



**Financing for Development Office  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs**

**Panel discussion on  
“Moving Out Of Aid Dependency”**

***Second Committee Special Event***  
**Friday, 16 November, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Conference Room 2**

**Key Questions**

- What is the development paradigm needed for countries to move out of aid dependency?
- What do we learn from the experience of investments in social expenditure?
- What is the experience of countries who have graduated from aid to other type of flows?
- How can the aid machinery be further reformed to enhance aid effectiveness by aligning aid delivery to an overall development strategy?
- What improvements can be made to the criteria to be used for allocating aid to enhance its effectiveness?

**Chair:**

**Peter Le Roux**, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, South Africa

**Discussant:**

**Benu Schneider**, Chief of International Finance, Debt and Systemic Issues Unit, UN-DESA Financing for Development Office

**Panelists:**

**Poul Engberg-Pedersen**, Director General, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

**Roy Culpepper**, President, North-South Institute, Canada

**Michael Atingi Ego**, Executive Director, Bank of Uganda

**Irma Adelman**, Professor, University of California, Berkeley

**H.E. Mr. Debpriya Bhattacharya**, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, Representatives of Intergovernmental and Non-governmental Organizations and the Media are invited to attend.**

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## Panelist Biographies

### **Irma Adelman**

Dr. Adelman is Professor Emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley. Her research interests include: income distribution and poverty in developing countries, economic development and institutional change, industrialization and agricultural policy in developing countries, economic planning and operations research, and international trade and economic development. She has written extensively in development economics, some of her books titles include *Economic Growth and Social Equality in Developing Countries*; *Society, Politics and Economic Development*; and *Comparative Patterns of Economic Development*. She has been consultant for several international organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the OECD among others. Dr. Adelman received her B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

### **Poul Engberg-Pedersen**

Mr. Poul Engberg-Pedersen has been Director-General at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) since 2005. His professional career started in Ethiopia in 1977 and has spanned positions as international civil servant, researcher, manager, consultant and development practitioner. Engberg-Pedersen's work has focused on development and aid management issues, in particular related to good governance and institutional capacity-building, with a regional focus on Eastern and Southern Africa, South and South-East Asia. Through research and practice, he is seeking to maximize the transformational potential of international development cooperation and minimize its bureaucratic tendencies. As head of Norad, his current mission lies in quality assurance and results enhancement in Norwegian development cooperation, which has an annual budget of USD 3.5-4 billion and a strong position in Norway's foreign policy. Engberg-Pedersen was programme officer for UNHCR in Addis Ababa (1977-78), researcher and managing director at Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen (1980-84, 1994-2002), consultant and research manager at COWIconsult, Copenhagen (1984-94), and senior adviser on governance and anti-corruption at the World Bank in Washington DC (2002-2005). Engberg-Pedersen is a Danish citizen and holds a PhD in economic planning and political science from the University of Roskilde, Denmark. His publications include *Aid – Understanding international development cooperation* (Zed Books, 2003, with John Degenbol-Martinussen).

### **Roy Culpepper**

Mr Culpepper received his PhD in Economics from the University of Toronto in 1975. Culpepper joined The North-South Institute in 1986 and was Vice-President and Coordinator of Research from 1991 until 1995, when he was appointed President. Before joining the Institute, his work experience included positions in the Manitoba government's Cabinet Planning Secretariat, the federal Department of Finance, and the Department of External Affairs and International Trade. From 1983 to 1986, Culpepper was advisor to the Canadian executive director at the World Bank in Washington. At the Institute, he has conducted research on a broad range of issues relating to international finance and, from 1993 to 1995, he directed the Institute's largest-ever project, a comprehensive study of four regional development banks. He is the author of numerous publications, including *Titans or Behemoths?: the Multilateral Development Banks*; and *Canada and the Global Governors: Reforming the Multilateral Development Banks*. Since his appointment as President, the Institute has annually published the *Canadian Development Report*, and has launched research in new areas such as corporate responsibility and human security.

### **Debpriya Bhattacharya**

Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya is currently Bangladesh's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO and UN office in Geneva. Prior to his current assignment, Dr. Bhattacharya has been the Executive Director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh and he has worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Plekhanov Institute of National Economy, Moscow and he was a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford. He held visiting positions among others at the Centre for Global Development (CGD), Washington DC and UN-INTECH, Maastricht. Dr Bhattacharya regularly participates in high-level consultative bodies of the Government of Bangladesh and has undertaken assignments for a number of international organizations including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNCTAD, ILO as well as bilateral development agencies from the USA, Japan, UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Sweden. He is an active contributor to international networks on international trade, development finance, migration and regional cooperation. He has also led civil society campaign for good governance, electoral and political reforms in Bangladesh. Dr. Bhattacharya has more than one hundred publications to his credit including chapters in books, monographs, journals, articles and research reports. His current interest relates to reform economics and strategic policy issues.

### **Michael Atingi Ego**

Michael Atingi Ego is the Executive Director of Research at the Bank of Uganda. He has published extensively on the economics of the monetary and financial sectors, and has consulted widely. Dr. Atingi-Ego occasionally works on short-term expert assignments for the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in Balance of Payments and Monetary Operations. He is a leading Resource Person in the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute (MEFMI) of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa.