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**Day 1 (Monday, 8 May)**

**10:00 – 11:30**

**Opening of the Integration Segment**



**H.E Mr. Nabeel Munir (Pakistan), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council**

H.E. Ambassador Nabeel Munir is a career diplomat who joined Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1993.

In his illustrious career, Amb. Munir has done both bilateral and multilateral diplomatic assignments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad and Pakistan Missions abroad. He has served in South Africa (1997-2000); Belgium (2003-2006) and Kenya (2006-2009). Since 2012 Amb. Munir has been posted to the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, initially as Minister, and since July 2015 as the Deputy Permanent Representative. He was also part of the Pakistan’s Security Council team during its last term in 2012-13.

At the Headquarters in Islamabad, Amb. Munir has served as Assistant Director in the Personnel and Middle East Divisions; Deputy Director in the UN Division and as Director China, Japan and Korea. He has also served in the President of Pakistan’s Secretariat as Director. Ambassador Munir holds Masters degree in English Literature, and before joining the Foreign Service of Pakistan he was associated with the national daily newspaper ‘Frontier Post’. He is married and has two children.



**H.E Mr. Masud Bin Momen (Bangladesh), Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and Acting President of the General Assembly**

Prior to his appointment, he had been Bangladesh’s Ambassador to Japan since August 2012. Before that, he had served since August 2008 as his country’s Ambassador to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Fund for Agricultural Development.

From 2006 to 2008, he was Director-General for Bangladesh’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for matters related to South Asia, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation and the United Nations. He was Deputy Commissioner at the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, India, from 2004 to 2006, having been Director of Poverty Alleviation at SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 2001 to 2004. From 1998 to 2001, he was Director in charge of the Foreign Ministry’s United Nations Wing and Foreign Secretary’s Office in Dhaka. He holds a master’s degree in international relations from Tufts University in the United States, and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Dhaka University in Bangladesh.



**H.E Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations**

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed was Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from November 2015 to December 2016, where she steered the country’s efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning, where she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals.

Before joining the UN, Ms. Mohammed worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria, serving as Special Advisor on the Millennium Development Goals, providing advice on issues including poverty, public sector reform and sustainable development, and coordinating programmes worth \$1 billion annually for MDG-related interventions.

She is also an Adjunct Professor in Development Practice at Columbia University, and serves on numerous international advisory boards and panels, including the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Post-2015 Development Agenda, the Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development, the Global Development Program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the African Women's Millennium Initiative, Girl Effect, 2016 African Union Reform and the ActionAid International Right to Education Project. Ms. Mohammed began her 35-year career in the private sector with architects and engineers responsible for the project management of health, education and public sector buildings. Born in 1961, and educated in Nigeria and the UK, Ms. Mohammed is married with six children.



**H.E Ms. Joyce Banda, Member, Club de Madrid, former President of Malawi**

An entrepreneur, activist, politician, and philanthropist, Her Excellency Dr. Joyce Banda was also the President of the Republic of Malawi (2012-2014). She was Malawi's first female president and Africa's second. Before becoming President of Malawi, Dr. Banda served as a Member of Parliament; Minister of Gender and Child Welfare; and Foreign Minister and Vice President of the Republic of Malawi. While serving as Minister of Gender and Child Welfare, Dr. Banda championed the enactment of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Bill in 2006, which provides a legal framework for the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls. A recipient of more than 15 international accolades including the "Hunger Project Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger" shared with President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique in 1997, President Banda is a strong advocate for women and girls' emancipation and empowerment and a prominent civil rights campaigner. She founded the Joyce Banda Foundation International, which guides projects that range from empowering women to providing for orphans' education.

On the international scene, President Dr. Banda was instrumental in the formation of such organizations as the African Federation of Women Entrepreneurs (AFWE), currently running in 41 countries in Africa; the Council for the Economic Empowerment of Women in Africa (CEEWA); and the American & African Business Women's Alliance (AABWA), of which she served as First President. President Banda sits on a number international organization bodies. These include the Executive Advisory Committee of UNIFEM, the Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health, and the Scientific Advisory Board for the program in Global Health and Social Change at Harvard Medical School.



**Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Founder of Akhuwat and former General Manager of the Punjab Rural Support Programme, Pakistan**

A medical graduate from King Edward Medical College, Dr. Amjad Saqib was selected for the nation's topmost bureaucratic institution, the elite Civil Service of Pakistan in 1985. He resigned in 2003 with the intent to dedicate himself to becoming a social entrepreneur and make a difference in societal change through Akhuwat – which had already been launched in 2001.

