

Session V

11:00 – 13:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber

Chair

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

Matthew Martin is Director of Development Finance International (DFI), a non-profit organization which specialises in capacity-building, analysis and research on how to mobilise the best development financing, and spend it effectively on key Sustainable Development Goals. DFI has worked with more than 60 developing countries, as well as donors, parliamentarians and civil society groups. Mr. Martin also directs Debt Relief International (DRI) which performs similar functions on debt relief, and Government Spending Watch which does the same on government spending. He has been senior advisor to the Development Cooperation Forum since 2006. He was previously employed by the World Bank, Oxford University and the Overseas Development Institute. For more details, see www.development-finance.org and www.governmentspendingwatch.org



Keynote Speaker



Magdalena Gerger is the CEO & President of Systembolaget AB since May 2009. Systembolaget is a Swedish retailer of wines, beers and spirits, with sales of 2,6 billion Euro and 5,000 employees. The company is a Swedish State Owned Enterprise and one of the largest purchasers of wine world wide. She holds a non executive board position with Investor AB and Husqvarna AB and has previously held non executive board positions with for instance IKEA (Ingka Holding BV). Prior to joining Systembolaget, Magdalena was a Senior Vice President of Arla Foods with responsibility for Global Fresh Dairy and Marketing & Innovation – portfolio, products & brands. Magdalena previously held positions as Category Head at Nestle UK - for Retail Coffee. At Tambrands (now Procter & Gamble) she held the position as UK Marketing Director and at ICI Paints UK as Marketing Director. She graduated with an MBA from Stockholm School of Economics in

1989 and did an exchange with McGill University as well as writing her thesis in Costa Rica for the Swedish International Development Aid agency.

Speakers



Alejandro Gamboa assumed the directorship of the Colombian Presidential Agency of International Cooperation (APC-Colombia) on December 23, 2014. Gamboa holds a degree in Economics from Los Andes University in Bogota, and a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University in New York. For his achievements in the field of international finance, he was awarded with the Organization of American States (OAS) Scholarship in 2001. Before joining APC-Colombia, Gamboa was Senior Advisor to the Executive Director at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). During his four year tenure, he led the first ever contribution of the Colombian Government to two of the Banks multi-donor funds.



Ambassador Pio Wennubst (born in 1961 in Lugano), an agro-economist specialised in systemic approaches by training, has long experience in development diplomacy based on extensive field work in areas such as rural development, microfinance and public health.

After a period as managing director of a Swiss chemical company, he moved to the public sector as an academic researcher. In 1992, he began working in the field of development cooperation for the UN in Nepal. He joined the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in 1995 and was initially posted to Bolivia and subsequently to Madagascar where he was tasked with reorganising Swiss development cooperation activities. After a period as an economist at the SDC's head office in Bern, in 2004 Pio Wennubst was appointed SDC country director in Dar es

Salaam, Tanzania.

From 2008 to 2011, he was the deputy permanent representative of the Swiss mission to the Rome-based UN agencies. From 2010, he was also in charge of the SDC's Global Programme Food Security. He later joined the Swiss permanent mission to the UN in New York as head of the economic and social development team. He currently manages the Global Cooperation Department as assistant director general of the SDC.



John B. Finnigan joined Citi ten years ago and is currently the Head of Development Organizations for the Corporate and Investment Banking's Public Sector. Prior to his current role, John served as Head of Sales and Account Management for Citi's Transaction Services' Commercial Cards and Payments business for North America, leading a team that was responsible for generating new and incremental business across the top global clients within Citi's Institutional Client Group.

John has over 19 years of experience in banking and has an extensive background in servicing the complex needs of the Public Sector. Prior to joining Citi, John held a variety of sales and market development positions with The Bank of New York, US Trust and Commerce Bank. John completed The Bank of New York's corporate credit training program following earning his Bachelor's degree from The University of South Carolina.



Mohamed Nizar is the President of Privatization and Corporatization board which is an independent body responsible for Strengthening and monitoring the commercial activities and increase the speed of commercial growth together with their performance. Mr.Nizar has a Master's in Business Administration and has participated and represented in various workshops and seminars on strengthening and monitoring the state owned entities throughout the world. Mr. Nizar has previously filled Senior posts at State trading organization, one of the leading state owned enterprises of Maldives. Mr. Nizar has a key role in privatization and public sector development in Maldives



Cordelia Lonsdale is a **Policy and Engagement Adviser at Development Initiatives**, an independent international development organisation focused on ending poverty by 2030. Cordelia works to inform policymakers and influence global policy processes, particularly to enhance the transparency and effectiveness of development finance. Prior to working at DI, she worked in business development and policy communications for an international development charity which supported entrepreneurship in the MENA region. She is also the founder of the South West International Development Network, a non-profit professional networking organisation. Cordelia holds an MSc in International Relations, and is a British-Australian currently living in Bristol, UK.



Rajiv Joshi is the Managing Director of The B Team based in New York and is working actively with some of the world's most influential CEOs to help redefine the role of business, as a driver of sustainable development

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