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Biography of moderators and speakers

Opening

Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Spatolisano has 33 years of experience in public service including extensive senior leadership in multilateral affairs. She has served as the European Union Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO, Monaco and Andorra. She was a member of the EU Delegation to the United Nations, serving as the Head of its Economic and Trade Section. She covered all issues related to trade, development and environmental policies in the Second Committee and ECOSOC and was also the EC representative to the Fifth Committee. Since 2017, she has been responsible for International Organizations and Development Dialogue with other Donors in the Commission’s Directorate General for Development Cooperation. In this capacity, she has assured the EU presence and developed EU positions on development policy in several international fora including the United Nations, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, OECD, G-7 and the G-20. Ms. Spatolisano holds a Doctorate in Law from Florence University.

Eddy Maloka, Chair Africa Governance Architecture and Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism

Prof. Maloka, from South Africa, is the Chief Executive Officer of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and adjunct professor at the University of Witwatersrand’s School of Governance, Public and Development Management. He previously served as Special Advisor to the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa and as Advisor to NEPAD. He has been a member of the African Legacy Delegate and the 2010 FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee, the Chief Executive Officer at the Africa Institute of South Africa (ASIA), and a lecturer at the University of Cape Town. Prof. Maloka holds an MA
in development studies from the University of Geneva, a PhD in history from the University of Cape Town and was a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton University.

**Oumar Defallah Khayar**, African Peer Review Mechanism Minister of Chad and Chairperson of African Peer Review Mechanism Focal Points

Hon. Khayar, from Chad, is the Minister of African Peer-Review Mechanism and Chairperson of the APRM Committee of Focal Points. Throughout his political career in the Chadian government, he has served as the Minister of Culture, the Minister of Higher Education, and the cultural advisor to President Idriss Déby.

**Richard Levin**, Director General, Ministry of Public Service and Administration, South Africa

Mr. Levin was appointed as Director General of the Department of Public Service and Administration in 2004, and again in 2018. He is also Secretary General of the African Management Development Institutes Network. Previously he was the Principal of National School of Government and Chairperson of South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association. He is a strong advocate of people-centered development, participatory research methodology and eLearning. Dr Levin holds a PhD in Political Theory and Institutions from the University of Liverpool.

**Session 1: Aligning institution-building efforts related to the 2030 Agenda with Agenda 2063**

**Osten Chulu**, Sustainable Development Goals & Agenda 2063 Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat

Mr. Osten Chulu is SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert at African Peer Review Mechanism. His areas of expertise are Macroeconomic modelling, Needs Assessments, Economic policy analysis and Project and programme design. Previously, he was Senior Economist at UNDP South Africa from 2015 to 2018, and he was also Regional MDG Policy Advisor at the United Nations from 2008 to 2014. Mr. Chulu holds a M.A in Economics from Institute of Social Studies.
Khabele Matlosa, Director of Political Affairs, African Governance Architecture Secretariat

Dr. Khabele Matlosa is Director of Political Affairs at the African Governance Architecture Secretariat and Director of the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) at the African Union Commission (AUC). Previously, he served as program advisor at UNDP’s Regional Service Centre for East and Southern Africa and contributed substantially to strengthening UNDP’s strategic partnership with both the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) on continental governance initiatives. He also served as program director at the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA) in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Matlosa holds a PhD in political economy from the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa and a post-graduate diploma in conflict resolution from the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

Allan Mukungu, Officer in Charge, Economic Governance and Public Finance Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Dr Allan Mukungu is currently the officer in charge of UNECA’s Economic Governance and Public Finance Programme of work, but he has also served as Senior Economic Affairs Officer with the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region and Economic Advisor to the Security Sector Reform Programme of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste. He has thus both post-conflict public sector systems rebuilding and private sector mobilization experience for sustainable development.

