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Mr. WU Hongbo



Mr. Wu Hongbo was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 August 2012. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Wu served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Germany. Among his various diplomatic assignments, Mr. Wu served as China's Ambassador to the Philippines.

Mr. Wu brings to DESA his outstanding policy-making experience and problem-solving skills, as well as rich and extensive experience with multilateral organizations and international conferences. As Director-General and later Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Wu worked with the Chinese inter-agency coordination mechanism for the Boao Forum for Asia, the Chinese working group for the implementation mechanism of the UN conventions on environment and development, and the Chinese inter-ministry coordination mechanism for the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions.

H.E. Ahmed Saheer



His Excellency **Mr. Ahmed Sareer** presented his Letters of Credence to His Excellency Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, as Ambassador / Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations on 20 December 2012. He is also concurrently serving as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Maldives to the United States of America having presented his Letters of Credence to His Excellency President Barack Obama on 14 January 2013.

From December 2009 until his appointment as Ambassador / Chargé d'Affaires to the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations in February 2012, Mr. Sareer served as the High Commissioner of Maldives to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. He was Deputy High Commissioner in London, United Kingdom from June 2008 to May 2009, and served as the Charge d'Affaires, Maldives Mission to the European Union, Brussels from March to June 2008. He was the Counsellor and later the Deputy High Commissioner in Colombo, Sri Lanka from July 2006 to March 2008.

In January 2015, the Maldives has assumed Chairmanship of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), a coalition of 44 small island and coastal nations from around the world, and Mr. Sareer has been leading the process on behalf of the Government of Maldives. Since January 2016, Mr. Sareer

has also been serving as Co-Chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States on behalf of the President of the United Nations General Assembly, constituted by the latter under UNGA resolution 70/202.

H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava



H. E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava received his BSc in Biology from University of Zambia, and MSc/DIC in Nematology from Imperial College, and Mphil/PHD in Parasitology from Royal Holloway College. He worked as Minister of Labour, Manpower Planning and Development from 1981 to 1986; minister of State for Political Affairs from 1987 to 1989; Member of Parliament of Zimbabwe from 1980 to 2000; Consultant on Parliamentary Reforms for the Parliament of Zimbabwe from 2003 to 2004; Ambassador to the People's Republic of China from 2007 to 2014.

H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams



Ambassador Dessima Williams serves as Special Adviser for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. She brings experience as a diplomat and negotiator, a social development advocate, professor and private sector investor. In the 1980s, Ambassador Williams served as Grenada's representative to the Organization of American States, Deputy Governor to the World Bank and Deputy Permanent Representative to the Inter-American Commission of Women. At the Organization of American States, she shepherded resolutions such as the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, Development and Independence and promotion of small island states.

Dessima has taught at secondary, college and university levels and is an advocate for the rights of women and girls, for farmers and for rural development. She founded the Grenada Education and Development Programme, which supports Grenada's students as emerging leaders. She has also owned a business in the tourism sector.

In 2009-2013, she was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Grenada to the United Nations, with three of those years concurrently as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States. In this capacity, she led a 40-island global climate change effort that recorded the high ambition of keeping average global temperatures to 1.5 degrees in the Copenhagen Accord of 2009, which was later included in the 2015 Paris Agreement. Dessima has participated in numerous sustainable development and political meetings, including Rio+20 and the first and third United Nations Conferences on Small Island Developing States.

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi



Mukhisa Kituyi, of Kenya, is UNCTAD Secretary-General since September 2013, has an extensive background as an elected official, an academic, and a holder of high government office. He also has wide-ranging experience in trade negotiations, and in African and broader international economics and diplomacy.

He studied political science and international relations at the University of Nairobi and at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, receiving a BA in 1982.

He went on to earn an MPhil in 1986 and a doctorate in 1989 from the University of Bergen, Norway. Dr. Kituyi served as a researcher at Norway's Christian Michelsen Institute from 1989 to 1991, and as Programme Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi from 1991 to 1992. He was elected to the Kenyan Parliament in 1992, and was twice re-elected. He was Kenya's Minister of Trade and Industry from 2002 to 2007. From 2008 to 2012, Dr. Kituyi was a member of a team of experts advising the presidents of the nations of the East African Community on how to establish more effective regional economic links. From 2011 to 2012, he was a consultant for the African Union Commission, where he helped to develop the structure for a pan-African free trade area. Prior to leading UNCTAD Dr. Kituyi was Chief Executive of the Kenya Institute of Governance, based in Nairobi, a think tank and advocacy organization that focuses on linking academic research and the development of public policy.

Mr. Nikhil Seth



Mr. Nikhil Seth was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as UN Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on 8 June 2015.

Before assuming the post of the UNITAR Executive Director, Nikhil Seth was the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. In this role he served as head of the Rio+20 secretariat and of the secretariat for the Third International Conference

on Small Island Developing States, spearheading the preparations for these conferences in Rio, Brazil, and Apia, Samoa. He was also closely engaged in coordinating and advancing their follow-up. Mr. Seth's Division was also responsible for supporting the intergovernmental negotiations for the post-2015 development agenda, which was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 in September 2015.

Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox



Heidi Schroderus-Fox was appointed as Director of the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) on 3 July

2012. She serves as Deputy to the High Representative and oversees the management and the programmatic work of the office.

During 2010-2011 she served as Head of Policy Issues for the Office of the President of the United Nations General Assembly (OPGA), where she advised the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on all policy issues under consideration and led a group of policy experts. On behalf of the PGA, she developed ideas for thematic debates and helped to mediate complex negotiations, for instance, on the UN Peacebuilding Review. She also coordinated the preparations of the High Level Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as well as the OPGA preparations for the Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

Ms. Schroderus-Fox holds the rank of Ambassador in the Finnish Foreign Service, making significant contributions in the areas of inter-governmental policy dialogue, partnership building and negotiations. In 2006-2010, Ms. Schroderus-Fox served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations in New York. Prior to being posted to the UN, Ms. Schroderus-Fox held a succession of increasing leadership positions at the Finnish Foreign Ministry and in diplomatic postings to Paris, Washington DC, Tel Aviv, Geneva and Pretoria.

Reverend Dr. James Moultrie (Master of Ceremony)



Dr. James Moultrie was born in Eleuthera in The Bahamas and is an ordained priest since 1994 in the Anglican/Episcopalian church. He is currently Associate priest at the historic St. Agnes Anglican Church in Nassau. His career spans forty-three years in the public service of The Bahamas Government variously as a senior public administrator, policy maker and diplomat. He has served at the most senior levels in the Ministry of Education as Director of Youth and Community Services;

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Development.

In 1980 Dr. Moultrie was elected to the House of Assembly as the Member of Parliament for the constituency of Rock Sound, Eleuthera, where he remained an MP until 1992. In 1987 to 1993, Dr. Moultrie served as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at The Bahamas Mission to the United Nations. From 2004 to present Dr. Moultrie has continued to lead and provide direction on public administration in The Bahamas, serving variously as a Member of the Public Service Commission, Member of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission; Chairman of The National Insurance Board. In 2013 he was appointed as Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

Dr. Moultrie holds a B.Sc in Sociology from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica; a M.Ed in Administration from the University of Miami, Fla., USA and a Ph.D in Sociology from Columbus University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. In addition, Dr. Moultrie holds a Dip. Th from the General Theological Seminary in New York, USA.

SESSION 1

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

H.E. Mr. Oliver Joseph



Ambassador Oliver Joseph joined the Grenada Public Service in 1982. He was elected a Member of Parliament on the 19th February, 2013. He holds the portfolios of Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Trade & Labour. He served in various positions including Director of Trade in 1999 and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs from August 2006 to 2009.

He was an adjunct Lecturer in Economics at the T.A Marryshow Community College and Tutor at the University of the West-Indies Open Campus (2003-2008).

On the 1st of November 2009 he was seconded to the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) as Integration Specialist.

Mr. Joseph holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Management, Diploma in Trade Policy and a Master's Degree in International Trade. He has also received specialized training in Trade Negotiations. He brings a wealth of experience in the field of Public Policy.

Hon Hazel Brandy-Williams



Hazel Brandy-Williams, Minister Nevis island administration. She was born in 1967, and citizen of St. Christopher and Nevis. She received her BA in Finance at University of the Virgin Islands BA, and her MSC in Risk Management & Financial Services at University of Glasgow. Currently she is studying at University of London LLB.

She joined Nevis Island Administration in 1988; worked at Deputy Comptroller Inland Revenue from 1998 to 2000. Then she worked as Budget Analyst from 2000 to 2002 and Budget Director from 2002 to 2007, later she worked as Registrar of International Insurance from 2007 to 2013, then became Junior Minister of Social Development from 2013 until now. She worked closely with Minister with responsibility for the Ministries of Social Development, Youth, Sports, Community Development, Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) Unit and Sustainable Human Development, and affiliated with the Concerned Citizens Movement Political Party.

H.E. Mr. Elisaia Ali'ioaiga Feturi



Ambassador Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia is Samoa's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and is concurrently Ambassador to the United States of America and High Commissioner to Canada, posts he has held since September 2003. He was Assistant Chief Executive

Officer, Corporate and Support Services in Samoa's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for three years prior to his current appointment.

He was seconded from Samoa's Public Service to serve as Co-Director of the Samoa Office of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, a German Political Foundation for 13 years (March 1988 - March 2001). He also served as Deputy Secretary for Samoa's Foreign Affairs for over 3 years (December 1984 - February 1988). He served as First Secretary at Samoa's High Commission to New Zealand for three years from 1991 to 1994.

During his current posting, Ambassador Elisaia has served in the following capacities:

- Chairman of the Pacific Islands Forum Group in New York (2004-2005);
- Representative of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on the Bureau of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2007 to 2008;
- Samoa's Political Focal Point to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) since 2006;
- one of the two representatives of Small Island Developing States [SIDS] on the Transitional Committee that designed the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in 2011;
- Alternate Member for SIDS on the Board of the Green Climate Fund from 2012-2015, and
- Current SIDS representative on the Board of the GCF from 2016 to 2018

Ambassador Elisaia has represented his country in numerous major global conferences and High-level events during his more than a decade years as his country's envoy to the United Nations.

Ms. Grete Faremo



Ms. Grete Faremo joined UNOPS as Executive Director in August 2014.

Before this appointment, Ms. Faremo held various senior-level positions for the Government of Norway. Most recently, she was Minister of Justice and Public Security; a role she held for two years. During her first appointment as Minister of Justice, Ms. Faremo initiated negotiations between Schengen member countries and Norway on security and free movement in Europe, which culminated in the Nordic Schengen Agreement, signed in 1996 by the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. She was Minister of Defence (2009-2011), Minister of Oil and Energy (1996),

Minister of Justice (1992-1996), and Minister of Development Cooperation (1990-1992) for the Norwegian Government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was elected member of Parliament from 1993 to 1997.

Ms. Faremo also brings a wealth of experience from the private sector, working as the Executive Vice President for the Norwegian insurance group, Storebrand, from 1997 to 2003. From 2003 to 2008, she held the position of Director of Law and Corporate Affairs at Microsoft Corporation's Western European Office, where she developed the legal and public affairs division responsible for corporate compliance in the region.

Ms. Faremo graduated from the University of Oslo in 1978, with a degree in Law, specializing in International law. She entered the public service in 1979, as an executive officer in the Norwegian Government's Ministry of Finance, later moving to NORAD in 1980, and the then newly established

Ministry of Development Cooperation, where she worked for six years. She is quadrilingual, fluent in English, Danish and Swedish, aside from her Norwegian mother tongue.

