



Operational Activities for Development Segment 28 February – 2 March 2017

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Day 1 - Tuesday, 28 February, 10.00 – 10.45 a.m. Opening

H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Barros Melet has served as Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations since 2014. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Barros was his country's Ambassador to India, concurrently accredited to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal. A career diplomat of 40 years' standing in Chile's Foreign Service, Mr. Barros served as Ambassador to Italy from 2008 to 2010, with concurrent accreditation to Malta. During those years, he served also as Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization.

From 2006 to 2008, Mr. Barros was Ambassador to Peru, and between 2002 and 2006, he served as Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs. From 2000 to 2002, he was Ambassador to the United Kingdom, concurrently accredited to Ireland. Mr. Barros was Director-General for Foreign Policy from 1998 to 1999 and Director-General for Administrative Affairs from 1996 to 1998. He served as Ambassador to Denmark from 1993 to 1996, and as Director-General for Administrative Affairs between 1992 and 1993. In 1991, Mr. Barros was the Staff Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and served as Head of Cabinet to the Director-General for Foreign Policy in 1990. He was educated at the Law School of the Universidad de Chile and the Andres Bello Diplomatic Academy.

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General



Ms. Amina J. Mohammed was Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from November 2015 to December 2016, where she steered the country's efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning, where she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Before joining the UN, Ms. Mohammed worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria, serving as Special Adviser on the Millennium Development Goals, providing advice on issues including poverty, public sector reform and sustainable development, and coordinating programmes worth \$1 billion annually for MDG-related interventions.

She is also an Adjunct Professor in Development Practice at Columbia University, and serves on numerous international advisory boards and panels, including the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Post-2015 Development Agenda, the Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development, the Global Development Program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the African Women's Millennium Initiative, Girl Effect, 2016 African Union Reform and the ActionAid International Right to Education Project. Ms. Mohammed began her 35-year career in the private sector with architects and engineers responsible for the project management of health, education and public sector buildings. Born in 1961, and educated in Nigeria and the UK, Ms. Mohammed is married with six children.

Day 1 – 10.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
***Building a stronger UN development system
for delivering on the 2030 Agenda***

H.E. Mr. Marcos Barraza, Minister for Social Development, Chile



H.E. Mr. Marcos Barraza is the Minister of Social Development in Chile. He is a psychologist from the Universidad de Santiago de Chile and holds a Bachelor of Sciences and Humanities degree from the Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH). Between 2014 and 2015, he served as Assistant Secretary of Social Welfare at the Ministry of Labor and as Southern Cone Vice President for OISS (Ibero-American Social Security Organization).

Between 2010-2013 he was Executive Director of ICAL (The Alejandro Lipschutz Science Institute). From 2009 to 2013 he was Chief Adviser to the Federation of Metro Unions. From 2009 to 2013 he was a Forensic Expert for the State Prosecution Department. From 2008 to 2010 he was a Clinical Psychologist at the Childrens Defense Council.

Mr. James Cockayne, Head of Office, United Nations University, New York



Dr James Cockayne is the Head of Office at the United Nations for United Nations University. He was previously Vice-Chair of the International Legal Foundation, Co-Director of the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation and a Principal Legal Officer in the Australian Attorney-General's Department. He is a graduate of King's College London (Ph.D., War Studies), New York University (LL.M., International Legal Studies) and the University of Sydney (LL.B. (Hons), B.A. (Hons & University Medal in Government and Public Administration.) His most recent book is *Hidden Power: The Strategic Logic of Organized Crime* (Hurst/OUP, 2016).

He tweets @James_Cockayne.

H.E. Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany



Thomas Silberhorn was appointed Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development in February 2014. Prior to this, he was Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Parliament (Bundestag).

The focus of his work as Parliamentary State Secretary is on core development issues for the future: human rights and good governance, education, health, poverty reduction, water supply and sanitation, energy and resources. Mr Silberhorn also concerns himself with globalisation and trade issues and the new agenda for United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Thomas Silberhorn was born on 12 November 1968 in Kemmern, Germany; he is married with two children. He has been a Member of the German Bundestag since 2002, representing the constituency of Bamberg-Forchheim. At the parliamentary elections in 2013, he won 52.2 per cent of first votes in his constituency.

Ms. Sisomboun Ounavong, Director-General, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR

Ms. Sisomboun Ounavong serves as Director-General of the Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Lao PDR.

H.E. Mr. Charles Assamba Ongodo, Director-General, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Cameroon



Mr. Charles Assamba Ongodo is the Director General of Cooperation and Regional Integration in the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development of the Republic of Cameroon. He has held this position since 2013. He is also an Alternate Governor of Cameroon to the World Bank (since 2016) and to the African Development Bank (since 2013). He is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Autonomous Sinking Fund (CAA) since April 2013. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Working Group on the Follow up of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. Prior to these positions, he was Head of the Division (Director) of Cooperation with Emerging Countries in the same Ministry.

