

Biographies

Round table 1: Global partnership and the three dimensions of sustainable development

13 July 2015, 3:00pm - 6:00pm



H.E. Mr. Stefan Lofven serves as Prime Minister of Sweden since 2014. Prior to his current role, he was nominated as the leader of Social Democratic Party since January 2012. Previously, he worked as Chair of IF Metall, the Swedish Metalworkers' Union, and Board member of Swedish Trade Union Confederation between 2006 and 2012, Deputy Chair, Swedish Trade Council from 2004 to 2012, as well as Board member of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology between 2010 to 2012. He started his political career with the Trade Union early in 1981 as a Liaison representative at Hägglunds in Fordon and also with Metalworkers' Union early in 1995 as a Negotiation representative.



H.E. Mr. Amara M. Konneh is the first Finance and Development Planning Minister of the Republic of Liberia, having previously served concomittantly as Minister of Planning and Economic Affairs and Minister of Finance. He also served as Liberia's Alternate Governor to the World Bank and African Development Bank. In 2014 he took office as chairperson of the ECOWAS Investment and Development Bank; the first Liberian to hold the post. Recently, Konneh was appointed Chairman of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) African Group Constituency Group One, a 24-member grouping, for the next two years.



Her Excellency Ms. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace is the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union. Prior to assuming this portfolio, H.E Tumusiime held various senior positions in the Government of the Republic of Uganda, including Commissioner for Agriculture Planning and Commissioner for Women and Development. Her portfolio as AU Commissioner covers multiple sectors ranging from crop agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry, land, water, environment, climate change, climate services, disaster risk reduction to rural development.



Mr. Angel Gurría has been the Secretary-General of OECD since June 2006. He came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service, including two ministerial posts as Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs from December 1994 to January 1998 and Mexico's Minister of Finance and Public Credit from January 1998 to December 2000. Mr. Gurría has participated in various international not-for-profit bodies, including the Population Council and the Center for Global Development. He chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All and continues to be deeply involved in water issues, being a member of the United Nations Secretary General Advisory Board (UNSGAB) and of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Water Security.



Mr. Neven Mimica serves as the European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development since November 1 2014. Between 1979 and 1997, he held various positions in governmental bodies related to foreign relations. In 1997, he was appointed Assistant Minister, then Deputy Minister of the Economy and served as the Chief Negotiator for the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and WTO accession of Croatia. In September 2001, he became Minister of European Integration, position he held until December 2003. Between 2004 to 2008, he served as Member of Croatian Parliament, representing Socijaldemokratska partija hrvatske of the Social Democratic Party. Between 2008 and 2011 he was the Deputy Speaker of Croatian Parliament and the Chair of the European Integration Committee. Before joining the European Commission, he served as Deputy Prime Minister of the Croatian government, responsible for Internal, Foreign and European policy from December 2011 to 2013.



Ms. Winnie Byanyima has served as Executive Director of Oxfam International on a five-year team since May 1 2013. Born in Uganda, she was elected for three terms and served eleven years in the Ugandan Parliament. She led Uganda's first parliamentary women's caucus, championing ground-breaking gender equality provisions in the country's 1995 post-conflict constitution. She has served at the African Union Commission and as Director of Gender and Development at the United Nations Development Program. She is a signatory to her country's 1985 peace agreement and has helped to broker and support women's participation in peace processes in Rwanda, South Africa, Burundi, Sudan and other countries emerging from conflict. She co-founded a 60-member Global Gender and Climate Alliance of civil society, bilateral and multilateral organizations and chaired a UN-wide task force on gender aspects of the Millennium Development Goals, and on climate change.