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GLOBAL PREPARATORY MEETING

**“Meeting the internationally agreed goals and commitments
with regard to education”**

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BIOGRAPHIES

Opening session



H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe was elected sixty-seventh President of the Economic and Social Council on 18 January 2011. Ambassador Kapambwe is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations in New York since 18 June 2007.

Mr. Kapambwe served as co-facilitator of the Ad-Hoc Open Ended Working Group of the General assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis in 2009-2010.

Prior to the United Nations, he served as Zambia's Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union, from June 2003 to June 2007. He was concurrently accredited as Ambassador of Zambia to Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia. Before holding that post, he was Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 2002 to

2003, after serving as Deputy Permanent Secretary responsible for Asia, Africa and the Middle East from 2000 to 2002. He was the Director for Africa and Organization of African Unity Affairs from 1996 to 2000, after two months as Director for European Affairs from June to August 1996.

Mr. Kapambwe also held posts in Europe and the United States, as Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Zambian Embassies in Bonn, Germany, from 1993 to 1996, and in Washington, D.C., from 1988 to 1993. He was Counsellor for Political Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations from 1987 to 1988. Prior to bilateral and multilateral postings, Mr. Kapambwe held several posts in his Government.

During his career, Mr. Kapambwe represented Zambia in major multilateral and regional meetings of the United Nations, Organization of African Unity, African Union, Southern African Development Community (SADC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Great Lakes region and the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD).

Born on 31 December 1959, Mr. Kapambwe, who is married, obtained a bachelor's degree in political economy from the University of Zambia, where he studied from 1977 to 1981. He has a post-graduate diploma in international relations from Nairobi University, Kenya, which he attended from 1985 to 1986, and received a certificate in contemporary American politics from New York University in May 1988.





H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen is the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Momen served as Chairman of the Department of Economics and Business Administration, Framingham State College, Massachusetts, where he taught courses in management, quantitative methods and marketing research in both the graduate and undergraduate programmes since 2003.

Mr. Momen worked as an Economic Adviser at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF), Ministry of Finance and National Economy, as an American expert, from 1998 to 2003, and departed when the United States Embassy asked staff to leave the country due to successive bomb blasts that rocked the Saudi capital, Riyadh. His previous Bangladesh Government service includes that of Private Secretary to the Minister of Rural Development, Local Government and Cooperatives from 1973 to 1974; Private Secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mineral Resources and Petroleum from 1974 to 1975; Section Officer, South Asia, East Asia and Middle East, Ministry of Commerce from 1975 to 1976; and Director, Office of the President's Advisor on Trade and Commerce from 1976 to 1978.

Mr. Momen holds a Doctor of Philosophy in economics from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts (1988); a Master of Business Administration in management science and international marketing from Harvard University (1979); a Bachelor of Laws in law and jurisprudence from Central College, Dhaka, Bangladesh (1976); a Master of Arts in development economics and international trade; and a Bachelor of Arts in economics, both from Dhaka University (1971 and 1969, respectively).



H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls is the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations.

Prior to his appointment, he served as the Secretary-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Belgium (2002-2008), and in 2001 he was the Foreign Minister's Chef de Cabinet. From 1997 to 2001, he held the Ministry's post of Director General for Bilateral and Economic Relations.

During the late 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Grauls held other key posts, including diplomatic adviser to the Prime Minister (1988-1991) and, on secondment to the Royal Palace from 1994-1997, as Deputy Chef de Cabinet and diplomatic adviser to the King. Mr. Grauls began his long diplomatic career in 1973. He held successive diplomatic assignments in Bonn, Tunis, the European Union permanent representation in Brussels, London and Washington, D.C.

Born on 12 February 1948, Mr. Grauls was educated at the Saint Berchmans Jesuit College in Brussels. He studied Law at the University of Antwerp and at the Catholic University of Louvain.



Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr is visiting Professor, New School University, and member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy. She is a development economist working in the multidisciplinary framework of capabilities and human development, and currently works on human rights and poverty, conflict prevention, and global technology. From 1995 to 2004, she was lead author and director of the UNDP Human Development Reports. A Japanese national, Sakiko received her BA from Cambridge University (UK), MALD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (USA), and MA from the University of Sussex (UK).

