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Aligning system-wide and entity-level governance for better accountability

Participants

Moderator

H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations, President of ECOSOC

Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King, who comes to diplomacy from the private sector, has lived and worked in several Caribbean countries, the United States of America, and China. She is a small business owner, business strategist, the author of three books, and a management accountant with more than two decades of professional experience. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and chemistry, is the immediate past chair of the Investment Promotions Agency of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Invest SVG), and a former Honorary Consul for Portugal to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Since becoming Permanent Representative in September 2013, Ambassador King has held several leadership roles which include: Chair/Spokesperson of L69 (2016 - present), the largest reform group for the Security Council Reform of the United Nations; Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council for the period 2017-2018; Chair of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly of the 71st Session (2016 - 2017); Immediate-past chair of the Island Women Open Network (IWON) (2014 - July 2018).

The holder of a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics from the State University of New York in Albany, Ms. King is also a Certified Management Accountant and Certified Financial Manager.

Panellists
Amb. Cho Tae-yul is the 25th Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations. He assumed his current position on December 5, 2016 and served as the Chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for 2017. During his over 38 years of diplomatic carrier, he has held various senior positions in the Korean government including, among others, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013-2016), Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain (2008-2011), Deputy Minister for Trade (2007-2008), and Ambassador to UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva (2005-2007). He was also appointed as member of the Advisory Group of the UN Development Cooperation Forum while he was serving as Ambassador for Development Cooperation (2011-2012). During his tour in Geneva, he played a key role as Korea’s representative for WTO/DDA negotiations. He also served as Chairman of WTO dispute panel and Government Procurement Committee (2005-2007).


Tatjana von Steiger is the Deputy Head of Global Cooperation at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation since July 2017. Before, she was the Head of the Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Affairs Team at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, which she joined in late 2012. In this position, Tatjana von Steiger led the negotiations of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. She was also the facilitator of the Towards Partnership Resolution in 2015 and facilitated the consultations of the Global Sustainable Development Report. Between 2009 and 2012, she served as Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office to Macedonia. From 2003 to 2008, she worked at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, in the United Nations Development Unit, where she also served as deputy head of the division. Born in 1971, Tatjana von Steiger has a Master’s Degree in Russian and Slavic Literature and Journalism; besides Tatjana von Steiger is a trained mediator. She
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Under Secretary-General, DESA

joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in 2001 after working in journalism and teaching.

Mr. Liu has more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on the promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. Prior to his appointment as Under Secretary-General, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China since 2013. Among his various diplomatic assignments, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (2011-2013).


As Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition, he 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, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development.

Mr. Liu holds a Master of Laws from the Law School of Peking University.