Ms. Elina Palm



Ms. Elina Palm is currently the Acting Head of the New York Liaison Office of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). She has 19 years of experience from various positions with the UN system, both from the headquarters and from the field in the areas of disaster risk reduction, sustainable development and climate change. From July 2005 to December 2006, she worked for the Office of the Special Envoy for Indian Ocean Tsunami Recovery, with focus on early warning and disaster risk reduction.

Prior to her assignment in New York, she was the Head of the UNISDR Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in San José in Costa Rica (2001-2005). Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Palm has worked with the Finnish government, international NGOs as well as with local authorities in Karnataka, southern India. Ms. Palm holds an MSc in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Ms. Rubyna Boodhoo (Group Rapporteur)



Since June 2015, **Rubyna Dyal-Boodhoo** is a Lead Analyst with the Strategic Policy and Planning Department at the Prime Minister's Office, which is responsible for advising Government on strategic planning and issues of national interest. She has contributed actively to the preparation of Vision 2030 Blueprint which has as objective to move Mauritius to a high-income, sustainable and inclusive economy by 2030.

Rubyna has a diverse range of experience gained from working for more than 20 years as an economist and financial analyst with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. She has led several teams on planning and public finance, and on policy and project elaboration in a wide range of sectors, including education, health, poverty, housing, gender, small and medium enterprises, regional trade and investment, food security, and environment and disaster management.

From June 2013 to December 2014, she worked with the "Maurice Ile Durable Commission, under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office to implement the "Maurice Ile Durable Policy, Strategy and Action Plan".

H.E. Ms. Malgorzata Wasilewska



Malgorzata Wasilewska took up her post as Ambassador/Head of Delegation at the Delegation of the European Union to Jamaica, Belize, The Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands on September 1, 2016. Previously, she was Head of Division for Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Mediation at the Security Policy Directorate of the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels. In this capacity, she led a team responsible for focusing EU's work on conflict prevention and peacebuilding, providing mediation support to EUSRs and Delegations, running the EU's Early Warning System for

violent Conflict and developing a new framework for EU's support to Security Sector Reform. In this role her team has provided support to EU Delegations in: Syria, Colombia, Mali, Myanmar, Lebanon, South Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Mauritania, Nigeria, Burundi, Central African Republic, Guatemala, Great Lakes/DRC, Moldova, Bosnia Herzegovina, Guinea Bissau, Chad, Afghanistan, Kirgizstan and Tajikistan.

Previously, she was Head of Division for Elections and Democracy Support in EEAS and prior to that at the Directorate General for External Relations of the European Commission. She has managed Electoral Observation Missions of the EU to DRC, Tunisia, Nicaragua, Peru, Zambia, Southern Sudan (referendum for independence and elections), Uganda, Niger, Chad, Mozambique, Honduras, Bolivia, Togo, Ethiopia, Burundi, Solomon Islands, Guinea Conakry, Afghanistan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Sudan (elections and referendum).

Before joining the European Union, Ms Wasilewska worked as a senior specialist on issues of organizational governance and strategic planning at Amnesty International and Saferworld, both at the national and global level. Her main areas of specialization were organizational transition and growth, human rights, conflict sensitive development, post-conflict democracy building and non-proliferation of small arms and light weapons.

Ms. Ebba Dohlman



Ebba Dohlman is Senior Advisor in the OECD Office of the Secretary General and Head of the Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) Unit, currently developing guidance and tools to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development as a key means of SDG implementation. She has worked at the OECD since 1985 in various functions, including to support the Deputy Secretary-General in charge of development to help shape and take forward the OECD Strategy on Development; as Senior Counsellor in the Heiligendamm L'Aquila Process (HAP) Support Unit where she was responsible for the development and energy

pillars of the dialogue between the G8 and G5; and as policy analyst in the Trade and Development Co-operation Directorates providing key inputs into the work on Trade, Environment and Development, Aid for Trade and Pro-Poor Growth and Agriculture. Prior to this, she worked as a

trade policy consultant at the GATT (WTO), UNCTAD and the Textiles Importers Association of Sweden in the context of efforts to reform the Multi-Fibre Arrangement. She is Swedish national and holds a Ph.D. and M.Sc. in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics and B.A. from Tufts University.

Dr. T. Suka Mangisi (*Group Rapporteur*)



Dr. T. Suka Mangisi, simply known as Suka, is a career diplomat on posting at the Kingdom of Tonga's Permanent Mission to the United Nations since 2013. Prior to this, he had served as Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Policy/Legal) in Nuku'alofa. Suka had begun his civil service career in 1997 as a barrister and solicitor at the Attorney-General's Office before moving to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1999. He holds an Arts and Law degree from Australia, and Masters and Doctorate degrees from Japan.

SESSION 2

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Dr. Louis Meuleman (*Moderator*)



Dr. Louis Meuleman is advisor, manager and trainer on (sustainability) governance and metagovernance, public administration reform and sustainability transitions. He has an MSc in environmental biology and a Phd in public administration and is visiting professor at the Public Governance Institute of the University of Leuven (Belgium), senior fellow at the Center for Governance and Sustainability of the University of Massachusetts Boston (USA) and research associate at the Public Administration & Policy Group of Wageningen University & Research (Netherlands). His experience as public manager at subnational, national and European level covers 30 years. In addition, he publishes on topical governance challenges and has presented or moderated at various UN conferences, including the 2016 HLPF.

Louis is a Dutch national who lives in Brussels, Belgium. He works as coordinator Environmental Implementation Review at the European Commission but attends this symposium in personal capacity.

