

Session IV

9:00 – 11:00 AM, ECOSOC Chamber

Chair

The The Permanent Representative of Estonia, **Ambassador Sven Jürgenson** joined the Estonian foreign service 25 years ago. From 1998 to 2000, he was the Estonian Ambassador to the UN, and from 2000 to 2003 served as the Ambassador to the United States, Canada and Mexico. From 2003 to 2006, he was the undersecretary for political affairs of the Estonian Foreign Ministry and from 2006 to 2010 worked as the foreign policy advisor of the President of Estonia. Before assuming the post of the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN, from 2010 until August 2015 Sven Jürgenson was Estonia's Ambassador to France and since 2011 also Ambassador to Monaco and from 2014 as well to Tunisia



Moderator

Ms. Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso is the Director at African Monitor (AM). AM is a continental body set up to act as a catalyst to monitor development resource commitments, delivery and impact on the grassroots, and to bring strong additional African voices to the development agenda. Ms. Mniki-Mangaliso also served as Head of the Secretariat for the Africa CSO Working on Post-2015. The African CSO Working Group has been an important part of the UN HLP outreach process, ensuring that the voices, aspirations and perspectives of Africans are incorporated into the new development agenda.

Prior to taking up the position at African Monitor, Ms. Mniki-Mangaliso was the Head of Secretariat for the Mandela Institute for Development Studies. She is a development activist with extensive experience in starting and managing development-focused organisations working in Africa. As a development activist, she has extensive technical skills in policy analysis, research and advocacy. She is passionate about human rights, Africa's development agenda and grassroots involvement and participation in their own development trajectory. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, a BA Honours, and an MBA.



Speakers



Thomas Gass was appointed by the Secretary-General as Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in UN DESA and he took office on 3 September 2013. From 2009 to 2013, he served as Head of the Mission of Switzerland to Nepal (Ambassador and Country Director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), where he established the Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal, and ensured the delivery of a development cooperation programme of up to 33 million dollars a year. He also chaired the Donors of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund, the main instrument for international support to Nepal's peace process.

Before his posting to Nepal from 2004 to 2009, Mr. Gass was Head of the Economic and Development Section at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York, where he represented Switzerland's interests, in particular in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In 2006, he was the Vice-President for Western European and Other Group (WEOG) of the Commission on Population and Development, and in 2008 he was the Vice-President (WEOG) of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA. Thomas Gass holds a PhD in natural sciences from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and a MSc and engineering diploma in agricultural sciences from the same Institute.



Twesiime Fred Tabura is an economist with over 15 years of professional economist and development experience. Possesses technical skills in policy analysis and reform, research, as well as monitoring and evaluation specifically in the areas of development effectiveness. Has experience in the full range of public policy management, budgeting and public investment/ expenditure management. Over a fifteen year career, he designed, managed and reviewed a number of major development policies and also coordinated implementation of development programmes and Performance Measurement Framework. Holds a master's degree in Economic Policy and Planning and an honours degree in Economics from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.



As Deputy Director of the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate, Brenda Killen leads work to improve policy-making, delivery, monitoring and accountability of global development assistance. Ms. Killen joined the OECD in 2007 and has over 25 years' experience leading the design and delivery of international development programmes. Previously, as Deputy Director of Health Policy, Development and Services at the World Health Organization, she helped define WHO's development policy and role in accelerating progress towards the health Millennium Development Goals. She has

worked for the UK Department for International Development in several senior roles. An experienced economist, Ms. Killen has extensive field experience in Africa.



Petra Bayr is Member of the Austrian Parliament and chair of the subcommittee on development politics. Since 2013 she is Steering Committee Member of the Inter-parliamentary Coalition for Combating Anti-Semitism. As Member of the Governing Council of AWEPA International (The Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa) she is working on the partnership between European and African Parliaments. As Treasurer of PGA - Parliamentarians for Global Action – she works on international Criminal Justice in the context of Parliaments.



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi is Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based autonomous Think-Tank. He works on issues related to development cooperation policies and South-South cooperation. He has also worked on trade and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO. Dr. Chaturvedi has worked as consultant to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, World Bank, UN-ESCAP, UNESCO, OECD, the Commonwealth Secretariat, IUCN, and to the Government of India's Department of Biotechnology and the

Ministry of Environment and Forests, among other organizations.



Ms. Rosario Zeballos Arnéz is the Legal Advisor and Coordinator for the Central Government and the International Institutions for the Autonomous Regional Government of Chaco Tarijeño, Villa Montes, Bolivia. Ms. Arnéz completed her primary and secondary studies in the city of Villa Montes, and her higher education at the Universidad de los Andes in La Paz, Bolivia, where she graduated as an Attorney at Law. She has also worked in various public and private institutions as a Legal Advisor. Ms. Arnéz was born on 24 February 1974 in the city of Villa Montes, Tarija in the Country of Bolivia.

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