



2012 COORDINATION SEGMENT

Panel II

Addressing the challenges of the education/skills and jobs mismatch

Wednesday, 11 July 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

BIOGRAPHIES

MODERATOR

Ms. Sigrid Kaag

Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Ms. Kaag is heading UNDP's Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy (BERA) as Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator since 1 August 2010. In this function Ms. Kaag is advising UNDP's Administrator in the direction and strategic leadership of the organization as part of the senior management team. She oversees UNDP's strategic external engagement, organization-wide communication and advocacy as well as resource mobilization. Previously, Ms. Kaag has worked among others in senior positions at UNICEF, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). Sigrid Kaag started her career with Shell International and the Dutch Foreign Service.

PANELISTS

H.E. Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama

Counselor of the American University in Cairo, and former Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt

Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama is the Counselor of the American University in Cairo. He was also a former member of the Shura Council (upper house of the parliament of Egypt) and head of its housing committee. In addition, Dr. Salama is the chairman of the Management Engineering Society. Formerly, Dr. Salama served as Minister of Higher Education, Chairman of the Housing and Building National Research Centre and President of Helwan University. Dr. Salama has worked as professor of civil engineering and Chair of the University's Centre for Technology Development, stressing Egypt's need to boost the science and technology sector, especially in fields such as biotechnology and information technology. He promotes closer research ties between universities and industry, as well as greater public understanding of science. He just received the State Award for Science in Engineering Science.

Dr. Andreas König

Head of Section, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Labour Markets, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Germany

Dr. Andreas König is a qualified educationist with many years of experience as an adviser in the fields of vocational training, including employment promotion and integration of people with disabilities. From 1988 to 1996 he worked for the Vocational Rehabilitation Branch, Training Department at the International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva. For the following 10 years, he worked as a freelance consultant for GTZ, ILO, UNHCR, UNESCO, and others, in the fields of skills development, employment generation and entrepreneurship promotion in more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia as well as Central and Eastern Europe. He joined the Engineering Capacity Building Program (ECBP) in Addis Ababa as Coordinator of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Reform Component for German Development Cooperation in 2006. From 2008 to 2010, he worked as advisor to the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on Aid Effectiveness Issues.

Mr. Abdalla Hamdok

Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Mr. Abdalla Hamdok is Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Mr. Hamdok joined UNECA in 2001 and has over twenty five years of experience in addressing development challenges in Africa. From 1997 to 2001, he worked as Principal Policy Economist for the African Development Bank in Cote d'Ivoire, where he played a lead role in the development of the bank's policy on Good Governance. From 1995 to 1997, he was Chief Technical Advisor for the International Labour Organization/Southern Africa Multidisciplinary Advisory Team (ILO/SAMAT) and UNDP, in Zimbabwe, providing technical assistance on poverty measurement and mapping, and assisted in the design of projects and programs that address issues of poverty alleviation. Mr. Hamdok also worked for Deloitte & Touche Management Consultants, Zimbabwe, and was a senior official with the government of Sudan (Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning).

Mr. Ron Bruder

Founder and Chairman, Education for Employment Foundation

Mr. Ron Bruder is the founder and chair of Education for Employment (EFE), a non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to creating employment opportunities for youth in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). A network of independent, locally-run affiliates, EFE identifies critical skill gaps in the local economy, then develops and manages targeted training programmes which ensure job placement through on-the-ground partnerships with employers and civic and educational organizations. Honoured by TIME Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People for his non-profit work with EFE, Bruder began as a serial entrepreneur. In 1977, Mr. Bruder founded The Brookhill Group, which owns and manages properties throughout the US with a focus on creating investment partnerships to develop and/or redevelop shopping centres, office buildings and multi-family homes.