Relevant & recent publications include: From PPP to ABC: A new partnership approach for the SDGs (Meuleman, L., Strandenaes, J.G. and Niestroy, I. 2016); Teaching Silos to Dance: A Condition to Implement the SDGs (Niestroy, I. and Meuleman, L. 2016); Common But Differentiated Governance: A Metagovernance Approach to Make the SDGs Work (Meuleman, L.; Niestroy, I. (2015); Sustainability 2015, 7, 12295-12321); Cultural diversity and sustainability metagovernance (In: L. Meuleman (Ed.) (2012), Transgovernance: Advancing Sustainability Governance. Heidelberg: Springer Verlag, pp 37-81), and Steering the Poverty-Environment Nexus in Central Asia: A

Metagovernance Analysis of the Poverty Environment Initiative (PEI) (Challe, S; Christopoulos, S.; Kull, M.; Meuleman, L. 2017). Contact: louismeuleman@ps4sd.eu, www.ps4sd.eu.

Mr. Uchita de Zoysa



Uchita de Zoysa is an internationally acclaimed sustainability thinker, writer, speaker and currently serves as the cabinet appointed Sustainable Development Advisor to the first ever Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife in Sri Lanka. In this capacity, he is leading the country process of designing the National SDG Implementation mechanism. He was Sri Lanka's Chief Negotiator at the UN Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) in Bangkok and UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York in 2016. He has been closely involved in the international sustainability negotiations from the 1st Earth Summit in 1992, though WSSD in 2002 and Rio+20 in 2012. He is also the Chairman of Global Sustainability Solutions and Executive Director of the Centre for Environment and Development.

He is the author of several books including the "It has to be CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY" and has authored several international reports including the 'Asian Review on Sustainable Consumption', contributed to many books on the environment and sustainability, and has played a leading role in the formulation of global independent sector collective agreements such as the 'The NGO Alternative Treaties', the "Oslo Declaration on Sustainable Consumption" and the "Peoples Sustainability Manifesto". In 1991 he created and lead the then largest environment & development NGO coalition in Sri Lanka called the "Public Campaign on Environment & Development" and edited the country's first ever "Citizens' Report on Environment & Development".

Mr. de Zoysa has travelled widely across the world participating in the largest UN world summits and has presented papers for several hundred conferences as a strong advocate of sustainability. He has managed various project teams on sustainable development, climate change, green skills and education, corporate social responsibility. Born in Rio de Janeiro-Brazil, he now lives in Sri Lanka, working towards creating a sustainable world!

Ms. Marion Barthélemy



Ms. Marion Barthélemy is the Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Before joining the Division, she was Chief of the Intergovernmental Support Branch at the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). In this capacity, she was part of the team supporting the negotiations on Agenda 2030. From 2007 to 2012 she served as Chief of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support (DESA), supporting the Development Cooperation Forum and the General Assembly's review of UN

system country-level activities (QCPR). From 2000 to 2005, she served in the Office of two Under-Secretary-Generals for Economic and Social Affairs, supported the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and served as Special Assistant to the UN Deputy Secretary-General. At the beginning of her career, she worked as an economist in the Division for the Advancement of Women and later in the UN Drug Control Programme with the Secretary of the International Narcotics Board. She joined the UN in 1987 through the National Competitive Exam for economists and studied in “Sciences Po” Paris (with a focus on macroeconomic and social policies).

Mr. Raymond Saner



Raymond Saner is co-founder of CSEND, a Geneva based NGRDO (non-governmental research and development organization, 1993-present), an ECOSOC accredited organization with special consultative status)- and director of its Branch DiplomacyDialogue.

He is Titular Professor at Basle University (Economics Department) , Sciences Po, Paris (Policy Analysis) and Lüneburg University (Environmental Negotiations) and has published and researched on Inter-ministerial Policy Coordination and Consultation, Public Administrative Reform and Institution Building, Training Effectiveness and SDG Monitoring and Negotiations

Regarding UN DESA HLPF, Prof Saner was member of the EGM on the GSDR Global Sustainable Development Report (2013) , Moderator at the Second HLPF meeting under auspices of ECOSOC, “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, 2014, EGM member drafting committee of Chapter 1 of the GSDR, 2015; and EGM member review committee on Chapter 6 on SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs, 2015

Ms. Beatrice Margaret Saner (Moderator)



Margaret Saner CBE, Fellow CIPD, FRSA. Margaret is a member and former Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UNCEPA). Her career in the UK Civil Service extended through three major public sector reform cycles and included extensive international experience. Her civil service posts included: The Delivery Unit at HM Treasury, The National School of Government, Corporate Leadership Development and The Next Steps Team in the Cabinet Office, and roles in H M Customs & Excise where she

began her career. Margaret was with the Government of Kenya for three years as adviser to the Prime Minister and has also been seconded as a Director of CAPAM (Commonwealth Association for Public Administration). Since leaving the UK civil service she has enjoyed a variety of assignments ranging through reviewing public services, speaking engagements, post graduate sessions and local volunteering. For example, she was Chair of the CAPAM Innovation Awards in 2016 and was honoured to give the Braibant Lecture for the International Institute of Administrative Sciences in Rio in 2015.

Mr. Samuelu Penitala Teo

Samuelu Penitala Teo was born in Republic of Kiribati. He went to Glasgow College of Nautical Studies from 1975 to 1978. He Attained a Final Telecommunication Technician's Certificate. At Australian Maritime College he attained an Associate Diploma in Marine Radio communications. At University of the South Pacific, he attained a Master Art degree in Governance. He is currently studying for a Master Degree in Development Studies at the University of the South Pacific

From 1978-80, he worked at telecommunication Technician with the Government of Tuvalu. The next four years, he worked as Electronic Technician with the Nauru Phosphate Commissioners in the Republic of Nauru. From 1984-1997, he worked as Radio Officer on several foreign going merchant vessels. Then from 1998-2002, he was Member of Parliament and Minister for Works under Energy, Communications & Transport. In the next four years, he worked as Member of Parliament and Minister for Natural Resources, Lands & Survey. From 2015 until now, he is Member of Parliament and Special Envoy for Disaster in the Office of the Prime Minister

Ms. Elibeth Lopez Parra



Mrs. Lopez Parra has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, and a Master's Degree in Applied Economics, specializing in the Public Sector. She has also completed Post-Graduate Studies in Public Planning with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Mrs. Lopez has over 6 years' experience in the Public Sector, particularly in the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, where she has had the role of Sector Analyst, working on the National Planning Instruments, and providing technical assistance to other public institutions in Strategic Planning. Since 2010, she has done follow up on the Millennium Development Goals, and more recently, she has become the Office Coordinator to the Vice-minister of Planning, from where she follows up on Sustainable Development Goals, and all initiatives relative to the Dominican Public Planning System.

