



2017 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

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H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava
President of the Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava was elected seventy-second President of the Economic and Social Council on 28 July 2016. Ambassador Shava is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations in New York. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Shava was Ambassador to China since 2007. From 2003 to 2004, he was a consultant on Zimbabwe's Parliamentary reform. As an elected official, Ambassador Shava was Minister of State for Political Affairs in 1987 and Minister of Labour, Manpower Planning and Development from 1981 to 1986.



H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson
President of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly

His Excellency Mr. Peter Thomson was elected President of the seventy-first session by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 June 2016. Ambassador Thomson took office in New York as Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in February 2010, serving concurrently as Fiji's Ambassador to Cuba until assumption of his duties as President of the UN General Assembly's seventy-first session. Ambassador Thomson held office as Vice-President of the UN General Assembly in 2011-2012. He was elected as President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority's 2011-2012 session and then as President of the Council of the Authority's 2015-2016 session. In 2013, he chaired the United Nations' largest negotiating bloc, the Group of 77 and China. From January 2014 to January 2015, he served as President of the Executive Board of UN Development Programme/UN Population Fund/UN Office for Programme Support.



Ms. Amina J. Mohammed (via video message)

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the current Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Previously, Ms. Mohammed was Minister of the Environment of Nigeria from 11 November 2015 to 15 December 2016. Before that she served as the Special Adviser to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on Post-2015 development planning. In that role, she acted as the link between the Secretary-General, his High Level Panel of Eminent Persons (HLP), and the General Assembly's Open Working Group (OWG), among other stakeholders. Prior to this position, Ms. Mohammed served as Founder and CEO of the Center for Development Policy Solutions and as an Adjunct Professor for the Master's in Development Practice program at Columbia University. Ms. Mohammed was also Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the Millennium Development Goals after serving three Presidents over a period of six years.

Keynote Speaker



Mrs. Mary Robinson

President, Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice

Mrs. Mary Robinson is President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the Elders and the Club of Madrid and the recipient of numerous honours and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President of the United States Barack Obama. She sits on the advisory board of Sustainable Energy For All (SE4All) and is also a member of the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. Between 2013 and 2016 Mary served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy in three roles; first for the Great Lakes region of Africa, then on Climate Change and most recently as his Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate. A former President of the International Commission of Jurists and former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders, Mrs. Robinson was President and founder of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative from 2002-2010 and served as Honorary President of Oxfam International from 2002-2012.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Innovative Partnerships for resilient infrastructure, including in countries in special situations

Moderator



Mr. Rajesh Mirchandani

Vice President of Communications and Outreach, Centre for Global Development

Mr. Mirchandani is an award-winning journalist with more than twenty years' experience as a journalist and broadcaster. Prior to his position at the Centre for Global Development, Mr. Mirchandani reported and anchored from around the world for the BBC's global television and radio networks, including BBC World News and the World Service. He has covered a wide range of stories and issues, from two US presidential elections to the Haiti earthquake, AIDS in India to oil exploration in the Arctic, education for displaced children in Colombia to green energy investments in California. He brings a passion for international development and climate change issues – and says his most rewarding journalistic assignments were stories of solutions to development problems. Mr. Mirchandani regularly participates in high-level events around issues such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, girls' empowerment, and changing media landscapes.

Speakers



Mr. Zhao Huxiang

President of International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations, Vice Chairman of China Merchants Group, Chairman of Sinotrans&CSC, Chairman of Sinotrans Limited

Mr. Zhao Huxiang was appointed as Vice Chairman of China Merchants Group in 2016, as Chairman of Sinotrans&CSC in 2011, as President of Sinotrans&CSC in 2005 and as the Chairman of China International Freight Forwarders Association in 2007. Mr. Zhao previously served as Director and Executive Vice President of China Merchants Group, General Manager of China Merchants Holdings (International) Company Limited, General Manager of Hoi Tung Marine Machinery Suppliers Limited, and also worked in the Marine Shipping Bureau of the PRC Ministry of Communications. Mr. Zhao is a certified Senior Engineer and obtained an MBA degree granted by University of Louisville in the United States.



