

Session II

16:15 – 17:30 PM, ECOSOC Chamber

Chair

Ambassador Palma Cerna is currently his country's representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, in which he has served as Vice-president for his region since December 2015, taking charge of the Council's Operational Activities for Development Segment, including the responsibility of conducting the Second Phase of the ECOSOC Dialogue on the long-term positioning of the United Nations Development System. As a diplomat he has served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Honduras to UNESCO where he represented his country in five intergovernmental committees. Prior to that he served as Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Government and Justice; advisor to the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports; and Special Advisor to the President of Congress.



Moderator

Dr Dhananjayan (Danny) Sriskandarajah has been Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS since January 2013. Headquartered in Johannesburg, CIVICUS is the global civil society alliance with members in 170 countries. His previous roles have included Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Interim Director of the Commonwealth Foundation, and Deputy Director of the Institute for Public Policy Research. Danny is the author of numerous reports and academic articles on international migration and economic development. He sits on the boards of several organisations and was a member of the United Nations Secretary General's High Level Panel on Humanitarian Finance. Danny holds a degree from the University of Sydney, and an MPhil and DPhil from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. In 2012, he was chosen as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Born in Sri Lanka and a national of Australia, Dr Sriskandarajah has lived and worked in five continents, and been invited to speak at events in over 50 countries. He can be found @civicussg on Twitter and Facebook



Keynote Speaker



Jong-moon Choi is the Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.

He is responsible for Korea's international development cooperation, engagement with the United Nations, and international legal affairs. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea in 1983 as a career diplomat, served at the Korean Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations in New York, Korean Embassies in Thailand, the United States of America, Myanmar, and was Ambassador to Sri Lanka. Before becoming the Deputy Minister, he was Special Advisor to the Minister as well as Sherpa for the Nuclear Security Summit. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations in Yonsei University of Korea, and is married with one son and one daughter.

Speakers



Dr. Palouki Massina has served as the Government Secretary General of the Republic of Togo since 2003.

He is also the focal point in charge of the Public Administration and Modernization Policy at the Prime minister's Office of Togo and has served in different capacities in the public sector of Togo including, serving as the Director General of Posts and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority; Advisor to the President; legal advisor to the President of the National Assembly; legal advisor to the Privatization Commission; member of the Electoral Commission; and member of the Constitutional Drafting Commission. He has practical involvement and understanding in the modernization of Public Administration in Francophone Africa. He is teaching public finance at the University of

Lome and political science at the University of Kara (Togo). Dr. Massina has a PhD (Doctorat d'Etat) in Public Law (Droit Public) and a Master's degree in communication sciences from the University of Paris 2 (Assas-Pantheon)



Mr. Admasu Gedamu Nebebe is Director of the UN Agencies and Regional Economic Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in Ethiopia. His tasks include mobilizing external funding for the country's development programmes, monitoring and evaluating programmes' implementation and ensuring the achievement of intended development results. He is also a focal person on aid coordination in Ethiopia. In this context, he leads the establishment of the aid architecture in the country, serves as Chair of the Harmonization Taskforce established by the Development Assistance Group and the Government of Ethiopia

High Level Forum, and is the focal person and assumes the Secretariat of the Forum. He has recently been tasked to represent Ethiopia in the negotiation process of global and UN climate financing. Mr. Nebebe has a Master's Degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (The Netherlands) and a Bachelor's degree in Management and Public Administration from Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)



Mark Van de Vreken is Deputy Chief of Staff for Development Cooperation to Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecom and Post Alexander De Croo. He joined the Belgian diplomatic service in 2006 and held postings as Political Counsellor to Moscow and Deputy Chief of Mission to Warsaw. Prior to joining the diplomatic service, he served as policy advisor to the Belgian Foreign Ministers Karel De Gucht and Louis Michel, as well as to the Minister-president of Flanders Patrick Dewael. He studied Political Science at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and holds Master degrees from the University of Kent at Canterbury and the Johns Hopkins

University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He is a former Fulbright, AmCham Belgium and Chevening scholar.



Riikka Laatu assumed her post as Deputy Director General in the Department for Development Policy of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on July 1st 2013. She has 30 years of experience in the field of Development Cooperation both with bilateral institutions and multilateral organizations.

She was born in Finland. She completed her studies at the University of Helsinki and majored in Geography graduating in 1984. She also worked there as Research Assistant and Lecturer from 1981 to 1985.

She started her diplomatic career in 1985 and was assigned first to the Department for Development Cooperation and worked there with Environmental Issues, Cultural Issues and Development

Research until 1987.

Following an initial work experience at International Labor Organization ILO in the Philippines and in the South Pacific/Suva from 1987 to 1990 she returned to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki. In 1997 she was transferred to Dar es Salaam where she served as Head of Cooperation and Deputy Head of Mission (until 2000).

From 2007 to 2011 she was assigned as Permanent Representative to UN-organizations in Rome.



Martin Shearman is an ambassador at the UK Mission to the United Nations responsible for development and human rights issues. Martin is a career diplomat and took up his current post in 2013. He previously served as British High Commissioner to Uganda, Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria, and on diplomatic postings in Asia and Europe, including secondment to the NATO International Secretariat. In his current role he was deeply involved in negotiation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including supporting former Prime Minister Cameron's chairmanship of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



Adriano Campolina is the Chief Executive of ActionAid International and has been working in the civil society, leading human rights based development programmes and campaigns for the past 22 years. Mr Campolina started his professional career as dairy farmer worked with local NGOs in country side Brazil, where he was born implementing local development programs in many communities. He has also been Executive Director of ActionAid Brazil, where he pioneered international fundraising from emerging countries

in combination with strong local programmes. Mr Campolina has been ActionAid International's CEO since 2014, and has restructured the organisation to further devolve power to its members and also led a coalition building with other INGOs and networks to fight together against inequality.

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