Speakers’ Bios
H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik  
**President of ECOSOC**


**Dialogue I:**

**Aligning partnerships with the Post-2015 Development Agenda:**

*how should it be done and where could they be reviewed?*

Mr. Michael Shank  
**Director of Media Strategy, Climate Nexus**

Mr. Michael Shank is the Director of Media Strategy at Climate Nexus. In 2013-2014, he served as the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs at the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) in Washington DC. Prior to FCNL, Mr. Shank worked for four years as US Congressman Michael Honda’s Senior Policy Advisor and Communications Director. Michael’s Ph.D. from George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution is on Climate Conflict. He is Adjunct Faculty and a
Board Member at George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Board Member at Communities Without Boundaries International, and Senior Fellow at the JustJobs Network and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict. In addition, he is a former columnist for Washington Post’s The Root DC and is now a columnist for US News & World Report and energy insider for the National Journal. Michael writes regularly for USA Today, The Guardian, Daily Beast, Roll Call, among others, and is an on-air analyst for CNN, FOX News, CCTV, Al Jazeera, and RT.

Professor Klaus Leisinger

Founder and President of the Global Values Alliance Foundation

Dr. Klaus M. Leisinger is founder and president of the Global Values Alliance Foundation in Basel. Until September 2013 he was President and CEO of the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development, which has consultative status with the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations. He studied economics and social sciences at the University of Basel in Switzerland, earned his doctorate in Economics, and did his post-doc in Sociology. In addition to his position at the Global Values Alliance, Dr. Leisinger is Professor of Sociology at the University of Basel. He continues to pursue his academic and practical field work on a wide range of development-related topics, among them business ethics, corporate responsibility as well as general topics of international development. He has contributed to the academic debate widely through articles in peer reviewed journals and books in several languages. Dr. Klaus Leisinger serves as invited lecturer or guest professor at several Swiss and German universities, as well as at the University of Notre Dame, the MIT Sloan School of Management (Cambridge), and at Harvard University. He also has served for many years the United Nations and associated bodies as a senior advisor for the Post-2015 Development Goals.
Mr. Charles Badenoch
Vice-President for Global Advocacy, World Vision International

Mr. Charles Badenoch is World Vision's Vice-President for Global Advocacy. Prior to this role he was Chief Executive of World Vision UK. He joined World Vision in 2003 when he transitioned from the corporate world to World Vision - one of the largest and leading international child-focused agencies. He is passionate about advocacy and justice for children both in public policy arena as well as in changing hearts and minds of the public in the fight against global poverty. Mr. Badenoch wants advocacy to amplify World Vision's humanitarian and development work so that a sustainable impact is made on improving the well-being of children particularly in the areas of improved child health and a reduction in the exploitation of children. He is also very focused in ensuring that voices of children are heard and acted upon in the Post 2015 process.

Dr. Hesphina Rukato
Founding Director, Centre for African Development Solutions

Dr. Hesphina Rukato is a development consultant based in Zimbabwe. She was appointed as Board Chairperson for Great Dyke Investments in 2014. She is also a Board Member for Katerva. Dr. Rukato worked as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Bureau of the African Union Commission Chairperson from October 2012-February 2014. Prior to that she worked as a consultant to the African Union Commission, the Institute for Peace and Security Studies at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In this capacity, she coordinated the 1st Tana Forum on Peace and Security in Africa. She also worked for the NEPAD Secretariat in South Africa for 8 years, first as the Advisor for Environment and Tourism, and then for the last three and half years as Deputy Chief Executive Officer. From 2001 to 2002, Dr. Rukato worked for the South African Government as Director for the World Summit on Sustainable Development - Policy. Prior to that, she had worked for the Zimbabwean Government focused on sustainable development, politics and peace and security.
Dialogue II:

Partner models that work: monitoring and review in action

Mr. Raj Kumar
President and Editor-in-Chief, Devex

Mr. Raj Kumar began his career organizing campaign events for President Clinton as part of his national advance team. Later he became Principal and Political Director at Penn, Schoen & Berland, the political strategy and polling firm which served Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Mike Bloomberg, Tony Blair, Bill Gates and other elected and corporate leaders. Mr. Kumar co-founded SmartPortfolio.com Inc., a successful financial information company sold to the TheStreet.com Inc. in 2000. He graduated from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and co-founded The Development Executive Group as a graduate student at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Clinton Global Initiative, and the board of Nuru International. He also chairs the World Economic Forum’s humanitarian council. Mr. Kumar writes and speaks about global development and has worked and travelled in 50 countries. As President of Devex, he has been profiled in Forbes, the Financial Times, Foreign Policy, and the Washington Post.

