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Nonhlanhla Mkhize is a Chief Director: Innovation for Inclusive Development at the Department of Science and Technology. Ms Mkhize has held various positions in the South African government. These positions include various programme management roles in research and development, biodiversity management and inclusive socioeconomic development. She has also represented South Africa in various forums and committees dedicated on using science, technology and innovation to advance inclusive development. Ms Mkhize holds a B. Sc degree in Microbiology and Biochemistry and a B.Sc Hons in Microbiology. She is currently pursuing her Doctoral studies at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business.

Ms. Andrea VIGNOLO, Executive Director of AUCI, URUGUAY



Ms. Andrea Vignolo was born in Montevideo in 1968. She has a BA in Psychology from the University of the Republic (UdelaR). Between March 2010 and February 2015 she assumed office as Director of International Cooperation and Projects of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the position of Secretary General of the Uruguayan National Commission for UNESCO. During 2005 and 2010 she was the Adviser to the Mayor of Montevideo in international cooperation, among other topics, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Institute Pasteur de Montevideo. Between 2004 and 2005 she was the coordinator of the Project to create the Institute Pasteur in Montevideo. Previously, for seven years, he was Academic Assistant of the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences of the UdelaR as Head of Cooperation. From 1993 to 1998 he was Assistant Coordinator of the Unit for Projects with External Financing (UPROFE) of the University of the Republic.

Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, UN-OHRLS (*Lead discussant*)



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-OHRLS) on 3 July 2012. She serves as Deputy to the High Representative and oversees the management and the programmatic work of the office. Ms. Schroderus-Fox has extensive experience at the United Nations. During 2010-2011 she served as Head of Policy Issues for the Office of the President of the United Nations General Assembly (OPGA). In this capacity, she advised the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on all policy issues under consideration and led a group of policy experts. Before that, she served in Finnish Foreign Service, making significant contributions in the areas of inter-governmental policy dialogue, partnership building and negotiations. Ms. Schroderus-Fox served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations in New York during 2006-2010.

Mr. Jesko Hentschel, Country Director for Argentina, World Bank (*Lead discussant*)



Jesko is the World Bank's Country Director in Latin America's Southern Cone, being responsible for the knowledge and financial operations of the Bank in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. A German national, originally from Hamburg, Jesko joined the World Bank more than twenty years ago and has focused on poverty reduction, employment and human development during various assignments with the Bank. He was the Deputy Director of the World Bank's flagship World Development Report 2013 on Jobs (2013) in which a new framework for understanding jobs and employment was introduced, using a public economics lens and taking employment beyond labor market analysis proper. He holds graduate degrees in social policy, as well as agricultural and international economics from the London School of Economics, the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and the University of Konstanz (Germany).