

Official Opening of the 5th Biennial High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum 11:30 – 12:00 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).





On 2 March 2012, **Jan Eliasson was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations** by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. He took office as Deputy Secretary-General on 1 July 2012.

Mr. Eliasson was from 2007-2008 the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Darfur. Prior to this, Jan Eliasson served as President of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly. He was Sweden's Ambassador to the US from September 2000 until July 2005. In March 2006, Mr. Eliasson was appointed Foreign Minister of Sweden and served in this capacity until the elections in the fall of 2006.

Mr. Eliasson served from 1994 to 2000 as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, a key position in formulating and implementing Swedish foreign policy. He was Sweden's Ambassador to the UN in New York 1988-92, and also served as the Secretary-General's Personal Representative for Iran/Iraq.

Mr. Eliasson was the first UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and was involved in operations in Africa and the Balkans. He took initiatives on landmines, conflict prevention and humanitarian action. 1980-1986, Mr. Eliasson was part of the UN mediation missions in the war between Iran and Iraq, headed by former Prime Minister Olof Palme. In 1993-94 Mr. Eliasson served as mediator in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). He has been a Visiting Professor at Uppsala University and Gothenburg University in Sweden, lecturing on mediation, conflict resolution and UN reform. Mr. Eliasson has had diplomatic postings in New York (twice) Paris, Bonn, Washington (twice) and Harare, where he opened the first Swedish Embassy in 1980.

Prior to his appointment as Deputy Secretary-General, Jan Eliasson also served as Chair of Water Aid/Sweden and a member of the UN Secretary-General's Advocacy Group of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

WANG Bingnan was born in Sept. 1961. He is currently the Assistant Minister of Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM). His portfolio covers the Department of Market System Development, the Department of Electronic Commerce and Informatization, the Bureau of Administrative Support, China International Electronic Commerce Center and the Circulation Industry Promotion Center





Thomas Silberhorn was appointed Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development in February 2014. Prior to this appointment, he was Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Parliament (Bundestag). He has been a Member of the German Bundestag since 2002, representing the constituency of Bamberg-Forchheim.

The focus of his work is on core development issues for the future: human rights and good governance, education, health, poverty reduction, water supply and sanitation, energy and resources. Mr Silberhorn also concerns himself with globalisation and trade issues and the new agenda for United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

He is Germany's Governor at the African Development Bank. And he is responsible for bilateral development cooperation with the continent of Africa. This also entails playing a major role in shaping the German government's strategy for the 54 countries of Africa. Thomas Silberhorn was born on 12 November 1968 in Kemmern, Germany; he is married with two children

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