The salient feature of his public service career was his last assignment, a five-year stint as general manager of the Punjab Rural Support Programme (PRSP) from 1998 to 2003. This made him realize that "something different had to be done", and this desire to do 'something different', something more effective as a panacea for the poor, spurred him on to conceive and

introduce an interest-free microfinance model based on the idea of Muakhat or brotherhood. This makes Akhuwat a unique microfinance organization – indeed the first of a kind. The model has by now been replicated by many organizations but at close to \$110 million in disbursed amount Akhuwat remains the largest such institution in the world.



**Mr. Chernor Bah, Youth Advocate, Youth Representative on the High-level Steering Committee of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Global Education First Initiative and Chair of the Initiative’s Youth Advocacy Group**

Chernor Bah is an advocate for global education and a champion for girls. He leads the Population Council’s work on post-emergency programs for adolescent girls in Sierra Leone. Before joining the Population Council, Bah was the youth engagement coordinator for A World at School, a global campaign to ensure that all children have the opportunity to thrive and learn. He co-founded the campaign in 2013 with Sarah Brown, Justin van Fleet, and Gretel Truong. Bah is the youth representative on the high-level steering committee of the UN Secretary General’s Global Education First Initiative and is chair of the initiative’s Youth Advocacy Group.

At the age of 15, following years of civil war in Sierra Leone, Bah founded and led the Children’s Forum Network, Sierra Leone’s children’s parliament. He traveled throughout Sierra Leone soliciting input from child war survivors and presented a report on the impact of the war on children to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In 2014, Bah received the Voices of Courage Award from the Women’s Refugee Commission for his global efforts on behalf of children and youth affected by conflict and the Population Council’s Ideas with Impact Award for his work on behalf of adolescent girls as a co-founder of the Adolescent Girls Learning Circle, a community of more than 280 practitioners and advocates from 24 countries who develop and expand programs that give the poorest and most vulnerable girls in developing countries critical information, a say in their own lives, and a strong network of support. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in social science from the University of Sierra Leone, Bah was awarded the first-ever youth fellowship at the United Nations Population Fund to work at UN headquarters in New York with the agency’s Humanitarian Response Unit. Bah received his master’s in peace studies from the University of Notre Dame.

**11:30 – 13:00      Session 1: An integrated agenda towards achieving SDG 1**



**H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, and co-Facilitator of the Ministerial Declaration of the 2017 High-Level Political Forum under the Auspices of ECOSOC and the High-Level Segment of ECOSOC**

Ambassador Courtenay Rattray is the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, a post to which he was appointed on 1st June 2013. Prior to this appointment, he served as Jamaica’s Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, from December 2008 until May 2013. He was appointed as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on UN Security Council Reform in November 2014. He also served as the Chair of the 69th Session of the UN Committee on Disarmament and International Security (First Committee) and Chair of the Permanent Memorial Committee for the UN’s project to erect a memorial in honour of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. He was the Co-Facilitator of the UN consultation process on the modalities and outcome document for the comprehensive review and assessment of progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, from May-July 2014.



During his public service career, Ambassador Rattray served as Director for Bilateral Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, as well Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Jamaica in Washington DC. Prior to this, he was Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and previously the Special Advisor to the Minister of Industry and Investment. Before joining the public service, Ambassador Rattray was the Executive Director of the Jamaica Marketing Company Ltd., a trading company based in the UK owned by the Government of Jamaica. He has also served as Jamaica's Trade Commissioner in London. Ambassador Rattray holds a BA in International Studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College, a MSc. in International Business from South Bank University in London, and a MA (Global Master of Arts Program) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Boston, where he gave the Commencement Address to the GMAP Graduating Class of 2015. He is married to Tanya and has four children.



**Mr. Alejandro Cruz Sánchez, Head of the Office of Planning and International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico**

Alejandro Cruz Sánchez currently serves as Chief of the Planning and International Relations Unit in the Ministry of Social Development in Mexico. He has 12 years of experience in the public and private sector. In 2016 he was Director General of Social Participation in the Ministry of Social Development, where he was responsible for the Community Kitchens Program. At the end of his management, the program had 5,208 kitchens that served more than 1 million daily meals to 529,280 beneficiaries.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was an advisor to the Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, where he managed bilateral relations with Chile, Colombia and Peru, as well as managing multilateral relations in diverse American regional organizations such as the Pacific Alliance, the Association of Caribbean States, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Ibero-American Conference, the Organization of American States, and the Central American Integration System. In the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit he served as Director of Finance and Foreign Investment in the International Affairs Unit. In this position, he developed documents on economic and financial themes in Asia Pacific and the Caribbean, he also coordinated the Mexican participation in diverse multilateral forums such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the Global Fund For the Environment (GEF), the Group of 20 (G-20) and the United Nations (UN), as well as negotiating policy initiatives and agreements in the international financial sector. In the private sector, he served as Manager of Administration and Finance of various startups conducting market research and analysis in the telecommunications and financial services industries in Mexico, as well as managing private and public investment funds. In the academic sector, he collaborated in research projects with the University of Hiroshima and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), emphasizing on Japan's educational sector and South-South cooperation in Latin America.



**Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)**

On 10 December 2013, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, was appointed as the tenth Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. She also serves as the United Nations Sherpa for the G20. Formerly the Secretary-General's Senior Advisor on Economics and Finance, and Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, she led the UN-wide coordination of the post-2015 development agenda and related policy and normative work, including supporting work on the Sustainable Financing Strategy.

Ms. Akhtar has previously served as Governor of the Central Bank of Pakistan, and recently also as Vice President of the Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank. In her capacity as

Governor, Ms. Akhtar was also the Chairperson of the Central Bank Board and its affiliates, as well as a Governor of the IMF. In 2008, In her assignment for the World Bank, she spearheaded the Bank's response to the Arab Spring, as well as the Arab regional integration strategy and its implementation. She has served in the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for almost 15 years, rising through the ranks from Senior Economist, to attaining the highest professional positions, including as Special Senior Advisor to the President of ADB, and as the Bank's Director-General of the South-East Asia region. Ms. Akhtar was a post-doctoral degree US Fulbright Fellow at Harvard University, holds a PhD in Economics from Scotland's Paisley College of Technology, as well as a Master in Development Economics from the University of Sussex in the UK, and an MSc in Economics from Quaid-e-Azam University, in Islamabad.



**Ms. Azita Berar-Awad, Director, Employment and Policy Department, International Labour Organization**

Ms. Azita Berar Awad is the Director of the Employment Policy Department of the ILO which leads ILO's action for promoting full and productive employment by developing integrated employment, development and skills policies. Ms. Berar has been leading the advisory work, research and technical cooperation in the relevant fields of pro-employment macro-economic policies, poverty reduction strategies, innovative employment creation schemes, youth employment, employment-intensive approaches and transitions to formality.

Before her current position, Ms. Berar was the Director of the National Policy Group in the Policy Integration Department, promoting coherence of economic and social policies in pursuance of the organization's Decent Work goals in the national and international policy agendas. From 1999 to 2002, Ms. Berar Awad was the Director of the Arab States Multidisciplinary Advisory Team and the Deputy Director of the ILO's Regional Office for Arab States based in Beirut. Prior to that Ms. Berar Awad has led several technical units and programmes in the ILO responsible for research, policy analysis and technical cooperation in the areas of employment policies, poverty reduction, gender equality and targeted labour market policies.

She has led numerous inter-disciplinary missions and is the author of numerous publications in the areas of employment policy, youth employment, informal economy, poverty reduction, gender in development and social development funds. She holds post graduate degrees in Development Economics and Political Science from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva.



**Mr. Scott Vaughan, President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Institute for Sustainable Development**

Scott Vaughan is IISD President and CEO. He has been Canada's Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Director, Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States (OAS); Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Head of Economics, NAFTA Environment Commission; and Counsellor, World Trade Organization (WTO). At the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Vaughan initiated the UNEP Finance Initiative and UNEP's work on trade and environment. Early in his career, he worked at the head office of the Royal Bank Financial Group. Vaughan holds post-graduate degrees from the London School of Economics, University of Edinburgh and Dalhousie University, and an undergraduate degree from Mount Allison University.





Chile (1983-1990) and also Founder and Secretary-General of the South American Peace Commission (1986-90). His pursuit of these ideals has earned him several citations and awards, most recently the Lifetime Achievement Award by the MDG Awards Committee in New York, for his work towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and promoting social development. Juan Somavia has been involved in business, financial and civil society organizations for many years. As Executive Secretary of the Chilean-Argentinian Chamber of Commerce he strengthened ties between the business communities in both countries. Together with Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Prize winner, Mr Somavia represented Latin America as a Member of the MacBride Commission on International Communications (1980-82).

**Mr. Mario Marroquin, Specialist in Cross-Border Management, Tri-National Commission of the Trifinio Plan – The Trifinio-Fraternidad Biosphere**

Mario Marroquin is a graduate of International Relations with thirteen years of experience in the subject of Central American Integration, having worked for the SICA (Central American Integration System) Secretariat, and the Central American Commission for the Environment and Development. He has been involved with the Comisión Trinacional del Plan Trifinio since 2006, which is integrated by El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. He has participated as a panellist in international events organized by: UNESCO, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), Global Water Partnership (GWP), and the International Republic Institute, among others. Mr. Marroquin is a technical and strategic advisor to the Trifinio Plan on matters related to transnational management and integration at the local, national and regional level.



**Ms. Karin Fernando, Senior Research Professional, Centre for Poverty Analysis**

Karin Fernando has a Master's in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University, USA. She has over 15 years' experience implementing development and environmental management projects with NGOs and multilateral agencies, as well as monitoring and evaluation experience. At CEPA, she is responsible for managing the Research and Policy programme on the Environment and Infrastructure thematic.

