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Session VIII **Enabling the shift: The Funding Compact**

Participants

Moderator



Mr. Sanjay Reddy

Associate Professor of Economics at The New School for Social Research and former member of the Independent Team of Advisors to the ECOSOC Dialogue

Sanjay G. Reddy is an Associate Professor of Economics at The New School for Social Research. He is an Affiliated Faculty Member of the Politics Department of the New School for Social Research and a research associate of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University, an M.Phil. in social anthropology from the University of Cambridge, and an A.B. in applied mathematics with physics from Harvard University. He has previously taught at Columbia University, and been a visitor at diverse academic institutions in India, Europe and the US.

He was a member of the Independent High-level Team of Advisers to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on the longer-term positioning of the UN Development System (in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development). He is one of the co-founders and team leaders of the Global Consumption and Income Project. He has been a member of the advisory panel of the UNDP's Human Development Report, the UN Statistics Division's Steering Committee on Poverty Statistics and the advisory board of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. He was elected a Fellow of the Human Development and Capabilities Association. He is or has been a member of the editorial advisory boards of the American Review of Political Economy, Development, Ethics & International Affairs, the European Journal of Development Research, Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric, Humanity, the Journal of Globalization and Development, the Review of Agrarian Studies, the Review of Income and Wealth and was Associate Editor of the Journal of Human Development and Capabilities.

Panellists



H.E. Mr. Jonathan Guy Allen
Deputy Permanent
Representative, Permanent
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Nations

Jonathan Allen was appointed UK Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York in August 2017. He was the Director, National Security at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office from 2015 until 2017.

Jonathan joined the FCO in 1997 and began his career in Europe Directorate working on EU issues. He was subsequently posted to Cyprus and Brussels, where he was government spokesman during the UK Presidency in 2005.

In 2006, Jonathan was seconded to the Home Office as Assistant Director in the Home Office's International Directorate. In 2007 he moved to the Office for Security and Counter-terrorism (OSCT), where he established and led the Research Information and Communications Unit (RICU), a cross-departmental strategic communications body.

Jonathan returned to the FCO as Deputy Africa Director before becoming Her Majesty's Ambassador to Bulgaria from 2012 to 2015. On return from Bulgaria Jonathan took up the post of Director, National Security at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Jonathan covered the position of Acting Director General, Defence and Intelligence from November 2016 to April 2017.



Mr. Elliott Harris
UN Chief Economist, DESA

Mr. Harris is the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Chief Economist of the UN. He served previously as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the UN Office in New York of the UN Environment Programme, from 2013-2018. Prior to joining the UN, Mr. Harris spent 25 years as an economist at the International Monetary Fund, working in the African and Fiscal Affairs Departments, ending his career there as Assistant Director and Strategy Policy and Review Department.



Ms. Anita Bhatia
Senior Adviser on Strategic
Partnerships, UN Women

Anita Bhatia is Senior Adviser to the Executive Director of UN Women. In her role as Senior Adviser she is advising UN Women on Resource Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships.

Prior to this, she has had a long and distinguished career spanning close to twenty years at the World Bank Group (WBG) both in Headquarters and in the field. Her most recent role was Director of Development Partner Relations for the World Bank Group. In that role she led global donor relations, strategic resource mobilization and global partnerships. Prior to that, she served as the Director for Advisory Operations and Partnerships for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) where she oversaw the operational infrastructure for advisory operations covering financial and project management, portfolio and risk management, staff learning and staff capacity building for Advisory Services, covering over 1000 staff in 104 countries.

Prior to that she served in several Senior Management roles including serving as the institution's first Head of Change Management leading and monitoring the implementation of the decentralization of decision-making and operations of the private sector arm of the World Bank Group.

She is the author of the book "Privatization in Africa" and has also published extensively on other topics in economic development. She is an Indian national and holds a BA in History from Calcutta University, an MA in Political Science from Yale University, and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown Law School.

Discussant



H.E. Mr. Mohamed Omar Mohamed Gad

Deputy Permanent
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Nations

Mohamed Omar Gad is a diplomat at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is currently serving as the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations in New York. In addition to serving at the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, he previously served at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN and WTO in Geneva. He also served at the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt. In addition to his diplomatic career, he is a researcher in International Law.