



## Expert Biographies

### STRATEGIES FOR ERADICATING POVERTY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL

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#### Segment 1

#### **Francisco H.G. Ferreira**, *World Bank*

Francisco H. G. Ferreira is a Senior Adviser in the World Bank's Development Research Group, where he oversees the Bank's research programs on poverty, inequality and agriculture. He was formerly the Bank's Chief Economist for the Africa Region, and has also served as Deputy Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, and as co-Director of the World Development Report 2006, on Equity and Development. Francisco is also a non-resident Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn), and has published widely in the fields of poverty and inequality in developing countries. He was awarded the Haralambos Simeonides and the Adriano Romariz Duarte Prizes by the Brazilian Economic and Econometric Societies respectively, and the Kendricks Prize by the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth. Francisco serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Economic Inequality (where he was previously Editor in Chief), the Review of Income and Wealth, and the World Bank Economic Review. Francisco has taught at the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and at the Paris School of Economics. He was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil, and holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the London School of Economics.

#### **Daouda Sembene**, *International Monetary Fund*

Mr. Sembene is currently an Executive Director representing 23 African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Niger, Rwanda, São Tomé & Príncipe, Senegal, and Togo) at the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). After joining the IMF in 2002, he took over various positions in the Research Department, the Independent Evaluation Office, and the Executive Board until 2015. Prior to assuming his current position in November 2016, he worked as an IMF Alternate Executive Director after serving for one year as a Senior Adviser to the Minister of Economy, Finance,

and Planning of his home country of Senegal. Mr. Sembene began his career as a Consultant at the World Bank in 2001, as part of a team of lecturers in macroeconomic management. Mr. Sembene holds a PhD in development economics from American University.

**Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Cornell University**

Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue is a Professor of Development Sociology and Demography, and Chair of the Department of Development Sociology at Cornell University. His current work focuses on the demography and sociology of inequality. In the last four years, he has collaborated with a network of researchers in Francophone Africa to study prospects for a demographic dividend in the region.

**Arjan de Haan, International Development Research Centre**

Arjan de Haan is Programme Leader of the Employment and Growth Programme. Before joining IDRC, Arjan worked at the Institute of Social Studies (Erasmus University Rotterdam) in The Hague, where he was convenor of the master's program in social policy and led the development of the Indices of Social Development database. He previously worked for 10 years with the UK Department for International Development in London, India, and China. He also managed the Poverty Research Unit at the University of Sussex (UK). Arjan holds a PhD in social history from Erasmus University Rotterdam., and has published widely.

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Professor Liu is a Professor of Economics at the Department of Development Economics and the Founding Director of the Center for Human and Economic Development Studies (CHEDS), Peking University. Before he joined Peking University in 2005, he was Professor of Economics at Hopkins-Nanjing Center, Johns Hopkins University, and a lecturer and research fellow with the University of Leicester and University of Cambridge. He was also a visitor to the Asian Development Bank Institute as Senior Research Fellow and Senior Capacity Building Specialist in 2011-2014, where he task-managed a project on disaster risk management (DRM) in Asia and the Pacific Region, following the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. His research interest has been wide, spanning human development (principally health, education and social protection) in China and other East and Southeast Asian Economies; a broad range of issues concerning China's economic development strategy (rural institutions, rural financing and agricultural development; industrialization; foreign direct investment; poverty eradication; and environment and development); and interpretations of the recent development history of China. He has led many important research projects on the above issues and his publications have addressed these and other subject matters, and have appeared in leading Chinese and international journals. He received an M.Phil from the University of Cambridge in 1984, and a D.Phil from the University of Oxford in 1990.

**Anis(uzzaman) Chowdhury, Western Sydney University**

Anis Chowdhury is an Adjunct Professor at the Western Sydney University and Co-editor of the Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy in Australia. He was born in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Anis obtained Honours and Master's degree in Economics from Jahangirnagar University (Bangladesh) in 1976 and 1978 respectively, and M.A (1980) and Ph.D. (1983) degrees from the University of Manitoba (Canada). He joined the United Nations, Department of

Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), New York as Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General in October 2008. He was Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division (July 2012-Aug. 2014) and Director of Statistics Division (Sept. 2014-May 2015) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). Anis retired as Chief in the Financing for Development Office (UN-DESA, New York) on 31 January 2016.

