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## **Session VII**

### **Dialogue with Executive Heads of the UN development system on Joint Results**

#### **Participants**

##### **Moderator**



**H.E. Mr. Rubén Armando  
Escalante Hasbún**  
Permanent Representative of  
El Salvador to the United  
Nations

Before his latest appointment as Permanent Representative, Mr. Escalante served with the Special Mission in support of the El Salvador Presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in Brussels 2017.

From 2015 to 2017, Mr. Escalante was in charge of the disarmament, humanitarian, environmental and disaster risk reduction portfolios at his country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva.

Mr. Escalante served as El Salvador's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York from 2013 to 2015, and as Minister Counsellor from 2011 to 2013.

Between 2008 and 2011, Mr. Escalante was the International Coordinator for the Tokyo-based non-governmental organization "Peace Boat", which is devoted to preventing conflict, promoting human rights, environmental issues and nuclear disarmament. He held several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from January 2008, having joined the Foreign Policy Bureau as a Desk Officer in June 2002.

Mr. Escalante has a master's degree in international politics from Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan, and a bachelor's in international relations at the National University of El Salvador.

##### **Panellists**



Mr. Steiner's professional experience includes assignments with governmental, non-governmental, as well as international organizations around the world, most recently Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme between 2006 and 2016. He previously served as Director-General of the United Nations Office in Nairobi from 2009 to 2011, Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature from 2001

**Mr. Achim Steiner**

Administrator, UNDP and Vice-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group



**Ms. Henrietta Fore**

Executive Director, UNICEF

to 2006, and as Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams, in South Africa, from 1998 to 2001.

Mr. Steiner's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oxford, as well as a Master of Arts degree from the University of London, with specialization in development economics, regional planning and international development and environment policy. He also studied at the German Development Institute in Berlin, and at Harvard Business School.

Henrietta H. Fore became UNICEF's seventh Executive Director on 1 January 2018. She has worked to champion economic development, education, health, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in a public service, private sector and non-profit leadership career.

From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Fore served as the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Director of United States Foreign Assistance. Earlier in her career at USAID, Ms. Fore was appointed Assistant Administrator for Asia and Assistant Administrator for Private Enterprise (1989-1993). She served on the Boards of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. In 2009, she received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award the Secretary of State can bestow.

From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Fore served as Under Secretary of State for Management, the Chief Operating Officer for the U.S. Department of State.

From 2001 to 2005, Ms. Fore was the 37th Director of the United States Mint in the U.S. Department of Treasury, managing the world's largest manufacturer of coins, medals and coin products. In 2005, she received the Alexander Hamilton Award, the Department of Treasury's highest honor. Immediately prior to her appointment with UNICEF, Ms. Fore was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Holsman International, a manufacturing and investment company. She also served on the boards of a number of domestic and international public corporations, including as Global Co-Chair of the Asia Society, Chair of the Middle East Investment Initiative, and Co-Chair of Women Corporate Directors. She also served on the boards of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), the Aspen Institute, the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP) and the Center for Global Development (CGD).

Ms. Fore has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Wellesley College and a Master of Science in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado.



**Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**

Executive Director, UN Women

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka is United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka has worked in government and civil society, and with the private sector, and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid in her home country of South Africa.

From 2005 to 2008, she served as Deputy President of South Africa, overseeing programmes to combat poverty and bring the advantages of a growing economy to the poor, with a particular focus on women. Prior to this, she served as Minister of Minerals and Energy from 1999 to 2005 and Deputy Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry from 1996 to 1999. She was a Member of Parliament from 1994 to 1996 as part of South Africa's first democratic government.

Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka began her career as a teacher and gained international experience as a coordinator at the World YWCA in Geneva, where she established a global programme for young women. She is the founder of the Umlambo Foundation, which supports leadership and education.

She completed her PhD on education and technology at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom.



**Ms. Laura Londén**

Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

Ms. Londén is a humanitarian and development executive in United Nations refugee, humanitarian, emergency and peace operations, with proven leadership of organizational transformation, management and programme portfolios in support of Organizational mandates.

She brings to UNFPA progressive inter-agency experience at both headquarters and field duty stations with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the United Nations Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM), the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Ms. Londén has served the United Nations system, since 1990, in Austria, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Croatia, East Timor, Jordan, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, USA and the West Bank.

She holds a Master's degree in Political Sciences (Public Law and Administration) from the University of Åbo Akademi in Finland.

She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Political Sciences by Åbo Akademi in May 2018 'in recognition of her efforts for the benefit of refugees and her passion to make a difference for a better world'.