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**Session IX**  
**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**



**H.E. Mr. Cho Tae-yul**

Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Korea,  
President of  
UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS  
Executive Board

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' representative for WTO/DDA negotiations. He also served as Chairman of WTO dispute panel and Government Procurement Committee (2005- 2007).

Preceding that, he had held various positions in the Korean foreign service including Director General for Bilateral Trade (2003-2005), Deputy Director General for Trade Policy Planning (2002-2003), First Secretary and Counsellor at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. (1990-1993 and 2000-2002), Counsellor at Korea's Permanent Mission in Geneva (1996-2000), Director for North America Trade Division (1995-1996), and Senior Assistant to the Foreign Minister (1994-1995).

Amb. Cho graduated from the College of Law, Seoul National University (SNU) in 1979. He continued his studies in public international law at the Graduate School of SNU (1979-1981) and international relations at the Oxford University (1982-1983). Amb. Cho received the Order of Service Merit (Red Stripes) in 2008 and the Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit, Kingdom of Spain in 2012.



**Ms. Tatjana von Steiger**

Deputy Head, Global  
Cooperation, Swiss Agency  
for Development  
Cooperation

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

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



**Mr. Liu Zhenmin**  
Under Secretary-General,  
DESA

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).

Mr. Liu started his career at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1982. Since then, he has served the Ministry in various capacities, including as Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs (2009-2011); Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (2006-2009); Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law (2003-2006); and Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law (1998-2003). He also served in the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (1992-1995) and in the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (1984-1988).

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.