

CSD-16 Partnerships Fair Chairperson Biography

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Mr. Pilari holds a Ph.D. in development economics from the University of Economics in Germany and a University Professor certificate (habilitat docente) from the Academy of Sciences, Germany. He is the author of more than 30 publications, research papers and reports on specific issues of sustainable development. His academic credentials include guest lecturer assignments at the UNAM in Mexico City, the INCCA University in Bogota, the Academy of Sciences in Habana, the Academy of Sciences in Moscow, and the University of Economics in Sofia.

In 1989, Mr. Pilari joined the United Nations Secretariat in New York. As a UN staff member, he was actively involved in the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. As a senior economic officer in the Division for Sustainable Development - the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) - he assumed progressive responsibilities in drafting Secretary-General's reports, assisting intergovernmental negotiations in the CSD, and representing the Division in international events. He was a member of the secretariat for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, which negotiated the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and the 2005 Mauritius International Conference, which negotiated the Mauritius Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Small Islands developing States. Currently, Mr. Pilari holds an assignment as a consultant in the Division for Sustainable Development working on drought and desertification in the context of sustainable development.