<b>Day 2 (Tuesday, 9 May)</b>	
<b>10:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 3: National Experiences</b>



**H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Former Government Minister and Senator, Barbados, and former UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) (Moderator)**

Ms. Thompson previously served as Minister for Energy and Environment of Barbados. She also served as Minister for Physical Development and Minister for Health. Ms. Thompson was appointed to the Barbados Senate and was a practising attorney as well as a journalist. In addition, she was a lecturer in ecology, economy, energy and politics. Born in 1961, Ms. Thompson graduated from the University of the West Indies and obtained an MBA, with distinction, from the University of Liverpool and a Master of Laws from Robert Gordon University, Scotland.



**H.E. Mr. Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations**

Ambassador Meza-Cuadra has been the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations in New York since October 2013. Until his appointment, Mr. Meza-Cuadra was the Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Law of the Sea Affairs since 2009, holding the rank of Ambassador. A career diplomat with 30 years in Peru's foreign service, he also held various positions in the Foreign Ministry, including National Director of Sovereignty and Boundaries from June 2008 to July 2009, with the rank of Minister; and Director of World Trade Organization Affairs and Head of the Peruvian delegation in the negotiations for an Association Agreement with the European Union from 2007 to 2008, with the same rank.

Mr. Meza-Cuadra's service overseas included postings as Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim in London from 2004 to 2005 and again in 2007; Permanent Representative to the International Maritime Organization from 2006 to 2007; and Deputy Chief of Mission in the United Kingdom between 2002 and 2004. He served as Director of Integration in the Under-Secretariat for International Economic Negotiations in 2002, holding the rank of Minister; Minister Counsellor in the Division for Political Cooperation and Integration, Under-Secretariat for America and Alternate Coordinator of the Rio Group from 2000 to 2002; as well as Minister Counsellor and Head of the United Nations Department, Under-Secretariat for Multilateral and Special Affairs, from 1999 to 2000. He was Minister Counsellor and Deputy Director for Andean Countries Affairs in the South America Division in 1999. Mr. Meza-Cuadra's early overseas service included postings as Counsellor at the Embassy in the United States between 1994 and 1999; and First Secretary in France from 1989 to 1992. He holds a master's degree in international public policy from Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. (1998); a Master of Arts in diplomacy and international organization management from the University of Paris XI (1985); a Diploma in international political affairs from the International Institute of Public Administration, Paris (1984-1985); and a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Peru (1982).

**Mr. Miska Simanainen, Researcher, Social Security Institution (Kela), Finland**

Miska Simanainen works as researcher in the Social Security Institution (Kela) of Finland. His current interests concern the effects of the Finnish social security and income tax system. During 2016, he conducted microsimulation studies on basic income as part of a research project led by Kela. He has also been involved in designing and implementing the Finnish basic income experiment that started in 2017. Prior to Kela, Simanainen has worked in policy evaluation projects in different policy fields (e.g., municipal reforms), the production of official statistics of Finland, and the development of evaluation methods (e.g., microsimulation models).



**Mr. Paulo Luiz Moreaux Lavigne Esteves, General Supervisor, BRICS Policy Center**

He is the General Supervisor of the BRICS Policy Center, Bachelor's degree in History from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG, 1993), Master's degree (1995) and PhD (2003) in Political Science from IUPERJ. Postdoctoral fellow at the University of Copenhagen. Lecturer at the Institute of International Relations (IRI, PUC-Rio). Edited the books (in Portuguese) "International Institutions: Security, Trade, and Integration" in 2004 and "International Relations: Theoretical and Meta-Theoretical debates" in 2010, published by PUC-Minas. Also in 2010, published the book "The Convergence Between Humanitarian Aid and International Security," by Del Rey/FUNAG.

Consultant for the UNDP, State Government of Minas Gerais, CNPq and CAPES. Founding partner and director from 2005 to 2009 of the Brazilian International Relations Association. Elected member of the executive board of the International Studies Association, section on "International Political Sociology" Current research on the convergence among the fields of International Security,

humanitarianism and development. Also researches the participation of Brazil and other emerging and peripheral countries in the new architecture of international security.



**Mr. Edward Sambili, Faculty Member with the Economics Department, Egerton University, and former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya**

Mr. Edward Sambili is currently a faculty member with the Economics Department at Egerton University in Kenya. He was previously the Permanent Secretary in charge of National Planning, Kenya's Vision 2030, the ACP, MDGs, NEPAD and the APRM. He was a member of the Post-MDGs Contact GROUP, a Japan-led international panel of experts on the post-2015 agenda. He was also the former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya and the former Director of the Capital Markets Authority. He holds a PhD in Economics from Lancaster University in UK and a Masters in International Trade and Development from the same university. He earned his Bachelor of Education in Mathematics and Economics (First Class Honours) from the University of Nairobi.

