



2019 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Biographies

Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks



H. E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President, ECOSOC

Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King, who comes to diplomacy from the private sector, has lived and worked in several Caribbean countries, the United States of America, and China. She is a small business owner, business strategist, the author of three books, and a management accountant with more than two decades of professional experience. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and chemistry, is the immediate past chair of the Investment Promotions Agency of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Invest SVG), and a former Honorary Consul for Portugal to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.



Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
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Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the current Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Previously, Ms. Mohammed was Minister of the Environment of Nigeria from 11 November 2015 to 15 December 2016. Before that she served as the Special Adviser to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on Post2015 development planning. In that role, she acted as the link between the Secretary-General, his High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons (HLP), and the General Assembly's Open Working Group (OWG), among other stakeholders. Prior to this position, Ms. Mohammed served as Founder and CEO of the Center for Development Policy Solutions and as an Adjunct Professor for the Master's in Development Practice program at Columbia University. Ms. Mohammed was also Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the Millennium Development Goals after serving three Presidents over a period of six years.



Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Mr. Liu Zhenmin of China as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs effective 26 July 2017. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China since 2013. Among his various diplomatic assignments, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (2011-2013). Mr. Liu brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on the promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. He was deeply involved for 10 years in climate change negotiations including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. He also widely participated in the international activities on the protection of our planet including Antarctica and the oceans. Over the last several years, in various capacities, he has been consistently highlighting and advocating for sustainable development issues.

High-level Conversation: “The Role of Partnerships in Driving Inclusive Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”



Ms. Ann Cairns, Executive Vice Chairman of Mastercard

In her role as Vice Chairman Ann represents Mastercard around the world, focusing on inclusion, diversity and innovation. She plays the important role of senior ambassador and executive leader and sits as part of the company's global management committee. She is passionate about the role Mastercard can play in delivering inclusion through innovation and continues to build new global partnerships with governments, businesses and NGOs. Ann brings more than 20 years' experience working in senior management positions across Europe and the U.S. Prior to her current appointment, Ann was President of International Markets responsible for the management of all Mastercard customer-related activities in over 200 countries around the world.



Ms. Alaa Murabit, High-level Commissioner on Health Employment and Economic Growth and SDG Advocate

Dr. Alaa Murabit is a medical doctor, Canadian Meritorious Service Cross recipient, UN High-Level Commissioner on Health Employment & Economic Growth, and SDG Advocate. With a strong focus on challenging societal and cultural norms, Dr. Murabit champions women's participation in peace processes and conflict mediation as well as the role of local leaders to implement peace and security. In 2016, she founded a global Mentorship Programme for emerging leaders and co-founded the Omnis Institute, an independent non-profit organisation committed to challenging critical global issues through the empowerment of emerging local leaders, and became the Executive Director of Phase Minus 1, which provides thought leadership in conflict resolution and inclusive security. Alaa previously founded and spearheaded The Voice of Libyan Women at the age of 21.



Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake was appointed as the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth in June 2017 at the age of 26. She is the youngest senior official in the UN and the first woman to hold this position. In this role, Jayathma works to expand the UN's youth engagement and advocacy efforts across all four pillars of work – sustainable development, human rights, peace and security and humanitarian action – and serves as a representative of and advisor to the Secretary-General. Originally from Sri Lanka, Ms. Wickramanayake has worked extensively on youth development and participation, and has played a key role in transforming the youth development sector in her home country. Prior to taking up her post, Ms. Wickramanayake was instrumental in creating the movement for civic and political engagement of young people, especially young women in Sri Lanka named "Hashtag Generation". Previously, she advocated for global youth development on an international level including as the first ever Sri Lankan Youth Delegate to the United Nations and as the youth lead negotiator and member of the International Youth Task Force of the World Conference on Youth 2014 where she played a critical role in mainstreaming youth in the Post-2015 Process and in the establishment of World Youth Skills Day.



Moderator: Ms. Laura Trevelyan, BBC Anchor/ Correspondent

Laura Trevelyan is an anchor of the BBC's US newscast BBC World News America which broadcasts on the global 24 hour news channel BBC World News. Covering the big national and international stories from the BBC studio in Washington, Laura also anchors World News America on location when there's a breaking story. As a correspondent, Laura has reported for the BBC from around the world, covering humanitarian crises and diplomatic visits, interviewing leading newsmakers and public figures.