Ms. Cheryl Martin

**Head of Industries and Member of the Managing Board of
World Economic Forum**

Ms. Cheryl Martin is the Head of Industries and Member of the Managing Board of the World Economic Forum. Prior to this position, she worked 20 years with Rohm and Haas Company, initially as a senior scientist and eventually serving as corporate Vice President in 2007. Ms. Martin was also Deputy Director for Commercialization for the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy, a United States Department of Energy initiative, and developed the agency’s Technology-to-Market program. In 2015, she launched Harwich Partners to work with public and private sector entities to accelerate technology adoption. In addition, Ms. Martin advised New York on demonstration projects associated with the state’s Reforming the Energy Vision.



Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin

**Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN Relations and
Partnerships, World Bank Group**

Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin is the World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships. Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Mohieldin held numerous senior positions in the government of Egypt, including Minister of Investment from 2004 to 2010. He also served on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Egypt and the banking and corporate sector. He was a member of the Commission on Growth and Development and selected a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. He is a Professor of Economics and Finance at Cairo University and an Honorary Professor at Durham University. Mr. Mohieldin has authored numerous publications and articles in leading journals in the fields of international finance, economics, and development in English and Arabic.



Marie-José Nadeau, C.M.

Honorary Chair, World Energy Council (London, United Kingdom)

Ms. Nadeau is an expert in energy and a regular speaker in international energy forums. She is the past Chair of the World Energy Council where she served from 2013 to 2016 after a career in senior positions with the Government of Quebec and as Secretary General and Executive Vice President of North America’s largest electric utility, Hydro Quebec (Canada). She sits on the Board of the French multinational energy corporation ENGIE and on the Board of METRO (Canada); both are publicly traded. In addition, she sits on the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), based in the USA, on the Advisory Council of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW), on the Advisory Council – Women Sustainability, Environment and Renewable Energy (WISER) Program (UAE), on the selection committee of Sheik Zayed’s Energy Prize (UAE), and on the Advisory Council of the United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and China Energy Fund Committee.



Mr. Symerre Grey-Johnson

Head, Infrastructure Strategic Business Unit & Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation Division, NEPAD

Mr. Grey-Johnson joined NEPAD Agency in 2014 as Head Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation Division, and currently leads its Partnerships, Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division. Prior to joining NEPAD, he worked for the German Development Agency (GIZ) in various project management capacities. His work at GIZ focused on assisting African Institutions implement their mandates and was initially seconded to the African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR). Thereafter, he served as Technical Advisor under the GIZ programme to support the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI) and later worked as Project Manager under the GIZ programme to Support Pan-African Institutions (SPAI). In his home country of The Gambia, he worked at Gambia Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) as the Director in charge of Policy, Strategy and Consumer Affairs. Symerre holds a Bachelor's degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax Canada and a Masters of Arts degree in International Economics from the University of Colorado, Denver USA.



Ms. Moira Feil

Senior Policy Officer, G-20, German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ)

Dr. Moira Feil is a Senior Policy Officer at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, where she has specialised in strategic multilateral development policy since 2011. Responsible for sustainable development in the G7 and G20 team, her successes include setting the G7 agenda on sustainable supply chains in 2015 and promoting the 2030 Agenda within G20. During a secondment to UNDP Strategic Policy Unit in 2016, she supported the Chinese Presidency on the G20 Action Plan on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Prior to joining the German government, Moira developed and led the portfolio on natural resource governance and its links to peace and security at Adelphi, a think tank for sustainable development, for a decade. She holds degrees in International Relations and Peace Studies, European Studies, Sociology and Management.

