

### Speaker Bios Session 3

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

*ECOSOC Chamber, 21 May 2018, 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM*

### **Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, UN**



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres appointed Elliott Harris of Trinidad and Tobago as Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. 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. Since 2015, Mr. Harris has served as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He joined UNEP’s Senior Management Team in 2013 as Director of the New York Office and Secretary to the Environment Management Group. Prior to joining UNEP, Mr. Harris began his career in the International Monetary Fund 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. Harris holds a Bachelor of Science in German and Political Science and an advanced degree in economics. He was awarded an Advanced Studies Certificate in international economics and policy research from the Institute of World Economics in Kiel, Germany.

### **H.E. Mr. Lahcen Daoudi, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of General Affairs and Governance, Kingdom of Morocco** *(special presentation)*

### **H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara, Minister attached to the Prime Minister and Secretary General of Cambodia Rehabilitation and Development Board (CRDB), Cambodia** *(special presentation)*



Mr. Chhieng Yanara has been Secretary General of the Cambodian Rehabilitation and Development Board (CRDB), which manages the public investment affairs of the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC), since its inception in 1994. In 2010, Mr. Chhieng Yanara was promoted as Minister Attached to the Prime Minister and was re-appointed as Minister Attached to the Prime Minister for the 5th mandate of the Royal Government (2013-2018). Joining the Ministry of Planning as a Deputy Director in 1983, he rose to become Director General of Planning Ministry during 1988-1993, where he was responsible for formulating and monitoring of the National Development Plan, prior to joining the Council for the Development of Cambodia in 1994. In 2001, Mr. Chhieng Yanara served as a member of the Supreme National Economic Council (SNEC), an elite think-tank of Samdech Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and became its Vice Chairman since mid-2007. Mr. Chhieng Yanara had served the Government in various important positions. From 1998-2010 he was Secretary General of the decentralization and de-concentration reform program which managed hundreds of millions of ODA resources in support to the sub-national development. He was member of the Cambodian Mine Action Center Board (CMAC) since 1996. He was nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) in 2014, and Vice Chairman of the National Social Protection Council in mid-2017. In addition, he had also served on the Board of Directors of several public bodies. During his assignment at CRDB over last 25 years, Mr. Chhieng Yanara has been one of the most important policy makers behind dialogue mechanisms with development partners, such as the Consultative Group (CG) meeting and spearheaded the shift from CG to the Cambodia Development Cooperation Forum (CDCF), and negotiation both bilateral and multilateral with development partner community. Mr. Chhieng Yanara obtained his dual BA degree, in Business and in Economics, from the University of Business and University of Law and Economics in 1974, and his PhD in Economics in 1990.