

Speaker biographies

Substantive informal session: “The Global Context”

10 November, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations, New York

Keynote Address

Ms. Helen Clark

Ms. Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues. Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Helen Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Helen Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres.

Ms. Clark came to the role of Prime Minister after an extensive parliamentary and ministerial career. First elected to Parliament in 1981, Helen Clark was re-elected to her multicultural Auckland constituency for the tenth time in November 2008. Earlier in her career, she chaired Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee. Between 1987 and 1990, she was a Minister responsible for first, the portfolios of Conservation and Housing, and then Health and Labour. She was Deputy Prime Minister between August 1989 and November 1990. From that date until December 1993 she served as Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and then as Leader of the Opposition until winning the election in November 1999. Prior to entering the New Zealand Parliament, Helen Clark taught in the Political Studies Department of the University of Auckland. She graduated with a BA in 1971 and an MA with First Class Honours in 1974.

Moderator

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director of the Financing for Development Office (since January 2010) at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), is responsible for secretariat support to the intergovernmental follow-up process of the 2002 Monterrey Consensus, 2008 Doha Declaration and related outcomes, aimed at promoting policy coherence, coordination and cooperation at all levels in substantive areas of domestic resource mobilization, private capital flows, international trade, official development assistance, external debt and global financial architecture. At present, he coordinates preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held on 13-16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with a view to providing a global financing strategy for sustainable development in the context of post-2015 development agenda. His previous assignments at UN Headquarters were in the areas of Financing for Development

(2000-2009) and Macroeconomics and Development Policy (1989-1999). Prior to joining the UN Secretariat, he was a career diplomat in the Foreign Service of the former Soviet Union. Mr. Trepelkov holds MA and Ph.D. degrees in International Economics from MGIMO-University and authored several publications.

Panel 1

Mr. Maged Abdelaziz

Mr. Maged Abdelaziz was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as his Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) on 17 May 2012. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Abdelaziz served as the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations in New York since 2005. He brought to his new position more than 33 years of experience in the multilateral diplomacy and direct engagement in promoting global development and the socio-economic agenda from an African perspective, including representing the continent as the co-chair of the negotiations of the Financing for Development Review Conference in 2008, the Rapporteur General of the Conference on the Economic and Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Development in 2009.

Mr. Abdelaziz also represented Africa in both the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly as their Vice President and played a leading role as the African member of the bureau of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20. As Special Adviser on Africa, Mr. Abdelaziz has been playing an active role in enhancing the United Nations' role in Africa's development, with particular emphasis on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), ensuring the nexus between peace and security and development, the implementation of the outcome document of major United Nations Summit Conferences related to Africa, as well as the preparatory process for shaping the post-2015 development agenda of the United Nations

Mr. Pablo Fonseca Pereira dos Santos

Mr. Pablo Fonseca joined the Ministry of Finance in 1998 and has been staff member of the National Treasury since 2001. He was General-Coordinator for Economic and Financial Affairs at the Secretariat of International Affairs of the Ministry of Finance (2002 to 2005); Senior Economic Advisor for the Minister of Planning (2005 to 2008); Senior Economic Advisor at the Public-Private Partnerships Unity of the Ministry of Planning (2009 to 2011); Deputy Secretary at the Secretariat of Economic Policy of the Ministry of Finance (2011-2013), where he was involved in industrial, financial market development and private insurance policies. He currently serves as Secretary for Economic Monitoring at the Ministry of Finance being responsible for competition advocacy, infrastructure financing and development as well as for policies in regulated industries such as oil and gas, electricity, transportation, health and lottery. He holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Brasilia and a MPA from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, New York.

Panel 2

Mr. Seán Nolan

Mr. Seán Nolan, an Irish national, is a Deputy Director in the Strategy, Policy, & Review Department of the IMF. Educated at Trinity College Dublin and at Yale University, he taught at Boston University during 1984-89 and worked for the Harvard Institute for International Development as a resident advisor at the Indonesian Finance Ministry during 1989-1992. Since joining the IMF in 1992, he has worked in the European, Asia/Pacific, and African Departments, and in the Office of the Deputy Managing Director; he also served as the IMF's senior resident representative in the Philippines during 1999-2002 and as its senior resident representative in South Africa during 2006-09.

Ms. Shari Spiegel

Ms. Shari Spiegel is Chief, Policy Analysis & Development Branch, at UN DESA's Financing for Development office. Prior she worked in the team for the UN World Economic and Social Survey as a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in May 2010. 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 (ABD) in economics from Princeton University and a BA in applied mathematics and economics from Northwestern University. She served as Executive Director of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD), a think-tank presided over by Joseph Stiglitz at Columbia University. She has extensive experience at the private sector, most recently as a Principal at New Holland Capital and as head of fixed-income emerging markets at Lazard Asset Management. She also served as an advisor to the Hungarian Central Bank in the early 1990s.

Dr James Manyika

Dr James Manyika is a Director of the McKinsey Global Institute, the firm's business and economics think tank where he has led research on various aspects of the global economy and the impact of transformational technologies. James is also Director (Senior Partner) at McKinsey & Company where he is one of the leaders of McKinsey's Global Technology, Media and Telecom Practice. Based in Silicon Valley, he has worked with many of the chief executives of the world's leading technology companies.

James was appointed by President Obama to serve on the President's Global Development Council and to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Council. His other boards incl.: US Department of Commerce's Innovation Advisory Board, Aspen Institute, Oxford Internet Institute, UC Berkeley's School of Information. He is a non-resident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

James was on the Engineering Faculty at Oxford University, a Visiting Scientist at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and a Faculty Exchange Fellow at MIT. A Rhodes Scholar, James holds DPhil, M.Sc. and M.A. degrees from Oxford in Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science and BSc in Electrical Engineering from University of Zimbabwe.