Kefiloe Masiteng, Deputy Secretary of National Planning, Department of National Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa

Ms. Masiteng is Deputy Secretary for planning in the National Planning Commission of South Africa. She has extensive experience in the area of governance, monitoring and evaluation gained over the past 15 years in government. Her portfolio at Stats SA includes Census 2011, poverty and inequality research, labour statistics, social statistics, household surveys, health statistics, government-wide monitoring and evaluation systems, and technical advice on monitoring and evaluation. She is also the Founder of Camp LaThuso, which provides children with various camp activities. Dr. Masiteng holds a Master’s in Public Health from the University of Pretoria, a PhD in Public and Development Management at the University of the Witwatersrand.
Session 2: Applying UN CEPA principles of effective governance for sustainable development to the challenges of building strong institutions

Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Ms. Fraser-Moleketi is the Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and the Chairperson of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA). Previously, she served as African Development Bank’s Special Envoy on Gender and UNDP’s Director of the Democratic Governance Group. She was the Minister of Public Service and Administration of South Africa for two consecutive terms. She serves on various boards in academia, government and development organizations on issues related to sustainable development. She was named New African Woman of the Year in 2016. She is a fellow of the Institute of Politics, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She holds an MA in Administration and was conferred a PhD (Honoris Causa) by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

Ali Hamsa, Board of Directors, Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management and member of the United Nations Committee of experts on public administration

Mr. Hamsa is currently Director of the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management and a member of the Committee of experts on public administration. He served as Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia and as President of CAPAM for two terms. He started his administrative and diplomatic service career as Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry and served in the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister’s Department as Director of Disbursement and as Deputy Director-General of the National Transformation and Advancement Programme. He also served as the first Director-General of the Public-Private Partnerships Unit. He is the Chairman of the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation serving Greater Kuala Lumpur, High Speed Rail Corporation, the Malaysian Integrity Institute and Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad. He co-chairs the Special Taskforce to Facilitate Business in Malaysia, leads the National Blue Ocean Strategy initiative and Civil Servants Housing Scheme. Dr. Hamsa holds a BA from the University of Malaya, a Master’s in Economics and a PhD in Environmental Sciences and Economics, both from Oklahoma State University.
Margarita Rodríguez, Under-Secretary-General of Government Management, Ecuador

Ms. Rodríguez is the Under-Secretary General in the Office of the President. She specializes in jurisprudence, corporate and project management. Previously, she served as the Strategic Advisor at the National Secretariat of Planning and Development, Member of the Board of Directors of the British Chamber, Member of the Board of Directors of the Mexican Chamber, Member of the Board of Fedimetal, and Member of the Board of Global Pact.

Daniel Nyakundi Osiemo, Acting Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD/APRM Secretariat, Kenya

Mr. Osiemo is the Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD’s Kenya Secretariat. Previously, he was the Chief Economist in the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife. He played a key role in the Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport Project (LAPPSET) and the Presidential Infrastructure Championship Initiative (PICI) of the African Union. He holds an MSc in Economics and Management from the University of Manchester, an MA in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University, and a BA in Economics from the University of Nairobi. He also has postgraduate certificates in project management, monitoring and evaluation.

Session 3: From principles to practice in building strong institutions for the SDGs

Nardos Bekele-Thomas, United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Africa

Ms. Bekele-Thomas, from Ethiopia, is currently the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations to South Africa. Previously, she served as the Senior Director in the Office of the Secretary-General, Office of the Chef de Cabinet and the Deputy Secretary-General. She was also the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Kenya and Benin. She is a member of the Group of African Eminent Women; a recipient of the prestigious AU/DAF (African Union-Diaspora African Forum) Award of “2015 Woman of Excellence”. Ms. Bekele-Thomas holds an MA in Economics from New York University.
Patrick Spearing, Secretary of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Spearing is Secretary of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration at UN DESA. Previously, he has served in positions at the United Nations supporting multistakeholder consultations and deliberations pertaining to the Internet and carrying out analytical work on governance and sustainable development. He was also a departmental focal point on governance within the UN System Task Team convened in the lead-up to the 2030 Agenda and has served as a senior information systems officer and editor in the United Nations and non-Governmental sector. Mr. Spearing holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Columbia University.

