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PANELLISTS AND SPEAKERS

Ms. Claire Melamed

Ms. Claire Melamed is the Head of the Growth, Poverty and Inequality Programme at ODI. She was previously the Head of Policy at ActionAid UK. She has also worked for Christian Aid, the United Nations in Mozambique, and taught at the University of London and the Open University.

Ms. Melamed's current research interests are on the MDGs and the development of a post-MDG international agreement on development, on how an analysis of equity can improve our understanding of poverty and how to end it, on how to design policies to ensure that the benefits of growth are distributed to poor people, and on how to make inequality visible to policy makers through better data.

Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr

Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr is Professor of International Affairs at the New School. She is a development economist who has published widely on a broad range of development policy related issues including poverty, gender, technology, capacity development and agriculture. She is best known for her work as director and lead author of the UNDP Human Development Reports 1995-2004. She started her career at the World Bank working on agricultural projects and moved to UNDP where she worked on aid coordination in Africa. Her current research projects include: the role of economic policy in realizing the Right to Food and the political economy of the MDGs.

Ms. Fukuda-Parr is a member of the UN's Committee on Development Policy, the Lancet-Norway Commission on the Global for Health Governance and serves on the Boards of the International Association of Feminist Economics, Centre for Economic and Social Rights, and the Knowledge Ecology International. She is a co-convenor of Metrics for Human Rights, and of a research initiative: The Power of Numbers: Critical Review of MDG Targets for Human Development and Human Rights.

Mr. Marc Levy

Marc Levy is deputy director of the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) at Columbia University's Earth Institute. His training is in political science, and he has published on environmental sustainability indicators, environment-security connections, the effectiveness of international environmental institutions, on social learning and environmental policy-making. At CIESIN he leads work on water-conflict linkages, anthropogenic drivers of emerging infectious diseases, climate vulnerability, and other projects seeking to understand human-environment interactions in a context of global change. He serves as lead project scientist of the Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center, and coordinates CIESIN's work for the Millennium Villages Project.

Mr. Levy served as a convening lead author for the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the UN Environment Program's Global Environmental Outlook 4. He serves as a member of the Political Instability Task Force, and was a member of the National Research Council

committee on “Land-use Change, Ecosystem Dynamics, and Biodiversity,” which was part of the Decadal Study “Earth Science and Applications from Space: A Community Assessment and Strategy for the Future.”

Mr. Abhijit Banerjee

Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee was educated at the University of Calcutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D in 1988. He is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003 he founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), along with Esther Duflo and Sendhil Mullainathan and remains one of the directors of the lab.

Mr. Banerjee is a past president of the Bureau for the Research in the Economic Analysis of Development, a Research Associate of the NBER, a CEPR research fellow, International Research Fellow of the Kiel Institute, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Econometric Society and has been a Guggenheim Fellow and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He received the Infosys Prize 2009 in Social Sciences and Economics. His areas of research are development economics and economic theory. He is the author of three books including Poor Economics, as well as a large number of articles, and is the editor of a third book. He finished his first documentary film, "The Name of the Disease" in 2006.

Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram

Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), served previously as the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development at DESA from January 2005 to June 2012. Mr. Jomo has an extensive background in the field of economic development. He has taught at Harvard, Yale, Science University of Malaysia, National University of Malaysia, University of Malaya and Cornell.

Mr. Jomo has also been a Visiting Fellow at Cambridge University and a Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute in the National University of Singapore. He was the Founder-Director of the Institute of Social Analysis (INSAN), Founder-Chair of IDEAs (International Development Economics Associates) and has served on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute on Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva. Over the years, Mr. Jomo has authored more than 40 monographs, edited more than 60 books and translated 12 volumes, in addition to writing numerous academic papers and articles for the media.

Ms. Sabina Alkire

Ms. Sabina Alkire directs the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), a research centre within the Department of International Development, University of Oxford. In addition, she is a Research Associate at Harvard and Vice President of the Human Development & Capability Association (HDCA).

Ms. Alkire’s research interests include multidimensional poverty measurement and analysis, welfare economics, the capability approach, the measurement of freedoms and human development. Publications include ‘Valuing Freedoms: Sen’s Capability Approach and Poverty Reduction’, as well as articles in Philosophy and Economics. She holds a DPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford.

Ms. Eva Jespersen

Ms. Jespersen is the Deputy Director of Human Development Report Office at UNDP. As Deputy Director, Eva contributes to the development and presentation of the annual global Human Development Reports; pays particular attention to building partnerships with experts and stakeholders at international and country level, and leads the team supporting Regional and National Human Development Reports.

She comes to HDRO from the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence, where she led the Centre's two flagship reports: the Innocenti Social Monitor and the Innocenti Report Cards on child wellbeing. She also coordinated the Centre's research on children and migration. Earlier she contributed to the development of UNICEF's Adjustment with a Human Face, 'the 20/20 Initiative' on investing in basic social services and numerous other policy publications pertaining to children and macro-economics.