High-Level Opening Session



Mr. LI Yong, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Facilitator of Session 1 and Speaker at the Closing Session

Mr. LI Yong has had an extensive career as a senior economic and financial policy-maker. 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, Mr. LI was involved in setting and harmonizing fiscal, monetary and industrial policies, and in supporting sound economic growth in China. He pushed forward financial sector reform, and prompted major financial institutions to establish corporate governance, deal with toxic assets and strengthen risk management. Mr. LI Yong placed great importance on fiscal and financial measures in favor of agricultural development and SMEs, the cornerstones for creating economic opportunities, reducing poverty and promoting gender equality. He played a key role in China's cooperation with multilateral development organizations, such as the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank.



Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)

Facilitator of Session 1 and Speaker at the Closing Session

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu was named High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in April 2017 after serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Tonga's Ministry of Tourism. She brings to the position a wealth of national, regional and international experience at various senior leadership levels, with a strategic perspective for the mandate of the UN-OHRLLS and on building consensus among key stakeholders. Prior to becoming Tourism Minister in Tonga in January 2017, she was previously Acting Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2015), Deputy Pro-Chancellor and Deputy Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2009-2016), Deputy Director General and Director of Education, Training and Human Development of the Secretariat of Pacific Community (2009-2015), Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Government of Tonga to the United Nations, the United States of America, Cuba, and Venezuela and High Commissioner to Canada (2005-2009), and Secretary for Foreign Affairs and European Commission's National Authorizing Officer for Tonga (2002-2005).



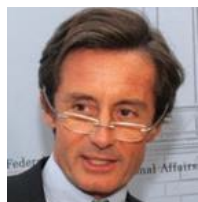
H.E. Mr. Alhaz Amir Hossain Amu, Minister of Industry of The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chairperson of the LDC Group

H.E. Alhaj Amir Hossain Amu, born on 1st January 1940 in a noble Muslim family, is one of the most influential political figures of the current ruling political party in Bangladesh, Bangladesh Awami League. After completing his graduation from University of Dhaka, he started his career as a lawyer, but he has been very active in politics since his formative age. He has a vibrant political career. Even before the liberation of Bangladesh, he was elected as the Member of Provincial Assembly in the general election of the erstwhile East Pakistan, held in 1970. After the liberation, he was elected three times as a Member of Parliament in the year 1996, 2008 and 2014. During those years, he served as a Minister in several Ministries including- Food, Ministry of Land and Disaster Management. Currently he is the Minister of Ministry of Industry, since 2014.



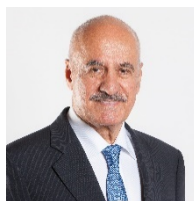
Mr. Yury Fedotov, Director-General, United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV)

Mr. Yury Fedotov was appointed in 2010 as Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) and as the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). In his role as Director-General of UNOV, Mr. Fedotov is the top-ranking official of one of the four main duty stations of the United Nations and oversees important representation and liaison work with permanent missions to the UN Office in Vienna, the Austrian Government, and various intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. As UNODC Executive Director, he represents the agency at the Global Migration Group and is the Co-chair of the UN Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking. In this position he has encouraged countering drug trafficking based on building regional initiatives and providing technical assistance, while also promoting a balanced approach to solving drug demand. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Fedotov served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Court of St. James's in London and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for International Organizations.



H.E. Mr. Peter Launsky, Director General for Development Cooperation at the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

Prior to taking up his post with the Austrian government, Mr. Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal served in a number of United Nations positions, including Under-Secretary-General for the Communications and Public Information Department UN Headquarters from August 2012 to 2014. He also served as the UN's Coordinator for Multilingualism, a position in which he coordinated the issue of multilingualism throughout the UN Secretariat. Previously, as the spokesperson and head of the Department for Communication and Information of the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, he collaborated with approximately 100 national offices abroad to design, develop and implement an integrated and coherent message. Development cooperation and humanitarian assistance have figured prominently throughout his career, starting with responsibilities in Bhutan, Nepal, and Bangladesh in the mid-1980s to his recent UN roles in communicating the MDGs and the post-2015 Development Agenda.



