

## Biographies

### Round table 6: Ensuring policy coherence and an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development

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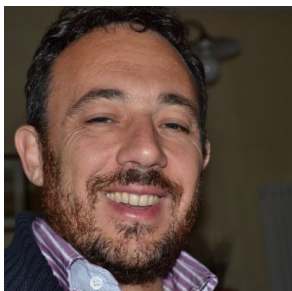
**Ms. Jacqueline Moustache-Belle** has been elected as one of the four Co-presidents of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) for the period of 2013 to 2016. Representing the region of Africa, she is the first woman ever elected to this post since the international municipal movement. She is the Mayor of Victoria, Seychelles, and also the President of the Association of Districts of Victoria since 2012. Previously, she has worked in the Ministry of Planning and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Tourism and Transport, Seychelles Broadcasting Company and National Arts Council.



**Mr. Joan Clos** was appointed as Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), at the level of Under-Secretary-General since October 2010. Prior to joining the UN, he served as the Spanish Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan. He was Minister of Industry, Tourism, and Trade of Spain between 2006 and 2008. He was twice elected Mayor of Barcelona, serving two terms from 1997 until 2006. In 1998 he was elected President of Metropolis, the international network of cities. Later, he was elected President of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities. Between 2000 and 2007, he served as the Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA).



**Ms. Grete Faremo** has been Executive Director of United Nations Office for Project Services since August 2014. Before, she held various senior-level positions in the Government of Norway. Most recently, she was Minister of Justice and Public Security for two years. She was also Minister of Defence in 2009-2011, Minister of Oil and Energy in 1996, Minister of Justice in 1992-1996, and Minister of Development Cooperation in 1990-1992 for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was elected Member of Parliament from 1993 to 1997. From 1997 to 2003, she worked as the Executive Vice President for Storebrand, the Norwegian insurance group. From 2003 to 2008, she held the position of Director of Law and Corporate Affairs at Microsoft Corporation's Western European Office.



**Mr. Stefano Prato** currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Society of International Development (SID) since 2004. Meanwhile, he also holds the position of Managing Director for this organization since 1998. Previously, he was Director of Planning and Organization of SID from 1994 to 1997. He obtained a University Degree in Economics from Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'. He also received a University Degree in Veterinary Medicine and later became a PhD Student in Veterinary Medicine, from Università degli Studi di Perugia.



**Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya** was appointed as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) in September 2012. Before, he was Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations and contributed to the successful conclusion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the follow-up process. Prior to that, Ambassador Acharya was Foreign Secretary with the Government of Nepal (2007-2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva (2003-2007), Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry (1999-2002) and Joint Secretary (Director-General) responsible for South Asia, Europe and the Americas and Regional Organizations, Economic Relations and Coordination Divisions (1998-2003).