SESSION 3

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Ms. Saadh Aishath



Ms. Aishath Saadh currently heads the Sustainable Development Goals Division in Maldives, the national coordinating agency for the Global Goals within the government and other stakeholders. Trained in the area of

Marketing and Human Resources, Saadh has worked in the area of development planning for over a decade. Her main areas of work is in formulating development plans, aligning policy documents, intergrading budgets with development plans, developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks, resource mobilization and trainings in these areas. Throughout the years, Saadh has held various positions at Ministry of Planning and National Development, Ministry of Finance and Treasury, and currently the Deputy Director of the SDGs Division, at Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Working in the development arena, Saadh has experience and exposure to social, economic, governance and environmental sectors. Working with not only government and state agencies, but also development partners, civil society and private sector and local governments in formulating development strategies. She is currently engaged with many government agencies in various cross sectorial technical committees and advisory boards and councils too.

Taking on the task of coordination and reporting of SDGs in the Maldives, Saadh's current focus is creating awareness and integrating the Global Goals in sectorial plans and national strategies and monitoring frameworks and working with government and state agencies in preparing for the execution of Global Goals in Maldives. Additionally, working to gear the the civil society, private sector, political parties, media, academia and general public for SDGs, creating awareness and creating partnerships with them to take the Global Goals forward in the Maldives.

Ms. Cristiana Mele



Cristiana Mele, a career diplomat, is Chief of the Sustainable Development and Environment Desk of the Italian Mission to the United Nations as well as the delegate to the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly (Economic and Financial Affairs).

Prior to her New York assignment she was chief of the division to defend the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Civil Procedures and Arbitration at the legal department of the Ministry in Rome. In that capacity she also served as the Italian delegate to the BBNJ working group in Brussels and New York (Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction).

She has served at the Africa Desk at the Ministry and as Deputy Chief of Great Lakes Region Desk. Her previous assignments abroad include Italian Consul in Perth, Western Australia (2003-2007) and Deputy Consul in Zurich, Switzerland (2000-2003).

Desk officer for Central and Easter Europe from 1998 to 2000, she joined the Ministry in 1998 after graduating from the University of Florence.

She is a graduate of Columbia University (Master of International Affairs in Environmental Policies), an outspoken gender equality advocate, and a sports and outdoor enthusiast.

Mr. Franklyn Michael



Franklyn V. Michael is a national of Antigua and Barbuda. His career spans more than thirty-five (35) years in Agriculture, Disaster Management, Organizational Development, Training and Broadcasting. He held appointments such as Director in the Ministry of Agriculture and Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Chief Minister, Director of the Emergency Operations Centre and Permanent Secretary of the Emergency Department on the island of Montserrat. He was the first full time Director of the Emergency

Operations Centre in Montserrat and the first Permanent Secretary of the Emergency Department in Montserrat.

Mr. Michael started work at the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) 2005 as the Project Coordinator for a regional project, Strategic Planning in the Caribbean Overseas Territories. He was subsequently appointed as Regional Project Coordinator for another regional project, Greater Use of Information and Communications Technology in the Caribbean Parliaments. Prior to these appointments, he had assignments in Disaster Management with CDEMA in Barbados, the UNDP in Grenada and the Government of the British Virgin Islands where he was the National Disaster Coordinator and subsequently Consultant in Disaster Management.

Mr. Michael has a BSc. (Honours) degree in General Agriculture from the University of the West Indies, an MSc in Agricultural Development from the University of London, and a Diploma in Project Planning from the University of Bradford. He is the author of many organizational development reports and contingency plans as well as other publications.

Mr. Amjad Umar



Dr. Amjad Umar is the Director and Professor of ISEM (Information Systems Engineering and Management) program at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and a Fulbright Senior Specialist on ICT. He is also Chief Architect and Director of the United Nations ICT4SIDS (ICT for Small Islands and Developing States) Partnership that is focusing on using ICT to accelerate the implementation of SDGs and Samoa Pathway Declaration in SIDS. He has been working with UN projects since 2008 and was previously Chief Architect of the

UN GAID MDG eNabler Project and Senior Advisor to the UN Infopoverity World Conference. He is primarily interested in using the latest digital innovations to help the poorest and least served populations around the globe. At present, he is conducting research on how computer aided planning can accelerate the implementation of SDGs and has an SDG Advisor and a Computer Aided Planner that can help SIDS and LDCs to rapidly implement SDGs.

His 20+ years of industrial experience includes senior management and consulting/advisory positions with governments and industries around the globe. He has also developed and taught graduate level courses in Enterprise Architectures and Integration, Strategic Planning, Business Intelligence,

Artificial Intelligence, ICT4D, Information Security and Computer Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Fordham Graduate School of Business, and Peking University. He has published eight books and more than 50 research papers in his areas of specialization that span computer aided planning, digital enterprises, enterprise architectures and integration, intelligent decision support, mobile computing, and information security. He holds an M.S. in Computer and Communication Engineering and a Ph.D. in Information Systems (Industrial Engineering and Management Department), both from the University of Michigan.