Mr. Suleiman J. Al-Herbish, Director-General, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)

Mr. Suleiman Jasir Al-Herbish is the Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Vienna-based OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), a development finance institution created 40 years ago by the Member States of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to pursue South-South solidarity and cooperation between OPEC Member States and other developing countries. OFID's objective continues to be the social and economic advancement of the latter countries. A former assistant deputy minister in Saudi Arabia, Mr. Al-Herbish has also served as chairman and member of the Board of Directors of several Saudi enterprises. In 1990 he was appointed Governor for Saudi Arabia at OPEC (deputy minister's rank), a position he held until appointment as OFID Director-General in November 2003. Mr. Al-Herbish holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of Cairo, and an M.A. in Economics from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.

Session 1: Partners Dialogue: LDCs in a globalized world

Presenter



Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Deputy Director-General, UNIDO

Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi was appointed earlier this year to be UNIDO's Deputy to the Director-General and Managing Director of External Relations and Field Representation. He was previously head of the agency's Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Tokyo, where he worked closely with Japanese industries in areas related to technology transfer and investments to developing countries. Prior to that, he served four years as Executive Director of the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), one of Japan's largest public organizations in research and development, where he supervised global collaborative projects for the development of low carbon technologies such as renewable energy, battery storage and smart grids. Earlier in his career, Mr. Kuniyoshi was Professor at the Frontier Research Centre of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, served in various positions at Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now known as METI), and was an advisor to the UNIDO Director-General. He holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. in Energy Science from Kyoto University.

Moderator



Mr. Jeff Koinange, Journalist, Kenya Television Network (KTN)

Mr. Jeff Koinange is a Kenyan journalist and has been the most of the talk show *Jeff Koinange Live* on Kenya Television Network (KTN) since October 2013. He previously served as the Africa correspondent for CNN and CNN International from 2001 to 2007, and later as chief reporter at TV station K24 from 2007 to December 2012. Before joining KTN, he served as the Chief Anchor, Africa for Arise Television Ltd based in Johannesburg. He attended Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, NY from 1987–1989 and graduated with an associate degree. He also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism from New York University.

Facilitators:



Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice-President, World Bank Group

Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin is the World Bank Group Senior Vice-President. Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Mohieldin held numerous senior positions in the government of Egypt, including Minister of Investment from 2004 until 2010. He also served on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Egypt. He was a member of the Commission on Growth and Development and selected a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. Mr. Mohieldin is a professor of economics and finance at Cairo University and an honorary professor at Durham University.



Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary-General, COMESA

Mr Sindiso Ndema Ngwenya is the fifth Secretary-General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) since it was transformed from the PTA in 1994. He brings with him over 30 years of service in industry, regional and multilateral levels covering the public sector, private sector and quasi-government institutions. Before his appointment, Mr. Ngwenya spent ten years as Assistant Secretary General of COMESA in charge of Programmes, where he also supervised the operations of the COMESA's established institutions such as the Leather and Leather Product Institute (LLPI), the Clearing House and the Regional Investment Agency. Mr. Ngwenya was instrumental in the formulation of the PTA's (now COMESA) regional integration programmes, which culminated in the launch of the COMESA Free Trade Area in 2000. He has edited two books on transport and communications and public service, is a regular contributor to several publications on economic cooperation and integration, and has won numerous awards in recognition of his contribution to social and economic development and regional integration.



Mr. Christophe Perrin, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships, a.i., International Labour Organization (ILO)

Mr. Christophe Perrin is currently ILO Deputy Director-General a.i., Field Operations and Partnerships. He is also Director, Multilateral Cooperation Department since 2016. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Perrin was Director, Department of Official Meetings, Documentation and Relations from 2012 to 2016, and Chief, Official Relations Branch from 2010 to 2012. From 2003 to 2010, he was ILO Director-General's Senior Adviser for Europe and Central Asia. Before joining the ILO, Mr. Perrin held positions in the United Nations Secretariat, the Office of the French Defense Minister, and the UNESCO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. He holds a DESS (post-graduate diploma) in Political Science and Development Cooperation from the University of Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne).



Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Ms. Isabelle Durant became Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD in July 2017 following a distinguished career in Belgian and European politics. She held the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Transport and Energy and Senator in the Belgian Government. She also served as Vice-President of the European Parliament and as President of the European Union Council of Ministers of Transport. Ms. Durant also has a wealth of experience collaborating with civil society and the private sector, notably as the Vice-President responsible for

relations between the European Parliament and civil society. She has also held posts as a senior consultant on the empowerment of women in local government for the UNDP and as a member of the Brussels-Capital Region in the Parliament of Belgium.



Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Deputy Executive Director, South Centre

Mr. Vicente Paolo B. Yu III is Deputy Executive Director of the South Centre, the intergovernmental policy research institution of developing countries, where he oversees its policy research and analysis and the provision of technical and legal advice to developing country governments. He obtained his political science and law degrees from the University of the Philippines, and his Master of Laws degree (with honors, specializing in international trade law and international environmental law) from Georgetown University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar. Prior to joining the South Centre, he worked for Friends of the Earth International (FOEI) and was a staff attorney and head of research and policy development for the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center (LRC) in the Philippines. Mr. Yu has published papers and articles on issues relating to trade and environment, energy policy, mining policy, sustainable development, environmental policy, climate change policy, South-South cooperation, and indigenous peoples' rights.

Session 2: Public-Private sector: Teaming up for LDCs' graduation

Presenter



Mr. Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Officer, UN-OHRLLS

Susanna Wolf has been heading the LDC Unit of the Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS) since June 2009. She has been instrumental in the substantive preparations for the Mid-term review of the IPoA and provides support to intergovernmental processes. She is also leading the preparations of several publications, including the Flagship reports of OHRLLS and publications related to energy and broadband access. Before joining OHRLLS she was Economic Affairs Officer at the Economic Commission for Africa for five years, contributing to several flagship publications. In 2003/ 2004 she was Alexander von Humboldt fellow at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the University of Ghana, doing research on private sector development. She was also a research fellow at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms University Bonn for more than 5 years. After studying mathematics and economics at the University of Hamburg she received her doctorate in economics (1996) from the University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg, Germany.

Moderator



H.E. Ms. Margaret Mwanakatwe, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Ms. Margaret Dudu Mwanakatwe is an elected Member of the Zambian Parliament and currently serves as Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry. Prior to joining politics, she had an illustrious career in the banking sector where she held senior positions including Managing Director for Barclays Bank Zambia Limited (the first woman to hold that position), Managing Director, Barclays Bank Ghana Limited (first woman to hold that position) and United Bank of Africa Regional CEO for East and Southern Africa. She is also a successful businesswoman and is currently involved in several ventures, including gold refining and roofing sheets manufacturing in Zambia. She also owns a game ranch in the outskirts of Lusaka which is her passion.

Part 1 – Policy

Panelists:



H.E. Mr. Khin Maung Cho, Minister of Industry, Myanmar

He was born on 3rd November, 1950 and at Meikhtila, Mandalay Region, Myanmar and graduated from the Rangoon Institute of Technology (RIT) in 1973 with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering. He was an outstanding student and invented Hovercraft 001 at 1973 in his student life. He worked as an Assistant Engineer at Department of Rice Milling under Ministry of Trade-1 from 1976 to 1977 and then, promoted to Deputy Director at Research and Development Department under Ministry of Industry No.(2) until 2006. After that, he worked as a CNG Design Engineer at Omnitek Corporation (USA), Thailand from 2007 to 2008. From 2008 to 2016 February, he was a Vice President of Automobile Technical Division and Executive Engineer at Super Seven Stars Motors Industry Co., Ltd. He was newly appointed as a Union Minister for the Ministry of Industry in the era of the new Government. His hobbies are playing Table Tennis, Walking, Reading and Research Activities.



Mr. David Mehdi Hamam, Acting Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa (OSAA)

Mr. David Mehdi Hamam is acting Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa. Over the past 25 years, he has occupied various positions as country economist, senior and chief economist, as well as Chief, in various departments in the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations. His focus has been on African issues, including socio-economic development, finance, trade, capacity development, South-South cooperation, and the nexus between sustainable development, peace, and security. Mr. Hamam has also taught various economics and business courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels in French and American Universities, including the American University, George Washington University, and Sciences Politiques Paris. During his tenure at the World Bank, IMF and the United Nations, he has written and co-authored various papers on international trade, regional integration, and economic development. Mr. Hamam holds a PhD in International Economics from the American University in Washington and a Doctorate degree in Macroeconomics and Development Economics from the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France.



Mr. Christoph Matznetter, Vice-President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO)

A chartered accountant and former member of the Austrian parliament, Mr. Christoph Matznetter has served since January 2009 as vice-president of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, as well as treasurer and executive board member of the Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ) since 2000. From November 2002 to January 2007 he was a Member of Parliament and speaker for Financial and Budget Affairs of the Social Democratic Parliamentary Fraction. Since June 2005 he has also been president of the Social Democratic Party Business Federation. His service in parliament was interrupted by a brief tenure from 2007 to 2008 as State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Finance during government of Alfred Gusenbauer as Federal Chancellor of Austria. Following that, Mr. Matznetter returned to parliament as member and party speaker for economic affairs.