Laura was also the BBC's UN correspondent from 2006 to 2009, where she covered diplomatic activity at United Nations HQ in New York, and its humanitarian and peacekeeping work in the field.

Session I: What It Takes to Build Effective Country-level Partnership Platforms?



H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN

H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young was appointed as Belize's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in August 2012. On 06 February 2018, Ambassador Young was appointed by the President of the General Assembly as co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS. She continues to serve as co-chair under the current President of the General Assembly. Prior to her appointment as Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, Ambassador Young ran a law practice in Belize with local and international clients. She is also a Senior Counsel at the Belize Bar and has appeared several times before the Privy Council and the Caribbean Court of Justice while serving as of counsel to the Government of Belize.



Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNESCAP

Mr. Hongjoo Hahm (Republic of Korea) is the Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). He currently serves as the Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP for Programmes, Economics and Financing. Formerly, Mr. Hahm was the Senior Advisor to the Water Global Practice Group at the World Bank, where he also served as Country Manager for the Balkans, Head of the Infrastructure Unit in Jakarta (transport, energy, urban, and water and sanitation sectors), and Program Manager for the post-tsunami reconstruction of Aceh, post-earthquake Yogyakarta, and flood mitigation in Jakarta. Mr. Hahm previously served as Global Head for Central Banks, Official Institutions and Sovereign Wealth Funds at Goldman Sachs LLC for five years. He also worked at the Asian Development Bank and the Korea Development Institute, and taught economics at New York University, Queens College, and the City University of New York. Mr. Hahm holds a PhD from New York University, an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School, and a Diploma from the Cambridge University Programme for Sustainable Development. He graduated from Cairo American College, received his B.A. from the College of William and Mary, and M.Phil from the London School of Economics. Mr. Hahm graduated from Korea's Third Military Academy and was commissioned as an officer in the Korean Army.



Ms. Josephine Satyono, Executive Director, Indonesia Global Compact Network

Josephine is an independent CSR Strategic and Sustainability professional, assisting corporations with their CSR and Sustainability strategy. She has more than 30 years of professional experience in multinational and national corporations and international organizations, and presently, the Indonesia Global Compact Network. Josephine led collaborative project initiatives with local and international profit and non-for-profit organizations, government institutions, volunteering and community service agencies, and is continuing her passion and contribution in the community and volunteering activities. During her career with GE, she was awarded the Jack Welch Elfun of the Year, and the Philippe Award, a global award for excellence in volunteer and community activities



Moderator: Ms. Simona Marinescu, UN Resident Coordinator for Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa & Tokelau

Simona Marinescu is the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau based in Apia, Samoa. Prior to this appointment, Simona led the UNDP Development Impact Group in New York covering a wide range of topics from Results Based Management to Knowledge Management and Innovation, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and the International Aid Transparency Initiative. She was the first Director of the Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development of UNDP and previously served in Iraq as UNDP's Programme Director for economic reforms and Head of the Humanitarian, Reconstruction and Development Unit of UNAMI. Before joining the UN system, Simona worked with the World Bank and served in her own country as Minister of Labor and Social Protection and Senator, President of the Labor and Social Protection Committee of the Senate. Simona holds a PhD in Development Economics and an MBA from the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest as well as an MS in Computer Science.

Session II: Multi-stakeholder Partnership as a Lever to Drive Inclusion and Impact



Ms. Rebecca Affolder, Senior Advisor, Global Partnership for Education

Rebecca Affolder has over 15 years of experience advancing partnerships for global development, both within and outside the United Nations system. She concurrently serves as Senior Strategist for the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, and over the past three years has worked with both the Global Partnership for Education and as a Director in the Office of the Secretary-General's Special Envoy, Mr. Raymond Chambers. Rebecca served as Senior Officer and Team Leader in the Office of the UN Secretary-General from 2009-2016, where she led work to establish and develop the Every Woman Every Child initiative, advised on Ban Ki-Moon's strategic efforts to champion global health and multi-stakeholder partnerships, and supported the Global Ebola Response. Other previous posts include Head of the GAVI Executive Office and Member of the Secretariat to the Commission for Africa, chaired by the UK Prime Minister in 2005. Rebecca began her career in Government, working in various roles with the UK Department for International Development, the UK Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Canadian International Development Agency. She holds an MPhil from the University of Cambridge and has lived in Canada, Kenya, Switzerland, Uganda, the United Kingdom and the United States.



