

Speaker Bios Session 3 – Dialogue III

“Getting better results for sustainable development: the role of National Development Cooperation Policies”

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

Mr. Luca de Fraia, Deputy Secretary-General, ActionAid Italy



Luca de Fraia is the Deputy Secretary General of ActionAid Italia, which he joined in 2002. De Fraia has been a member of the CONCORD AidWatch working group from the start in 2006; since then, AidWatch has been publishing the annual EU accountability report that monitors ODA quantity and quality across the region. In 2008, he joined the Advisory Group to the UN Development Cooperation Forum on behalf of the ActionAid Federation as an alternate member and the CSO contact person. He is also an active member of several Italia national CSO networks. Before joining ActionAid, De Fraia was the national coordinator of the Italian Debt Campaign Sdebitarsi from 1989 to 2002. Luca De Fraia has participated in lobby and campaigning work for G8 Summits since Cologne in 1999. Since 2005, De Fraia has been actively involved in the international working group of GCAP and a member of the CSO group leading on advocacy and campaigning for the Italy G8 Summits in 2009 and 2017. From 1988 to 1998, De Fraia was an active member of the Italian anti-apartheid movement. Over the years, he has given various lectures and published articles on campaign and advocacy work in Italy.

Ms. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak, Director-General, Thailand International Cooperation Agency, Thailand



Mrs. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak has been the Director-General of Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) since December 2015. Over 30 years of her service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, she gained experiences from her works at Information Department; International Economic Affairs Department; Department of International Organizations; Department of South Asia, Middle East, and Africa; and her oversea assignments in Brussels, Geneva, Hong Kong, and Guangzhou. Prior to joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she was a Proofreader at “The Nations”, an English language Newspaper in Thailand and a Project Officer at Mitsui Sumitomo Telecommunication Project Office, Thailand. She holds a Master’s Degree in Development Studies from Ohio University, U.S.A. and a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science (International Relations) from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

Mr. Sergio Londoño Zurek, Director, Presidential Cooperation Agency, Colombia



Mr. Sergio Londoño Zurek was appointed Director General of the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia, APC-Colombia 16 February 2017. He is a Political Scientist with emphasis in International Relations from Javeriana University. Additionally, he holds a specialized degree in Government and Public Management from EAN University and completed graduate studies in Democracy and International Relations at Columbia University. His background and work experience in government set him as an expert in multilateral and bilateral relations, political and commercial relations among States and organizations. His expertise as a political scientist and internationalist has enabled him to understand current global affairs and develop skills in conflict resolution and international cooperation. He is particularly interested in fostering partnerships between the public and private sectors to further catalyze international cooperation, boosting Colombia’s development and advances towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Before joining APC-Colombia, he worked as an adviser for President Juan Manuel Santos. His previous work experience includes work in agencies such as the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of and the Cartagena Chamber of Commerce.

Hon. Dr. Juan Carlos Romero, Senator, Senate of the Nation, Argentina



Juan Carlos Romero is a lawyer from Argentina who is currently serving as a Senator in the Congress (since 2007). He believes in the importance of governments targeting public policies to reduce poverty and improving the wellbeing of a community. Juan Carlos Romero served 12 years as governor of the province of Salta (1995-2007) Accomplishing several social improvements as: 50% of reduction on infant and 60% on maternal mortality, and a 62% reduction on child malnutrition rate. He promotes quality in education as a key target to achieve social development. That is why while serving as a governor Romero established new schools within the province. An average of 1 school per month was created during his government, and the province achieved a minimum of 180 days of school's days. Also there was a strong investment on teachers' capacitation. Senator Romero is currently an active promoter of the SDGs within his country.

