Conceptualizing Development Cooperation in the SDG era
12:00 – 13:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber

Speakers

His Excellency Mr. Oh Joon is Seventy-first President of the Economic and Social Council. He is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York. He is serving as the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for a one year term, starting July 24, 2015. In addition, he serves as the President of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). He also served as President of the Security Council for May 2014 during the 2013-2014 term.

Prior to this position, he was Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Singapore (2010-13), Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Seoul (2008-10), Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Korea to the United Nations in New York (2005-2007), Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) for the 2006 session and Deputy Chef de Cabinet (Office of the President of General Assembly, 56th session of the UN General Assembly (2001 to 2002).

He was a visiting scholar at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (1990-91) and a member of the Korea Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum (WEF) (2010-13).

He received a Master’s degree in International Policy Studies from Stanford University (1991-92); a diploma in International and Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1982-83); and a Bachelor’s in French literature from Seoul National University (1974-78).
Mr. Wu Hongbo is United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Prior to his appointment on 1 August 2012, Mr. Wu served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Germany, and as China’s Ambassador to the Philippines.

Mr. Wu also served as Director and Director-General of the Department of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and China’s Chief Representative of Sino-British Joint Liaison Group. He was extensively engaged in a broad range of social and economic issues relating to Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Region) and Macao SAR, including as a leading official responsible for handling Hong Kong SAR’s ties with over 30 international organizations and the continued application of over 200 international conventions to Hong Kong SAR.

Mary Robinson is President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the Elders and the Club of Madrid and the recipient of numerous honours and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President of the United States Barack Obama. In May 2016 Mary was appointed by the UN Secretary General as his Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate. She sits on the advisory board of Sustainable Energy For All (SE4All) and is also a member of the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. Between 2013 and 2015 Mary served as the UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy in two roles; first for the Great Lakes region of Africa and then on Climate Change.

A former President of the International Commission of Jurists and former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders she was President and founder of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative from 2002-2010 and served as Honorary President of Oxfam International from 2002-2012.

Mary Robinson serves as Patron of the Board of the Institute of Human Rights and Business, is an honorary member of The B Team, in addition to being a board member of several organisations including the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the European Climate Foundation. She serves as Chancellor of the University of Dublin since 1998. Mary’s memoir, Everybody Matters was published in September 2012.
Jomo Kwame Sundaram holds the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia, and is Visiting Senior Fellow at Khazanah Research Institute and Visiting Fellow at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University. He was Professor at the University of Malaya (1986-2004), Founder-Chair of International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs), UN Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development (2005-12), Research Coordinator for the G24 Intergovernmental Group on International Monetary Affairs and Development during 2006-12, and Assistant Director General for Economic and Social Development, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (2012-15). He received the 2007 Wassily Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.