**Yuen Yuen Ang, *University of Michigan***

Yuen Yuen Ang is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan. She is also a Faculty Associate at the Center for the Study of Complex Systems and the Center for Chinese Studies at the same university. She received her PhD from Stanford University and was previously a faculty member at Columbia University's School of International & Public Affairs. Ang applies complexity economics to the study of developing economies, particularly China, with a focus on understanding how to kick-start development under adverse conditions, and strategies for fostering adaptation within governments. She is the author of "How China Escaped the Poverty Trap" (Cornell University Press, Cornell Studies in Political Economy, 2016). Ang is a winner of the 2014 GDN/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation international essay prize on "The Future of Development Assistance." Her essay was titled "Making Details Matter: How to Reform Aid Agencies to Generate Contextual Knowledge." She was also awarded the Eldersveld Prize for outstanding research contributions by the University of Michigan. She is the first South-East Asian to be named a Public Intellectual Fellow by the National Committee of US-China Relations.

**Azita Berar Awad, *International Labour Organization***

Ms. Azita Berar Awad is the Director of the Employment Policy Department (EMPLOYMENT) of the ILO which leads ILO's action for promoting full and productive employment by developing integrated employment, development and skills policies. Ms. Berar has been leading the advisory work, research and technical cooperation in the relevant fields of pro-employment macro-economic policies, poverty reduction strategies, innovative employment creation schemes, youth employment, employment-intensive approaches and transitions to formality. Before her current position, Ms. Berar was the Director of the National Policy Group in the Policy Integration Department, promoting coherence of economic and social policies in pursuance of the organization's Decent Work goals in the national and international policy agendas. From 1999 to 2002, Ms. Berar Awad was the Director of the Arab States Multidisciplinary Advisory Team and the Deputy Director of the ILO's Regional Office for Arab States based in Beirut. Prior to that Ms. Berar Awad has led several technical units and programmes in the ILO responsible for research, policy analysis and technical cooperation in the areas of employment policies, poverty reduction, gender equality and targeted labour market policies.

**Lamia Rashid, *BRAC International***

Lamia Rashid is the Director of the Africa Region, BRAC International. She is responsible for developing and implementing country programmes, focusing on sector plans, resource mobilisation, and quality of country operations. Previously, Ms Rashid served as the country director of Action Against Hunger in Bangladesh. Prior to this, she was the Associate Director of BRAC International where she led strategy formulation for the BRAC International countries, as well as large-scale country and multi-country programmes. She identified fundraising, business development and partnership opportunities for countries, regionally and

globally. Ms Rashid has worked in international development for over 23 years in several countries in Asia and Africa and in organisations including Save the Children and the World Bank. Her expertise lies in the areas of programme management, strategy development, technical support and policy analysis. She has a Master's degree in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Rose Rwabuhiri**, *Gender Monitoring Office, Rwanda*

Rose Rwabuhiri is the Chief Gender Monitor of the Gender Monitoring Office in Rwanda.

**Rosemarie G. Edillon**, *National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines*

Rosemarie Edillon is presently the Under-Secretary for National Development Policy and Planning at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). She holds a PhD in Economics from La Trobe University in Australia, an MA degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines (UP) School of Economics and an MS degree in Statistics from the UP School of Statistics. Among her major responsibilities is shepherding the formulation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP). The PDP is an elaboration of the country's priorities over the medium-term and is the blueprint of government policies, programs and projects. She also oversees the monitoring of the PDP implementation. In addition, she is in charge of providing technical advice on policy issues to both the legislative and executive branches of government, especially the committees of the NEDA Board. She is also currently the immediate past President of the Philippine Economic Society, the Vice-Chair of the Economic Committee of the APEC, and a member of the Philippine Commission of the UNESCO.

**Laurence Chandy**, *UNICEF*

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**Benedict McKay**, *University of Calgary*

Ben McKay is an Assistant Professor of Development and Sustainability at the University of Calgary in Canada. He completed his PhD in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Hague, Netherlands. He has carried out research in Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia and Colombia and has worked with the UNDP's International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth in Brasilia, Brazil and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). His current research focuses on the politics of agrarian transformation in Latin America, particularly on issues of agrarian extractivism, food sovereignty, flex crops and biofuels.

**Azzurra Chiarini**, *World Food Programme*

Azzurra Chiarini is an aid worker with over ten years of experience in developing countries, especially in fragile or post-conflict contexts. Graduated with honours in Political Science at the University of Perugia, she lived for six years in West Africa where she started to work on gender equality and women's empowerment programs, with a specific focus on the fundamental role of women in poverty reduction and conflict prevention. In 2013-2015, she was the Gender Advisor of the Italian Embassy in Afghanistan, where she led the renewed commitment of Italy in the sector of gender equality, with programmes in areas as sexual and reproductive rights, fight to GBV, access to justice and to education, and women's economic

empowerment. Since August 2015, she is the global coordinator of the Joint Programme of FAO, IFAD, WFP and UN Women on “Accelerating Progress towards the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women”, implemented in seven countries. The programme tries to give a holistic response to the multiple challenges rural women face in their daily lives, as for Ms. Chiarini, ensuring the empowerment of women is key to achieve sustainable development.

