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LIST OF OPENING SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS

Opening session

Monday, 7 February 2022, 10:00am to 11:00am
(General Assembly Hall)

- **H.E. Ms. Maria del Carmen Squeff**, Chair of the sixtieth session of the Commission for Social Development
- **H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid**, President of the General Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile**, President of the Economic and Social Council
- **Ms. Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
- **Ms. Maria-Laura Fornella-Oehninger** and **Ms. Monica Jahangir-Chowdhury**, Co-Chairs of the NGO Committee on Social Development
- **Ms. Lynrose Jane D. Genon**, Youth Representative, Member of the Executive Council of Young Women+ Leaders for Peace-Philippines

**High-level panel discussion on the priority theme
“Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda”**

Monday, 7 February 2022 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)
Virtual

Keynote speaker



Mr. Qu Dongyu took office in August 2019 as Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Before coming to the FAO, Qu served as China’s Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, where he promoted inclusive and innovative development and made sure information and communication technologies (ICT) were available in rural areas. As Vice Governor of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, he formulated action plans aimed at poverty reduction, women empowerment, youth start-ups, agritourism and solidarity between ethnic groups. As the Director-General of the FAO, his efforts are focused on building dynamic, open, transparent and deliverable initiatives to achieve the 2030 Agenda through the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind. His vision is founded on the belief that freedom from hunger is a basic human right, and that in the 21st century we have the capability to eradicate chronic food insecurity.

Panellists



H. E. Mrs. María Juliana Ruíz Sandoval is the First Lady of **Colombia**. Born in Bogotá, she attended Javeriana University where she received her degree as a lawyer. After graduating, she studied at Institut Catholique, in Paris, and then went to American University, where she obtained a Master of Law with an emphasis in International Business. She worked at the Organization of American States in Washington and was part of the management team of the Shaio Clinic in Bogotá. Mrs. Ruiz is National Good Will Ambassador for the SDG 17 and her leadership stands out in nutrition of the body, through the Great Alliance for Nutrition and nutrition of the soul, mobilizing the national cause of zero tolerance to any form of violence against children, adolescents and youth while championing the National Alliance against Violence Towards Girls, Boys and Adolescents. She is a pioneer in mobilizing and articulating actions benefiting young people through the Sacúdete strategy and in making visible and promoting the impact of national social management, through the LUNNA network (Leaders United for Boys, Girls and Adolescents of Colombia).



H.E. Mr. Matías Lestani is the Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of **Argentina** since January 2022. Prior to this role, he was Director of the Department of Economic Analysis of Argentine Rural Confederations (CRA). He is an agronomist and was trained at the CFR “El Tejado” agricultural technical secondary school of Alternation. He is also the current President of the International Association of Agricultural Family Movements (AIMFR), an international entity that ensures agricultural education and territorial development in more than 40 countries.

Mr. Abdallah Haddab is the Director of Programming and Social Development at the Ministry of National Solidarity, the Family and the Status of Women in **Algeria**. The Ministry of National Solidarity, Family and the Status of Women is the body responsible for developing policies aimed at gender equality in Algeria. The National Information and Documentation Centre on the Family, Women and Children is part of the Ministry and is responsible for preparing studies and information on women as well as conducting surveys and advising public authorities on public policies for the promotion of women in Algerian society.



Ms. Mikiko Otani is the Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. She is a practicing lawyer specializing in family law, including migrant women and children. As a female leader representing civil society in Japan, she was an Alternate Representative of the Delegation of Japan to the 60th and the 61st UN General Assembly (Third Committee) (2005-2006) and an Advisor (NGO Representative) of the Delegation of Japan to the 53rd UN Commission on the Status of Women (2009). She has been actively involved with NGOs and professional organizations at the regional and the international levels, having served as a

Regional Council member of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (2005-2014) and as Co-Chair of the Women Lawyers’ Interest Group of the International Bar Association (2013-2014).



Ms. Maryann Broxton is the Co-director of the Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP) research at ATD Fourth World in the USA. She supports projects that bring together people with a lived experience of poverty and social exclusion and service providers, so they can build on collective experiences to explore sustainable solutions to poverty. For the past four years, Maryann has coordinated the Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP) participatory research; the U.S. component of an international research project conducted by ATD Fourth World in partnership the University of Oxford to determine the dimensions of poverty.

