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Day 1: Welcome and Opening



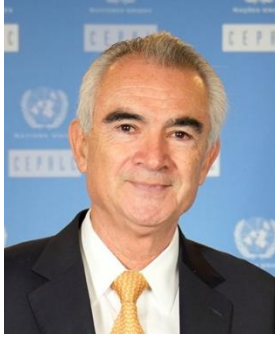
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Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and protection of the natural environment. Ms. Mohammed also served as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility for post-2015 development planning. Additionally, Ms. Mohammed has served as an adjunct professor, lecturing on international development, and held numerous positions on international advisory boards and panels.



Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, is Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Before his appointment as Executive Secretary, Mr. Salazar-Xirinachs served as the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the International Labour Organization (ILO) from 2015 to 2018. Prior to this, he was the ILO's Assistant Director General for Policy from 2013 to 2015, and the Executive Director of its Employment Sector since joining in 2005. Before his tenure at the ILO, he was the Director of the Trade Unit of the Organization of American States from 1998 to 2005. His earlier roles include serving as Costa Rica's Minister for Foreign Trade, as Executive President of the Costa Rican Development Corporation as well as Chief Economist and Executive Director of private sector think tank FEDEPRICAP.

Keynote Addresses



Mr. Jeffrey Sachs is the Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development at Columbia University where he also holds the university's highest academic rank as University Professor. From 2002 to 2016, he was Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Mr. Sachs is President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and a commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development as well as an SDG Advocate for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Previously, he served as a Special Advisor to UN Secretaries-General Kofi Annan, Ban Ki-moon, and António Guterres. His research work focuses on the relationship of international trade and economic growth, international financial markets, strategies of economic reform, macroeconomic policy and the fight against poverty among others.



Ms. Mariana Mazzucato is Professor of Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL) and founding director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose. Previously, she held several other positions including the RM Phillips Professorial Chair at the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University. Ms. Mazzucato has advised policymakers around the world on innovation-led inclusive and sustainable growth through her various roles including as Chair of the World Health Organization's Council on the Economics of Health for All, Co-Chair of the Global Commission on the Economics of Water, Co-Chair on the Council on Urban Initiatives, and as a member of the South African President's Economic Advisory Council. Her work focuses on challenging orthodox thinking about the role of the state and the private sector in driving innovation; how economic value is created, measured and shared; and how market-shaping policy can be designed in a 'mission oriented way' to solve the grand challenges facing humanity.

Round Table 1:

Balancing the opportunities and challenges of a changing labour market to ensure decent work for all



H.E. Mr. Akan Rakhmetullin is Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations. Prior to his appointment, H.E. Mr. Rakhmetullin served as First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2022, and as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs since 2021. He was Ambassador to Pakistan from 2019 to 2021, Director of the Department of Multilateral Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2015 to 2019 and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in New York from 2011 to 2015. Before that, he held positions as his country's Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna and as counsellor and Deputy Director of the Department of International Humanitarian and Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes-Julio is permanent representative of Chile to the United Nations. Before her appointment, H.E. Ms. Fuentes Julio had been serving as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Peace Studies at Chapman University in the United States since 2021, in the Department of Politics of Government at the Alberto Hurtado University in Chile from 2019 to 2020 and a at the International Relations Institute at the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil from 2014 to 2019. Within the United Nations system, Ms. Fuentes Julio worked as a consultant with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in 2019 and 2020, and with the United Nations Development Programme between 2011 and 2015.



Mr. Gilbert Houngbo is the Director-General of the ILO. Prior to his post, Mr Houngbo was the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development in Rome and Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships at the ILO. From 2008 to 2012 Mr. Houngbo served as Prime Minister of Togo. Throughout his career, he has also held several positions at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), including Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director for Africa, following several years in the private sector and three years serving as Director of Finance at the International Bank of Mali. He is Chair of UN-Water and Chair of the Board of the Natural Resource Governance Institute.