**Michael Aliber**, *University of Fort Hare*

Michael Aliber is a Professor of Agricultural Economics and Extension at the University of Fort Hare (South Africa), as well as the Director of Fort Hare’s Agricultural and Rural Development Research Institute. Michael’s main interests are rural development, land reform, agricultural development, and poverty reduction. Michael has previously held academic positions at the University of the Western Cape and the Human Sciences Research Council, and has also worked as a Government Policy Analyst with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and the Department of Land Affairs.

**Diana Mitlin**, *University of Manchester and International Institute for Environment and Development*

Diana Mitlin is a Professor of Global Urbanism and Managing Director of Global Development Institute. She is also a trustee for the Urban Poor Fund in the Netherlands and continues to work closely with two networks of Southern citizen networks and NGOs, Shack/Slum Dwellers International and the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights. Earlier in her career, she has worked as a public sector economist with the Forestry Commission and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. She joined the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in London in to work in a multi-disciplinary team working within the Human Settlements Programme. Development has remained the major focus on her work since that date with a particular interest in issues related to towns and cities in the Global South. Following that, she worked part time for the London School of Economics to set up a Master’s in NGO Management and then worked with the Peoples Dialogue on Land and Shelter in South Africa. She has served as director and chair of the UK Charity Homeless International, and has also been a trustee for Practical Action and been a member of the Programme and Policy Committee of WaterAid.

**Moushumi Chaudhury**, *World Resources Institute*

Moushumi Chaudhury is an Associate with the Climate Resilience Practice at the World Resources Institute in Washington, D.C. Moushumi works on developing and building capacity to use tools for adaptation decision making and designing online data platforms to democratize access to climate information. She helps the Government of Ethiopia develop goals on agriculture and adaptation by using adaptation tools. In her past work at WRI, she worked with the Government of Fiji and Kenya to build capacity to prioritize adaptation options and in the Mekong on community based adaptation. Prior to joining WRI, she worked with the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security (CCAFS) based Kenya, UNDP in New York, CIFOR in Indonesia, FAO in Rome, BRAC Bangladesh, and ICIMOD in Nepal. In these organizations, Moushumi has worked on scenario planning, gender and climate change, ecosystem services, climate change mitigation, and early warning systems. Moushumi holds a PhD in Development Studies from the University of Sussex, an MS in Natural Resources and Environment from the University

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Ms. Mwamakamba is Climate Smart Agriculture Programmes Manager at Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) in Johannesburg, South Africa. She coordinates FANRPAN's climate smart agriculture policy research and advocacy projects. Her work focuses on enhancing the research-to-policy interface between climate change, smallholder agriculture and poverty reduction by addressing the specific needs of vulnerable groups in Africa, including women, youth and small-scale farmers. She currently manages a project funded by the Australian Center for International Agriculture Research that aims to increase irrigation water productivity in Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe through on-farm monitoring, adaptive management and Agricultural Innovation Platforms. Ms. Mwamakamba is also responsible for bringing together a coalition of stakeholders to tackle multi-tier and multidimensional challenges to achieving and sustaining climate-smart agriculture for both people and the environment.

## Segment 2

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Guanghua Wan is Director of Research at the Asian Development Bank Institute. Previously, he was Principal Economist and Head of the Poverty/Inequality Group at the Asian Development Bank. Prior to ADB/ADBI, he was a senior economist in the United Nations and taught in a number of universities in Australia and the People's Republic of China. Trained in development economics and econometrics, Director Wan is a multi-award-winning scholar on the Chinese economy and an expert on Asia, and an honorary professor at more than ten top institutions in the People's Republic China, including Fudan and Zhejiang Universities.

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Alexandre is the Head of the Social Cohesion Unit. He holds a doctorate in economics from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, and a degree in Russian studies from the Institute of Oriental Studies, Paris, France. Alexandre began his professional career as a research economist for UNICEF's "Innocenti Research Centre", Florence, Italy, and later joined the Young Professional Programme of the World Bank, where he graduated as an economist. At the World Bank, he held various positions in the infrastructure front office, the poverty reduction group for the Europe and Central Asia region, and the social protection group for the Middle East and North Africa region. Before joining the OECD, Alexandre was heading the Employment, Research and Analysis programme at the ILO Turin Centre.