Her publications, in addition to the Human Development Reports, include: The Gene Revolution: GM Crops and Unequal Development; Readings in Human Development; Rethinking Technical Cooperation - Reforms for capacity building in Africa; Capacity for Development - Old Problems, New Solutions, and numerous papers and book chapters on issues of poverty, gender, human rights, technology. She founded and is editor of the Journal of Human Development, and is on the Editorial Board of Feminist Economics. She is also on the board of several NGOs that advocate human rights and technology for development. She is a member of the High Level Task Force on the Right to Development of the UN Human Rights Council.



Reporting on the outcome of e-discussions



Dr. Nicholas Alipui is the Director of UNICEF Programmes, where he oversees the Fund's programme policy, guidance and management in order to assist staff in the successful implementation of UNICEF programmes and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Dr. Alipui joined UNICEF in 1988 and previously held positions as UNICEF Country Representative in the Philippines (2003-08) and Kenya (2000-03). Prior to joining UNICEF, Dr. Alipui worked as a physician and served the Maputo City Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, Mozambique, and the Coordinator of the Joint Nutrition Support Programme (UNICEF, WHO and the Government of Mozambique).



Dr. Rekha Datta is Professor of Political Science at Monmouth University in New Jersey. She is Founding Director of the Institute for Global Understanding (IGU), associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations, as a UNDP/INGO. Dr. Datta joined Monmouth University in 1994, and has chaired the department of Political Science since 2000. As department chair, she has been the principal architect of the Masters in Public Policy program, and provided leadership to create the university's Polling Institute.

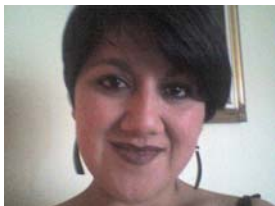
Professor Datta received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Connecticut, USA in 1990. She holds a first class honors BA from Presidency College, Calcutta, and a first class MA in Political Science from Calcutta University. In addition to numerous articles and book chapters, Datta is author of *Why Alliances Endure: The United States-Pakistan Military Alliance, 1954-1971* (1994) and co-editor, with Judith

Kornberg, *Women in Developing Countries: Assessing Strategies for Empowerment* (2002), and *Beyond Realism: Human Security in India and Pakistan in the 21st Century*, (2008). Dr. Datta has served as panelist and presented papers at the United Nations in New York, the United Nations University in Tokyo, the Academic Council of the United Nations, at international and national academic and public interest conferences. She is a frequent guest at Voice of America's Bangla service programs.

Recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Teacher award at Monmouth University, Datta is deeply committed to student engagement and leadership through public and voluntary services in local and global communities. Dr. Datta is a recipient of the Annual Humanitarian of the Year award by the Jersey Shore chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice (2004). In 2009, under her leadership, IGU created a mentorship program with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County through which Monmouth University students serve as mentors for Asbury Park High School students to explore higher education opportunities. This program is part of the Academic Impact project of the United Nations, highlighting the role of education for all in empowerment in local and global communities. She has served on the Higher Education Transition Team for former New Jersey Governor, Jon S. Corzine.

Interactive discussions involving regional moderators and the audience

Escuela Politécnica Javeriana, Ecuador



Ms. Lorena Peralta Aguirre, is the Administrative Director of Escuela Politecnica Javeriana del Ecuador. She is 34 years old, and was born and raised in Quito, Ecuador. She studied at Central University of Ecuador for four years (1997-2000) in the Academic Department of Philosophy, Letters and Sciences of the Education, where she obtained her degree as a Bachelor in Sciences of education.

In her professional career she has worked in several institutions at all levels of education. She worked as faculty in a remote High school in Lago Agrio province of Sucumbios in the amazonic region of Ecuador. Through this experience she recognized the urgent need to improve access to quality education in rural sectors and the impoverished populations of society.