As a Diplomat (Minister Plenipotentiary off-scale), graduated from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC) and holder of a Doctorate in International Relations, Mr. Charles Assamba Ongodo has served as the Second Secretary at the Embassy of Cameroon in France and was in charge of the Permanent Cooperation between Cameroon and UNESCO from 1997 to 2006. During this period, he was Alternate Member of Cameroon to the Executive Council of UNESCO. From May 2007 to October 2010, he was a Member of the EPA Negotiation Committee (CNSCN-APE) and Lawyer Negotiator in the EPAs between Central African Countries and the European Union. From April 2006 to October 2010, he was Deputy Director in charge of E.U. Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cameroon.

Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD



Mukhisa Kituyi, of Kenya, who became UNCTAD's seventh Secretary-General on 1 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 was born in Bungoma District, western Kenya, in 1956. 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. During this period, Dr. Kituyi chaired for two years the Council of Ministers of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African Trade Ministers' Council.

He also served as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, and was lead negotiator for Eastern and Southern African ministers during the European Union-ACP Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations. He was convenor of the agriculture negotiations carried out at the World Trade Organization's Sixth Ministerial Conference held in Hong Kong, China in 2005. 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. Immediately prior to becoming Secretary-General, Dr. Kituyi was Chief Executive of the Kenya Institute of Governance, based in Nairobi. The Institute is a think tank and advocacy organization that focuses on linking academic research and the development of public policy. During 2012, Dr. Kituyi also served as a non-resident fellow of the Africa Growth Initiative of the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. He was a resident scholar there in 2011. Dr. Kituyi is married and has four children.

Day 1 - 3:00– 6:00 p.m. Dialogue with Executive Heads
Functions and Capacities to improve the UNDS collective support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Mr. Douglas Lindores, former Senior Vice-President of Canadian International Development Agency, former Chair of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board



Mr. Douglas Lindores has carried out a variety of consulting assignments since 1997 for the Canadian International Development Agency, the United Nations and several UN entities. Mr. Lindores served as the Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer at the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS) from 1993 to 1997.

Prior to this role, Mr. Lindores worked for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) from 1977 to 1993, which culminated in a post where he served as the Senior Vice President. Mr. Lindores has held several other roles with the Canadian Government, including Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet Privy Council Office (PCO),

First Secretary Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations (New York), and Trade Commissioner Federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme



Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on 17 April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues.

Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Helen Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Helen Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres. Helen Clark came to the role of Prime Minister after an extensive parliamentary and ministerial career. First elected to Parliament in 1981, Helen Clark was re-elected to her multicultural Auckland constituency for the tenth time in November 2008. Earlier in her career, she chaired Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. Between 1987 and 1990, she was a Minister responsible for first, the portfolios of Conservation and Housing, and then Health and Labour. She was Deputy Prime Minister between August 1989 and November 1990. From that date until December 1993 she served as Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and then as Leader of the Opposition until winning the election in November 1999.

Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF



On 1 May 2010, Anthony Lake became the sixth Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, bringing to the position more than 45 years of public service. In 2007-2008, he served as a senior foreign policy adviser to the presidential campaign of Barack Obama, a role he also performed during the Clinton presidential campaign of 1991-1992.

He has managed a full range of foreign policy, national security, humanitarian and development issues at the most senior levels: as National Security Advisor (1993-1997) under President Bill Clinton, and as Director of Policy Planning in President Carter's administration (1977-1981). He joined the US State Department in 1962 as a Foreign Service Officer. Over the past 10 years, Anthony Lake has been an International Adviser to the International Committee of the Red Cross (2000-2003) and Chair of the Marshall Legacy Institute. From 1998 to 2007 he served on the Board of the US Fund for UNICEF, with a term as Chair from 2004 to 2007.

Mr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA



Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, a physician and global health leader, assumed office as Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in January 2011. He holds the rank of UN Under-Secretary-General.

Prior to this position, he served as Nigeria's Minister of Health, Director-General of Nigeria's National Agency for the Control of AIDS, Provost of the College of Medicine at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria, and Chair of the National Action Committee on AIDS.

During his distinguished career, Dr. Osotimehin has advanced global leadership for public health, youth empowerment and gender equality. He is a strong advocate for human rights and sustainable development, for men's engagement in global efforts to end violence against women and harmful practices including female genital mutilation and child marriage. He led the 20 year review of the International Conference on Population and Development. At UNFPA, he has introduced major reforms to build a stronger, fit for purpose and more effective organization. Dr. Osotimehin is drawing international attention to Africa's potential demographic dividend and currently serves as Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Population Dynamics. He holds a doctorate in medicine from the University of Birmingham, England and has received Nigeria's national honour of: Officer of the Order of the Niger.

Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, WFP



Mr. Amir Mahmoud Abdulla became the Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme in March 2009. In 2015-2016, Mr. Abdulla was based in New York to coordinate and enhance WFP's engagement with the UN System, Member States, and key stakeholders.

Before moving to New York, he was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and was responsible for leading WFP's extensive field operations. Mr. Abdulla's career at WFP began as a logistics officer in 1991. He then went on to serve in a variety of field and headquarters such as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Director of Budget, Regional Director for Southern Africa, and Regional Director for the Middle East, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women



Yannick Glemarec joined the United Nations in 1989. He has held increasingly responsible positions with UNDP Country Offices in Viet Nam, China and Bangladesh. He served as UNDP Executive Coordinator for the Global Environment Facility and Director of Environment Finance in New York from June 2007 to January 2012 and then as Executive Coordinator of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office from February 2013 to March 2015.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed him as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme for UN Women on 6 March, 2015. In this capacity, he is responsible for setting the direction and guiding the planning, coordination, management and oversight of all activities and services provided by the Programme and Policy Bureau. He serves as one of two Deputies to the Executive Director of UN Women.

He holds a PhD from the University of Paris in Environmental Sciences, and two Master's Degrees in Hydrology and in Business Administration. He has authored and co-authored several publications in the field of disaster risk management, sustainable development, clean energy and climate finance.

Mr. Greg Vines, Deputy Director-General, ILO



Mr. Vines has had an extensive career in strategic and executive management within Australia and internationally. The focus of his work has been on labour relations, organization and workplace change, governance, and human resource management.

Mr. Vines has also held senior executive appointments with Australian and Timor Leste Governments, and leadership positions with Australian trade unions. He is admitted to practice as a lawyer and has studied law, management and labour relations in Australia and the USA.

Day 2 - Wednesday, 1 March, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Rethinking the funding and financing strategies of the UN development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda

Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA



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 was extensively engaged previously in a broad range of social and economic issues relating to Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Region) and Macao SAR, having served as Director and Director-General of the Department of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and China's Chief Representative of Sino-British Joint Liaison Group. He was a leading official responsible for handling Hong Kong SAR's ties with over 30 international organizations and the continued application of over 200 international conventions to Hong Kong SAR. 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.

As Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Wu guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the Rio+20 Conference, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He oversees the substantive services to a number of intergovernmental processes, the meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including its Development Cooperation Forum, and the work of the functional commissions of ECOSOC. In addition, Mr. Wu oversees DESA's policy analysis and capacity development work. He also serves as the Convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues. Mr. Wu graduated from Beijing Foreign Studies University and pursued his postgraduate studies at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. He was born in May 1952 in Shandong, China. Mr. Wu is married with a daughter.

Mr. Bruce Jenks, Adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, Senior Advisor, Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, and former UNDP Assistant Secretary-General



Dr. Jenks has been an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs since 2010. He is also a visiting Professor at the University of Geneva's International Organisation MBA program. He currently serves as Senior Advisor at the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation. He is a fellow at the Center for International Cooperation (CIC) at NYU and has been a senior non-resident fellow at the Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative of the Harvard

University Kennedy School of Government (2010-13). In 2013 Dr. Jenks was appointed by the Secretary-General to be a member of the Council of the University for Peace. The Council elected him as Vice-President.

Dr. Jenks co-authored in 2013 a study on 'UN Development at a Crossroads' funded by five governments. In 2014 he co-authored studies on 'Rethinking the UN for a Networked World' and the 'Financing of the UN Development System'. He has contributed papers to the ECOSOC dialogue reform process. In 2016 he co-authored a study on the future of multilateralism which was commissioned by the Government of Sweden. Dr. Jenks served at the United Nations for almost thirty years, serving most recently from 2000-10 as Assistant Secretary General at UNDP. He worked closely with five UNDP Administrators. Dr. Jenks has a PHD from Oxford University.

Mr. Admasu Feyisa, Director a.i., UN Agencies and Regional Economic Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia

Mr. Admasu Feyisa holds a Master of Arts in Economics from Addis Ababa University. He started his career in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of Ethiopia in the United Nation Agencies and Cooperation Department. Now he serves as Director a.i. for UN Agencies, CRGE facility and Regional Economic Cooperation Directorate.

Mr. Daovy Vongxay, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR

Mr. Daovy Vongxay serves as Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR.