Respondents



Mr. Elliott Harris

Director, UNEP Office, New York

Mr. Elliott Harris brings over 25 years of international experience in the fields of international economics and development policy analysis, coupled with knowledge of the United Nations system, multilateral and inter-agency coordination processes. He joined UNEP's Senior Management Team in 2013 as Director of the New York Office and Secretary to the Environment Management Group. He plays a central role in UNEP's contribution to the post-2015 development agenda, the Rio+20 Summit outcomes as well as the interagency coordination mechanisms such as the Environment Management Group (EMG) and the High-Level Committee on Programmes of the United Nations Chief Executives Board. Prior to joining UNEP, Mr. Harris began his career in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1988, where he worked in the African Department and the Fiscal Affairs Department. In 2002 he became an Adviser in the Policy Development and Review Department, and was appointed in 2008 as Special Representative to the United Nations, in addition to serving as Assistant Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department.



Mr. Trevor Davies

Global Head, International Development Assistance Services Institute, KPMG, United States

Mr. Davies leads the International Development Assistance Services Global Institute and works across KPMG's global network of member firms to bring insight from around the world to local clients. With over 20 years of experience providing public sector reform, public financial management and economic development services to development agencies, Mr. Davies has worked closely with both the public and private sectors. He also has extensive experience working in developing countries including Angola, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Turks and Caicos, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Mr. Davies is also a member of KPMG International Development Services Assistance Global Steering Committee. He is located in the US firm's Washington DC office.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Principles and guidelines governing UN-associated partnerships

Moderator



Ms. Lise Kingo

Executive Director of United Nations Global Compact

UN Global Compact CEO and Executive Director Lise Kingo brings to the position a wealth of experience and passion, coupled with extensive knowledge and understanding of strategic leadership and implementation of corporate sustainability. Prior to joining the UN Global Compact in 2015, Ms. Kingo was Chief of Staff, Executive Vice-President and member of the Executive Management at Novo Nordisk A/S for 12 years. At Novo Nordisk, she oversaw the company's participation in the UN Global Compact from the earliest days of the initiative and led the way to integrate sustainability into the heart of the business by collaborating with key external stakeholders and engaging employees internally. She also has experience across a range of business functions including human resources, business assurance, corporate communications, branding, public affairs and innovation culture. Previously, Ms. Kingo served at NovoZymes A/S for 12 years, holding various positions including Director of Environmental Affairs.

Speakers



Mr. Olav Kjørven

Director of Public Partnerships of UNICEF

Olav Kjørven was appointed Director of UNICEF's Public Partnerships Division in July 2014, and coordinates the organization's public resource mobilization and its work with governments on multi-lateral affairs as part of its mission to fulfill the rights of every child, everywhere. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Kjørven held a number of senior positions within the United Nations, including as the Special Adviser to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the Post-2015 development agenda. He was Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy for over six years, leading UNDP's work on accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and advancing the post-2015 agenda, including initiating an international conversation on 'The World We Want' through national, regional and global dialogue. As Director of Policy for UNDP he was a senior advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the 'Sustainable Energy For All' initiative and led the UN's engagement with the G20 Development Working Group. Mr. Kjørven advanced an integrated approach to sustainable development, bridging social, economic and environmental concerns as well as issues related to democratic governance.



Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro

Special Representative to the UN and Director, ILO Office for the United Nations

Mr. Pinheiro is the leading official responsible for issues related to the world of work at the UN. His portfolio includes the areas of employment and decent work, social protection, labour migration, youth employment, child and forced labour, gender economic empowerment, working conditions and labour rights. Mr Pinheiro was the ILO lead negotiator in the UN deliberations on the post 2015 development agenda and on financing for development. He is the co-chair of the UNDG Task Team on South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Interagency Coordination Board. Before moving to New York, Mr Pinheiro served as senior social protection adviser to the ILO Director General in Geneva since 2009. He was part of the ILO G20 Sherpa Team from 2009 to 2013 and acted as Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, headed by Ms. Michele Bachelet, which led to the adoption of the ILO recommendation on social protection floors. He was also the Director General Cabinet's focal point for the preparation of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) and its follow up.



