



Anders Berlin, Director, UNCDF (Moderator)

Anders Berlin is currently the Director for UNCDF's Investment Platform in New York with the aim of increasing the innovative use of loans and guarantees throughout UNCDF's portfolio and in cooperation with other UN agencies. Anders has previously had the post as Head of Unit for Loans and Guarantees at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency managing a portfolio investments primarily in Africa and Asia. Prior to this duty, Mr. Berlin worked as the Head of Development cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo and deputy Head of Cooperation in Tanzania. He also worked as a senior advisor to the General Director of Sida and a senior Advisor at DG RELEX at the European Commission in Brussels, as well as an economist at the World Bank. Anders holds a Master's degree in Economics from Stockholm University, and a Master's degree in Economic Policy Management from Columbia University.



Ms. Susanna Moorehead, DAC chair, OECD-DAC

Susanna Moorehead is the elected Chair of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and took up her role in February 2019. Before then, she was British Ambassador to Ethiopia and Djibouti and UK Permanent Representative to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Over a 30 year career in international diplomacy and development, Susanna has held senior executive, strategic, policy and operational roles - from the Board of the World Bank to famine relief in rural Africa. Susanna served as the UK's Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank; was Director of West and Southern Africa at the UK Department for International Development (DFID); and Head of DFID India, when it was the UK's largest development programme. She directed field-based famine and rehabilitation programmes in rural Mali for Save the Children and was Deputy Director of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex until 1997. Susanna has a BA from the University of York, an MSc (Econ) and PhD from the London School of Economics, as well as an honorary doctorate from the University of York.



Ms. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary, UN-ESCWA

Ms. Dashti is a leading Kuwaiti economist and long-time champion of women's rights, gender equality and democratic reform. She served as member of the Supreme Planning Council in Kuwait. From 2012 to 2014, she was Minister for Planning and Development and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. Ms. Dashti played a pivotal role in advocating for a decree to allow Kuwaiti women to vote and run for parliamentary elections. In May 2009, she and three others became the first women to be elected to the Kuwait parliament.

She has held key positions in research and development institutions, such as the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and has worked for major national and international

financial and development institutions, such as the National Bank of Kuwait and the World Bank. She also managed contracts for the Kuwaiti Emergency and Reconstruction Program during the invasion to post liberation period.

Ms. Dashti holds a doctorate degree in population dynamics from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, a master's degree in economics and finance from California State University in Sacramento, and a bachelor of science in agriculture economics from California State University in Chico.



Ms. Preeti Sinha, Executive Secretary, UNCDF

Ms. Sinha is a globally experienced investment and development banker with a 30-year track record associated with raising and managing institutional public and private development capital. She served as CEO & President of FFD Financing for Development LLC, a specialist development finance firm focused on financing the UN SDGs.

Ms. Sinha managed the YES Global Institute, a practicing think-tank for socio-economic development and SDGs in New Delhi. She served in senior resource mobilization roles at the African Development Bank including managing the ADF-13 Replenishment. She was a pioneering Global Leadership Fellow at the World Economic Forum bringing public and private capital together. She was an investment banker at HSBC, Rabobank, Lehman Brothers and JP Morgan in London, Hong Kong, Mumbai and New York.

Ms. Sinha is a Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Education alumna in Public Financial Management. She has a Masters in Global Leadership from the World Economic Forum and a Masters in Public and Private Management (MPPM)/MBA from the Yale School of Management (SOM). She graduated from Dartmouth College with Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Computer Science.



Mr. Theophilus Jong Yungong, Head of Programmes, AFRODAD

Dr. Yungong is a development professional with extensive experience in issues of development finance. Prior to joining AFRODAD, he consulted extensively with African Developmental Interchange Network, working with the United Nations Systems in Cameroon for post-2015 consultations to inform the 2030 global development agenda. He also consulted with Development Partners in South Africa and Counterpart

International Cameroon. He has been involved in higher education research and teaching at the University of Buea – Cameroon and Euclid University, (Pôle Universitaire Euclide) - an intergovernmental university with founding member states in Africa, Caribbean and Asia Pacific regions, and with a global faculty base. Yungong also lectured at the Siantou University Institute, Cameroon. He joined AFRODAD in 2018 as Policy Analyst under the Debt Management Portfolio and later occupied the posts of Acting Executive Director and Head of Programs. Yungong holds a Doctorate and Master's Degrees in Development from Nelson Mandela University, South Africa and a Bachelor from the University of Buea, Cameroon. He

also trained at the Regional Centre for Training in Aerospace Surveys - RECTAS (now AFROGIST) at the Obafemi Awolowo University Campus, Nigeria where he earned a Post-graduate diploma in Geo-Information Production and Management (GIS specialism).



Mr. Admasu Tadesse, Group MD and President Emeritus, Trade and Development Bank

Admassu Tadesse is an international banker and business leader with experience at board and executive-levels globally and in Africa. He is currently the Group Managing Director and Chief Executive of the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB Group) – formerly the PTA Bank. Since he joined the Bank in 2012, Mr. Tadesse has launched new business operations, centres of excellence in risk management and treasury and also critical institutional reforms which have led TDB to transform its ownership, geographic scope and organizational structure.

Previously, Mr. Tadesse was Executive Vice-President at the Development Bank of Southern Africa, where he served for some 10 years, and was responsible for international finance and corporate strategy among others. He has also worked as a senior advisor and specialist with various funds and international organizations, including in New York.



Ms. Sarah Ssewanyana, Executive Director, EPRC

Sarah holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics obtained from the University of Sydney, Australia; MSc in Agricultural Economics from University of Manitoba, Canada; and Bachelor of Statistics (Hons) from Makerere University. She joined the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) in March 2003 as a Senior Research Fellow and elevated to the position of Principal Research Fellow in 2008. Currently, Sarah is the Executive Director of the Centre. She has steered the Centre to be recognized as one of the globally renowned policy think tanks. Sarah is a well-grounded researcher with extensive experience in policy-oriented economic research and very conversant with Uganda's development challenges. She has extensively researched on poverty, food security, health, education and social service delivery, among others. Sarah is spearheading the poverty analysis research at EPRC, which has to a great extent positioned EPRC as a reputable policy-oriented research institution. And her poverty analytical work has informed and supported evidence-based policy making process in Uganda.