

First Meeting of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Interactive discussion on the SDGs, 3 – 6 pm
Panellists

General Assembly Hall, 14 March 2012

Ms. Amina Mohammed

Secretary General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning

Ms. Mohammed is the Special Adviser to United Nations Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning. She is also the CEO/Founder of the Center for Development Policy Solutions and an Adjunct Professor of the Master's Programme for Development Practice at Columbia University, New York. Prior to that, Ms. Mohammed served as the Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the Millennium Development Goals after serving three Presidents over a period of six years. In 2005 she was charged with the coordination of the debt relief funds (\$1 billion per annum) towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria. From 2002-2005, Ms. Mohammed served as coordinator of the Task Force on Gender and Education for the United Nations Millennium Project.

Ms. Mohammed currently serves on numerous international advisory panels and boards, the Hewlett Foundation on Education, African Women's Millennium Initiative, the Millennium Promise Initiative, and the Institute of Scientific & Technical Information of China. Ms. Mohammed received the National Honours Award of the Order of the Federal Republic in 2006 and was inducted in the Nigerian Women's Hall of Fame in 2007.

Mr. Martin Khor

Executive Director, South Centre

Mr. Martin Khor joined as Executive Director of the South Centre on 1 March 2009. Prior to this, he was the Director of the Third World Network, a leading developing-country civil society organization involved in research and publications in trade, environment and development issues. He was also the Editor of the South-North Development Monitor (SUNS). He is a member of the United Nations Committee on Development Policy.

Previously, Mr. Khor served as a member of the of the Board of the South Centre in 1996-2002, the Helsinki Group on Globalisation and Democracy, the International Task Force on Climate Change (2003-2005), the Expert Group on Democracy and Development, Commonwealth Secretariat (2002-2003), the United Nations Secretary-General's Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements in the UN System (1998), and the Working Group of Experts on the Right to Development, the UN Commission on Human Rights (Vice-Chairman - 1996, member - 1997).

Mr. Manish Bapna

Executive Vice President and Managing Director, World Resources Institute

Manish Bapna joined World Resources Institute (WRI) as its Executive Vice President and Managing Director in 2007. He served as WRI's acting president from 2011-2012. His

interests and expertise are in international development with a particular focus on rural poverty and natural resources. Previously, Mr. Bapna was the executive director of the nonprofit Bank Information Center (BIC). He has also served as a senior economist and task team leader at the World Bank, where he led multidisciplinary teams in designing and implementing water, watershed, and rural development projects in Asia and Latin America.

Mr. David Steven

Associate Director, Center on International Cooperation, NYU

David Steven is a Senior Non-Resident Fellow and Associate Director at CIC, where he works on development policy and the post-2015 agenda, and leads CIC's joint work with the Brookings Institution on climate change and resource scarcity. He has advised UNDP and a number of UN member states on the post-2015 international development agenda, whilst recent work at CIC has included partnerships with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the MacArthur Foundation, the Bertelsmann Stiftung, Forum for the Future, and the Skoll Foundation.

Mr. Steven led the secretariat for the Next Generation Nigeria Task Force and is Research Director for the Pakistan Task Force on the Next Generation, both of which explore future demographic challenges and opportunities. Mr. Steven is additionally a director of the consultancy River Path Associates, and is on the advisory board of JLT's World Risk Review. He co-edits Global Dashboard, the foreign policy blog.