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Speaker Bios

Ms. Alicia BARCENA, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (*Introductory remarks*)



Ms. Bárcena assumed office as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on 1 July 2008. She had previously served as the Under-Secretary-General for Management at United Nations Headquarters in New York, Chef de Cabinet and Deputy Chef de Cabinet to the former Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. Alicia Bárcena held the post of Deputy Executive Secretary and Director of ECLAC's Environment and Human Settlements Division. Prior to her time at ECLAC, Ms. Bárcena served as Co-ordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), responsible for the Environmental Citizenship Project at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Alicia Bárcena holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and holds a Master degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. Mario PEZZINI, Director of the OECD Development Centre



Mr Mario Pezzini is Director of the OECD Development Centre. After having served for a year as Acting Director of the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate, he has been now nominated Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development. Before joining the Development Centre in 2010, Mario Pezzini held several senior management positions in the OECD, where he has been working since 1995. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines* de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. Also, Mr. Pezzini served as an Advisor in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics in international organisations and think tanks (e.g. ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy). Mr. Pezzini started his career in the Government office of the Emilia-Romagna Region.

Mr. Juan Pablo LIRA, Executive Director of AGCID, CHILE



Mr. Lira started his career in the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992 when he was appointed Ambassador and Chief of Staff of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. After that he served as Chilean Ambassador to Colombia and then acted as General Director of Ceremonies and Protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2000, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Chilean Foreign Minister and Advisor of the International Cooperation Agency of Chile, AGCI. Then he was Ambassador of Chile to Peru until 2006 when he worked as Director of the South American Department in the Ministry. In 2008 he was nominated as Director General of Foreign Policy. Subsequently he became Chilean Ambassador to Ecuador and then Permanent Representative of Chile to the Organization of American States (OAS) where he stayed until 2016. Mr. Lira has a degree in Public and Social Sciences and a Master in Political Science.

Mr. Fermin Melendro ARNAIZ, Head of Unit of the Regional Operations Latin America and Caribbean, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Ms. Sharon MILLER, Director, Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, JAMAICA

Mr. Adriano Campolina, Chief Executive Officer, ActionAid (*Lead discussant*)



Adriano Campolina is the Chief Executive of ActionAid International and has been working on the civil society leading human rights based development programmes and campaigns for the past 22 years. He is an agronomist with masters on agriculture, development and society. He has been a political activist since a high school student, leading the students association in his high school and college and being part of the liberation theology inspired Catholic Youth pastoral and as Minas Gerais State's Youth Secretary of the Worker's Party (PT). As a youth leader, Adriano had a strong participation on the Brazilian mobilisations towards democracy, new constitution, public education and agrarian reform in the 80's and early 90's.

Ms. Fareen WALJI, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) (*Lead discussant*)



Fareen Walji currently serves as AWID's Resourcing Women's Rights Program Manager, leading AWID's flagship program developing strategies and initiatives to ensure more and better resources dedicated to strengthening women's rights organizations and movements globally. She holds a B.A. in Political Science, an M.A. in Development Studies and a Masters in Women's Health. Prior experience includes various roles in rape crisis, and violence prevention, working with Aboriginal street youth and HIV positive women in Canada, human rights research in India, and humanitarian emergency relief, advocacy and human rights of people with disabilities projects in Indonesia. Fareen worked in the Asia Pacific region between 2008 and 2012 doing research, teaching and project management in the areas of disability, gender, violence against women, and public health.