As coordinator for the MAP research, she has met with people in both rural and urban communities, in the U.S. and abroad. Maryann draws on her personal experience of poverty to explore best practices for organizations in setting conditions for people with a direct experience of poverty to share their knowledge.

Moderator



H. E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff is the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and Chair of the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development. Before her latest appointment, Ms. Squeff was her country's Undersecretary for the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) and international economic negotiations. She served as ambassador to Nigeria (2018-2019) and France (2013-2016) and was seconded to the Organization of American States (OAS) Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia from 2016 to 2017. She also served as Undersecretary of Foreign Policy from 2011 to 2013. Ms. Squeff has extensive experience with the United Nations Rome-based agencies. From 2005 to 2011, she was her country's Alternate Permanent Representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). Her first diplomatic posting was at Argentina's European Union embassy, in Brussels, Belgium.

Ministerial Forum on the priority theme
“Strengthening multilateralism to deliver well-being and dignity for all by addressing food insecurity and the eradication of poverty, including through the promotion of sustainable food systems”

Tuesday, 8 February 2022 (10:00am – 12:00pm)
Virtual

Panellists



H. E. Mrs. Dina Boluarte is the Vice-President and Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of **Peru** since July 2021. She is a lawyer with more than 18 years of professional experience in Administrative Law and Public Management, Constitutional Law, Constitutional Procedural Law and Human Rights. She is also an Extrajudicial Conciliator. Since 2007 she has served as Senior Management Advisor and in 2015, she was appointed as Head of the Registry Office of the National Registry of Identification and Civil Status of Surco, in Lima. At the Lima Bar Association, Mrs. Boluarte was appointed as Director of Social Welfare. She was a candidate for Mayor of Surquillo, a district in Lima, in 2018, and in 2020, she participated in the Extraordinary Parliamentary Elections.



H. E. Ms. Hanna Sarkkinen is the Minister of Social Affairs and Health in **Finland**. She deals with matters including parenthood allowances and child benefits, pharmaceutical service, insurance market, general housing allowance, unemployment security, pension security, disability benefits and labour protection. Her political thinking is guided by social and economic justice, equality between people and ecological sustainability. Important political priorities for the Minister include poverty reduction and social security reform, reducing unemployment and safeguarding fair working conditions, strengthening mental health and wellbeing, and taking sustainable development into account in all political decision-making.



H. E. Ms. Williametta E. Saydee-Tarr is the Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection in **Liberia**. She is an experienced social policy, restorative justice and advocacy, communications, business and non-profit professional with over seventeen years of senior managerial proficiency. Prior to her current role, she was the founding Executive Director of Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee's Peace Foundation Africa (GPFA), advocating and raising funds to support the most vulnerable women and girls. She is a recipient of the United States Government's "Women of Courage 2021" Award, given by the United States Embassy near Monrovia, in recognition of her work for women and children in the fight against sexual and gender-based violence in Liberia.



H.E. Ms. Ariunzaya Ayush is the Minister for Labour and Social Protection of **Mongolia**. She holds a MA degree in political science, sociology and history, University of Hannover, Germany, and a MA degree in business administration, National University of Economics, Mongolia. Before joining the Government as Minister for Labour and Social Protection in 2020, she was Chairperson of National Statistics Office of Mongolia. She was also Co-Chair of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development, Chair of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), and President of ANCSDAAP (2018-2020).



H.E. Ms. Mariam bint Ali bin Nasser Al-Misnad is the Minister of Social Development and the Family of the State of **Qatar** since October 2021. In 2006, she was appointed as a member of the Childhood Committee at the Supreme Council for the Family Affairs and from 2008, she served as Acting Executive Director for the Childhood Cultural Center and then helmed the Media and Communication Department of the Social Rehabilitation Center (Owain). In 2013, she was assigned to lead the regional advocacy campaign for

Education Above All Foundation. Following this role, she undertook the executive leadership for the Orphan Care Center, Dreama (2016-2021). In 2021, she was appointed as an Executive Director of Administration and Finance Division at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DIFGS), in addition to being a member of the Advisory Board for the School of Public Administration and Development Economics (SPADE) at DIFGS. She has been awarded the title of International Ambassador of Orphans twice in a row and received the International Social Responsibility Excellence Award in 2021.



