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(Introductory remarks)



As the Head of the Directorate-General for International Development Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Mr. Dominik Ziller is responsible for the European Union's development cooperation, the United Nations, the World Bank Group, the regional development banks, the OECD, the development processes of the G7 and the G20, the World Trade Organization and the topics of financing for development and effectiveness/transparency. During Germany's G20 Presidency, Dominik Ziller is chairing the Development Working Group. Previously, he held various senior positions at the BMZ and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). His other functions include, i) Member of the Board of Directors of the European Fund for Southeast Europe (EFSE), ii) Member of the administrative advisory board of CARE Germany/Luxembourg and iii) Governor for Germany to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Mr. Diego Santilli, Vice Mayor, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Diego César Santilli (born April 6, 1967) is an Argentine politician affiliated with the Republican Proposal (PRO). He was appointed Minister of Environment and Public Spaces of the City of Buenos Aires and is currently a Senator for Buenos Aires. In 2015 he was elected Deputy Mayor. Diego Santilli has held several public offices in Buenos Aires, the most important being manager of the Buenos Aires City Bank and vice president of the Legislature of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. From 2009 to 2013 he served as Minister of Environment and Public Spaces of the City of Buenos Aires. He is coordinator of *Asociación Buenos Aires en RED* and, together with his wife, founder of CANI (Food Culture for an Intelligent, Responsible and Safe Nutrition). In 2008 he wrote a children's book in order to raise awareness about the importance of following traffic norms.

Ms. Dongxin FENG, Deputy Director, Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division, FAO speaker



Feng Dongxin is the Deputy Director of the Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS) of FAO, and in charge of South-South Cooperation. Before joining FAO, she worked in Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) as the Director General. She used to work as a plant pathologist for 19 years and published 8 books and more than 50 papers in world-class academic journals. She received her B.S. (1986) in agronomy from Hebei Agricultural University, China, and M.S. (1998) in Plant Pathology from the Graduate School of CAAS, China, and Ph.D. (2003) with greatest distinction in Molecular Plant Pathology from Université Toulouse III (Paul Sabatier), France. Dr. Feng served as Chair of RCA (Regional Cooperative Agreement for Nuclear Science and

Technology for Asia and the Pacific) (2012-2013), and Lead Shepherd of ATCWG (2015-2017), and member of IAEA's SAGNA (Standing Adversary Group for Nuclear Application, International Atomic Energy Agency) (2015-2017).

Ms. Xiaojing Mao, Deputy Director, Institute of International Development Cooperation, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC)



Ms. Xiaojing Mao has been working since 2002 in CAITEC, the think tank affiliated to the Ministry of Commerce of China. She is currently the Deputy Director of the Institute of International Development Cooperation. She is involved in initiatives related to international development cooperation and China's foreign aid policies. Furthermore, she has participated in many important aid policy studies entrusted by the Ministry of Commerce, including the first and the second White Paper on China's Foreign Aid, China's Mid- and Long-term Country Programs.

Ms. Gülden Türköz-Cosslett, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Deputy Director, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP (Lead discussant)



Ms. Gülden Türköz-Cosslett, a national of Turkey, is the Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP since February 2015. Prior to this, Gülden was the Director of Programmes with UN Women. She has also served in the Office of the UN Deputy Secretary-General as Senior Advisor on System-Wide Coherence, where she led the Transition Team supporting the establishment of UN Women. Prior to that, Gülden served as the UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Albania where she led the delivering as One UN initiative. Before that she was Team Leader for the Central Asia Cluster in UNDP's Regional

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Mr. Alain Grimard, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN Habitat (*Lead discussant*)



Alain GRIMARD is a Senior Officer working with UN-Habitat, the United Agency supporting the development of cities and other human settlements. Based in Rio de Janeiro since 2010 he has been subsequently Officer in Charge of the Regional Office and in charge of Southern Cone countries. Prior to joining UN-Habitat, Mr. Grimard served for more than 20 years in the Caribbean and Africa with other UN Agencies (UNDP, UNCDF, UNOPS), as well as with the private sector. A Canadian national from Québec, he holds a Masters degree in Economics from University Laval, Québec.