Ayodele Odusola, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme

Mr. Odusola, from Nigeria, is the Resident Representative of UNDP to South Africa. Previously, he served as the Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy and Analysis for UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa in New York. He chairs UNDP’s Corporate Technical team on the Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries. He also supports the organization of the International Conferences of the Emergence of Africa and Tokyo International Conference on Africa’s Development (TICADI). In 2001, he was the African Visiting Scholar to the International Monetary Fund. Dr. Odusola holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Session 4: SDG 16 monitoring and evaluation: an African perspective

Sara Tafiq Hamouda, SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism

Ms. Sara Tafiq Hamouda is SDG and Agenda 2063 Expert at African Peer Review Mechanism. She has a substantial experience in development and international cooperation fora through her working experience at the Cabinet of the Minister of International Cooperation in Egypt for seven years. Previously, Ms. Hamouda has managed Development Cooperation portfolios with several donors such as the international and regional funding institutions, China and South-East Asia. Ms. Hamouda holds a Bachelor of Political Sciences from the faculty of Economic and Political Sciences at Cairo University and a master’s degree in international Development at Hankuk University.
Jean-Yves Adou, National Reporting Framework on SDG 16 / Aspirations 3 and 4 of Agenda 2063, APRM

Mr. Jean-Yves Adou is Head of Knowledge Management, Monitoring and Evaluation at African Peer Review Mechanism. He has more than 20 years of professional experience in development cooperation, 13 of which in international institutions such as the West African Economic and Monetary Union, Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics, and the African Union. He holds a degree in Engineering and Statistics from ENSEA Abidjan, and a master’s degree in Economics and Globalization, from Pierre Mendès University, Grenoble, France.

Maureen Bakunzi, Acting Commissioner, Policy Implementation and Coordination, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda

Ms. Bakunzi is the Acting Commissioner of Policy Implementation and Coordination in the Office of the Prime Minister in Uganda.

Beauty Narteh, Executive Director, Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition

Ms. Narteh is the Executive Secretary of Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC). Previously, she served as GACC’s Acting Executive Secretary and Communications Officer. She has also coordinated the World Bank funded West Africa Contract Monitoring Network in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Ms. Narteh is a Ford Fellow and a member of the Institute of Public Relations Ghana. She holds a BA and MA in International Affairs from the University of Ghana. She also holds graduate certificates in Women’s Studies from Ohio University and in Executive Communications and Governance Reform from the World Bank and the Annenberg School for Communication, United States.
Session 5: Data and statistics

Risenga Maluleke, Statistician General of South Africa

Mr. Maluleke is the Statistician General and Head of Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). He has worked for Stats SA for more than twenty years. Previously, he was a Deputy Director-General (DDG) for Statistical Collections and Outreach. He holds a BSc in Mathematical Statistics from the University of Limpopo, MPhil in Urban and Regional Science from Stellenbosch University. He has also completed Senior Executive Programmes in Wits and Harvard Business Schools.

Nereida Lucília Varela Silva Moreira, Praia City Group on Governance Statistics, National Statistics Institute, Cabo Verde

Ms. Moreira, member of the National Institute of Statistics of Cape Verde (INE-CV), is the Coordinator of the Division of Planning, Studies and Statistical Coordination. Among her responsibilities are coordination of work between INE-CV and other official statistics producing bodies, follow-up and evaluation of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (2017-2021), and collection and compilation of SDG indicators in Cabo Verde. She holds a degree in Business Information Technologies and a master's degree in Data Analysis and Decision Support Systems from the Faculty of Economics, University of Porto-Portugal.

Rosine Gnanazan Agnero, Coordinator, National Statistics Institute, Côte d’Ivoire

Ms. Gnanazan is the Coordinator of the National Statistics Institute, Deputy Director and Technical Assistant to the Deputy Director General for Statistics, Côte d’Ivoire. She has worked at the Institute since 2013 where she has conducted and managed several surveys on employment, child labour, households, rice agriculture, food security and other topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals. Currently, she leads projects on GPS. Ms. Gnanazan is an economist with specialization in enterprise management.
Ms. Selamawit Mussie, SDG Policy Officer, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission

Ms. Selamawit Mussie is SDG Policy Officer of Economic Affairs Department at African Union Commission. She possesses advanced expertise in International Development and Policy Analysis. Previously, she was Consultant at UNECA from 2008 to 2011. Ms. Mussie holds a B.Sc. in Statistics and a M.Sc. in Population Studies from Addis Ababa University.