H. E. Mr. Sahil Babayev is the Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of **Azerbaijan** since 2018. His career started at the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) as a Senior Specialist and subsequently as the Head of the Foreign Investments Department. In 2006, he has started his tenure at the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan. From 2009, Mr. Babayev was appointed Head of the Foreign Investments and Aid Coordination Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and later as the Head of the Department on Cooperation with International

Organizations. In 2014, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Economy and Industry. In 2018, Mr. Babayev was appointed Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Here he oversees a number of public entities and chairs Intergovernmental Commissions with Hungary, Serbia, Romania, and Montenegro. He has served as a lecturer at the International Law Faculty of Baku State University and has delivered speeches on various subjects at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy.



H. E. Mr. Kentaro Uesugi is the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in **Japan**. From 2005 to 2017, he was a secretary to a Member of the House of Councilors. In 2017, he was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time in the 48th General Election and was reelected in 2021 in the 49th General Election. He was appointed his current role as Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Second Kishida Cabinet in 2021. He graduated from the Department of Social Sciences at Waseda University in 2003.

Moderator



H. E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff is the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and Chair of the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development.

High-level Panel Discussion on Emerging Issues
“National policies and measures implemented by Member States to combat hunger and poverty in times of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond: Challenges to get on track towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda”

Wednesday, 9 February 2022 (10:00am– 12:00pm)
Virtual

Panellists



H. E., Ms. Marisol Merquel is the President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies in Argentina. She was appointed in the current position in August 2021 to promote integrated inter-ministerial national policies. She began her work in public management in the administrative department for Addiction Prevention at the Ministry of Health of the Province of Buenos Aires. In 2013, she became the Secretary of Culture, Education Sports, Tourism and Youth of the Municipality of Saavedra after serving as elected legislator of the Province of Buenos Aires between 2013 and 2021. In

2017, she became the Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Province of Buenos Aires, and served as the President of the body in 2019. During her tenure as Deputy, she worked on projects linked to the strengthening of civil society organizations and the expansion of rights and local development, with a strong focus on social inclusion.



H. E., Mr. Stephan Cueni is the Ambassador and Vice director of the Federal Social Insurance Office in Switzerland. He joined the Federal Social Insurance Office in 1991. His first appointment was Head of the Application of International Agreements Unit in 2002, and was later promoted to Head of International Agreements in 2006. He took up his current post in 2013. He studied International Relations at the University of Geneva and at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva).

Mr. Mohamed Kanoun is the Expert at the National Institute on Agronomic Research Algeria. The National Institute on Agronomic Research Algeria contributes to the development and execution of the multi-year research program. It promotes scientific and technical information by disseminating research results nationally and internationally and ensures the enhancement and economic protection of intellectual property rights of the research results obtained by researchers at the institute. In addition, the Institute develops partnerships between the institute and national economic operators in the agricultural and agri-food sector.



Ms. Megumi Muto is the Vice President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Prior to her appointment as Vice President (development finance, mobilization, partnership) in February 2021, Dr. Megumi Muto has held leadership roles at the Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, the Global Environment Department, and at the France office. From 2010 to 2015, she was responsible for the Philippines and the Pacific. Dr. Muto has written extensively in the area of impact evaluation. She has also co-led a WB-ADB-JICA book on the impact of climate change on Asian coastal megacities.



Mr. Stephen Devereux is a Research Fellow and the Founding Director of the 'Center for Social Protection' at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. He is a development economist with 30 years of experience in food security, poverty and rural development in 13 African countries, including 3 years heading a Rural Research Programme at the University of Namibia and one year researching household drought responses in northern Ghana. He has been a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies since 1996, where he co-founded the Centre for Social Protection in 2005. He was a founding associate editor of the journal Food Security. He has worked for numerous international agencies and provided policy advice to many African governments. Since 2016 he has held a Research Chair in Social Protection for Food Security.

Moderator



Prof. Rolph van der Hoeven is a member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy and Professor of Employment and Development Economics (Emeritus) at the International Institute of Social Studies at Erasmus University in the Netherlands. He was the Director for Policy Coherence at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva. He has worked for over 30 years in various continents for the ILO and UNICEF, where he, inter alia, was policy analyst for the ILO in Zambia and Ethiopia, Chief Economist with UNICEF in New York, manager of the interdepartmental project on Employment and Structural Adjustment at the ILO, and manager of the Technical Secretariat of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization.