Ms. Terri Raney



Terri Raney is the Senior Policy Officer for the Food and Agriculture Organization – Caribbean Region, based in Trinidad and Tobago, where she leads the programme of work on food and nutrition security. Prior to assuming this position in 2015, she was the Chief Editor of The State of Food and Agriculture, FAO’s flagship report. The 2013 edition of The State of Food and Agriculture addressed the theme “Food Systems for Better Nutrition” and formed the basis of the Declaration of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). Dr Raney was born and raised on a small farm in Oklahoma and has a PhD in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University. Prior to joining FAO, she worked for the United States Department of Agriculture and Washington State University. She has published extensively on subjects related to food and agriculture.

Ms. Francielle Lacle



Francielle Lacle’s interest lies in the development of tools that can constructively contribute to building sustainable economies. She holds a Master in Science in Environment and Resource Management from the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam (NL). Francielle has worked with social entrepreneurial consultancies on projects related to sustainable market transformation of agricultural commodities, support to the public and private sector on maximizing the economic and social profitability of ecosystems and currently on building the Aruba Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Mr. Weimin Guo



Mr. Guo Weimin is currently Assistant Director at the International Organisations Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Working under the Climate Change Office, Mr Guo was a member of the Singapore Government team which negotiated and concluded the Paris Agreement at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris in December 2015. Specialising in capacity building and international cooperation, he has been actively co-organising regional climate change-related capacity-building workshops.

Mr Guo began his Foreign Service career at the Ministry's headquarters in 2009, covering Singapore's relations with China. He was subsequently responsible for counter-proliferation and international security at the International Organisations Directorate, where he covered a range of portfolios, including the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, the chemical weapons convention and the biological weapons convention. Following that, Mr Guo served a three-year posting from 2012 to 2014 as First Secretary at the Singapore Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he managed Singapore's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

A graduate of Nanyang Technological University with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Bioengineering (First Class Honours), Mr Guo holds a Master of Engineering Degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Frederic Malaud



Mr. Frédéric Malaud, Air Transport Development Manager, ICAO. Attorney at Law (Paris, New York). Frédéric was admitted as an Attorney in the State of New York in 1994 and as an Avocat in Paris in 1995. His practice covers air transport regulation, aviation law, and international transactions.

As a lawyer, Frédéric worked with several international legal offices, being appointed in 2001 as a partner with Richards Butler, an international transportation law firm based in London. He holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Paris and is a licenced professional pilot with several years of passenger transport operations.

Since 2010, Frédéric has focused on air transport economic regulation and multilateral policy-making, with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), based in Montréal, Canada. As Air Transport Development Manager, Frédéric provides ICAO's 191 Member States strategic analysis and advice on the global regulatory framework of international air transport, supporting their efforts towards the sustainable development of aviation. In this context, he develops regulatory instruments, and manages multilateral cooperation activities in the areas of market access

liberalization, competition, passenger's rights, taxation, and airport & air navigation services economics.

Mr. Shaun Ingraham



Shaun D. Ingraham is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer for One Eleuthera Foundation. Born and raised in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, he studied at the College of the Bahamas, Florida Southern College and Emory University. While studying, Shaun worked with the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church USA.

He has been involved in social and community development, which began in 1992 during the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. He coordinated on-the-ground efforts on Eleuthera for The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Rotary International and others. Over the next 24 years, he continued working and consulting with disaster relief, economic and social development in Africa, South East Asia, North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. He served as Charter President of the Rotary Club of Eleuthera and Co-Founder and past Director of the Open Heart Foundation in Nassau, Bahamas.

As a social entrepreneur, Shaun has incubated social enterprises like Methodist Habitat, Island Journeys, South Eleuthera Emergency Partners, the One Eleuthera Cooperative Credit Union Limited, the Centre for Training and Innovation (CTI), Eleuthera Arts and Cultural Center and the One Eleuthera Foundation (OEF).

SESSION 4

Thursday, 23 February 2017

Ms. Rowena Bethel (Moderator)



Rowena Bethel is an independent global consultant specialist in the areas of public governance, ICT law and policy, financial sector regulation and international tax policy. She is a Bahamian national and a barrister-at-law by profession. Most recently she completed a three year assignment as the Director/CEO of the National Insurance Board, the social insurance Fund of The Bahamas and has served for 31+ years in The Bahamas' Government service variously as Regulatory Consultant/Office of the Prime Minister; senior Legal Advisor/Ministry of Finance; anti-money laundering regulator for designated non-financial businesses and professionals; Tax Treaty Negotiator; senior policy advisor on the communications and financial services sectors; and Legal Advisor/National Insurance Board. She is the main architect of The Bahamas' laws governing Electronic Communications and Transactions, Computer Misuse and Data Protection; and the Government's first policy statement on the Digital Agenda. Rowena is a Member of the UN Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA),

where she also participates in the work on the UN eGovernment Survey and annual eGovernment awards forum.

She holds board level and advisory positions on several international organisations that support and advance governance reforms and the implementation of sustainable development programmes in Africa. She is Deputy Chair of The Bahamas Government Cellular Liberalization Task Force and a former member of its National Health Insurance Task Force. She previously served as Deputy Chair of The Bahamas Telecommunications Company.

Rowena holds an LL.B (Leicester University); an LL.M in IT and Telecommunications Law and Policy (Strathclyde University) and a Diploma in Offshore eCommerce Law from IBSL, USA. She is a member of the Bar of England and Wales, and of The Bahamas Bar.

Ms. Dorcas Tan



Dorcas Tan is the Director of Strategic Planning and International of the newly formed Government Technology Agency of Singapore (GovTech). GovTech's mission is to empower a nation of possibilities through technology. Specifically, GovTech is mandated to lead the public sector's digital transformation efforts by partnering government agencies, industries, academic and research institutes in deploying digital, IoT, data science and other technologies to deliver Smart Nation and Digital Government initiatives as well as to ensure the resiliency and cybersecurity needs of the government systems.

