

Joint Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly Second Committee and ECOSOC
“The changing political economy of globalization: Multilateral institutions and the 2030 Agenda”

Speaker Bios

Keynote Speaker



Mr. Thomas Friedman (United States) is a New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author, renowned for his books including “the Lexus and the Olive Tree” and “The World Is Flat”. He has written several other books, including “Hot, Flat and Crowded,” and “From Beirut to Jerusalem.” Mr. Friedman received his B.A. degree in Mediterranean studies from Brandeis University. He received a master’s in modern Middle East studies from Oxford. He joined the New York Times in 1981, served as the Beirut and Jerusalem bureau chief, diplomatic correspondent and later the White House correspondent and economic correspondent. His new book, “Thank You For Being Late: How to Find a Job, Run a Country, and Keep Your Head in an Age of Acceleration”, will be released later this year.

Moderator



Ms. Pamela Falk is UN Resident Correspondent and CBS News Foreign Affairs Analyst, based at U.N. Headquarters in New York City. Dr. Falk reports on air for CBS Radio and CBS TV and writes for CBS.com on the blogs Political Hotsheet and WorldWatch. She is the former Staff Director of a U.S. Congressional Subcommittee of the House of Representatives International Relations Committee. She received her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and her Ph.D. from New York University and is a Professor of American Foreign Policy and International Relations & Law at Hunter College.

Panelists



Ms. Anu Madgavkar (India) is a partner with the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey’s business and economics research arm. Her recent research has focused on economic development, growth, and poverty alleviation in India and developing countries, applying technology to solving growth and economic development challenges in India and developing countries, and global labor market trends. She is one of the contributors to the recent MGI report “Poorer than their parents? A new perspective on income inequality”.



Mr. Michael G. Plummer (United States) is the Director and Eni Professor of International Economics at the School of Advanced International Studies European campus (Johns Hopkins University). In the past, he was the head of the Development Division in the Trade and Agriculture Directorate at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris and was tenured associate professor at Brandeis University. He is the president of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES) and serves as editor in chief of the Journal of Asian Economics. His research has focused on ASEAN, global trade issues as well as regional economic integration.



Ms. Mariama Williams (Jamaica) is a Senior Fellow of the Global Governance and Senior Programme Officer of South Centre. She has also held positions as managing partner with Integrated Policy Research Institute (IPRI) and as trade consultant and Research Associate with the International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN). She is also a Director of the Institute of Law and Economics (ILE-Jamaica). Williams is the author of Gender Issues in the Multilateral Trading System (2003), and a consultant adviser on gender and international trade to the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.