Ms. Camila Vallejo Dowling is Minister Secretary General of the Government of Chile. She began her political career in the Communist Youth of Chile in 2006 and served as the President of the Student Federation of the Universidad de Chile (FECH) in 2010 where she led student demands for free higher education together with the current President of Chile, Gabriel Boric, Minister Giorgio Jackson, and Deputy Karol Cariola. In 2013, she was elected as a deputy for District 26, La Florida, and was re-elected in 2017 for the new District 12. During her time in Congress, Ms. Dowling promoted educational initiatives and laws aimed at ending gender violence.



Ms. Shea Gopaul is the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York for the International Organisation of Employers (IOE). In her role as the Permanent Representative to the UN, Gopaul has been leading an initiative to enhance and increase private sector engagement with the United Nations at the country, regional and global levels. Ms. Gopaul is the Founder and Executive Director Emeritus of the Global Apprenticeship Network (GAN), a coalition of companies and organizations addressing the skills mismatch and youth unemployment crisis. She has over 20 years of experience in the UN system (ILO, UN, WHO) and expertise on private sector engagement, youth unemployment and employer driven education. Additionally, Ms. Gopaul is a member of the G20/B20 Employment and Education Taskforce and an International Gender Champion.



Mr. David Acuña Millahueique is President of the Workers' United Center of Chile (CUT) of the International Trade Union Confederation. Mr. Acuña Millahueique, the union's first leader of Mapuche origin, is currently involved in the process of developing a new constitution for Chile, focusing his work with the CUT on ensuring that such a new constitution enshrines freedom of association and decent work as fundamental rights.



H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations. Prior to that, she was the Director-General for Political Affairs at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Head of Secretariat at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. H.E. Ms. Eneström has served as the Representative to the Political and Security Committee at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union in Brussels, she was the Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the Swedish Ambassador to Pakistan and Afghanistan. She has gained extensive experience in United Nations affairs through her positions as Deputy Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, Minister Counsellor and Head of the Political Section at the Swedish Mission to the United Nations, and Counsellor and Legal Adviser, also at the Swedish Mission.



Round Table 2:

Harnessing the impacts of emerging technologies to support inclusive labour markets



H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb is Vice President of ECOSOC as well as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations. Previously, he served as Director of the Arab and Islamic Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tunisia. From 2011 to 2015, H.E. Mr. Ladeb was his country's Ambassador to Oman, Charge d'affaires in the Embassy of Tunisia in Egypt from 2010 to 2011, Coordinator of Arab and African Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2010, and Charge d'affaires of Tunisia in Iraq from 2002 to 2007. He also served as Deputy Head of Mission for his country's embassies in Damascus and Jordan.



Mr. Robert Kirkpatrick is Senior Advisor on Tech and AI at Dataminr, a New York based leading AI company striving to solve real-world problems. He is also Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Dalberg Catalyst and he was senior advisor in pandemic early warning at FasterCures, a Center of the Milken Institute, in 2023. Prior to these positions, Mr. Kirkpatrick was Director of Global Pulse for more than 10 years, an innovation initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General driving a big data revolution for global development and resilience. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Kirkpatrick co-founded and led software development for two private-sector humanitarian technology teams, first at Groove Networks, and later as Lead Architect for Microsoft Humanitarian Systems. In 2014, Mr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the UN Secretary-General's Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development and currently sits on InSTEDD's Board of Directors, and the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Data-Driven Development.



Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin is Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the first women to ever head the organization. As ITU Secretary-General, she focuses on digital inclusion, connectivity, and aligning ITU's programs with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. She served as Director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau from 2018, promoting sustainable digital development and the Partner2Connect initiative. Prior to that, she served as Chief of ITU's Strategic Planning and Membership Department for 10 years. Earlier, Ms. Bogdan-Martin headed the Regulatory and Market Environment Division and Regulatory Reform Unit in the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau and worked at the U.S. Department of Commerce as a Telecommunication Policy Specialist in the National Telecommunication and Information Administration.



