

Speaker Bios Session 3 – Dialogue I  
“Getting better results for sustainable development: the role of National Development  
Cooperation Policies”

*Conference Room C, 21 May 2018, 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM*

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Ms. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos is the chief executive of the South African Institute of International Affairs, which she has led since 2005. With more than 26 years of experience in the field of politics and international relations, Elizabeth’s expertise lies in South Africa’s foreign policy, South-South Cooperation and the role of emerging powers in Africa. She has published on various aspects of South Africa’s foreign policy including on its peace-making model as a key dimension of its soft power, its development diplomacy and edited a volume on SA’s foreign policy in the first decade of democracy – Apartheid Past, Renaissance Future (SAIIA, 2004). She has also co-edited two books exploring the rise of the new development cooperation providers: Development cooperation and emerging powers: New Partners or Old Patterns (Zed Books, 2012) and Institutional Architecture and Development: Responses from Emerging Powers (Jacana, 2015). Ms Sidiropoulos serves on the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Future Council on the Future of Regional Governance.

Between 2012 and 2014 she served on the Scientific Advisory Board of Andris Piebalgs, the EU Development Commissioner. She is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Indian Foreign Affairs Journal, the journal of the Graduate Institute of International Development in Geneva and the Chinese Quarterly of Strategic Studies of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS). She is the editor-in-chief of the South African Journal of International Affairs.

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Ms. Rheyati is an engineer in environmental science, and graduate on project management. For more than 10 years, she worked in the Division of International Cooperation, in charge of issues regarding multilateral cooperation in the field of environment and sustainable development with international agencies, including the United Nations Agencies, the GEF and the Multilateral Development Banks. Ms. Rheyati is now Head of Multilateral Cooperation Service at the State Secretariat in charge of Sustainable Development.

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