Mr. Gaudenz Silberschmidt, Director a.i., Coordinated Resource Mobilization, WHO



Mr. Silberschmidt is Director for Partnerships and Non-State Actors & Director a.i. Coordinated Resource Mobilization at the World Health Organization (WHO). He previously served as Senior Adviser to the Director General on WHO Reform. From 2003 to 2012 he was Head of International Affairs at the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health and Swiss Ambassador for Global Health, where he has had significant involvement in WHO governance and policy issues.

Mr. Bjorn Gillsäter, Manager, World Bank Group New York office



Mr. Björn Gillsäter, a Swedish national, was recently appointed as the manager of the World Bank Group office in New York. His previous experience with the Bank dates back to 2001-2005 when he was a Senior Advisor to the Nordic-Baltic Executive Director (a member of the Bank's Board of Directors).

to the Bank, Mr. Gillsäter was the Head of Secretariat for the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), which is a function hosted by the OECD and based in Paris, France. He brings over 20 years of experience working on multilateral affairs, both as a government official in the Ministry of Finance of Sweden and as a staff member of several international organizations including UNICEF, the African Development Bank, and the European Commission. Mr. Gillsäter has an MA in International Affairs from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Harvard Business School; an MA in Law and Economics from Hamburg, Gent, and Aix-en-Provence; and a BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of Lund, Sweden.

Day 2 – Wednesday, 1 March, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
*Improving the governance and coordination
of the UN development system*

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H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, President, Executive Board of UNDP /UNFPA/UNOPS



Ib Petersen has served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations since 2013. Prior to that he was State Secretary for Development Policy of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and he has held a number of senior management positions in this Ministry, including State Secretary for Development Cooperation, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United Nations (2007-2009) and Under Secretary for Bilateral Development Cooperation (2004-2007). From 1995 to 1998 he was Deputy Head of the Danish Embassy in Zimbabwe and from 1988 to 1991 Advisor to the Nordic Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank in Washington D.C.

Ib Petersen is currently also serving as President of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS. He holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Aarhus.

H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Antigua and Barbuda, President, UNICEF Executive Board



Until his appointment as Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Antigua and Barbuda, and President of the UNICEF Executive Board, Mr. Webson had a long career with Perkins International, serving as its Director since 2011. Prior to that, he was the organization's Director of Institutional Development and Coordinator of Education Programs for Africa and the Caribbean. Before joining Perkins International in 1992, Mr. Webson was the Caribbean Regional Representative for Sight Savers International for two years, beginning in 1990. From 1981 to 1986, he was the Executive Director of the Caribbean Council for the Blind.

He has also been teaching Leadership and International Management at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts, since 2006. He has authored books on empowering persons with disabilities and academic papers on development, education and aspects of disability. Mr. Webson holds a doctorate in management from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, United States. He earned his Master of Science in management of non-profit organizations and his Bachelor of Science from the New School for Social Research, New York, United States.

H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, President, UN-Women Executive Board



H.E. Mrs. Lana Nusseibeh was appointed Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations in New York in September 2013. She currently serves as the President of the UN Women Executive Board, and was recently appointed co-facilitator of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the UN General Assembly by the President of the General Assembly. She previously co-facilitated the review process of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). She also serves as co-chair of the Friends of the Future of the UN (FFUN), an informal group of UN Permanent Representatives working to strengthen the UN's capacity to deliver on its priority mandates.

Prior to her appointment as Permanent Representative to the UN, she served in a number of capacities within the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, most recently launching the Ministry's Policy Planning Department and serving as its first Director for three years. Previously, she served as the Head of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Campaign Task Force at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and as Director of Research and Communications for the Ministry of State for Federal National Council Affairs.

Ambassador Nusseibeh received a Bachelors and Masters in History from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, and a Masters with distinction in Israeli and Jewish Diaspora Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London.

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Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC



Ms. Bárcena assumed office as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on 1 July 2008. She had previously served as the Under-Secretary-General for Management at United Nations Headquarters in New York, Chef de Cabinet and Deputy Chef de Cabinet to the former Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. Alicia Bárcena held the post of Deputy Executive Secretary and Director of ECLAC's Environment and Human Settlements Division. Prior to her time at ECLAC, Ms. Bárcena served as Co-ordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), responsible

for the Environmental Citizenship Project at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Alicia Bárcena was the Founding Director of the Earth Council in Costa Rica, a nongovernmental organization in charge of follow-up to the agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992. Ms. Bárcena has taught and conducted research in the Autonomous Metropolitan University of Mexico. She has published numerous articles on sustainable development, public policy, environmental issues, and public participation. Alicia Bárcena holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and holds a Master degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. She has completed the courses for a degree of Master in Ecology, and has initiated studies for a PhD degree in Economics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Day 2, Wednesday, 1 March - 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Moving the QCPR forward at field level: Creating a common back office to function as a system

Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs, UN DESA



Thomas Gass was appointed by the Secretary-General as Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in UN DESA and he took office on 3 September 2013. He brings with him wide-ranging experience in bilateral and multilateral development cooperation. From 2009 to 2013, he served as Head of the Mission of Switzerland to Nepal (Ambassador and Country Director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), where he established the Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal, and ensured the delivery of a development cooperation programme of up to 33 million dollars a year. He also chaired the Donors of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund, the main instrument for international support to Nepal's peace process.