**15:00 – 16:30 Session 4: Policy Instruments for an Integrated Approach to Poverty Eradication**



**Mr. Sanjay Reddy, Associate Professor of Economics at the New School for Social Research (Moderator)**

He was recently a member of the Independent High-level Team of Advisers to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on the longer-term positioning of the UN Development System (in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development). He is one of the co-founders and team leaders of the Global Consumption and Income Project. He has worked as a researcher, consultant, or expert for development agencies and international institutions, including the G-24 (group of developing countries), the International Labour Organization, Oxfam, the UN Alliance of Civilisations, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Children's Fund, UN Development Programme, UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research, UN Research Institute for Social Development and the World Bank. He has been a member of the advisory panel of the UNDP's Human Development Report, the UN Statistics Division's Steering Committee on Poverty Statistics and the advisory board of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.

He is an Affiliated Faculty Member of the Politics Department of the New School for Social Research and was previously Co-Academic Director of the India China Institute at the New School. He has also previously taught at Columbia University, and been a visitor at diverse academic institutions in Europe, India and the US. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University, an M.Phil. in social anthropology from the University of Cambridge, and an A.B. in applied mathematics with physics from Harvard University, and studied prior to that in Canada and India.



**H.E. Ms. Bente Angell-Hansen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations in Vienna, and Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 60<sup>th</sup> Session**

During her career, Ms. Angell-Hansen has served in various capacities, among them: Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2011-2014); Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway in Geneva (2007-2011); Ambassador to Hungary (2005-2007); Director General, Department of International Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister (2000-2005); Chief of Protocol, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs (1998-2000); Assistant Director General, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1995-1998); Assistant Director General (1993-1995), and Head of Division (1991-1993), Department of External Economic Affairs I, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Head of Division, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1990-1991); Executive Officer, North-South Section, Department of Multilateral Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-1990); Attaché and Second Secretary, Embassy in Canberra, Australia (1982-1985); Foreign Service Trainee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1979); Executive Officer, Ministry of Trade and Shipping (1978-1979).



**Mr. Robert Kirkpatrick, Director, UN Global Pulse**

Robert Kirkpatrick is Director of Global Pulse, an innovation initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General driving a big data revolution for global development and resilience. Global Pulse's network of innovation Labs in New York, Uganda and Indonesia allow UN System partners to discover and mainstream applications of big data and real-time analytics for humanitarian action and sustainable development.

Global Pulse's advocacy agenda focuses on public-private "data philanthropy" partnerships, and data privacy & policy innovation to enable the harnessing of big data as a public good. Prior to joining the United Nations, Kirkpatrick co-founded and led software development for two pioneering private-sector humanitarian technology teams, first at Groove Networks, and later as Lead Architect for Microsoft Humanitarian Systems. From 2007-2009 he served as CTO of the non-profit InSTEDD. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the UN Secretary-General's Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development (2014), and currently sits on InSTEDD's Board of Directors, and the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Data-Driven Development.



**Ms. Hanaa Elhelaly, Former Director-General, Social Fund for Development, and Managing Director, Amwal Financial Investments, Egypt**

Hanaa Elhelaly is the former acting managing director and director general of international cooperation and planning of the Social Fund for Development, Cabinet of Ministers - Egypt (for over 13 years). Currently,

Ms Elhelaly is a member of the high level independent team of advisers of the Sustainable Development Dialogue with the United Nations - Economic and Social Council (UN – ECOSOC). She is also managing director and board member of Amwal Financial Investments, and a member of the board of trustees of the Arab Foundation for Young Scientists. Ms Elhelaly won an international award for the Middle East from the International Arbitrators - Consultative Center for Arbitrators (CCA) jury and public votes in June 2016 for her achievements in development and humanitarian giving.



**Mr. Shoaib Sultan-Khan, Chairman, Rural Support Programmes Network, Pakistan**

Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan is the founder of Aga Khan Rural Support Program, National Rural Support Program (NRSP) and Sarhad Rural Support Program. Presently he is serving as the Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rural Support Program Network (RSPN), National Rural Support Program (NRSP), Ghazi Barotha Taraqiati Idara (GBTI), Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Director of Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP). Mr. Shoaib

Sultan Khan has set up demonstration pilots in the six countries of the SAARC region on the pattern of the AKRSP. He is the recipient of Global 500 award in 1989, Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 1990, Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1992 and WWF Conservation Medal in 1994.



**Day 3 (Wednesday, 10 May)**

**10:00 – 13:00**

**Session 5: Poverty Eradicating Poverty in Africa**



**Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa**

Under-Secretary-General Abdelaziz was appointed by the Secretary-General by United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, on 8 March 2012, and took up office on Thursday 17 May of the same year. He brings to the position more than 33 years of experience in multilateral diplomacy, a direct engagement in promoting global peace, security and development. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Abdelaziz had been serving as Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations in New York, since 2005. In that capacity, he co-chaired in 2008 the Review Conference on Financing for Development and, in 2009, he was the Rapporteur, representing Africa, at the Conference on the Economic and Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Development.

