

Speaker Bios Session 1

“Building sustainability and resilience through development cooperation”

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Ms. Judith Randel, Co-Founder, Strategic Adviser, Development Initiatives



Judith is a co-founder and Strategic Advisor of Development Initiatives. Together with Tony German, she provides direction for Development Initiatives. Prior to establishing Development Initiatives in 1992, Judith and Tony job-shared as director of public affairs at ActionAid. They have produced a wealth of publications and papers, notably as founding editors and advisors on Reality of Aid, 1991-2004. Judith is well known in the NGO and donor communities for her work on aid statistics, financing instruments and humanitarian aid trends and is a sought-after speaker on the issue. Judith notably directs the Global Humanitarian Assistance programme and our work with ONE/DATA.

H.E. Mr. Jaime Miranda, Deputy Minister of Development Cooperation, El Salvador



Jaime Miranda has a degree in economics and a master in Business administration. With studies in development cooperation, social policies, migration, human rights and small and medium-sized enterprises. Has experience as an economic researcher in national and international publications. Among his studies include: "Multilateral strategies on remittances for Central America"; "Social Investment in children and adolescents in El Salvador"; "Impact of the coffee crisis on children and adolescents in El Salvador" and "Formulation of institutional policy for three agencies". His professional experience has validated his profile to serve as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice-Minister of Cooperation for Development.

H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine



Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya is a career diplomat who during the last 25 years has held various diplomatic posts in Ukraine, Belgium, and the United States. From 2006 until March 2014, Mr. Kyslytsya held the post of the Director-General of the Directorate for International Organizations at the Foreign Ministry of Ukraine. In March 2014, he was appointed the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ukraine). Mr Kyslytsya is a member of the Delegation of Ukraine to 62nd -72nd sessions of the UN GA, a member of the Interagency high-level working group on organization of the process of adaption of SDGs for Ukraine, and a member of a range interagency commissions on gender equality and human rights issues. He is a Chair of the National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO. In addition, from 2015 to 2017, Mr. Kyslytsya was a Chair of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe (re-elected for 2016, in 2012-2014 - Vice-Chair of this Commission). Diplomatic rank: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Education: Master degree in International Law cum laude. Languages: Ukrainian, English, Russian, Spanish, French. Sergiy Kyslytsya and his son, Ian reside in Kyiv.

H.E. Ms. Joanne Adamson, Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to the UN



Ambassador Joanne Adamson, has been Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the United Nations in New York since 1 September 2016. Ambassador Adamson was UK Ambassador to Mali from August 2014 until August 2016, and non-Resident Ambassador to Niger from September 2015 to August 2016. Ambassador Adamson joined the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1989. She has served in Cairo, Jerusalem, at the UK Mission to the UN in New York, Washington, and at the UK Mission to the UN in Geneva. In addition to being the UK's Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament from 2011-2013, she was the UK's Chief Negotiator at the UN's Arms Trade Treaty diplomatic conferences in 2012 and 2013. Ambassador Adamson worked in the Security Policy Department of the FCO from 1989-1990, in the Middle East Department from 1995-1997 and in Counter Proliferation Department from 2007-2009. Ambassador Adamson has also worked with the United Nations in a number of field and HQ roles. She took unpaid leave from the UK Government to work for the United Nations in Gaza, Kosovo, and New York from 1999 to 2002. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern Languages from the University of Cambridge in 1989, and a Masters in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in May 2014. She speaks fluent Arabic and French, and some Hebrew and Spanish.

Mr. Jesse Griffiths, Director, EURODAD



Jesse became Eurodad Director in April 2012 and oversees the work of the team, including strategic planning, fundraising, network building, research and advocacy. Jesse was previously the Coordinator of the Bretton Woods Project since 2008. Prior to that he headed ActionAid UK's aid and development finance policy group, worked for the UK Department For International Development (DFID) in Nigeria, and in their environment policy department, as well as for other NGOs in the UK and elsewhere on both development finance and international environmental policy.