Before his posting to Nepal from 2004 to 2009, Mr. Gass was Head of the Economic and Development Section at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York, where he represented Switzerland's interests, in particular in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its subsidiary bodies, the General Assembly and the Executive Boards of the major UN Funds and Programmes. During this time, Mr Gass was the Chair of the Donor Group of the UN Global Compact. In 2006, he was the Vice-President for Western European and Other Group (WEOG) of the Commission on Population and Development, and in 2008 he was the Vice-President (WEOG) of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA. In 2007, he successfully facilitated the landmark TCPR/QCPR Resolution, the periodic review of the General Assembly operational system for development.

Mr. Gass also served as Policy and Programme Officer for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, as Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Guyana, and as Regional Director for Europe with the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute in Rome. Born in 1963, Thomas Gass holds a PhD in natural sciences from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and a MSc and engineering diploma in agricultural sciences from the same Institute.

Mr. Patrick Egli, Deputy Head, Division for Global Institutions, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.



Patrick Egli has been appointed as Deputy Head of the Division Global Institutions of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in August 2014. He is in charge of defining and implementing SDC's multilateral strategy, in particular with regard towards the UN Funds and Programs.

From 2010 – 2014 Patrick Egli worked in the Analysis and Policy Division as a Policy Advisor for the OECD-DAC. In this function he managed the 2013 OECD-DAC Peer Review of Switzerland. Before 2010, Patrick Egli was seconded as an

Evaluation Advisor to the UNFPA's Division for Oversight Services where he contributed to the elaboration of a methodology to assess the performance of UNFPA's country programmes and co-authored the respective guide. In 2002 – 2007 he worked as an Internal Auditor for the SDC and conducted audit missions both in SDC's partner countries and at Headquarters. Patrick Egli holds a Master in Economics of the University Basel, Switzerland as well as a Certificate of Advanced Studies on Development and Cooperation of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich.

Ms. Jan Beagle, Vice-Chair, High-level Committee on Management (HLCM), Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS



Ms Jan Beagle is Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) of the United Nations (UN) and Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS. She has more than 30 years' experience in diplomatic, political, development, management and interagency affairs. Ms Beagle is the Chair of the UNDG ASG Advisory Group and Vice-Chair of the High Level Committee on Management.

Beginning her career in the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has served as Deputy Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva, as Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, and in senior positions in the Executive Office of the Secretary General, the Office of the Administrator of UNDP, the Department of Management and the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs.

Mr. Jeremiah Kramer, Inspector and Chair, UN Joint Inspection Unit



Mr. Kramer is in his second year as a member of the UN system Joint Inspection Unit, which he now serves as Chair. He recently completed a report on the role of service centres in how UN system organizations are changing administrative support service delivery (JIU/REP/2016/11).

Prior to his JIU appointment, he was a Canadian Foreign Service officer with extensive engagement with development cooperation, United Nations development institutions and with UN finance and management. He served six years as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

Mr. Sanaka Samarasinha, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Belarus

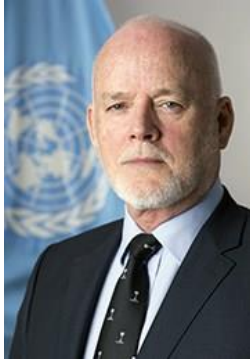


Mr. Samarasinha has served in his current capacity in Minsk for four years. Before this appointment, Mr. Samarasinha served in various offices of the UN and UNDP, and in particular, as Director a.i., Global Centre for Public Service Excellence, Singapore; Senior Advisor to the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Iran; Officer in Charge, Maldives; Director a.i., Kosovo and Officer in Charge of UNDP Samoa, Niue, Tokelau and the Cook Island.

Mr. Samarasinha was also Deputy Resident Representative in Myanmar and Deputy Country Director, Sri Lanka. Prior to that he served in Bangkok as the Regional Rule of Law Advisor covering 26 countries in Asia and the Pacific. Before joining the UN, Mr. Samarasinha worked in the legal profession and in journalism, with government, civil society and the private sector in several different countries, including the USA, South Africa and India.

