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Session VI **Multi-Country Office Review**

Participants

Presenter



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. 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.

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 served 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.

Moderator



H.E. Ms. Mirgul Moldoisaeva

From 2014 until her appointment as Permanent Representative of Kyrgyz Republic, Ms. Moldoisaeva headed her country's Department of International Cooperation. Between 2011 and 2014, she served as an expert assigned to the Chief of the Situational and Analytical Unit of the Foreign Policy Department in the Office of the President. Before that assignment, she was a foreign policy desk officer from 2005 to 2011.

Born in 1979, Ms. Moldoisaeva holds a bachelor's degree in international law from the International University of Kyrgyzstan

Permanent Representative to Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations

and a master's degree in civil law from Kyrgyz State National University.

Panellists



H.E. Ms. Thilmeeza Hussain
Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations and AOSIS Bureau member

H.E. Ms. Hussain was appointed as the Ambassador of the Maldives to the United States and the Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations on April 2019.

From 2009 until 2012, she served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations and as Non-Resident Deputy Ambassador to The United States and Canada. Since then, until her present appointment she was a key member of the Foreign Relations Committee (FRC) of the Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) .

Ambassador Hussain championed the climate change and sustainable development agendas by acting as the lead negotiator for the Maldives at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) for two consecutive years; co-chairing the Sustainable Development Working Group for the 48-members of Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS); and leading the negotiations on the climate mitigation track for the Maldives at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2010 to 2012.

Prior to her appointment, Ambassador Hussain was an Adjunct Professor of Sustainability in Ramapo College, (New Jersey, United States). She held the position of Co-Chair of Socially and Economically just Adaptation and Mitigation team of the United States Climate Action Network (USCAN), since 2016.

In the non-profit sector, she founded the Voice of Women (VoW) in the Maldives and was an Advisory Council Member for Climate Wise Women (CWW), and Women's Earth Climate Action Network (WECAN). She was also a Fellow of Aspen New Voices for the year 2018-2019 at the Aspen Institute.

Ambassador Hussain holds a Master of Science in Business Management from Colorado Technical University (United States) and Bachelor of Commerce from Murdoch University (Australia).



Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu

Currently Chief Executive Officer of Tonga's Ministry of Tourism, Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa '**Utoikamanu** served as Acting Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific in 2015. Between 2009 and 2016, she served the same University as Deputy Pro-Chancellor and Deputy Chair of Council. She served from 2009 to 2015 as Deputy Director-General and Director of Education, Training and Human Development in the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States



H.E. Mr. Odo Tevi

Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations

Between 2005 and 2009, Ms. 'Utoikamanu was her country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Ambassador to the United States, Cuba and Venezuela; and High Commissioner to Canada. From 2002 to 2005, she was Tonga's Secretary for Foreign Affairs and the European Commission's National Authorizing Officer for Tonga.

Born in 1959, Ms. 'Utoikamanu holds Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Commerce degrees in economics from the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Ambassador Odo Tevi was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations in 2014. Since then, Ambassador Tevi chaired amongst others, the Special Committee on the UN Charter & Strengthening the Organization, the UN Asia Pacific Group and was elected Vice-President of the UN Pledging Conference for Development Activities. He also engaged in the intergovernmental negotiation body on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Ambassador Tevi holds a Bachelor of Economics with distinction from the University of Papua New Guinea, as well as a MSc in Economics from the University of Sussex. After working for the Government of Vanuatu for 6 years, he became Governor of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations in New York, Mr. Tevi worked as an international consultant on several projects including for the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, AUSAID and the Pacific Institute of Public Policy.