Alternative Development Strategies for the Post-2015 Era

Side event during the Fifth Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

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The global financial crisis of 2008-2009 exposed systemic failings at the core of economic policymaking worldwide. The financial crisis coincided with several other crises, including skyrocketing and highly volatile world food and energy prices and ongoing climate change challenges. At this side event, members of the UN Committee for Development Policy (CDP) present their research outcomes and exchange views with participants on alternative development strategies for the post-2015 era. New policy approaches are needed to address devastating global development challenges and to avoid the potentially adverse consequences to livelihoods worldwide that are likely to result from existing policies and strategies. The new development framework presented by the CDP Members seeks to promote the reforms needed to improve global governance and providing a more equitable distribution of global public goods.

Format:

- Welcome statement: Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary General, UN/DESA
- Moderator: Ms. Ana Luiza Cortez, Secretary of the CDP
- Presentation by Prof. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Columbia University, Chairperson of CDP
- Presentation by Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, The New School, Member of CDP
- Presentation by Prof. Andrea Cornia, University of Florence, Member of CDP
- Presentation by Prof. Jose Antonio Alonso, Complutense University, Member of CDP
- General discussion

About the presenters:

José Antonio Alonso is professor of Applied Economics at the Complutense University (Madrid). Previously, he was Director of Economic Cooperation at the Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana (ICI), vice Chancellor at the International University Menéndez Pelayo, Director of the Complutense Institute for Development Studies (ICEI) and Director of the Journal Principios. Estudios de Economía Política.

Giovanni Andrea Cornia is professor of economics at Florence University. Prior to this position, he was the Director of the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University (UNU-WIDER) and chief economist of UNICEF. He has further occupied various research positions in other agencies of the United Nations as well as in the private sector.

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr is Professor at the New School University in New York and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (2010-2015). She was the lead author and Director of UNDP Human Development Reports (1995-2004). She has published widely on issues of poverty, gender, human rights and technology while her current research focuses on the right to food and on global goals.

José Antonio Ocampo is Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs and Director, Economic and Political Development Concentration, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, and Chair of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (2013-2015). He served in the United Nations as Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and in Colombia as Minister of Finance and Public Credit and Minister of Agriculture.