Ms. Kathy Calvin
CEO, UN Foundation

Ms. Kathy Calvin is President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Foundation. Her career has spanned work in the public, private and non-profit sectors. She was named CEO by the UN Foundation Board in 2009 and President in 2013. In those roles, she leads one of the most innovative organizations advocating for the UN and the creation of public-private partnerships. Her leadership brings together the largest network of supporters of UN issues in the United States and a global
network of corporate, civil society and media partners. Prior to joining the UN Foundation as Chief Operating Officer in 2003, Ms. Calvin served as President of the AOL Time Warner Foundation where she guided AOL Time Warner’s philanthropic activities and was the chief architect of the company’s corporate responsibility initiatives. She joined America Online in 1997 as Senior Vice President and Chief Communications Officer, and was responsible for the company’s brand, social responsibility, and external relations.

Mr. Kandeh Yumkella

**Special Representative of the Secretary General/ CEO, Sustainable Energy for All**

Dr. Kandeh Yumkella is a Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General; Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All). From 2005-13 he served as the Director-General, UNIDO. Before that he served in different high-level policy positions, including as Special Adviser to two previous Directors-General and as Representative and Director, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Regional Office, Nigeria. From 1994-95 he was Minister for Trade, Industry and State Enterprises of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Gary J. Lawrence

**Chief Sustainability Officer & Vice President, AECOM**

Mr. Gary J. Lawrence is Chief Sustainability Officer & Vice President for AECOM Technology Corporation (NYSE: ACM), an $8-billion global provider of professional technical and management support services. AECOM’s 45,000 employees — including architects, engineers, designers, planners, scientists and management professionals. AECOM serves clients in more than 130 countries around the world. In this role, Mr. Lawrence leads AECOM’s sustainability efforts by managing AECOM’s extensive resources and skills in sustainability for projects across the enterprise. He is also an AECOM spokesperson and thought leader on sustainability issues. During his 30-year-plus
career in public and private policy and management, his leadership skills have contributed to various global initiatives engaging in research and practice to mitigate climate change and adaptation strategies.

Mr. Michael McGovern
Rotary Foundation Vice-Chair and Chairman, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee

Mr. Michael K. McGovern has been the town manager of Cape Elizabeth since 1985. He currently serves as treasurer of the Museum at Portland Head Light and the Thomas Jordan Trust. He is a past board chair of EcoMaine. He has been a Rotarian since 1986 and has served RI as vice president, director, RI Board Executive Committee member, Permanent Fund national adviser, RI membership zone coordinator, RI training leader, and district governor. A past Council on Legislation representative, he is also a past chair of Rotarians for Fighting AIDS: A Rotarian Action Group. Mr. McGovern is a Major Donor and Bequest Society member of The Rotary Foundation and a recipient of its Citation for Meritorious Service.

Mr. Martin Hiller
Director General of REEEP

Mr. Hiller has been Director General of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) since December 2011. He has over 20 years of experience in environmental issues and sustainability, policy, specialised policy communications and campaigns, and in-depth knowledge of climate change and energy policy. Under his leadership, REEEP has sharpened its focus as a catalyst for up-scaling clean energy business models. Prior to joining REEEP, he had a distinguished career with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) where he led campaigns and communications in the global climate and energy programme. Earlier, he established the first EU-specific campaign operation for any environmental NGO in Brussels, developed WWF’s European communications
operations, and created the first EU-specific policy campaigns. Mr. Hiller was also founding President of the Board of the Gold Standard Foundation, the world’s prime quality carbon offset provider, and until 2014 a member of the Board.