Mr. Craig Mokhiber

Chief, Development & Economic & Social Issues Branch (DESIB) at Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

A lawyer and specialist in international human rights law, Mr. Mokhiber has served the UN since 1992. His early work included the design and implementation of programmes for human rights and the administration of justice, and for human rights in elections. Mr. Mokhiber led the development of OHCHR's original work on human rights-based approaches to development and human rights-sensitive definitions of poverty. He was also among the key persons responsible for the establishment of the Human Rights Council at the UN. His fieldwork includes dozens of leading human rights missions in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Mr. Mokhiber has lectured and taught human rights, has authored several publications on human rights, and has served on the Secretariats of the World Conference on Human Rights (1993), the Commission on Human Rights (1995), the Working Group on the Right to Development (2001), and the World Summit (2005). Before joining the UN, he worked as an NGO activist, human rights advocate, and lawyer in private practice.



Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton

Chief of PPP Programme, Economic Commission for Europe

Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton is the Chief of the Cooperation and Partnerships Section of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva. His current responsibility is promoting public-private partnerships for infrastructure development where he leads a programme on building the capacity of governments to undertake successful projects. Before joining the UNECE he has worked in UNCTAD, ILO, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Institute for Research on Multinational Enterprises in Paris. He holds a PhD and a Masters from the University of Glasgow, Scotland.



Nancy Aburi

Lead, Partnership Development and Network Support, Private Sector Partnerships, UNHCR

Ms. Aburi has 20 years of experience building strategic partnerships for Social Impact. Her career spans multiple cultural and geographic settings from Africa, to Europe and the Americas as well as causes from Children's Issues, Poverty, Gender Equality to Refugees. She is currently Head of New Partnerships at the UN Refugee Agency- UNHCR where she is responsible for identifying, negotiating and shaping partnerships with the private sector in support of Refugees. Such partnerships (such as UNHCR's partnerships with IKEA, Facebook, Google, Vodafone, Western Union, SAP, Uniqlo and others) include fundraising, sponsorship and strategic partnerships that addresses Refugees needs. Ms. Aburi has recently worked on two Refugee Coding Initiatives for Syrian refugees in Jordan that brought together players from private sector and can't wait to contribute to a similar initiative for Refugees now resettled in the US.



Dr. Louise Kantrow

Permanent Observer of the International Chamber of Commerce to the United Nations, New York

Dr. Louise Kantrow was appointed International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 2007. Since her appointment, Dr. Kantrow has been involved in multiple major UN conferences as ICC and private sector representative. Previously, she was co-organizing partner of the Business and Industry Major Group for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). Dr. Kantrow also leads the establishment and coordination of the work of the Global Business Alliance for Post-2015, a robust and inclusive business alliance that would provide positive private sector contributions to the formulation and implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Earlier in her career she served as senior advisor to the United Nations Population Fund and as director of operations at the Population Council. She worked for eighteen years as economic affairs officer in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, following service as a senior economist with the US Agency for International Development and as a population affairs officer with the UN.



Mr. Pietro Bertazzi

Deputy Director , Policy and Global Affairs, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Mr. Bertazzi joined the GRI Secretariat at Amsterdam, Netherlands in 2010. As Deputy Director – Policy and Global Affairs, his primary focus is to proactively contribute to GRI's full grasp and mastery of the policy field of sustainability reporting. He ensures strong and dynamic resource mobilizations with policy makers and capital markets operators and regulatory bodies as well as international organizations. He has been leading GRI activities related to major global and regional policy processes such as the Rio+20 Conference, the EU directive on Non-Financial Reporting and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Before joining GRI, Pietro worked for the Italian Section and the EU Institutions Liaison Office of Amnesty International on the issues of corporate accountability for human rights violations and International Financial Institutions' impact on human rights. Right before moving to Amsterdam he worked in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Team of a large Italian multinational company, contributing to the definition of the Group Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Report.