Day 3, Thursday, 2 March - 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
***From coordinated to integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda:
the development, humanitarian and peacebuilding nexus***

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly



On 13 June 2016, the United Nations General Assembly elected Ambassador Peter Thomson of Fiji to serve as President of its seventy-first session, which runs from September 2016 to September 2017. H.E. Peter Thomson took office in New York as Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in February 2010, serving concurrently as Fiji's Ambassador to Cuba until assumption of his duties as President of the UN General Assembly's seventy-first session. H.E. Peter Thomson held office as Vice-President of the UN General Assembly in 2011-2012. He was elected as President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority's 2011-2012 session and then as President of the Council of the Authority's 2015-2016 session. For the duration of 2013, he chaired the United Nations' largest negotiating bloc, the Group of 77 and China. From January 2014 to January 2015, he served as President of the Executive Board of UN Development Programme/UN Population Fund/UN Office for Programme Support (UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS).

Between 1972 and 1987, he was a civil servant in the Government of Fiji working in the fields of rural development and then foreign affairs. His Fiji government career began as a district officer in the rural regions of Navua, Macuata and Taveuni. In 1978, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Suva, where he took on political and overseas development assistance responsibilities before being seconded to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in 1979. He was posted to Tokyo in 1981 with the responsibility of opening the Embassy of Fiji in Japan. He remained in Tokyo thereafter as First Secretary (Economic) until 1984, when he was appointed Consul-General of Fiji in Sydney. In 1986, he returned to Fiji to become Permanent Secretary of Information, first under the leadership of Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, and then under Prime Minister Dr. Timoci Bavadra. In May 1987, he was appointed Permanent Secretary to the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, a position he held until his resignation from the civil service following the second military coup d'état of 1987.

He was born in Suva, Fiji in 1948 and was educated at Suva Grammar School and Natabua High School in Fiji. In 1966-1967, he attended the International Centre at Sevenoaks School in the United Kingdom. A graduate in political studies (Auckland University, New Zealand) and development studies (Cambridge University, United Kingdom), H.E. Peter Thomson has had a lifelong involvement in the field of development.

Ms. Rima Salah, former Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF, former Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad



Dr. Rima Salah, a national of Jordan, is Assistant Clinical Professor on the Voluntary Faculty at the Child Study Center. She holds a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology (SUNY-Binghamton). She recently served as a Member of the United Nations High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations.

A former Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, U.N. Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT), Dr. Salah has had a distinguished career with UNICEF. She was the Deputy Executive Director for External Relations in UNICEF (2011-12) and Deputy Executive Director (2004-07). She was also the UNICEF Regional Director for West and Central Africa (1999-2004) and in this capacity was responsible for all UNICEF operations in that region. Dr. Salah also served as UNICEF representative in a number of countries including Vietnam, Burkina Faso as well head of office in Queta, Pakistan.

As a highly effective advocate for the rights of children and women in armed conflict and post-conflict situations, she contributed to Security Council (SC) Resolution 1612 on child rights violations and Security Council (SC) resolution 1325 Women, Peace, and Security. Dr. Salah has received many awards of

distinction from several non-governmental organizations and U.N. Member States, including the French Legion of Honor.

In October 2015, Dr. Salah was elected to Chair the newly formed Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC) of which Yale is a founding member. The ECPC, launched at UNICEF HQ in September 2013, brought together leaders from international organizations, academia, practice, philanthropy, networks media and development institutions to address both the causes and consequences of violence in society. The ECPC values the well-being of children and families who can be sustainable agents of change for peace building.

Mr. Jan Kubiš, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq



Prior to taking up the post of Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq and Head of United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) in March 2015, Mr Ján Kubiš held the post of Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) from 2012-2014. Mr. Kubiš served as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe from 2009 to 2011.

Prior to that, he served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia from 2006 to 2009 and during his ministerial term as Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe from 2007 to 2008. In 2006-2007 Slovakia was a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. In 2006-2007 Slovakia chaired the Visegrad – 4 group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia). From 1999 – 2005 Mr. Kubiš served for two terms as the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). He was previously the Director of OSCE's Conflict Prevention Centre from 1994-1998.

Mr. Kubiš in 2005-2006 served as the European Union's Special Representative for Central Asia with the Office in Brussels and as the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of OSCE for Central Asia in 2000 and as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Tajikistan, and as the Head of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) from 1998 to 1999.

Mr. Kubiš worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the former Czechoslovakia from 1976 to 1992 and served at the Czechoslovak Embassies in Ethiopia in 1980-1985 and in the Soviet Union in 1989-1991. He was chairman of the OSCE Committee of Senior Officials during the Czechoslovak chairmanship of the OSCE in 1992. In 1993 he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, and from 1993-1994 served as Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva. Mr. Kubiš is a graduate in international economic relations of the Moscow State Institute of International Affairs and speaks Slovak, Czech, English, Russian and French. Born in 1952, he is married and has one daughter.

