

## Informal Thematic Debate on International Migration and Development

### *Panel One: The contribution of migrants to development*

#### **BIOGRAPHIES**

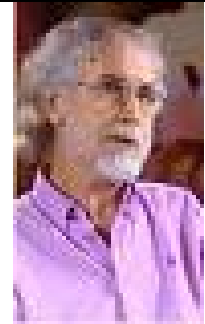
**Ambassador William Lacy SWING** has had a long and distinguished career as a diplomat. He served as UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Special Representative to the Secretary-General for Western Sahara, and Chief of Mission for the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

He was also a six-time ambassador of the United States. Through his diplomatic assignments, Ambassador Swing has acquired a deep understanding of the multiple factors affecting international migration. Since 2008, Ambassador Swing is Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).



**John CONNELL** is Professor of Human Geography at the School of Geosciences, University of Sydney. Since 1999, Professor Connell has been Vice-Chair of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Study Group on Globalisation and Migration.

Professor Connell's research interests include migration and remittances in the Pacific to the migration of health workers. He has written more than 300 articles and over 20 books including *The International Migration of Health Workers*. Professor Connell has also served as a consultant to numerous international organizations including the International Labour Organisation (ILO); the World Health Organisation (WHO); the World Bank; and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Professor Connell was the recipient of the International Medal of the Institute of Australian Geographers in 2009.



**H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda ESPINOSA** is Minister of Natural and Cultural Heritage of Ecuador. Prior to this position, she served as Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration, and as Special Adviser to the President of the Constituent Assembly in Ecuador.

Her public service career spans over 15 years, during which she was engaged in a range of development issues, including indigenous rights and gender equality. Ms. Espinosa has participated in negotiations at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) and has collaborated with numerous international organizations, including UNICEF and the Inter-American Development Bank.



**Mr. Abdelhamid EL JAMRI** was appointed Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families in 2008. He has extensive experience on issues related to employment policies, economic development and the integration of migrants.

As an expert on international migration management, Mr. El Jamri has led the ANPAC project in Morocco—a project which regulates the movement of people between Morocco and the countries of the European Union—and contributed to the development of the Migration Information and Management Centre (CIGEM) in Mali. Mr. El Jamri is a member of the Council for the Moroccan Community Abroad.



**Mr. CHUKWU-EMEKA Chikezie** is the co-founder of the African Foundation for Development (AFORD), an organization dedicated to enhancing the contribution of Africa's transnational communities to the continent's development.

Mr. Chukwu-Emeka has been an active member of the African diaspora for nearly two-and-a-half decades. He served as a Senior Advisor to the Mexican Chair-in-Office of the fourth Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in 2010, where he played an active role in helping to organize the Common Space. Mr. Chukwu-Emeka is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Migration.



**Mr. Göran HULTIN**, the Chief Executive Officer of Caden Corporation, has extensive international experience in the area of labour markets and employment. Mr. Hultin is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Migration; and the China Association for Employment Promotion Expert Committee.

Previously, Mr. Hultin was Assistant Director General of the ILO where he was responsible for advising member countries on employment policies and implementing programmes for job creation, human resource strategies and skill development.