**Seán Healy, Social Justice Ireland**

Dr. Seán Healy is an Irishman and Director of the think-tank and justice advocacy organisation *Social Justice Ireland*. For more than 25 years, he has been active on issues of socio-economic policy in Ireland. Before that he worked for more than ten years in Africa. He has done work with the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the European Economic and Social Council. With his co-director Brigid Reynolds, he has written or edited more than 40 books on public policy. Their most recent book (co-author) is: 'A New Social Contract for a New Century', published April 2017. The most recent book they have edited is: 'Basic Income: Radical Utopia or Practical Solution?' published November 2016. Seán has a PhD in sociology.

**Shiladitya Chatterjee, Government of Assam, India**

Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee is an economist and international development practitioner. Educated at Presidency College, Calcutta; Delhi School of Economics; and Boston University - from where he took his Ph.D. - Dr. Chatterjee's professional career has traversed the fields of academics, administration (in the Indian Administrative Service) and international development (at the Asian Development Bank). Dr. Chatterjee has taught economics at Delhi University's St. Stephen's College; and while in the civil service worked on diverse development fields such as grassroots level development in Assam; on Centre-State financial relations at the Ministry of Finance; and in supporting the comprehensive Indian economic reforms of 1991 to 1994 from the Prime Minister's Office. As an economist at the ADB he provided advice to developing countries in Asia and the Pacific on a range of development issues including poverty reduction, sustainable development, structural reforms, fiscal decentralization, capital markets development, transport and basic infrastructure.

**Sandra Garcia, University of Los Andes**

Sandra Garcia is an Associate Professor in the School of Government at the University of Los Andes in Colombia. She teaches Policy Evaluation, Quantitative Methods, and Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy. She conducts research on social policy, particularly child and family policy, health and education disparities, and children poverty. Sandra has extensive experience on the impact evaluation of social programs in educational and health outcomes. Sandra recently served as the Principal Investigator for UNICEF-funded research project that developed participatory measures of poverty and wellbeing in children and adolescents. She was also the Principal Investigator for Fundacion Corona-funded research project that developed a mixed-methods methodology to examine the determinants of early school dropout in Colombia. She received her MPA in 1999 and her PhD in Social Work in 2007 from Columbia University.

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**Matu Mugo, Central Bank of Kenya**

Mr. Mugo is Assistant Director, Bank Supervision at the Central Bank of Kenya. He leads teams responsible for the review and development of policies to promote safe, affordable and inclusive financial services. He has held various positions in the Bank Supervision Department over the last 17 years. He has been involved in the development of legal and regulatory frameworks for sharia compliant banking, microfinance, digital financial services, credit information sharing and agent banking. Before joining the Central Bank of Kenya, Mr. Mugo worked as an auditor for KPMG, an international audit and consultancy firm. He holds First Class Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and MBA (Finance) degrees from the University of Nairobi and is a certified public accountant. Mr Mugo was a Fellow of the Financial Inclusion Leadership Program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, U.S.A in 2011.

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Imed Drine is currently a Senior Economist and Acting Manager at the Islamic Development Bank and holds a PhD in economics from Sorbonne University. From Tunisia, he previously served as Research Fellow at United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economics Research in Finland. He also served as Associate Professor of Economics and Head of Department of Economics, Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Sousse in Tunisia. Imed is a macroeconomist and econometrician, and his recent research focuses on Growth, youth unemployment and private sector, with a regional specialization in Middle East and North Africa.

**Nagesh Kumar, ESCAP**

Nagesh Kumar is Director and Head of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific's South and South-West Asia Office, based in New Delhi. He earlier served as Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division at the ESCAP headquarters in Bangkok. He has also served as ESCAP's Chief Economist and as Acting Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP. Nagesh Kumar served as Director-General of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based public-funded policy think-tank devoted to international economic and development issues. Earlier Director Kumar served the faculty of the United Nations University-Institute for New Technologies in the Netherlands and directed its research programme on Globalization, FDI and technology transfers. He has also served as a consultant to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNDP, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UN-DESA, ILO, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, among others.

**Mito Tsukamoto, *International Labour Organization***

After working for a multinational for 3 years in Japan, Ms. Mito Tsukamoto joined the ILO in 1994, where her career now spans over a period of 22 years working in various capacities - including working in the Bureau of Programming and Management; in the Regional and Sub-regional Offices in Bangkok; in the Department of Partnerships and Development Cooperation, as Manager for resource mobilization; and in the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP), where she has now worked for over 10 years. In the past she also worked with the World Bank on sector strategy research leading to advisory support to governments on corporate social responsibility in business, education and trade. In her most recent posting, she has contributed to the ILO's response to the global economic and financial crisis where she co-authored a policy paper on "Towards the right to work: Innovations in Public Employment Programmes (PEP)" a "Guidebook for designing innovative PEPs", and managed a team in the development of the training course and material on the same topic. She also continues to work on adaptation to climate change issues, where she co-authored a policy paper on "Towards an ILO approach to Climate change Adaptation" and youth employment where she co-authored "Boosting Youth Employment through PEPs". Ms. Mito Tsukamoto holds an MBA and Honours Certificate in International Business Diplomacy from Georgetown University.