After two years of her enriching experience in the Amazon basin she returned to the Quito to work as administrative staff and later as principal of Javeriano High School. Her long lasting commitment to Education motivated her to pursue a Master in Education and Leadership in 2010 and continues her education with aspirations to obtaining her Ph.d.

Modern University for Business and Science (MUBS), Lebanon



Dr. Nizam S. Najd is currently the Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the Modern University for Business and Science (MUBS) in Lebanon. He is also the Executive Director of its Beirut Campus. Previously, Dr. Najd was a faculty member at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Oklahoma (USA). While at OSU, he served as Director of the Business Honors Program and the Assessment Program for the Spears School of Business. Furthermore, he also taught undergraduate and graduate courses in four programs/departments in three different schools/colleges while at OSU – (i.e., College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology, Spears School of Business, and College of Arts and Sciences). The four programs/departments were: Industrial Engineering and Management Department, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Management Science and Information Systems Department, and Environmental Science (Interdisciplinary) Graduate Program. Dr. Najd earned his Ph.D. degree in

Industrial Engineering and Management and his MS degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering, both from Oklahoma State University. His undergraduate studies were completed at the University of California-Irvine (USA), where he earned a BS degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.



Ms. Diana Nahle is Acting Student Affairs Coordinator at the Modern University for Business and Science (MUBS) in Lebanon where she is responsible for orientation for new students, advising, registration of courses, etc...

Ms. Nahle has Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the American University of Beirut and a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Lebanese American University (LAU).

Before that, Ms. Nahle worked as *Director of Administration and Human Resources* with First Carpet Design Inc. – GA, USA. Ms. Nahle also worked as an *Accountant* at LAU.

University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa



Dr. Julian May is a Professor in the School of Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Between 1994 and 1998, he led the Poverty and Inequality Report commissioned by the Office of the Deputy President of South Africa and the South African Participatory Poverty Assessment. He has worked on the development of poverty reduction policy options and systems for monitoring the impact of policy, including social security grants and land reform in South Africa. Internationally, he has worked in Southern and East Africa and in the Indian Ocean Islands. Projects include poverty monitoring and Poverty Reduction Strategies, information technology and agrarian reform. He was the principal research for the KwaZulu-Natal Income Dynamics Survey (KIDS), a ten year panel study of poverty dynamics in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa.

Julian was a member of the South African Statistics Council between 1994 and 2008. He is currently the lead consultant for Statistics South Africa working on a new Living Conditions Survey and is a member of the Steering Committee of the

South African National Income Dynamics Study. He is a Research Associate at the Brooks World Poverty Institute, the Comparative Research Program on Poverty, the Department of Social Policy at Oxford University and the South African Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town. During 2002, he was



a Visiting Professor at the Centre for International Poverty Studies, University of Bergen and in 2008, a visiting researcher at LSHTM. In August 2009, he was awarded a South African Research Chair in Applied Poverty Reduction Assessment by the National Research Foundation. He has edited 3 books, published over 55 papers in books and academic journals, and produced more than 120 working papers, research reports and other publications.

Kyushu University, Japan



Dr. Ramesh Pokharel is Professor in the Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering at Kyushu University. In 2003, he obtained Doctor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tokyo, Japan. From April 2003 to March 2005, he had been a post-doctoral research fellow with the Department of Electrical Engineering and Electronics, Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan. In April 2005, he joined the Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Kyushu University, as an Assistant Professor. For last one decade, he has been actively contributing through his invaluable research and development in the area of analog and radio frequency integrated circuits for next generation wireless technologies. He has been playing key role on behalf of Kyushu University from the early-stage of

establishing Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (EJUST) in New Borg El-Arab City in Alexandria. EJUST is established based on the mutual cooperation between the Japanese and Egyptian governments with the purpose to promote human development in the region and worldwide. In September 2010, Dr. Pokharel joined EJUST center as a Professor to encourage the technology and knowledge transfer from Japanese Universities to Egyptian Universities. His current interest includes the development and the application of ICT to alleviate poverty and technology transfer from the developed countries to the developing ones.