Ms. Susana Puerto, Senior Youth Employment Specialist, Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth

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Susana Puerto leads the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, an inclusive multi-stakeholder alliance to scale up action and impact on youth employment within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Today, Decent Jobs for Youth engages with over 60 partners globally, creating synergies and brokering partnerships at country, regional and global level. With over ten years of experience on the promotion of youth employment, Susana has managed and contributed to multiple efforts boosting employability and job creation – with a focus on young women and impact research. Susana is a labour economist from Georgetown University with a strong research footprint.

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H.E. Ms. Mari Skåre, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN (representing Every Woman, Every Child Initiative)

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H.E. Ms. Mari Skåre, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations. Prior to this appointment Ms. Skåre was Norway's Ambassador to Afghanistan from 2016 to 2018. From 2010 to 2012, MS. Skåre was the first NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security. Her other appointments in the Norwegian Foreign Service include the position as Legal Adviser for the Minister for Development Cooperation and Head of the Division of Environment and Sustainable Development. Ms. Skåre holds a Master Degree in Law from the University of Oslo.



Mr. Wasim Ahmed, Director of Islamic Financial Sector Development Department, Islamic Development Bank (representing *Global Islamic Finance and Impact Investing Platform*)
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As the Director of the Islamic Financial Sector Development Department at the Islamic Development Bank, Mr. Wasim is responsible for all programs, projects and initiatives relating to the Islamic financial sector development globally and the Islamic Development Bank's member countries. He developed and implemented Islamic financial sector strategies in coordination with many central banks and relevant stakeholders in IsDB member countries.. He has over 20 years of broad-based experience in Islamic finance sector development and experience from working in the private sector. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of three reputable Islamic banks (Bangladesh, Albania and Turkey).



Ms. Karina Gerlach, Senior Program Advisor, NYU Center on International Cooperation (representing *Pathfinders for Just and Inclusive Societies*)

Karina Gerlach, comes to CIC with 33 years of experience in international organizations, including the UN, the G77 and the High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, where she was Deputy Executive Secretary. This Panel produced the high-profile report that would shape the articulation of Agenda 2030. At the U.N. she held positions of increasing responsibility and leadership across a broad spectrum of UN departments, political, economic and social as well as management. She joined the Department of Political Affairs in 2004 where she managed several units and offices, and was Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General from 2004-2005 and 2007-2012. During this time she helped steer the Department through its largest ever strengthening with a special focus on improving the management of Special Political Missions. Prior to that, she worked on a number of inter-agency and system wide assignments including the Secretary General's Chief Executive's Board and Fiftieth Anniversary Secretariat. She also worked on Economic and Social issues in the Division for Sustainable Development and with the Group of 77, whose office in New York she assisted in establishing. She has extensive experience with the development, shepherding and implementation of system-wide policies and initiatives as well as with UN budgetary and administrative matters. She has also worked on public information and communication strategies as well as extensively with Civil Society Organizations. Ms. Gerlach is a Venezuelan national and holds degrees from Georgetown and Columbia Universities.



Moderator: Mr. Robert Lawrence Skinner, Executive Director, UN Office for Partnerships

Robert Skinner is the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Partnerships, taking up the post in July 2018. In this role, he engages partners for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), manages the UN's relationship with the UN Foundation, oversees the administration of the UN Democracy Fund, and directs the SDG Advocates and the SDG Strategy Hub. Prior to this role, Robert was the Director of the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) in Washington, DC for three years, and the Executive Director in the New York Office of the United Nations Foundation for nine years.

Session III: Raising Ambition for UN-associated Partnerships



Ms. Priya Gajraj, UN Resident Coordinator for Senegal
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Ms. Priya Gajraj was appointed as UN Resident Coordinator for the Republic of Senegal in September 2017. Ms. Gajraj has over 20 years' experience in senior leadership and management positions for the UN in Africa, Asia and the Middle East as well as at HQ. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Gajraj was UNDP Country Director in the Democratic Republic of Congo (2014-2017). From 2008-2014, she worked in UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa in New York in a variety of capacities, most notably as Chief of the West and Central Africa team. Ms. Gajraj has also served as Senior Advisor with the UNDP Office in Niger (2006-2008). From 2002-2005, she worked as Country Coordinator on Somalia with the World Bank, based in Kenya. She also served with UNDP in Indonesia (2000-2002), Rwanda (2001) and with the Office of Development Studies in New York (1998-2000). Ms. Gajraj has a B.A. from Yale University and an

M.Phil from Cambridge University.



Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, Strategic Advisor to Director of UN Development Coordination Office

Prior to his current position, Mr. Afanasiev served for 15 years as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India, Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Croatia. Before that he served in Headquarters in New York as Senior Advisor at the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS covering 24 countries in the region including Central Asia. Before that he was Deputy Representative of UNDP in BiH after the Dayton Peace Agreement from 1996 to 2001. As a standing member of the crisis response team, Mr. Afanasiev was fielded as UNDP Coordinator for the Response to the Asian Tsunami in 2004-5, Somalia in 2012 and as the Typhoon Yolanda Response Coordinator in the Philippines in 2013. In 2014 he coordinated the UN response to the Balkan floods. He has spent over 14 years in various disaster and conflict duty stations. Mr. Afanasiev has also served in a variety of other field positions at the

United Nations. He started his development career in Cuba, where he served from 1988 to 1990. He came to the UN from private business. Mr. Afanasiev holds an MA in International Economics and Finance from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He is married with 3 grown children



Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)

Petru Dumitriu joined JIU in 2016. He earned his doctorate with a thesis on the UN reform. He served as representative of his country in various governing bodies of the UN system and in the Bureaus of several General Assembly subsidiary bodies, including as the Rapporteur of the World Summit on the Information Society. He was also Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the Council of Europe to the United Nations–Geneva. As Director and Director-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania he acted as national coordinator in relation to the UN country team. Author of JIU reports on knowledge management, partnerships with the private sector, and policy research uptake. Co-author of a forthcoming report on cloud computing. In 2017 he received the Knowledge Management Award.



Moderator: Ms. Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard, Director, Partnerships and Field Support, ILO

Her professional experience includes managerial responsibilities in the pharmaceutical sector as Head of Product and Market Development; Enterprise Development Specialist in the ILO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific in Bangkok, and Senior Specialist in Enterprise Development, ILO Headquarters in Geneva. She has also held various ILO management positions including Global Manager of a Technical Corporation Programme on “Job Quality in Micro and Small Enterprises”; Deputy Sub-Regional Director for South East Asia, New Delhi; as ILO Country Director for Viet Nam; and as Manager of the ILO Global Programme on “Decent Work Country Level Policy Analysis”. Prior to her current assignment she served as the Deputy Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia responsible for providing policy and technical assistance to 51 member states of the ILO. She is a Danish national and has an educational background in Economics and Business Administration with a specialization in marketing and international business development.

Closing Session



Ms. Lise Kingo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact

Lise Kingo is the CEO and Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact, which is the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative with more than 13,500 signatories from 170 countries that have committed to aligning strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and taking actions that advance societal goals. Prior to joining the UN Global Compact in 2015, Ms. Kingo was Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President and member of the Executive Management team at Novo Nordisk A/S since 2002. She was in charge of several business areas and pioneered the first Novo Nordisk strategy on sustainability, spearheading the integration of sustainability into the heart of the business, showcasing the mutual benefits for both the company and society. Before 2002, Ms. Kingo held various positions at NovoZymes A/S and Novo A/S, including Director of Environmental Affairs and Senior Vice President of Business Support. She was responsible for a number of areas covering growth and operations such as Environmental Affairs, People Management, Communications and Branding. Furthermore Ms. Kingo was the founder and primary force behind the first sustainability strategy at NovoZymes. Until Ms. Kingo started her work with UN Global Compact, she was chair of the board at Steno Diabetes Center and has throughout her career, held a number of board positions in foundations as well as in companies, such as Grieg Star Shipping in Norway and GN Great Nordic. She was also a Professor at the Medical Faculty, Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, and the Chair of the Danish Council for Corporate Social Responsibility. Ms Kingo has received several awards such as the Edinburgh Medal and the Copenhagen Business School 2018 Honorary Alumni Award. She is also a UN Gender Champion. Ms. Kingo holds a Master of Science degree in Responsibility and Business Practice from the University of Bath, United Kingdom, a Bachelors of Arts in The Science of Religions and Ancient Greek Culture from the Universities of Aarhus and Odense, Denmark as well as a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing Economics from the Copenhagen Business School. She is also certified by INSEAD’s International Directors Program in Corporate Governance.