Mr. Dirk Aßmann, Director General Sectoral Department, GIZ

Mr. Dirk Aßmann is Director General of the Sectoral Department for the German development cooperation agency GIZ, where he was first hired as an energy specialist in 2003. From 2007 until 2012 he was portfolio manager, programme manager and focus coordinator for the Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency programme in Brazil. Subsequently he was employed as senior specialist planner at the Water, Energy, Transport division for 1.5 years and division manager South America for 3.5 years until July 2017, when he took up his current position. Prior to his service at GIZ, Mr. Aßmann held a number of positions in the renewable energy field, most recently at the Wuppertal Institute for Climate Environment and Energy (1996-2003) where he eventually held the position of deputy division manager. At the same time, he founded a consultancy and was member of the sustainability council at the German Trade Union Confederation. Mr. Aßmann received the Schuler Foundation's innovation award in 2006 and has published more than 100 articles on energy related issues and held various teaching assignments at universities.



Mr. Jamie Morrison, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Systems Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Jamie Morrison is Director of FAO's Food Systems Programme. He has extensive experience in agricultural and trade policy analysis and has been actively engaged in debates related to the implications of trade openness for food security. He was lead author of the FAO's flagship State of Agricultural Commodity Markets on the theme of trade and food security and is the editor of several books including "WTO rules for agriculture compatible with development", and "Food security in Africa: market and trade policy for staples foods in Eastern and Southern Africa". Jamie has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of London and prior to joining FAO in 2004, was Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics at Imperial College London.

Part 2 – Operations

Panelists:



H.E. Mr. Michael Werikhe, State Minister for Trade, Uganda

Mr. Michael Werikhe is a Ugandan politician who since 2016 has served as State Minister for Trade and previously served as the State Minister for Works, Housing and Communication and State Minister for Industry. He has also served since 1996 as the elected Member of Parliament representing Bungokho County South, Mbale District.

Mr. Werikhe holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, which he obtained in 1979, from Makerere University, Uganda's oldest institution of higher education, founded in 1922. In 1985, he was awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Physical Planning from the University of Nottingham, in the United Kingdom. In 1988 he received the Diploma in Leadership & Management from the University of Minnesota, in the United States. He also holds two certificates, both obtained in 1980; one in Environmental Management, from the International Institute of Technology in New Delhi, India, and the other in Environmental Information Management from the University of London.



Ms. Abiola Bawuah, MD and CEO, United Bank of Africa (UBA)/ Panelist

Ms. Abiola Marufatu Bawuah has been the managing director and CEO of the United Bank of Africa since 2014, when she became the first Ghanaian, as well as the first woman, in that position. She has extensive experience in retail banking and marketing, having worked at a number of financial institutions during her career. At the 2016 she

received Marketing Woman of the Year at the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana Awards, and was named in 2015 and 2016 as one of the Top 50 Women Corporate Leaders in Ghana by the Woman Rising Network, as well as a "Woman of Excellence in Finance" by CFO in 2016. She was also recently awarded by the Ghana Accountancy and Finance Award as "Finance Personality" of the Year 2016. Ms. Bawuah holds a BSc in Actuarial Science from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, and an LLB with honors from the University of London, a diploma in Marketing from GIMPA and an EMBA (Finance) from the University of Ghana and also has numerous leadership qualifications from Harvard Business School, Columbia, University, INSEAD and Institut Villa Pierrefeu in Switzerland.



Ms. Fatou Haidara, Managing Director, UNIDO/ Panelist

Ms. Fatou Haidara joined UNIDO in 2004 as Director of the Africa Programme after serving in the Government of Mali for eight years in several ministerial positions, including as Minister of Employment and Vocational Training and Minister of Industry, Trade and Private Sector Development. In 2006, she was appointed Director of the

Special Programmes Group which was in charge of promoting UNIDO's cooperation with the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the implementation of technical cooperation projects. From January 2011, as Director of Policymaking Organs Secretariat, Advocacy and Communications, Ms. Haidara was responsible for coordinating and liaising with Member States and providing substantive support UNIDO's governing bodies. In 2013, she coordinated the historic 15th General Conference of UNIDO which culminated in the adoption of the Lima Declaration that set the foundation for a renewed mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). Ms. Haidara holds the title of "Commandeur de l'ordre National du Mali", awarded by the President of the Republic of Mali.