Ms. Aisén Etcheverry is Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Chile. Over the last 15 years, she has coordinated and led public and private teams and projects at the national and international level in areas related to science, technology and innovation. She was director of Chile's National Research and Development Agency (ANID), head of the Secretary General of the Presidency Ministry's Inter-Ministerial Coordination Division (DCI) and director of the National Council of Science, Technology, Knowledge and Innovation for Development (CTCI).



Mr. Felipe Paullier was appointed the first Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs at the United Nations in 2023. Together with the United Nations Youth Office he leads the engagement and advocacy for the advancement of youth issues, including the meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement of youth in the work of the United Nations. Dr. Paullier is currently the Director General of the National Youth Institute of Uruguay, a position he has held since 2020. He previously served in various political management positions, including as Deputy Mayor in the Municipality of the CH jurisdiction of Montevideo from 2015 to 2020 and Alternate Counsellor in the Montevideo Departmental Legislative Court from 2010 to 2015. Dr. Paullier also is a Medical Doctor specializing in Pediatrics.



Mr. Alex Mavuti is a youth development leader based in Kenya and a representative of the SENDAI Stakeholder Mechanism, a structured avenue for close engagement of stakeholders in the implementation of the Sendai Framework through key global, regional and national policy processes. Mr. Mavuti is also the Africa Regional Focal Point for the Major Group for Children. Previously, he was sexual reproductive health and family planning project officer at *Youth for Sustainable Development*, a youth-led, community-based organization that promotes youth development and empowerment. Mr. Mavuti has over 7 years of experience in adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health and rights, mental health, positive youth development, social accountability, gender-based violence programming as well as program management.



Mr. Alejandro Solano Ortiz is Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica. Prior to that, Mr. Solano Ortiz was Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations in Vienna and Minister Counsellor and Consul General at the Embassy in Belgium. He has held several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica including Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2014 to 2018, Director of Foreign Policy from 2008 to 2010 and Desk Officer for Human Rights from 1999 to 2001. Moreover, Mr. Solano Ortiz served as Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Charge d'affaires at the Embassy in Berne, Switzerland.

Day 2 Round Table 3:

Shaping a future of decent work and social protection for all



H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović is Vice President of ECOSOC and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations. At the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Šimonović served as the UN Assistant-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect from 2016 to 2018, and as the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights from 2010 to 2016. Before joining the United Nations, he held the position of Minister of Justice of Croatia from 2008. Previously, H.E. Mr. Šimonović was Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, where he served as Senior Vice-President and President of the Economic and Social Council from 2001 to 2003. He has also held several academic positions at different universities and been a member of the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance



Ms. Georgiana Braga-Orillard is the Resident Representative of UNDP to Chile. Prior to her posting in Chile, she served as Resident Representative in El Salvador between 2019 and 2022, repositioning the Country Office as a key reference in human development, innovation, and climate change. Prior to joining UNDP, Georgiana Braga-Orillard served as Director of the Country Office of UN AIDS Brazil, where she played a key role in mobilizing high-level political support and partnerships with the private sector. At UNAIDS she held a number of positions, including Advisor to the Executive Director in Geneva for more than 5 years.



H.E. Mr. Juan Somavía is President of the Permanent Forum on Foreign Policy of Chile. He is also Honorary Club de Madrid Member. Previously, H.E. Mr. Somavía served as Director-General of ILO from 1999 onwards. From 1990 to 1999, he was Chilean Permanent Representative to the UN, during which he was actively engaged with civil society organizations. Prior to that, H.E. Mr. Somavía held the positions of President of ECOSOC twice (1998-99, 1993-94), and of the Security Council (1996 and 1997), and chaired the board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development from 1996 to 1999. He was Founder, Executive-Director and President of the Latin American Institute for Transnational Studies as well as Founder and Secretary-General of the South American Peace Commission. Most recently H.E. Mr. Somavía has been awarded the Silver Rose Award from SOLIDAR for his vision of decent work and for defending the rights and freedoms of workers.