Having served as Vice President of the Economic and Social Council (2011-12) and Vice President of the United Nations General Assembly (2008-2009), Mr. Abdelaziz enjoys an intimate knowledge of the UN intergovernmental processes and multilateral diplomacy. Pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 65/289 to consider rates of reimbursement to troop contributing countries and related issues, he also served as a member of the Secretary-General's Senior Advisory Group. As Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement since 2009, he chaired the High Officials' meeting of the 15th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) held in Sharm El Sheik (Egypt) in July 2009. As Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations (1997-99) he was the principal officer in charge of all the questions relating to disarmament. During that period, he served as the Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission which negotiated and adopted the United Nations guidelines for the establishment of Nuclear Weapons-free Zones. He was a member of the Egyptian delegation to the Security Council during Egypt's membership of the council in (1984-85) and (1995-97). Mr. Abdelaziz played a leading role in the establishment of the Human Rights Council and the Peace-Building Commission as well as the elaboration and adoption of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy. He also played an active role in enhancing the United Nations' role in development, with particular emphasis on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and enhancing the global response to the special needs of Africa, the Least Developed Countries and the Small Islands Developing States. His focus was on revitalizing the entire agenda relating to the special needs of Africa, including through implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) to which the Secretary-General attaches the highest priority. Mr. Abdelaziz graduated from the Ain Shams University School of Law in 1973. He is married and father of one daughter.



**Ms. Zeinab Bashir Elbakri, Member of High-level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows and Member of the Inspection Panel of the World Bank**

Dr. Elbakri built a broad career at the African Development Bank (AfDB), where her last position was vice president of operations from 2006-2009. Between 1991 and 2005, she served in a number of positions at AfDB spanning multiple regions of Africa and focusing on portfolios including social development, gender, agriculture and agro-industry, climate change and governance. After leaving AfDB, she was appointed director of the Delivery Unit for the Office of His Highness the Prime Minister of Kuwait, responsible for ensuring delivery of reform initiatives. Dr. Elbakri's time at AfDB was preceded by an academic career at the University of Khartoum, where she was senior lecturer in anthropology and sociology and also managed the Women and Development Programme of the Development Studies and Research Center. Dr. Elbakri holds a Ph.D. in sociology and



anthropology from Hull University and received her M.A. and B.A. in sociology from the American University in Cairo.



**Mr. Pali Lehohla, Statistician-General, South Africa**

Pali Jobo Lehohla is the Statistician-General of South Africa, a position he held since 2000. He has served as co-chair of PARIS21 and the Chair of the United Nations Statistics Commission. He was the founding chair of the Statistics Commission of Africa (StatCom Africa) and chairs the African Symposium for Statistical Development (ASSD). He was the Vice President of the International Statistics Institute (ISI), and sponsors the Young African Statistician (YAS) movement. He served as one of on the twenty five member panel on Data Revolution appointed by the UN Secretary General, and has recently been appointed to the Independent Accountability Panel for the health of women, children and adolescents. Mr. Lehohla has been a forceful advocate for improving the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics systems in Africa. He was recognized by his alma mater, the University of Ghana for his contribution to the development of statistics in 2015 and was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Stellenbosch in the same year.



**Mr. Donald Mmari, Executive Director, REPOA – Policy Research for Development, and Member of Southern Voice**

Dr. Donald Mmari is an economist, development researcher, and management consultant. He has over eighteen years of experience in policy research; institutional development; policy formulation; corporate governance; and strategic planning. Dr. Mmari has been involved extensively in the policy dialogue and national development processes. This includes coordination of Research and Analysis Working Group of the National Poverty Monitoring System 2001-2012; Review of the National Strategy for Growth and Poverty Reduction I (2010); Inter-institutional Technical Committee on Millennium Challenge Account Tanzania I (2006) and II (2013-15); and in the development of Tanzanian Natural Gas Policy. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and the Presidential Trust Fund for Self Reliance (PTF).

**15:00 – 16:30**

**Session 6: Bringing the ECOSOC System Together**



**Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General and Head of Office in New York, UNEP (Moderator)**

Mr. Harris joined UN Environment as Director of the New York Office and of the Secretariat of the UN Environment Management Group (EMG) in September 2013. Prior to joining UN Environment, he worked as an Economist in the IMF from 1988 to 2013, gaining extensive policy and programmatic experience in African and Central Asian countries, as well as in the Fiscal Affairs Department on public expenditure policy issues. From July 2002 onward, Mr. Harris served as Advisor, Chief of the Development Issues Division, and Assistant Director of the IMF's Strategy, Policy and Review Department. From September 2008 until May 2012, he was also the IMF's Special Representative to the United Nations, and was closely involved in interagency collaboration in the areas of social protection, green economy, and fiscal space for social policy. From September 2009 until October 2013, he was the Vice Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programs (HLCP) of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination.



