

Charting New Directions: Shaping the Future of Sustainable Development

*A UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue with members
of the UN High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs*

Friday, 24 October 2025
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT
Conference Room 6, UN Headquarters, New York
and online

Programme

Introduction (5 minutes)

- **Shakuntala Santhiran**, moderator

Opening remarks (3 minutes)

- **Li Junhua**, UN Under-Secretary-General on Economic and Social Affairs

Panel 1: The New Economics of Social Inclusion (33 minutes)

- **Eudine Barriteau**, former Cave Hill Campus Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Emerita, University of West Indies Cave Hill Campus
- **Jayati Ghosh**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- **Fadhel Kaboub**, President, Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity; Associate Professor of Economics, Denison University
- **Danny Sriskandarajah**, Chief Executive of the New Economics Foundation, former Chief Executive of Oxfam, former Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS

Video 1 (2 minutes)

- “UN Marks 80th Anniversary of Its Founding”

Panel 2: Future Frontiers: Insights on Emerging Trends (33 minutes)

- **Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue**, Professor of Global Development and Brooks School of Policy, Cornell University
- **Alex Ezeh**, Professor at Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health; Former Director of African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)

- **Xiaolan Fu**, Professor of Technology and International Development, University of Oxford
- **Raya Muttarak**, Professor of Demography, University of Bologna
- **David Christopher Smith**, Director, Centre for Environmental Management, The University of the West Indies; Coordinator, Institute for Sustainable Development, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica

Video 2

(3 minutes)

- **“80 Years of the UN Charter: Why It Matters More Than Ever”**

Panel 3: The Next Era of Sustainable Development

(33 minutes)

- **Anastasia Gage**, Professor at the Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Tulane University
- **Martin Kimani**, CEO of the Africa Center, New York
- **Jose Antonio Ocampo**, Professor, Columbia University
- **Åsa Persson**, Strategic Advisor and Researcher, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Climate Action Centre, and Chair of the Swedish Climate Policy Council

Closing remarks

(3 minutes)

- **Navid Hanif**, UN Assistant-Secretary-General for Economic Development

Wrap-up and closing

(1 minute)

- Moderator