

## Speaker Biographies Session 6

### “Strengthening multi-layered review and assessment of development cooperation: what works?”

*ECOSOC Chamber, 22 May 2018, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM*

#### **Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA**



Mr. Navid HANIF joined the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in 2001. From 2001-2003 he was Senior Policy Adviser in the Division for Sustainable Development and member of the team for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002. He later joined the office of the Under-Secretary General for UNDESA and focused on departmental initiatives in various policy areas. He was appointed as the Chief of Policy Coordination Branch in the office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) support in 2004. In 2005, he was sent on a special assignment as Principal Officer in the Office of the UN Secretary-General and member of the team for the 2005 World Summit. In January, 2010, he was appointed as Head of the newly established DESA Strategic Planning Unit. In June 2012, he was appointed Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination. In 2018, he was appointed as Director for Financing for Sustainable Development Office. Prior to joining the UN, he held various assignments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, including staff officer to the Foreign Secretary. He was posted to the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York in 1995. Mr. Hanif holds Masters in International Political Economy from Columbia University, New York and Masters in English Literature from Government College, Lahore.

#### **Mr. David Mehdi Hamam, Director, Office of the Special Advisor on Africa to the UN Secretary-General**



Mr. David Mehdi Hamam is currently Director of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa. Mr. Hamam has also served as the Acting Special Adviser on Africa during the period May 2017 through March 2018. In his over 25 years of experience, Mr. Hamam has occupied various positions as country economist, senior and chief economist, as well as Chief, in various departments and offices in the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations, with particular focus on African issues including socio-economic development, finance, trade, capacity development, South-South cooperation, and the nexus between sustainable development, peace and security, among others. Mr. Hamam has also taught various economics and business courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels in French and American Universities including the American University, George Washington University and Sciences Politiques Paris. During his tenure at the World Bank, IMF and United Nations, he has written and coauthored various papers on international trade, regional integration, and economic development. Mr. Hamam holds a PhD in International Economics from the American University in Washington DC and a Doctorate degree in Macroeconomics and Development Economics from the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France.

#### **Ms. Ana Ciuti, Director General, International Cooperation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Argentina and Chair, Intergovernmental Council of the Iberoamerican Program for the Strengthening of South-South cooperation (SEGIB)**



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**Ms. Michele Demers, CEO and Founder, Boundless Impact Investing**



Michele has 20 years of experience as a philanthropy executive, strategist, and social entrepreneur. She is Founder and CEO of Boundless Impact Investing, a market intelligence platform that provides high-quality, objective, and actionable research and tools to family offices and private investors interested in maximizing the social and environmental impact of their investments. From 2010-2013, she was Vice President at Foundation Source where she built a knowledge platform on best practices in philanthropy that was used by a network of 1200 family foundations. From 2007-2008, Michele was the Director of Communications for Humanity United, a humanitarian foundation created by Pam Omidyar and eBay founder Pierre Omidyar. She has been involved in the successful development of more than two-dozen philanthropic and nonprofit start-ups, including her own, Tattersall Consulting, from 2002 to 2007. Michele is regularly called upon for her innovative thinking

about the impact investing and social innovation, and she sits on several boards. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and has a Master's in International Relations and Communications from Boston University.

**Mr. Rahul Malhotra, Head of Division, Reviews, Results, Evaluation and Development Innovation, OECD**



Rahul Malhotra, Head of Division, Reviews, Results, Evaluation and Development Innovation (RREDI), Development Co operation Directorate, OECD. Rahul provides strategic oversight and contributions to DAC Peer Reviews, the development results community of practice and evaluation network, and the flagship Development Co-operation Report. He will also establish a new workstream on innovation for development. Rahul was appointed to his current position in March 2018, having joined OECD in October 2013 as senior policy analyst in the peer review team. Previously he spent 11 years working with the UK Department for International Development (DFID) including in Rwanda and China. Before joining DFID, he worked as a researcher at both the London School of Economics and the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex. He has also

worked with various non-governmental organizations in Colombia, Sri Lanka and India. Rahul holds a Masters in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics.

**Ms. Erin Palomares, Global Secretariat Coordinator, Reality of Aid Global *(speaking from the floor)***