Mr. Mohammad Tawiq Shaban, GMIS Organizing Committee Member, Strategy Director/ Panelist

Building on his extensive background as a strategic advisor in the GCC and Middle East, Mohammad Shaban's mandate at the Global Manufacturing & Industrialization Summit (GMIS) as Head of Strategy has been instrumental for setting the strategic direction of the world's first global gathering of the manufacturing community. Mohammad is also the advisor to the CEO of Strata Manufacturing PJSC, the first and only composite aero-structures manufacturing company in the GCC, supplying airframe parts to leading OEM's globally, such as Airbus and Boeing. Mohammad's experience covers a wide spectrum of disciplines such as policy-making, strategic advisory, crisis management, and public relations.



Mr. Dr. Werner Girth, Partner, Advisory, KPMG Austria/ Panelist

Werner Girth has 20 years of experience in supporting companies in various industry segments such as telecom & media, industry, retail and services with regard to strategy development, translating the impact of digitalization into improved business models, optimization of operational performance, lean management and optimization of decision making processes. Werner Girth has been working as a partner at KPMG Advisory since 2012. Before working for KPMG, Werner Girth worked as a Managing Partner at Czipin Consulting (2003-2011) and as a Vice President at Cap Genimi (2001-2002). Werner Girth has a PhD in Business Computer Science from University of Vienna.

Day 2: 24 November 2017

Moderator

Session 3: Partnerships for sustainable industrialization



H.E. Mr. José Gonçalves, Minister of Economy and Employment, Cabo Verde

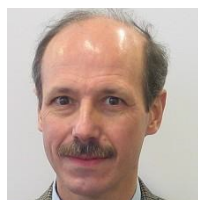
Jose da Silva Gonçalves, Cabo Verde's Minister of Economy and Employment since April 2016, is a trade, investment and private sector development specialist with 30 years of experience in countries around the world. Prior to assuming his current cabinet position, he served as a senior advisor for economic affairs in the Timor-Leste government, where he was responsible for leading the cabinet staff in the design, implementation and oversight of the country's Economic Reform and Growth Program. Prior to that he served six years as chief executive of Alliance Consulting International, delivering strategy, operations, planning and implementation support services to enhance competitiveness and efficiencies of private and public sector clients in developing and emerging economies. Previously he spent seven years at Nathan Associates providing expertise in private sector development, investment and export promotion, privatization and enterprise restructuring, and SME development. From 1998 to 2001 he was an economic reform administrator in the Cabo Verde government. Mr. Gonçalves holds a PhD from UCLA in Comparative International Education and a Certificate of Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School.

Panelist:



H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abitew, Minister of Industry, Ethiopia

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abitew, Ethiopia's Minister of Industry, has 20 years of experience in high level positions in the Ethiopian government. He is the former Deputy Governor of Amhara Regional State and was Bureau of Industry and Urban development head for 15 years. He also worked as Head of Finance and Economic Development, Trade Industry and Urban development among other bureaus.



Mr. Philippe Scholtes, Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation (PTC), UNIDO

Presenter at Session 3

Mr. Philippe Scholtès joined UNIDO in 1988 in Cote d'Ivoire. During the following 14 years, as economist within the Industrial Planning Branch he developed, negotiated and executed technical assistance projects to strengthen capacities in economic analysis and policy design in more than 30 countries in Africa and Asia. In 2002, he opted for field service and served as UNIDO Representative in Vietnam (January 2003 to September 2006), before moving on to New-Delhi, India as Regional Director for South Asia. In March 2010, Mr. Scholtès was called back to UNIDO HQ to lead the Agribusiness Development Branch, where he drove the partnership with FAO, IFAD, the African Union and the African Development Bank around the African Agribusiness and Agro-industries Development Initiative, or 3ADI, now a UNIDO flagship programme. Since 2010, Mr. Scholtès is a member of the Committee for Change and Organization Renewal, and joined the Project Board in September 2012.



