

Commission for Social Development (52nd session)

Panel discussion on emerging issue: “Social drivers of sustainable development”

Friday, 14 February, 2014 (10:00am – 1:00 pm)
Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Profile of Speakers

Keynote speaker

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning

Ms. Mohammed was born in 1961, in Nigeria. She was appointed in July 2012 by the UN Secretary General as Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning. Ms. Mohammed has more than 30 years experience as a development practitioner in the public and private sectors, as well as civil society. Prior to her UN role, she served as Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the MDGs, serving three Presidents over a period of six years. Ms. Mohammed has served on numerous international advisory panels and boards. She is a recipient of the Nigerian ‘National Honours Award of the Order of the Federal Republic’ and was inducted in the Nigerian Women’s Hall of Fame in 2007. Ms. Mohammed has four children.

Panellists

Mr. Magino Corporán, Director of the National Council for Disability of the Dominican Republic

Mr. Corporan has served as Director of the National Council of Disabilities of the Dominican Republic, since 2012. Prior to this he was Adviser of the National Council of Social Security for two years. Mr. Corporan served as Attorney at Law at various institutions in the Dominican Republic, including the National Institute of the Protection of the Rights of the Consumer, the Reserve Bank, the Central Bank, and the General Directions of Internal Revenue Service. He was also Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the Health and Social Security Committee of the Citizen Form, and Member of the Commission for the Follow-up of the Summit for the National Unity to overcome the Global Crisis in 2009. He has advised various bodies on the situation of persons with disabilities and, from 1991 to 1996, served as Executive Secretary of the National Council for Prevention, Education, Rehabilitation and Social Integration of People with Disabilities (CONAPREM). Mr Corporan attained his Law Degree in 1994 at Universidad de la Tercera Edad (UTE), Santo Domingo, and his Attorney at Law of the National District, Supreme Court of Justice of Dominican Republic, in 1996.

Dr. Amr Osman, Director of the Fund for Drug Control and Treatment of Addiction and Abuse, Egypt

Amr Osman has worked in the areas of youth development and drug control for the past 10 years. His work in these fields has seen him combine his talents and interests into a career focused on the social and economic empowerment of children and youth, and the protection of children and youth from drug abuse and addiction.

Mr. Osman is currently the Director of the Fund for Drug Control and Treatment of Addiction and Abuse in Egypt. He has previously worked as an advisor in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and also worked as a consultant with the United Nations in Bahrain in the area of youth protection from drugs. He has worked in Egypt and with the Arab League in various related roles, including managing the national program for drug-prevention preparing the national plan for anti-doping and addiction, and drafting the Arab League's strategy for protection of youth from smoking and addiction.

Mr. Osman holds a Bachelor of Arts from Cairo University and has completed various important international courses and training programs in the areas of drug prevention and youth development.

Mr. Rudi Delarue, Deputy Head of Unit for external relations and enlargement at the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Rudi Delarue is in the current position since October 2013. He has been Director of the ILO Office (International Labour Organisation) for the EU and the Benelux countries between June 2008 and July 2013. Prior to taking up this post he was a principal administrator at the European Commission since 1999 where he held posts relating to EU external relations pertaining to employment and social affairs and to EU social dialogue. Between 1987-1999 he was senior advisor at the Belgian Christian trade union confederation (ACV/CSC) dealing with regional, national, EU and international labour issues and with collective bargaining at Belgian and EU level. He has been member of the Belgian National Labour Council, the joint committee for temporary agency work, the EU social dialogue committee and the ILO Committee on the Application of Standards. He has been negotiator of many Belgian national collective agreements as well several EU social partners' framework agreements.



Delarue was born in 1963 in Tienen, Belgium. He graduated with a Law degree from the Catholic University of Leuven in 1986 and subsequently pursued European studies at the College of Europe in Bruges. He has published on Belgian, EU and international labour and socio-economic governance issues.

Dr. Heide Hackmann, Executive Director, International Social Science Council (ISSC)

Heide Hackmann read for a M.Phil in contemporary social theory at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, and holds a PhD in science and technology studies from the University of Twente in the Netherlands. She has worked as a science policy maker, researcher and consultant in the Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom and South Africa. Her research has focused on science policy studies, the governance of science, and research evaluation. Heide was elected to the position of Secretary-General of the ISSC by the Council's General Assembly in November 2006.

Moderator:

Ms. Sarah Cook, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Sarah Cook took up the position of Director of UNRISD in November 2009. She was previously a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the

University of Sussex, and has also worked for the Ford Foundation in China. Sarah received her PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University and a M.Sc. in Social Policy in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics. Her research has focused in particular on the social and economic transformation of China, including labour markets and employment, gender, poverty and inequality and social welfare reforms. Recent work includes a long term study on social protection in Asia, on migration and health in China, and on the implications of China's rise for international development. Current interests include the new directions in social policy being taken by emerging and developing countries in the context of crisis.