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Panel 9. Wanted: 600 Million Jobs (1 April 2015, 4:15 – 5:45)

BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Ali Velshi, Host, Al Jazeera America (Moderator)



Ali Velshi is the host of "Real Money with Ali Velshi", a one hour nightly business news program on Al Jazeera America. He was the first on-air hire for the new cable news network, Al Jazeera America. Prior to that, Velshi served as CNN's Chief Business Correspondent, anchor of CNN International's World Business Today, and host of CNN's weekly business roundtable Your Money. In 2010, Velshi was honored with a National Headliner Award for Business & Consumer Reporting for "How The Wheels Came Off." Additionally, CNN was nominated for a 2010 Emmy for Velshi's breaking news coverage of an attempted terror attack on a flight to Detroit. Velshi has reported extensively on the global financial meltdown; the financial collapses of Fannie Mae, Freddie

Mac, AIG and Lehman Brothers; the U.S. government's bailout plan; the battle over the fate of the American big three automakers; and the U.S. debt ceiling and budget debate. A veteran of financial news, Velshi hosted The Turnaround, CNN's small business improvement show. The Turnaround traveled across America, introducing troubled small business owners to high-profile mentors and then helped them develop a plan for success. Prior to that, he was an anchor with CNNfn, where he hosted various interactive shows, including Your Money, Business Unusual, Insights, Street Sweep and The Money Gang.

H.E. Mr. Alexander Mora Delgado, Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica



Alexander Mora was appointed Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica on May 8 2014. As Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Mora oversees Costa Rica's foreign trade and investment portfolios, as well as the relationship with multilateral organizations like the WTO, OECD, SIECA, among others.

Mr. Mora has extensive experience in trade, banking and digital technologies: Firstly, as a successful entrepreneur in the digital technologies, telecommunications and corporate services areas, with over 25 years of experience. Secondly, as representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, as member of the

Foreign Trade Advisory Council, the National Commission on Information Technologies and Communication and the National Commission on Competitiveness. Also as President and Vice-President of the Costa Rican Chamber and Latin American Federation of Information and Communication Technologies, the Costa Rican Chamber of Exporters and as President and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of several banks, insurance brokers and investment management funds. Mr. Mora has a degree in Economics and holds an MBA in Finance and Banking from the University of Costa Rica.

Ms. Marie-José Nadeau, Chair of World Energy Council and Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General of Hydro Québec



Her experience as a senior corporate executive in the energy industry and as a board member have given Marie-José Nadeau a wide-ranging business experience and depth. Marie-José Nadeau took responsibility as Chair of WEC at the World Energy Congress 2013. She has been active in the WEC community since 1998. Her experience as a senior corporate executive in the energy industry and as a board member have given Ms. Nadeau a wide-ranging business

experience and depth. Ms. Nadeau graduated from Ottawa University with a Bachelor's and a Master's Degrees in Law. Ms. Nadeau joined Hydro-Québec in 1993 and has been a member of the leadership team for over 20 years. Before joining Hydro-Québec, she held various strategic positions within the Governments of Canada and Québec. One of her main accomplishments with WEC is the delivery of an outstanding Congress in Montreal in 2010, bringing together 7000 delegates. She is a past Vice-chair of the Energy Council of Canada. Her experience has given her an understanding of the complex issues facing the energy sector today, the ability to build consensus and collaboration among members and to advance the highest ethical standards for WEC. In addition to her board experience related to Hydro-Québec, Ms. Nadeau has extensive board experience in a wide spectrum of interests. She is a past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Electricity Association. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Metro Inc., a large retail publicly traded company, is vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Montreal Symphonic Orchestra and vice-president of the Board of Concordia University. She also sits on UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Advisory Board on Sustainable Energy for All.

Dr NS Rajan, Chief Human Resources Officer, Member of the Group Executive Council of Tata Sons.



Previously, Dr Rajan was a partner and global leader, people and organisation, at Ernst & Young (E&Y). He joined E&Y in 2001 and was instrumental in building the practice in India from scratch to a leading market position today. Dr Rajan has three decades of work experience spanning industry and consulting in reputed companies such as Ranbaxy, Asian Paints, BlowPlast, ABC Consultants, and E&Y. Prior to joining E&Y, he was a director at Asia Online, a US multinational company. Dr Rajan is the former national president of National HRD Network (NHRDN), the country's premier association of the human resources fraternity. During his tenure, governance, engagement and networking were the three pillars he envisioned to serve the

fraternity, spearheading seminal changes through the board. He has also served as a member of the Confederation of Indian Industry's national committees on skills, human resources and industrial relations as well as education. He has been a member of the Governing Council of the Consultancy Development Centre under the aegis of the ministry of science and technology of the Government of India. Dr Rajan is a visiting faculty member at premier business schools such as IIM-Ahmedabad, and XLRI, Jamshedpur. He has been recognised as HR Professional of the Year (2008) by the National HRD Network. Dr Rajan is a graduate in economics from Loyola College, Chennai, and a post graduate in business management from XLRI, Jamshedpur. He has completed his doctoral studies from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

Mr. Pavan Sukhdev, Founder-CEO of GIST Advisory



Pavan Sukhdev is founder-author of 'Corporation 2020', a movement that sees corporate sustainability as the cornerstone of a 'green economy' and maps a rapid pathway to a new model for corporate behaviour driven by regulatory changes & responsive to the reality of planetary boundaries and their imminent tipping-points. Pavan wrote his book 'Corporation 2020' at Yale University where he was awarded the 2011 McCluskey Fellowship. Pavan is also founder-CEO of GIST Advisory, a consulting firm that specializes in helping governments and corporations value and

manage their impacts on natural and human capital. Earlier, from 2008 to early 2011, Pavan was Special Adviser and Head of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative, and lead author of their report "Towards a Green Economy", as well as Study Leader for the G8+5 commissioned project on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB). Pavan was appointed to lead TEEB by the EU Commission and Germany, and delivered its "Interim Report" while still working full time at Deutsche Bank in 2008. He then took a sabbatical from Deutsche Bank to lead TEEB and the Green Economy Initiative for UNEP from 2008 to 2011. Pavan is a Goodwill Ambassador for UNEP, a role in which he promotes TEEB implementation and Green Economy transitions to governments. He serves on the boards of Conservation International, the Stockholm Resilience Centre (SRC), TEEB, and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).