Panel Discussion: Interactive Dialogue with senior officials of the UN Systems on the priority theme

Wednesday, 9 February 2022 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)
Virtual

Panelists



Mr. Mario Cimoli is the Deputy Executive Secretary in the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). With over twenty years of experience in the United Nations, he is responsible for overseeing and coordinating multi-disciplinary and inter-divisional working groups, substantive institutional documents, and advisory services to ECLAC member governments on development issues. He has also served as Director of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management since 2010, overseeing research and technical assistance to Member State governments on issues related to the productive development of the region. Prior to joining the United Nations, he was Professor of Economics at the University of Venice.



Mr. Mounir Tabet is the Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). Prior to that, he served as the UNDP Country Director for Iraq (2016-2018), where he oversaw the programme on stabilization and transition. From 2013 to 2016, he served as the United Nations and UNDP Resident Coordinator in Tunisia. From 2007 to 2013, he was the Country Director of UNDP Egypt, where he led United Nations support to development efforts. From 2004 to 2007, he was the Senior Programme Advisor for the Regional Bureau for Arab States at UNDP in New York. Between 1989 and 2003, he served in a variety of country and headquarter positions with UNDP. Prior to joining UNDP, he worked with the North-South Institute, the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, and the University of Ottawa.



Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen is the Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He joined the FAO in January 2019 as Assistant Director-General for the Economic and Social Development Department. Prior to joining FAO, he was the World Bank Group Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay since November 2016. Before his role at the World Bank Group, he led the Division of the Markets, Trade and Institutions at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). His major research work lies mostly in analyzing poverty, inequality, importance of geography and assets (private and public) in explaining poverty, and in policies oriented towards poverty alleviation based on the role played by infrastructure, institutions, and on how technological breakthroughs (or discontinuities) can improve the welfare of households and small farmers. His experience encompasses Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia.



Ms. Åsa Regnér is the Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Programme, Civil Society and Intergovernmental Support at United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) since March 2021. Ms. Regnér served since 2014 as Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality of Sweden, where her focus was on concrete results in the implementation of Swedish gender equality policies as well as a shift towards prevention of violence against women and the involvement of men and boys in gender equality work. She previously served as UN Women Country Director in Bolivia (2013-2014) and Secretary-General of Riksförbundet för sexuell upplysning, Swedish International Planned Parenthood Federation branch. She also served as Director of Planning, Ministry of Justice (2004-2006) and as Political Adviser in the Prime Minister's Office (1999-2004). She began her career in women's rights as a volunteer for a Swedish NGO in La Paz, Bolivia (1990-1991) and moved to the Ministry of Labour working on Gender and labour market issues in the 1990s.



Ms. Beate Andrees is the Special Representative and Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations since June 2020. Prior to her current appointment, she worked as the Chief of the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch. She played a key role in the launch and consolidation of Alliance 8.7 - a multi-stakeholder partnership to end forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour. She was also the ILO's lead focal point in the organisation of the IV Global Conference for the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour in 2017. In 2013-2014, as head of the ILO's Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, she coordinated efforts which led to the adoption of the 2014 Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention (1930). She also occupied senior advisory roles in ILO Secretariats leading to the adoption of Resolutions on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work in 2012 and 2017. In her previous capacity, she oversaw the implementation of the ILO's flagship programme on child labour and forced labour, covering more than 60 countries across the world.

Moderator



Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano is the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, since March 2018. Ms. Spatolisano has 35 years of experience in public service including extensive senior leadership in multilateral affairs. She has served as the European Union Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO, Monaco and Andorra. She was a member of the EU Delegation to the United Nations, serving as the Head of its Economic and Trade Section, covering all issues related to trade, development and environmental policies in the Second Committee and ECOSOC; she also represented the EC to the Fifth Committee. Before joining the UN, she was responsible for International Organizations and Development Dialogue with other Donors in the European Commission's Directorate General for Development Cooperation.

Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme

Thursday, 10 February 2022 (10:00am – 12:00pm)
Virtual

Keynote Speaker



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Panellists



Ms. Sharan Burrow is the General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). She was elected General Secretary of the ITUC at its Second World Congress in Vancouver, 2010, and re-elected in 2014 and 2018. Prior to this, she held the position of ITUC President since its Founding Congress (Vienna, 2006) and the position of ICFTU President since its 18th World Congress (Miyazaki, 2004). She is the first woman to have held any of these positions. She was previously President of the Australian Education Union (AEU), Vice-President of Education International (1995–2000). She has also served as a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation and is a member or ambassador of a number of international commissions on climate action, industrial transition and economic reform.



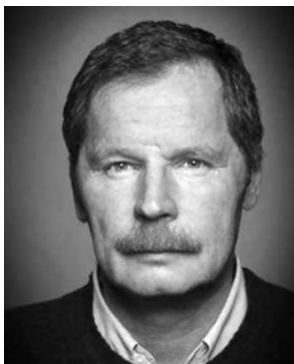
Ms. Esther Penunia is the Secretary General of the Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA). AFA is a regional farmers organization, currently with 22 national farmers' organizations in 16 Asian countries, with around 13 million family farmers as members, engaged in crops, livestock, fisheries, forestry, herding and pastoralism. Ms. Penunia spent more than three decades of professional years in the field of rural development, working in various capacities as community organizer, primary health care worker, participatory action researcher, trainer, gender advocate, consultant, campaigns coordinator, chief executive officer, board member and networker.



Mr. Ariel Guarco is the President of the International Cooperative Alliance. He is a cooperative leader that has undertaken a cooperative movement development process in his country, Argentina, and has built strong bonds with the rest of the cooperative movement in the American continent and worldwide. Mr. Guarco started in the cooperative movement over 20 years ago in his hometown Electric Cooperative, in Coronel Pringles, Province of Buenos Aires (Argentina), holding different positions until the presidency, which he holds since 2007. He is the President of Cooperar, the Confederation of Cooperatives of Argentina, since 2011 and he has been a Board member of the International Cooperative Alliance since 2013. Cooperar works with 74 cooperative federations, 5,000 cooperatives, and ten million members. He is the author of the book “The Argentine Cooperative Movement – A Hopeful Look into the Future”.



Ms. Elsa Marie D'Silva is the President of Red Dot Foundation Global and the founder of Red Dot Foundation in India. Its platform “Safecity” crowdsources personal experiences of sexual violence and abuse in public spaces, which has become the largest crowd map on the issue in India and abroad, since launched in 2012. She is a 2020 Gratitude Network Fellow, 2019 IWF Fellow, a Reagan Fascell Fellow, a 2018 Yale World Fellow, and a fellow with Rotary Peace, Aspen New Voices, Vital Voices, and a BMW Foundation Responsible Leader. She co-founded the Gender Alliance, a cross-network initiative. Her work has been recognised by the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations through the Intercultural Innovation Award, SDG Action Festival and the UN Foundation at the Solutions Summit 2016. Prior to this, she was in the aviation industry for 20 years and served as Vice President of Network Planning & Charters.



Mr. Juan Carr is a Social Entrepreneur and the Founder of Red Solidaria, a social organization focused on creating connections between those who have a specific need and those willing to offer help. Founded in 1995 in Argentina, the organization has grown to have active branches in over 15 countries with over 1,100,000 collaborators. In 2009, he cofounded the Center to Fight Hunger at the University of Buenos Aires. In 2011, he cofounded the communication agency Mundo Invisible so that the most neglected in Argentina and all over the world have access to the press and communication. Mr. Carr was elected Social Innovator in 1997 by the Ashoka Entrepreneurs Association of Washington. He was nominated in 1999 for the Hilton International Award. In 2014, he was declared an Illustrious Citizen of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Moderator



Ms. Rose Ngugi is the Executive Director of the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) and serves as the Secretary to the Board. She is involved in providing technical guidance and capacity building on policy and strategy formulation to the Government of Kenya and other stakeholders, with the overall aim of contributing to the achievement of national development goals. Prior to this role, she was a Senior Advisor in the Office of Executive Director for Africa Group 1 at the International Monetary Fund in Washington D.C. Dr. Ngugi has been a member of Central Bank of Kenya, Monetary Policy Committee and has vast teaching experience in the University of Nairobi.