Dorcas is an econometrician by training and has worked in various government agencies and public policy roles, most recently in industry development for the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA); economist at the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI); charity regulator with the Charities Commission of Singapore; and as a social economist with the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS). Dorcas was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Bronze) in 2015. Dorcas graduated with Masters of Science in Public Management and Governance with Distinction from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics (Hons) with the National University of Singapore.

Dr. Raymond Wells



Raymond Wells is currently the Senior Deputy Director of The National Insurance Board (NIB) with responsibility for Information Technology, responsible with the entire Information Technology Function within NIB. He holds full responsibilities for the establishment of long term IT strategic goals, policies, and procedures and oversees implementation of all systems while ensuring high availability. He recently led the initiatives inclusive of extensive business requirements gathering, information system search, successful procurement, and implementation of a new enterprise Insurance Administration System

that revolutionized the processes and functions of The National Insurance Board. Previously, he led the IT team that implemented the Information Technology component of the National Prescription Drug Plan that went live to thousands of Bahamians on September 20, 2010. He also worked as IT Security Architect for a multinational financial firm where he was responsible for the implementation of the Identity and Access Management System or simply put he controlled all access to the company's \$½ trillion dollar portfolio for 8 years.

He is also a former police officer of six (6) years and was attached to The Royal Forensic Science Section as a Forensic Technician. While attached to the Forensic Science Section he implemented their Laboratory Information Management System that completely automated the way evidence was processed throughout the Lab. Raymond holds a Ph.D. in Information Systems with a concentration in Information Security.

Mr. Siim Sikkut



Siim Sikkut serves as Digital Policy Adviser in the Government Office of Estonia. His role is to coordinate digital policy planning and execution across the government, plus advise the Prime Minister on digital matters and oversee strategic initiatives in e-governance. Siim is one of the founders of Estonia's ground-breaking e-Residency programme (eresidency.gov.ee)

Mr. Yann Bonnet



Yann Bonnet is the General Secretary of the French Digital Council. The French Digital Council (@CNNum) is an independent advisory commission set up in 2011. It is composed of thirty members representing the French digital ecosystem (entrepreneurs, researchers, CDO, lawyers) who were appointed by presidential decree. The Council issues independent opinions and recommendations on any question relating to the impact of digital technologies on economy and society. To this end, it organizes regular consultations, at local, national and European levels, with economic and civil society actors, as well as elected representatives and European decision-makers. It may be consulted by the government on any draft legislation or regulation in the digital field.

An engineer by training, Yann Bonnet began his career as a consultant. He joined the French Digital Council in March 2013 as General Rapporteur, before becoming Secretary General in June 2015. He was in charge of steering the national consultation on societal and economic issues related to digital transformations, which was launched by the Prime Minister in October 2014. This initiative aimed to fuel the construction of the French digital strategy and it resulted in the "Digital Republic Bill" that was promulgated into law in October 2016. Yann Bonnet was also in charge of drafting multiple

reports, including taxation in the digital age (2013), the Digital Dimension of the TTIP negotiations (2014), the fight against terrorism and the French Intelligence Bill (2014/2015).

Mr. Nelson G. MacQuhae



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Nelson MacQuhae, MICROSOFT Technology Officer for LATAM New Markets is currently responsible for designing, planning, envisioning and adopting Microsoft's new open & Cloud technologies integration in 39 countries Central, South America & Caribbean Islands. Mr MacQuhae works directly with MSFT Country Managers, LNM leaders, as well as Government, Academic, Public & Private Sector Leaders and helps them understand and integrate internal and external Software ecosystems and new technology

Prior to MSFT (2006), Mr MacQuhae worked at the Central University (UCV, Professor Titular, 42Yrs) in Caracas, Venezuela, and UNIMET, where he led Systems Engineering and founded Graduate studies in Management and Operation Research. In 1996 he led the project Vice-Presidency for decentralization in Venezuela. In 1999 Mr. MacQuhae was appointed to lead technology groups at the Venezuelan Central Government in different agencies (General Prosecutor's Tech Office, Ombudsman, Controller's Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Central Bank, etc.), and worked as a consultant for Banks (Venezuelan Central Bank, Public & Private ones), main municipalities and corporate enterprises. A co-designer of SABIO (Biostratigraphy Knowledge Base for INTEVEP (PDVSA)) Mr MacQuhae has had several books & Papers published on Applied Math & Decision Making Hierarchic Processes. He was Vice President and Founder of Decentralization Office in Caracas (1996). He holds an MSc & PhD, EES Stanford' 84

Mr. Leon Williams



Leon Williams is the Chief Executive Officer of The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd., and Senior Vice President of Cable & Wireless.

Leon is a practitioner of change management and well respected nationally and internationally for leadership, innovation, vision, passion, ethical behavior and integrity over a 21-year Executive career with 12 of those years at the "C Level." His executive career is trailed with dynamism as he transformed the DNA of BTC and Caribbean Association of National Telecommunications Organizations. He is a technology innovator and has been the Executive Sponsor for the deployment of more than \$400 Million of Capital Projects including multiple Mobile Platforms; Billing Platforms; Internet Platforms and Fiber Optic Submarine Cables nationally and Internationally. He has served as the Vice Chairman of CANTO which has 130 members in 33 Countries on 4 Continents. He was elected Treasurer 1998; Director 2003; Vice Chairman 2005; Chairman 2006; Chairman and Vice Chairman 2015.

Mr. Luis Guillot



Luis Guillot is CTO of Government Solutions for Huawei Latin America. Among its responsibilities is research, market development and definition of strategies in the region in solutions of Smart Cities, Safe Cities, e-health, e-education and e-Gov. He has more than 20 years of experience in the Design, Implementation and Management of ICT solutions and services for government agencies. Prior to joining Huawei, he served as Director of Infrastructure and Public Sector at GoNet de México, Director General of ICT Governance for Mexico City, Deputy Director for Technology Development at INFOTEC, Mexico.