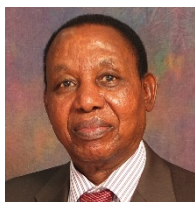
Ms. Ellen Morris, Professor, Energy and Environment Faculty, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Ms. Ellen Morris is a world-recognized expert on energy and international development, with a particular focus on policy analysis, research, and strategy development on energy access, gender equality, and enterprise development. She teaches at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and is a Faculty Affiliate at the Center on Global Energy Policy. Ms. Morris is an Ambassador for The Clean Energy Education and Empowerment Initiative that was launched by the Clean Energy Ministerial to close the gender gap in STEM fields. In addition to her faculty appointment, she is the President and Founder of Sustainable Energy Solutions, an international consulting services company that promotes the increased use and deployment of clean energy technologies and services in developing countries. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geophysical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a doctoral degree in marine geophysics from the University of Rhode Island.



Ms. Ann Aerts, Head of the Novartis Foundation

Ms. Ann Aerts has been Head since 2013 of the Novartis Foundation, which seeks to expand access to quality healthcare and eliminate diseases such as leprosy and malaria. Before her current role, Ms. Aerts was Franchise Medical Director Critical Care for Novartis Pharma in Basel and Therapeutic Area Head Cardiovascular and Metabolism at Novartis Pharma Belgium. Prior to joining Novartis, she served as Director of the Lung and Tuberculosis Association in Belgium, as Head of the Health Services Department of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva and was Health Coordinator for the ICRC in several countries. Ms. Aerts holds a Degree in Medicine and a Master's 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. She is a member of the Advisory Boards of the Global Health Group of University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), the OECD Network of Foundations Working in Development (NetFWD), and a Member of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Digital Development and of the Governing Council of the Technology Bank for the LDCs.



Mr. Charles N. Kahuthu, Regional Coordinator and CEO, East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA)

Mr. Charles Kahuthu is Chief Executive Officer and Regional Coordinator for the East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA), where he coordinates the activities of the various national chambers in the Eastern Africa region, as well as spearheading the regional Public Private Partnership (PPP) agenda. In his position, Mr. Kahuthu is involved in promoting regional integration and supporting the development of the small and medium enterprises. Over the course of his career he has carried out numerous consulting assignments in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Latin America, Belgium, and France. Mr. Kahuthu is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Republic of Ireland, where he obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Business Administration Option) with emphasis in international marketing and economics. He undertook an MBA Degree Programme, as an external student, with the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences of the University of the Free State (UOFS) in South Africa. He is a member of the Kenya Institute of Management.



Mr. Andrey Dolinkin, Deputy Director for Science, St. Petersburg Research Institute of Vaccines and Serums (SPbSRIVS)

Mr. Andrey Dolinkin is the Deputy Director for Science at the St. Petersburg Research Institute of Vaccines and Serums (SPbSRIVS) in the Russian Federation. He is Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. In 2006 graduated with honors from the Department of Chemistry of Rostov State University. In 2009 has completed the post-graduate course in analytical chemistry. Mr. Andrey Dolinkin has more than nine years of progressive professional experience in R&D and regulatory affairs, including the last four years chief positions in biotechnologies. Scientific field: recombinant vaccines and monoclonal antibodies pharmaceutical development, biological analytical methods development and validation, GLP implementation, technologies and analytical methods transfer, registration of orphan drugs, search for innovative cancer markers. He is author of more than 20 Papers and monographs.

High-Level Closing Session

Speakers:



H.E. Mr. Henry Mussa, MP, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Malawi

Throughout the 17 years as an MP, Mussa has repeatedly proved his ability to lead through diverse and challenging situations. In 2000, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development. In 2004 he was appointed Minister of Transport, Public Works and Housing, where he championed a number of infrastructure projects; in 2008 he was appointed Minister of Industry and Trade; in 2011 he was appointed Minister of Local Government and Rural Development; in 2014 he was appointed Minister of Labour, Youth, Sports and Manpower Development. Mussa has since just been appointed Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism (July, 2017), and is geared to continue developing strategies that aim at promoting a competitive private sector and expand the export base of the country. He envisions unlocking the potential light manufacturing industries, agro-processing and tourism sectors.



H.E. Mr. Tuifaasisina Misa Lisati L. Palemene, Associate Minister for Commerce, Industry and Labour, Samoa

Mr. Tuifaasisina Misa Lisati L. Palemene is Samoa's Associate Minister for Commerce, Industry and Labour. Before his election to parliament, he served as a finance manager and later program manager at the European Union Micro-projects office. Prior to that, he was company accountant at BOC. He began his career as a finance officer in Samoa's Ministry of Finance. He has a Diploma of Accounting from the National University of Samoa and is currently studying for a Certificate of Law.