Panel discussions: “Removing barriers to education: What’s new and notable”



Mr. Zhou Mansheng is currently the Deputy Director-General of the National Centre for Education Development Research. He is also the Deputy Director of comparative education team of the Leading Group for National Education and Science Planning, the Deputy Chair of the Chinese Society of Educational Development Strategies, the Director of the School Culture Research Branch of the Chinese Society of Education, and member of the Examinations Board of the National Education Examinations Authority under the Ministry of Education of China. He is also Adjunct Professor at Beijing Normal University, recipient of a special allowance from the State Council, and Adjunct Professor at the National Academy of Education Administration and several other Chinese universities. 2009-2010 Fulbright New Century Scholar.

For many years, Prof. Zhou has been researching China’s macro-level educational policies and comparative education. He has been involved in the drafting of many national macro-level educational policies and laws. He has served on a number occasions as consultant on UNESCO and Asian Development Bank projects. He is

the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the English language journal *Educational Research for Policy and Practice*. He has published over 150 papers in various academic magazines home and abroad. His papers *The Basic Trend of International Vocational Education and its Enlightenments on the Development of Vocational Education in China* and *The Basic Characteristics and Law of the Worldwide Educational Development* were awarded second prizes in the 2nd and 3rd National Awards for Research Achievements in Education Science.



Ms. Maria do Pilar Lacerda is the Basic Education Secretary for Brazilian Ministry of Education since June 2007. She was the National President of Undime – National Union of Municipal Education Managers, from 2005 to 2007. Ms. Lacerda was the Municipal Secretary of Education for Belo Horizonte’s City Hall, from 2002 to 2007. She has a Degree in history from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), and she has an Educational Systems Management Specialization from Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais (PUC/MG). She was a History Teacher for private and public schools in Belo Horizonte from 1976 to 2001. She was the Director of the Training Center for Professional Education of Belo Horizonte’s City Hall, from 1993 to 1996.



Ms. Gladys Bertha Modise, Director, Provincial Budget, Monitoring and Support in the Department of Basic Education in South Africa. She is responsible for monitoring the spending performance of the Provincial Education Department and to advise on financial matters. Gladys obtained her Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree in Financial Management at the University of North West, South Africa and joined the Government sector in 1987.



Dr. Ellen Karoline Henriksen, is an Associate Professor at the Department of Physics, University of Oslo, Norway. Her work consists of science education research, science teacher education, and science communication and recruitment efforts. Research interests include recruitment to science education; the experiences and choices of girls and women in science; and teaching and learning physics.



Ms. Kara Nichols is the Executive Director of Connect To Learn, a new global education initiative created by Millennium Promise, scientific advisor Earth Institute and Ericsson. Madonna serves as Connect to Learn's global campaign spokesperson. Connect To Learn focuses on secondary education worldwide, with special emphasis on girls. Programming includes secondary school scholarships to enable access to complete secondary schooling and eventual vocational opportunity, and the implementation of ICT to improve the quality of educational resources for students and teachers globally through connectivity, even in the world's poorest and most remote villages.

Leading the Connect To Learn team, Kara has over 20 years of international experience in strategic communications, alliance building, and managing large-scale change and development processes with private sector and non-profit firms.

Kara spent four years living in Nairobi Kenya working with clients such as Philips, Unga Mills, NCR Computers, Bank of America, Serena Hotels, Lonrho and Dr. Richard Leakey. She lived and freelanced in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1993-1994, and worked with Ogilvy & Mather, Studio Archetype, Sapient Corporation and Siegel & Gale in Hong Kong, San Francisco, London and Tel Aviv, managing client relationships that included Hallmark, Kodak, Discovery Communications and UPS as well as a multitude of start-up organizations.

Closing session



A career diplomat, **Mr. Sha Zukang** became the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 July 2007. As such, he heads the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which is responsible for the follow-up to the major United Nations Summits and Conferences, and services the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council as well as the vast majority of its functional commissions and expert bodies. He also convenes the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Secretariat's network for joint planning and initiatives on development.