Luis studied Administrative and Computing Systems at the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Mexico). He also studied Strategic Management of Information Technology and Strategic Business Administration from the University of California Berkeley (United States).

Mr Tavarrie Smith (Discussants)



Tavarrie Dominic Smith is a well-known Youth Activist, having spent over 15 years of active involvement in youth engagement in community organising, advocacy, and youth-led activism for social change. In 2012, he launched “Project Youth Justice” – a public interest advocacy group established to protect the rights and interest of children in conflict with the law. Mr. Smith began his studies at the College of The Bahamas and then went on to read law at the University of The West Indies. After successfully completing his LL.B Degree, he continued his studies at the Eugene Dupuch Law School and was called to The Bahamas Bar in 2013. After being called to The Bar, he obtained pupillage in the chambers of Mr. J. Henry Bostwick Q.C. where he worked directly with Janet L. R. Bostwick-Dean and with Mr. Bostwick Q.C and in 2014 he was offered an Associate’s position with the firm where he currently remains today.

Prior to pursuing a legal career, Mr. Smith served as a Consultant in the Office of the Prime Minister and was responsible for developing the Local Government Junior Council Programme, which has since been adopted around the world as a succession planning tool for local government. Currently, Smith serves as an Adviser in the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture and as Chairman of The Bahamas National Youth Policy Team – a committee established to review, draft and implement a National Youth Policy for The Bahamas.

SESSION 5

Thursday, February 23, 2017

H. E. Mr. Aroldo Cedraz de Oliveira



Aroldo Cedraz- Minister, Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil. Aroldo Cedraz was a Congressman from 1991 to 2007, with special focus on issues related to education, science, technology, defense and foreign affairs. He was the author of the National Water Resources Policy, and President of the Congressional Commission for National Defense and Foreign Affairs from 2005-2006. Besides, he was Secretary of State in Bahia on two occasions and President of Ford Executive Group in Brazil. Since 2007, he is a licensed professor at the Federal University of Bahia and Minister at the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil (TCU).

Cedraz was the President of TCU for 2015-2016, and during this period dedicated himself to foster the digital transformation of TCU and of the entire Federal Public Administration, through the intensive use of data analytics, information technology and innovative practices. These initiatives were supported by the creation of an innovation lab inside TCU (coLAB-i) and by massive investments in the Court's corporate university, Serzedello Correa Institute. The ideas and activities that renovated are described in the book "Control of Public Administration in the Digital Age", co-written by Cedraz and several TCU auditors. As Minister of the Federal Court of Accounts, Cedraz remains committed to promoting the adoption, by the public sector, of policies and practices that may lead to the goal of turning Brazil, as well as other fellow countries, into a 100% Digital Nation.

Mrs. Pamela Monroe Ellis



Mrs. Pamela Monroe Ellis was appointed Auditor General in 2008 having spent the early part of her career at PricewaterhouseCoopers. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA, UK) Mrs. Monroe Ellis sits as Chair of the ICAJ's Investigations Committee. She is also a member of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption Board and the Integrity Commission of Jamaica.

As Auditor General of Jamaica, Mrs. Monroe Ellis is a member of the Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI), and was appointed Secretary General in June 2016. She also sits as member of the International Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) Working Group on the Value and Benefits of Supreme Audit Institutions and, since January 2017, is a member of the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) Board. In 2012, Mrs. Monroe-Ellis was elected to the Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and was recently appointed to Chair its Governance Committee. She is Jamaica's representative on the CARICOM Secretariat Audit Committee, which she also Chairs.

Mr. Paul G. Larsen



Paul Gulleik Larsen is a Norwegian MFA diplomat with 26 years of international and United Nations experience, including postings in Belgrade, Moscow and New York. He served two years as diplomatic advisor in the Office of the Prime Minister of Norway. During six years as Chief of Staff and Director at the UN World Food Programme (WFP) in Rome, he represented WFP as “Sherpa” in G20/G8 food security/development groups and in high-level UN coordination bodies (CEB, UNDG, HLCP, IASC), and sat in WFP Committees for audit and investment.

Since returning to MFA in Oslo in 2013, he has been Project Director for policy and coordination of the “post-2015” Agenda 2030 and SDGs in the UN Department, compiling Norway’s first report to the UN HLPF in 2016. In September 2016 he was appointed Special Advisor and Special Envoy for Security Council Affairs and is responsible for strategy and policy for preparing Norway’s membership of the UN Security Council in 2021-22.

Paul has an M.Sc from the London School of Economics and a B.A. from the University of Oslo. He has received the French Ordre du Mérite Agricole for his efforts for food security during the French G20 presidency in 2011.

Mr. Jamil Ahmad



Mr. Jamil Ahmad, deputy director UNEP, leads the intergovernmental coordination of UN Environment’s engagement in processes and negotiations on environment and sustainable development. Before joining UN Environment’s New York office in 2014, he was the Secretary for the Governing Bodies of UNEP, based in Nairobi, Kenya (2008-14) where he directed, managed and coordinated the work of the Governing Bodies, led the organization of the sessions of the Governing Council (renamed United Nations Environment Assembly) and was the focal point of UNEP’s external relations. As an advocate of sustainability, he regularly engages with stakeholders, speaks to civil society groups, students and others about environment, climate change and sustainable development.

Mr. Jamil Ahmad joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1986 and has worked in a number of different duty stations with rich experience of bilateral and multilateral affairs, including Acting Permanent Representative to the UN agencies in Rome and Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP in Nairobi. He participated in numerous important UN and other intergovernmental meetings, including the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in 2002, sessions of the UNGA, the Commission of Sustainable Development (CSD) and the Governing Councils of UNEP, UN-HABITAT and FAO. He was lead negotiator of the Group of 77 & China for Climate Change under Pakistan’s chairmanship in 2007 culminating at COP13 to UNFCCC in Bali in 2007.