**Natalia Winder Rossi, *FAO***

Natalia Winder Rossi is a Senior Social Protection Specialist with experience in policy and programmatic work in Latin America and Eastern and Southern Africa. Currently, she is Deputy Director Ad Interim of the Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, as well as Social Protection team leader at ESP and Delivery Manager for Organizational Output 3, Social Protection. She is leading FAO's work in strengthening policy and programmatic linkages between social protection, productive inclusion, nutrition and resilience. Moreover, she has been supporting governments in the design of risk-informed and shock responsive systems, as well as representing FAO in inter-agency technical discussions on the role of social protection in protracted crises, fragile and humanitarian contexts. Prior to joining FAO, she was a Senior Social Protection Specialist (Social Protection) at UNICEF's Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa, and Social Protection Officer in UNICEF-Headquarters in New York where she led UNICEF's support across 21 countries, and led the work on HIV-Sensitive Social protection.

**Paul Maseli, *UNIDO***

Paul Maseli is the UNIDO Representative to the United Nations in New York.

**Michael Herrmann, *UNFPA***

Michael Herrmann is Senior Adviser on Economics and Manager of the Innovation Fund at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as well as a member of the Global Challenges Community of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Before assuming his current position, he worked with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), where he co-authored its flagship reports on the world economy and the world's least developed countries. Michael supports to substantive engagement of UNFPA in global, regional and national policy making processes. In the past years he has worked on some of the greatest development challenges (poverty, inequality, employment, social protection, green growth, sustainable development and financing for development) and their linkages to demographic

mega trends (demographic dividends, youth budge, population aging, low fertility, migration and urbanization), and human development. In "Consequential Omissions: How Demography Shapes Development -- Lessons from the MDGs for the SDGs", he shows that demographic change is one of the most powerful forces to shape the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and progress towards the SDGs.

**Anuradha Seth, UN Women**

Anuradha Seth is a Macroeconomics Policy Advisor with the Economic Empowerment Team in UN Women headquarters. Most recently, she has co-chaired the macro-economic working group of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment. Her areas of expertise include gender and inclusive growth policies, employment, inequality, and poverty reduction. She is responsible for developing corporate policies and the UN Women flagship programmes on the care economy, social protection, women in informality, and gender and macroeconomic policy. Before joining UN Women in 2016, she worked with UNDP for 18 years – including 12 years in the field. She has co-led the UN inter-agency task force on the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically on Inclusive Growth, Productive Employment, and Decent Work and on Poverty Reduction. She is the author of numerous articles, books and reports, and received her Ph.D in 1992 from the New School in Development Economics.

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Jenn Yablonski works as a Social Protection Specialist for UNICEF in New York. Her experience includes technical support on social protection policy development and programme design and cash transfer impact evaluation, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Her previous work has focused on inequality, exclusion and poverty analysis. She holds an MSc in Economics from the School for Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

**Khalid Abu-Ismael, ESCWA**

Khalid Abu-Ismael is the Chief of the Economic Development and Poverty Section (EDPS) at UN-ESCWA. The section focuses on supporting Arab countries on poverty measurement and macroeconomic and fiscal policies for inclusive development policies and produces two of ESCWA's main regional flagship publications. He is currently teaching (part-time) at the Economics Department of Lebanese American University. From 2002 to 2012, he was Policy Adviser at UNDP's Regional Center for Arab States and prior to that, he was a Lead Economist at the Egyptian Government's Cabinet's Decision Support Center and Ministry of Public Enterprises. He holds a D. Phil. in Development Economics from the New School for Social Research in New York, a M. Phil. in Development Planning and Environment from the University of Dundee in Scotland, and a B. A. in Economics from the American University in Cairo.

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Simone Cecchini is an economist with the Social Development Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), based in Santiago, Chile. There he performs research and provides technical assistance to countries in the region on poverty reduction, social protection and social indicators. His latest publications are "Inclusive Social Protection: A Comprehensive, Rights-based Approach" (with R. Martinez,

2012) and “Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes: The Recent Experience in Latin America and the Caribbean” in 2011.