**H.E. Mr. Philipp Charwath, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, and Chair of the Commission on Social Development at its 55<sup>th</sup> Session**

H.E. Philipp Charwath is the Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations and the Chair of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Social Development. He previously served as Deputy Head of Office of the Secretary-General in the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Austrian Embassy in Dakar, Senegal, Security Council Coordinator at the Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN and Second Secretary in the Austrian Mission to the United Nations in Vienna. He holds degrees in History and English from the University of Vienna and a Diploma in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.



**H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, and Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women at its 62<sup>nd</sup> Session**

Born in Dublin in 1952, Ambassador David Donoghue was educated at high schools in Ireland, England and the US.

He obtained a BA degree (Honours) in French and German from the National University of Ireland in 1972 and an MA degree in German, also from the NUI, in 1974. He spent a year as a lecturing assistant in the English Department of the University of Aachen in West Germany (1972-73). He also worked for a year (1974-5) as a junior lecturer in German at St. Patrick's College, NUI Maynooth.

On entering the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1975, Ambassador Donoghue served in the Anglo-Irish Division, dealing with Northern Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations, where he would serve again on two further occasions. He was involved in the negotiation of both the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the Good Friday Agreement. He served as Irish head of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat in Belfast from 1995-99. Ambassador Donoghue had postings to the Irish Embassy to the Holy See (1977-78), the Irish Embassy to Germany (1978-83), the Irish Permanent Mission to the UN (1987-88) and the Irish Embassy in London (1988-91). In addition, he was seconded to the French and Italian Foreign Ministries (1984-85) as part of a support service for what is today the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy. From 1999 to 2001, he served as Irish Ambassador to the Russian Federation, with side accreditations to Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. In 2001, he returned to Dublin as Director-General of the Irish Government's development cooperation programme (known today as Irish Aid). From 2004 to 2006, he served as Irish Ambassador to Austria and the Vienna-based UN agencies. From 2006-2009, he was Irish Ambassador to Germany. From 2009 to August 2013, Ambassador Donoghue was the Political Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin. He presented credentials to the UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon on 13th September 2013 and now serves as Ireland's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

**Representative of the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development Commission on Population and Development at its 50<sup>th</sup> session (TBC)**



**Prof. José Antonio Ocampo, Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, and Chair of the Committee for Development Policy**

José Antonio Ocampo is director of the Economic and Political Development

Concentration in the School of International and Public Affairs, Member of the Committee on Global Thought and co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University. He is also the Chair of the Committee for Development Policy, an expert committee of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In 2012 – 2013 he chaired the panel created by the IMF Board to review the activities of the IMF’s Independent Evaluation Office; in 2008-2010, he served as co-director of the UNDP/OAS Project on “Agenda for a Citizens’ Democracy in Latin America”; and in 2009 a Member of the Commission of Experts of the UN General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System. Prior to his appointment, Ocampo served in a number of positions in the United Nations and the Government of Colombia, most notably as United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs; Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Chairman of the Board of Banco del República (Central Bank of Colombia); Director of the National Planning Department (Minister of Planning); Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Executive Director of FEDESARROLLO.

Ocampo received his BA in economics and sociology from the University of Notre Dame in 1972 and his PhD in economics from Yale University in 1976. He served as Professor of Economics at Universidad de los Andes and of Economic History at the National University of Colombia, and Visiting Fellow at Universities of Cambridge, Oxford and Yale.

**16:30 – 17:30 Session 7: A Multi-Stakeholder Approach: Roles, Responsibilities and Results**



**Ms. Andrea Ordoñez, Research and Partnership Coordinator, Southern Voice (Moderator)**

Andrea Ordóñez is the Research Coordinator for Southern Voice, a network of think tanks devoted to bringing research from the Global South to international debates on the post-2015 development agenda. She is an Associate at Politics & Ideas, where she supports researchers and think tanks in leading policy-relevant research, and was previously the Research Director at Grupo FARO, a think tank in Ecuador. She has developed research projects for the public sector, and has carried out institutional and sectorial assessments for numerous international organisations. She is an economist by training and has a strong

interest in methodologies for policy analysis.



**H.E Ms. Huguette Labelle, Chair of the Independent Advisory Board for Senate Appointments, former Secretary of State and former President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Canada, former Chair and Senior Adviser, Policy and Development, Transparency International, member of Board of Directors, Global Financial Integrity, member of Board of Directors, UN Global Compact**

Huguette Labelle holds a PhD (education) degree from the University of Ottawa. She is a recipient of the Order of Ontario, the Vanier Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada and the Francophonie’s Ordre de la Pléiade.