Luz Pascala Vidal Huiriqueo is Mapuche. She became a social leader early on, as co-founder of Folil Araucanía, a Mapuche women's cooperative, and has worked with that organization to promote the resurgence and vitality of Mapuche culture through traditional crafts. She was on the staff of Fundación de las Familias, an institution under the purview of the Presidency's SocioCultural Office supporting women's education and empowerment processes, especially in regard to their economic and political autonomy. She also launched the campaign "Cuida a quién te cuida" (Care for your caretaker), which sought to improve the health and labor conditions for thousands of domestic workers. She has represented her sector in various international processes driven by the ILO, CEPAL, and UN Women.



Ms. Maria Noel Vaeza is Regional Director of UN Women for Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to that, Ms. Vaeza served as Director of the Program Division at the UN Women Headquarters in New York. Ms. Vaeza joined UN Women from the UNOPS Headquarters in Copenhagen, where she served as Director for the Global Portfolio Services Office and Partnerships Practice Group. Previously, she held the position of Regional Director of UNOPS for Latin America and the Caribbean. She also spent several years at UNDP where she was Senior Advisor, Deputy Resident Representative in Paraguay, and Senior Manager for the Recovery, Reconciliation and Reform Programme. Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Vaeza held multiple positions in Uruguay's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as Political Counselor at Uruguay's Embassy to the US and as Delegate of Uruguay to the UN General Assembly. She was also the alternate Representative of Uruguay to the World Bank Board of Directors.



Ms. Saru Duckworth is Next Generation Fellow for Jobs & Economic Opportunities at the United Nations Foundation. In this position, she is committed to accelerating economic inclusion for global communities in poverty and mentors young innovators across Africa and Asia to launch and expand economic programs for SDGs. She is also an MPA in Development Practice candidate at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and a research assistant to Columbia professors Joseph Stiglitz and Karla Hoff, supporting behavioral economics publications. Previously, Ms. Duckworth spent five years working in women's economic empowerment globally, including in Myanmar and Nepal. At BRAC, the Bangladesh-based international development organization, she worked with the Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative and several governments across Africa and Asia to scale sustainable livelihood programs for women living in extreme poverty.



Ms. Robeliza Halip is representative of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group. She has advocated for development justice such as the need for inclusivity and accessibility in the VNR process as part of the Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples (REP). Previously, Ms. Halip was Consultant on Indigenous Peoples Affairs at the Philippine House of Representatives from 2011 to 2012. She has also held multiple positions for the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact, including as Co-Coordinator of the Human Rights Campaign and the Policy Advocacy Programme in 2010 and as Human Rights Advocacy Officer in 2009.



Ms. Gladys Mokhawa is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations. Prior to her appointment in 2023, Ms. Mokhawa became the first female Permanent Secretary of her country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2021, having previously served as Deputy Permanent Secretary for Bilateral Diplomacy from 2020 to 2021. She has extensive experience in academia and was Head of Department, Political and Administrative Studies, at the University of Botswana from 2019 to 2020.

Presentation of Key Messages:



H.E. Mr. Bob Rae is Vice President of ECOSOC as well as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations. Before his appointment, H.E. Mr. Rae served as Canada's Special Envoy on humanitarian and refugee issues, where he continued the work that he began as Canada's special envoy to Myanmar in 2017. The former premier of Ontario and former interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Mr. Rae was elected 11 times to federal and provincial parliaments between 1978 and 2013. Passionate about social justice, he left parliament in 2013 to return to legal practice and his work with Indigenous communities as well as in education, governance and human rights. Before his appointment as Permanent Representative, Mr. Rae was senior counsel at Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP and taught at several universities in Canada.

Day 2: Conclusion and Closing



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Mr. Li Junhua is Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Prior to his appointment he was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Italy and San Marino. He was previously Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China from 2013 to 2019. Mr. Junhua held several other positions at China's Foreign Affairs Ministry beginning from 1985, including Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Myanmar (2010-2012) and Deputy Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (2008-2010). He also served as part of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations from 1997 to 2001 and 2003 to 2008 and was Division Director and Counselor in charge of the UN General Assembly and Security Council Affairs from 2001 to 2003.



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