Ms. Mbaranga Gasarabwe, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in MINUSMA, UN Resident Coordinator, UN Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Mali



In May 2015, Ms. Mbaranga Gasarabwe was appointed Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for MINUSMA and Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Mali.

Prior to this, she worked as the Assistant Secretary-General for the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Over the past 25 years working for the United Nations, she served in various capacities both in UNHQ and in the field with UNDP, UNOPS, UNDSS, DPKO including as United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Mali, Djibouti, Benin and Guinea.

Ms. Gasarabwe, a native of Rwanda, holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Burundi and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Arthur D. Little School of Management, now known as the Hult International Business School (Massachusetts, USA).

H.E. Mr. Nawaf Salam, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations



Dr. Nawaf Salam has been serving as an Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations since July 2007. In this capacity, he represented Lebanon in the Security Council for the 2010-2011 term as an elected non-permanent member, and assumed the presidency of this Council for the two months of May 2010 and September 2011. Ambassador Salam was also elected to serve as Vice-President of the 67th Session of the General Assembly, from September 2012 to September 2013.

Prior to serving as an Ambassador to the UN, Dr. Salam was a member of the Executive Bureau of the Economic and Social Council of Lebanon, the Lebanese National Commission of UNESCO, and Secretary General of the National Commission on Electoral Reform. He had also practiced law in Boston and Beirut, and taught at the Sorbonne and the American University of Beirut, where he served as Chair of the Political Studies and Public Administration Department. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Lebanon, the Middle East and international affairs, in Arabic, French and English.

Ambassador Salam holds a Doctorat d'Etat from Sciences Po Paris and Doctorat in history from Sorbonne University. He also received a law degree (Licence) from the Lebanese University in Beirut and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

Ms. Berit Fladby, Policy Director, UN Operational Activities, Department for UN and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway



Ms. Fladby has since 2010 held the position as Policy Director UN Development Activities, Department for UN and Humanitarian Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She has worked on development issues for the last 35 years, mainly in various positions in the ministry but also as Head of Aid in Bangladesh and as a researcher.

Day 3, Thursday, 2 March - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda: the role of the UNDS in LDCs, LLDCs, SIDSs and countries emerging from conflict

Mr. Manuel Montes, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre, Geneva



Mr. Manuel F. Montes, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre, was Chief of Development Strategies, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) until 2012. He had been in the faculty of the School of Economics, University of the Philippines. Two recent chapters in collected volumes are: "The MDGs versus an Enabling Global Environment for Development: Issues for the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (January 2016) and "Throwing Away Industrial Development Tools: Investment Protection Treaties and Performance Requirements" (November 2015, with KInda Mohamadieh.) He obtained his PhD in Economics from Stanford University.

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Abdul Mannan, State Minister, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh



Muhammad Abdul Mannan was born in Bangladesh in 1946. He graduated from Dhaka University and obtained Post Graduate Diploma in Economics from University of Manchester. He joined Bangladesh Civil Service and retired in 2003. Mr. Mannan was elected a Member of Parliament in 2008 and 2014. He became State Minister of Finance and Planning in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2014.

Mr. Mannan is married; his wife Zolekha is a College Teacher. He has two children, daughter Sarah and son Sadat. Mr. Mannan is interested in rural development and devotes his time pursuing his favourite evocation.

Ms. Amina Shaaban, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Tanzania



Ms. Amina Khamis Shaaban is the Deputy Permanent Secretary (DPS) dealing with Public Finance Management in the Ministry of Finance and Planning of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT). Ms. Amina, an Economist, joined Civil Service 35 years ago and began her career as Planning Officer in the Ministry of Marine, Tourism and Forestry in the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGZ). Prior to her appointments as a DPS, she held other managerial posts in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Zanzibar Planning Commission and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources in the RGZ. She has also worked as a consultant in various Project related to Agriculture and Rural Development. Ms. Amina holds a

MSc in Agricultural Economics and Postgraduate in Development Economics from University of East Anglia (UK) and earned her Advanced Diploma in Economic Planning from Institute of Development and Management – Mzumbe (Tanzania).

Mr. Raul Martinez Villalba, Director, International Organizations, Ministry of External Relations, Paraguay



Raul Mariano MARTINEZ VILLALBA is a Paraguayan diplomat and career foreign service officer with the rank for Counselor, currently Director of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since 2014. He represented Paraguay in many UN meetings and other specialized international bodies, such as the Organization of Americas States (OAS), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the International Criminal Court (ICC), among others. From 2009 to 2013, he served in the Permanent Mission of Paraguay in Geneva, and in 2013, appointed Director for Human Rights.

