

Speaker Biographies Session 7

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

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Dr. Lilly Nicholls, Director of Development Research, Development Policy Bureau, Global Affairs, Canada



Dr. Nicholls has 27 years of experience in the field of international development. She is currently Director of the Development Research Division at the Canadian International Development Agency, where she is spearheading efforts to promote evidence-based policy through a proactive development research and knowledge-sharing agenda both within and beyond Global Affairs Canada. Prior to joining the Canadian International Development Agency, Dr. Nicholls worked as community workers, poverty reduction specialist with UNDCP and as a consultant with diverse civil society organizations. Her career includes work in international organizations, civil society, academia and government. She has researched and published on global poverty reduction approaches, human development policies, and both aid and organizational effectiveness issues. Dr. Nicholls has a PhD from the Department of International Development at LSE.

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahimi, Deputy Minister of Economy, Afghanistan



Mohammad Ismail Rahimi was born in 1977 in Kabul, Afghanistan. In 1996, he joined Medical Faculty of Balkh University in 1996 and earned his MD in 2003. In March 2008, he completed his MBA from Mariam Rashid Khan University and in June 2009 Mr. Rahimi obtained his second Masters in Policy Economics from the Williams College University. Mohammad Ismail Rahimi has served in various Government positions and International Organizations, such as Regional Manager of Youth and Children Development Program, Community Development Coordinator with Mercy Corps Urban Community Empowerment project and saving and investment program officer with UN- Habitat Literacy and community Empowerment project. In 2007, he began working as Sector Coordinator for “Afghanistan National Development Strategy”. In 2009, he joined Ministry of Economy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as Poverty Reduction Expert where he served as

General Director of Policy and Result Based Monitoring. Mr. Rahimi authored a number of publications and papers on several important topics of Current Global Crisis and Developing Countries Response, and Government Effectiveness, among others. On 29th July 2015, Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahimi was proposed as technical Deputy by H.E Abdul Sattar Murad Minister of Economy and appointed by H.E. President Mohammed Ashraf Ghani.

Ms. Gladys Ghartey, Head, UN Unit, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ghana



Ms. Gladys Ghartey is the Head of the United Nations System Unit of Ministry of Finance. She joined the Ministry of Finance in August 1996. As Head of the United Nations System Unit at MOF, her core responsibility is to ensure that all UN System related development interventions are aligned to the policy priorities of Government of Ghana. She thus coordinates and oversees the preparation, appraisal, agreement and implementation of development interventions/programmes of the 21 UN agencies operating in Ghana. In addition, she is the Government of Ghana’s lead technical official on Development Effectiveness, the focal person for the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) and the Effective Institutions Platform (EIP). Since June, 2013 she has been a member of Advisory Group of the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum (UN-DCF), supporting efforts at steering the global development agenda. She was a member of the UN Team of Experts that drafted the Financing for Development (FFD) outcome document, and a member of Ghana’s delegation that negotiated Ghana’s position for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



H.E. Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, Member of Parliament, Riksdag, Sweden



Margareta Cederfelt is a Swedish politician. She has been a member of the Swedish Parliament since 1999. In the Swedish Parliament, she serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on European Affairs. With extensive experience in election observation, Ms. Cederfelt led OSCE election observation delegations to Tajikistan and Turkey, and served as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observer mission to Montenegro. She was elected OSCE Vice President in 2017. In addition to her work with the OSCE PA, she is also active with Parliamentarians for Global Action, where she serves as Chair of the National Board. She obtained a Bachelor of Nursing from Queen Sophia University of Nursing and a Master of Social Science from Uppsala University.

Ms. Prima Tukamushaba, Youth Representative, Ntungamo District Local Government, Uganda



Born on 20th June 1992 in Rukoni, Ntungamo District, Ms. Tukamushaba Prima went to Rukoni Primary School, joined Aisha Girls High School in Insingiro District for Ordinary Level Certificate and Kyeizoba Girls High School in Bushenyi District for her Advanced Level Certificate. She later joined Mbarara University of Science and Technology of Uganda in 2011 from where she graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2015. She was elected a Youth Representative, Ntungamo District Youth Council of Ntungamo District Local Government of Uganda for a five-year term in 2011. Ms. Tukamushaba was re-elected for another five year term in 2016. During her tenure, she has advocated for youth involvement in the development planning and youth employment. At the National Youth Council she was part of the youth delegates who lobbied government to introduce programmes dedicated to Youth empowerment which culminated in the introduction of the Youth Livelihood programme which has benefited thousands of Youths across the country. When the Youth Council is not in Session, Ms. Tukamushaba works as a business development Agent at the Jubilee Life Insurance Uganda Ltd. Her work involves encouraging Parents to save with the Insurance Company for investment, health and education for their children.

