

Joint Meeting of the Second Committee and the Economic and Social Council

“Illicit financial flows and development financing in Africa”

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Speakers Bios

Mr. James Zhan is Director of Investment and Enterprise at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He is the team leader of the annual UNCTAD World Investment Report. Dr. Zhan has over two decades of national and international experience in the areas of trade, investment, technology, business facilitation and enterprise development, including directing policy research, facilitating international consensus-building and providing technical assistance to governments, parliaments and institutions in over 160 countries. Dr. Zhan has a PhD in international economics, and was a research fellow at Oxford University.

Dr. Mothae Maruping is Commissioner for Economic Affairs at the African Union. Prior to this joining the African Union, he has been serving as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United Nations agencies in Geneva, and to the WTO. Earlier, Dr. Maruping was the Executive Director at the Macro-Economic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa. He also served as the Vice Chancellor of the National University of Lesotho from 1982 to 1983, as well as the Governor of the Central Bank of Lesotho from 1988 to 1998.

Mr. Amr Nour is currently the Director of the United Nations Regional Commissions’ Office in New York. In this capacity, he is responsible for providing strategic policy advice on a broad array of economic and social development issues on the global agenda with a bearing on the regional work undertaken by the Regional Commissions. He is also leading inter-regional coordination and collaboration efforts among the Commissions. Mr. Nour carries a Masters in Public Administration from Syracuse University, United States; a Masters in Political Science from the University of Paris I/Sorbonne, France; in addition to Law and Engineering Degrees from Cairo University, Egypt. He also carries post-graduate certificates in international law and Middle-Eastern studies.

Professor James Boyce is Professor, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is also Director of the Program on Development, Peacebuilding, and the Environment at the university's Political Economy Research Institute. His research interests are development economics and environmental economics, with particular interests in the impacts of inequalities of wealth and power and the dynamics of conflict.

Ms. Erika Dayle Siu is a Tax and Development Consultant, currently managing the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation, which is chaired by Mr Jose Antonio Ocampo, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General. Earlier, Ms. Siu worked for the United Nations South-South Cooperation Office on a joint project with UN DESA. Most recently, she completed research at the International Centre for Taxation and Development at the Institute of Development Studies. Ms. Siu has also consulted on tax issues for development organizations, such as Oxfam.

Mr. Junior Davis has worked as a professional economist both in research and consultancy for the past 25 years. He holds a doctorate in economics from Imperial College, University of London. He joined UNCTAD’s Africa and Least Developed Countries Division in March 2008. Dr. Davis is currently the Officer in Charge of the Africa Section of the UNCTAD Africa and LDCs Division, which is responsible for producing the *Economic Development in Africa Report*. Prior to joining UNCTAD, he served on the staff of the UK Department for International Development (DFID) as an Economic Policy Adviser.

Ms Shari Spiegel is Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA. She is co-author and co-editor of several of books and articles on capital and financial markets, debt, and macroeconomics and has an MA in Economics from Princeton University and a BA in applied mathematics and economics from Northwestern University. Earlier, she served as Executive Director of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD), a think-tank presided over by Joseph Stiglitz at Columbia University. Ms Spiegel worked for 20 years in the private sector, including as the head of fixed income emerging markets at Lazard Asset Management, a partner at New Holland Capital. She also launched the first investment funds in Hungary in the early 1990s.