In 2002, Mr. Martinez earned his law degree from the National University of Asuncion School of Law in Paraguay. He also holds a Masters Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from the Diplomatic School of Madrid, Spain (2006-2007). In the academic sphere, he has been a Professor of International Relations and International Law at different academic institutions in Paraguay, including the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, the “Universidad Americana” and the “Universidad de la Integración de las Americas (UNIDA)”. His mother tongue is Spanish. He is fluent in English and Portuguese.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations



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. Since 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 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.

Day 3, Thursday, 2 March - 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
***Integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda:
the role of the UNDS in addressing the needs and diverse challenges of
Middle Income Countries***

Mr. James Cockayne, Head of Office, United Nations University, New York



Dr James Cockayne is the Head of Office at the United Nations for United Nations University. He was previously Vice-Chair of the International Legal Foundation, Co-Director of the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation and a Principal Legal Officer in the Australian Attorney-General's Department. He is a graduate of King's College London (Ph.D., War Studies), New York University (LL.M., International Legal Studies) and the University of Sydney (LL.B. (Hons), B.A. (Hons & University Medal in Government and Public Administration.) His most recent book is *Hidden Power: The Strategic Logic of Organized Crime* (Hurst/OUP, 2016).

He tweets @James_Cockayne.

H.E. Ms. Olga Marta Sanchez Oviedo, Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica



Ms. Sanchez Oviedo acted as a consultant on a number of projects dealing with institutional management for decentralization and regional planning at the Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID). She was also the National Coordinator for the second Citizen Congress from 2011 to 2012.

In the academic sphere, she has fulfilled a variety of roles at the National University of Costa Rica, such as Vice-Rector for Extension, Director of the School of Planning and Social Development and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, as well as acting as a teacher, researcher and university extensionist, among other things. She has a certificate in Sociology from the National University of Costa Rica, a degree in Sociology from the Central American School of Sociology, University of Costa Rica-Central American Higher University Council (CSUCA) and a master's degree in Social Sciences with a specialization in Sociology from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Mexico City. She did the doctorate course in Communication in Latin America for the Twenty-first Century at the University for Peace (United Nations).

H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas, Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations



Prior to his current appointment, H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas served in Minsk as Director for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus. From 2004 to 2011, he served as Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations. While in New York, he served as President of the Executive Board of UNICEF (2006) and Vice-President of ECOSOC (2008).

Before his first appointment to the United Nations as ambassador, he served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director of the Americas Department (1997 to 2004), as Head of the Office for the United States and Canada (1995 to 1997) and, briefly, as

Assistant to the Minister (1994 to 1995). He was also Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations (1992 to 1994) and Second Secretary of the Chernobyl International Cooperation Department in the Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1992). From 1985 to 1988, he was a lecturer in the Interpretation Department of the Minsk State Institute for Foreign Languages.

Mr. Dapkiunas served on the Board and the Personnel Assessment Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus (2002 to 2004). He was Deputy Head of the Recruitment and Postings Commission of the Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2004.

He holds a doctorate in political science from Belarusian State University and a Higher Education Diploma in languages (English and French) from the Minsk State Institute for Foreign Languages. He carried out doctoral research as a Research Fee scholar in the London School of Economics from 1989 to 1990. His knowledge of languages includes Belarusian, English, French, Polish and Russian. Born in Minsk in 1963, Mr. Dapkiunas is married, with two children.

Mr. Rene Mauricio Valdes, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Argentina



Mr. Valdes was appointed Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Argentina as of May 1, 2014. Prior to his appointment, he served as Chief of Staff of the One UN Secretariat for the Post 2015 Development Agenda, and as Senior Advisor at the Bureau for Development Policy of UNDP, both positions in New York City. Between 2008 and 2012 he was Resident Coordinator of the UN System and UNDP Resident Representative in Guatemala. He occupied the same position between 2004 and 2008 in Ecuador.

From 2001 to 2003 he was Deputy Resident Representative in Colombia. Between 1998 and 2001 he served as Operations Group Coordinator of UNDP in New York, providing support to country offices in Central America, Haiti, Mexico and Colombia. From 1994 to 1998 he was Deputy Resident Representative in Guatemala, and between 1991 and 1994 in Panama.

Before joining UNDP, he worked at the Central American Institute of Public Administration in Costa Rica (1983-1989) where he was a researcher, consultant and director of the Central American Master's degree program in public administration. In his native country, between 1977 and 1991, he was Coordinator of the Program for Modernization of the Public Sector of the Ministry of Planning, Director of International Economics at the Ministry of Economy, and Head of the Trade Fairs Unit at the Foreign Trade Institute.

He holds a PhD in political science from the University of Toronto, Canada; a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Costa Rica, and a licenciatura in International Relations from the University of El Salvador.