Ms. Labelle is Emeritus Governor of the University of Ottawa, and was Chancellor of the University of Ottawa from 1994 to 2012. She is currently Vice-Chair of the International Senior Advisory Board

of the International Anti-Corruption Academy, member of the Advisory Group to the Asian Development Bank on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, member of the Executive Board of the Africa Capacity Building Foundation, member of the Board of the Global Centre for Pluralism, Board member of Global Financial Integrity. Ms. Labelle is also a member of the Advisory Group to the Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on Integrity and Anti-Corruption, the University of Ottawa President's International Advisory Board, and the University of Ottawa Campaign Cabinet. She is also a former Chair of Transparency International, as well as a former Board member of UN Global Compact. Ms. Labelle also served for a period of nineteen years as Deputy Minister of different Canadian Government departments including Secretary of State, Transport Canada, the Public Service Commission and the Canadian International Development Agency.



**Ms. Irene Ovonji-Odida, Chairperson, International Board of ActionAid International, Member of the High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows, former Member, East African Legislative Assembly, and former Director, Legal, Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, Office of the President of Uganda**

Hon. Ovonji-Odida has been Chairperson of the International Board of ActionAid International since 2009 and was Chair of the International Board Committee responsible for governance from 2007 and ActionAid Uganda from 2005. Ms. Ovonji-Odida was an elected Member, East African Legislative Assembly (2001-2006). Her key contributions as a legislator included spearheading initiatives to increase transparency and accountability of the EALA to marginalized constituencies, increasing effective participation of African legislators in international trade negotiations, including chairing a daily coordination forum in Cancun WTO Ministerial; leading an EALA conflict resolution investigation on fishing disputes. She participated in election monitoring for the EAC in Uganda in 2005 and Commonwealth Observer missions in Tanzania in 2010.

Previously she worked as Director, Legal, Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, Office of the President, Uganda; and before that in the Uganda Law Reform, and the Uganda Constituent Assembly Commission which managed the 1995 constitution-making process in Uganda. Irene Ovonji-Odida has a Bachelor of Law degree and Master's in comparative jurisprudence, specializing in international human rights law and international law. Her personal belief is that development needs a human face to be sustainable and relevant.



**Ms. Shira Kilcoyne, Director, Government Affairs International, GlaxoSmithKline**

Shira Kilcoyne, Director of Government Affairs for Emerging Markets & Asia Pacific, is responsible for designing and leading integrated public and government affairs programs to support GlaxoSmithKline operations in 118 countries outside the U.S. and Europe. Her primary role is to develop partnerships that help achieve GSK's commitment to improve access to medicines, work with Governments to find innovative solutions to provide the best treatments possible for patients, encourage fair, transparent and pro-innovation regimes, and improve and/or accelerate market access opportunities for GSK products.

Shira joined GSK in 2004 as Manager, Government Affairs, International. Prior to joining GSK, Shira served as Manager Asia Pacific Affairs for the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America, PhRMA. At PhRMA, she worked with senior executives from the research based pharmaceutical industry to create and defend policy that recognizes and awards innovative medicines. Prior to PhRMA, Shira was the lead event coordinator for Investor Broadcast Network. In this capacity, she worked with investor relations departments of Fortune 500 companies to ensure they were meeting their Securities Exchange Commission obligations. Shira earned her Bachelor of Arts in Business and



Spanish at the University of Maryland in 1998 and earned her Masters of Business Administration at the University of Maryland in 2005.



**Mr. Manuel F. Montes, Senior Advisor, South Center**

Manuel F. Montes is Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre in Geneva. He was previously Chief of Development Strategies, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) where he led the team that produced the World Economic and Social Survey (WESS).

Before that, he was Chief of Policy Analysis and Development in the UN's Financing for Development Office, where he also served as Secretary of the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters; UNDP Regional Programme Coordinator, Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative based at the Regional Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka; Programme Officer for International Economic Policy at the Ford Foundation in New York, 1999-2005; Senior Fellow and Coordinator for Economics Studies at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, 1989-1999; and Associate Professor of Economics at the University of The Philippines, 1981-1989.

He has held visiting positions at the United Nations World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU/WIDER) in Helsinki, the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore, and the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) in Tokyo. He holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University.

**17:30 – 18:00 Closing of the Integration Segment**



**Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations**

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.

Mr. Gass was Head of the Economic and Development Section at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York. During this time, Mr Gass was the Chair of the Donor Group of the UN Global Compact. 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. In 2007, he successfully facilitated the landmark TCPR/QCPR Resolution, the periodic review of the General Assembly operational system for development.

Mr. Gass also served as Policy and Programme Officer for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, as Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Guyana, and as Regional Director for Europe with the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute in Rome. Born in 1963, 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. He is married and father of three adult children.