Session 6: Linking the UN CEPA principles to governance indicators

Winniefred Akoto-Sampong, Principal Programme Officer, Secretariat of APRM Governing Council, Ghana

Ms. Akoto-Sampong is the Principal Program Officer at the secretariat of the National APRM Governing Council in Ghana. A professional teacher with over 19 years’ experience, she comes from a background in community social work and rural development, project management, and monitoring and evaluation. She has been actively involved in the implementation of APRM’s core mandate of affording citizens the opportunity to promote the development and adoption of policies and standards since 2012. She successfully led a team of experts to conduct a baseline survey for DANIDA on the Right to Service and Good Governance project in 2013 and played a leading role as a facilitator to the Hanns Seidel/EU supported project “Strengthening the APRM Process in five West African countries” in 2014- 2016. She was also the focal point in the conduct of the African Union and Government of Ghana-led Country Structural Vulnerability Resilience Assessment Report of 2018 that assessed Ghana’s Vulnerability and Resilience regarding peace and security.

Lusanda Batala, Senior Sector Expert, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa

Mr. Lusanda Batala is Senior Sector Expert of Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. Previously, he was Senior Economist at National Treasury, undertook policy research on African issues, especially policy relating to regional economic integration within SADC and AU. Mr. Batala holds a B.A. in Economics from University of Cape Town, an M.A. in Economic Policy from School of Oriental and African Studies, U. of London.
Wendy Willy Massoy, Deputy Auditor General (National Accounts), Tanzania

Ms. Wendy Willy Massoy who is currently the Deputy Auditor General responsible for performance and specialized audit with National Audit Office of Tanzania, NAOT, has over 12 years of extensive experience in the field. Ms. Massoy has also participated in several Performance Audits carried out by NAOT in different capacities as an overall supervisor, team leader and team member. She holds MBA in Finance and Banking from Mzumbe University as well as an Advance Diploma in Certified Accountancy from the same institution.

Session 7: Sound policymaking: institutional arrangements and tools for promoting policy coherence

Lindiwe Khumalo, Advisor on Strategic Relations with AU Policy Organs and Agencies, Bureau of the Chairperson, African Union Commission

Ms. Khumalo is the technical advisor to the Chairperson of the AU Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, on strategic relations with AU organs and agencies. Previously, she served as the Deputy Secretary to the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights and as the Chief Executive Officer of the South African Human Rights Commission. She holds an MA in law from the University of Pretoria and an MA in public and development management from the University of Witwatersrand.

Harsha Dayal, Research Director, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa

Ms. Dayal is Research Director of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Government of South Africa. Previously, she was Chief Researcher at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) managing several research projects on various topics such as public health, poverty, disability, education, gender, public reform, State capacity. She qualified as an Occupational Therapist at Wits University in 1992. She worked in the public health sector in various positions, ranging from a clinician in neurology to project manager. She was awarded an EU Scholarship to study at the University of London’s, Center for International Child Health in 1994, where she obtained a Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR).
Mr. Yves Akre, Technical Adviser on SDGs, Ministry of Planning and Development, Côte d'Ivoire

Mr. Akre has 12 years of experience working in both private and public institution with senior leadership in Designing and implementing sustainable Project across various part of Africa. He has served as Senior Marketing and Innovation Lead, within the continent, working for the Awards winner in sustainability UNILEVER PLC. After ten years working as Communication Expert and Senior Data Scientist within the private sector, He joined the Ministry of Planning and Development as Technical Adviser of the General Director of Strategy, Planning and Aid Coordination working among others on Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063. Mr. Akre has a Master’s degree in Statistics and Economy, from the Africa Centre of Excellence in Statistical Training, ENSEA. He is also a member of the Monitoring and Evaluation community in Africa.

Lineekela Josephat Mboti, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Multilateral Relations and Cooperation, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation, Namibia

Ambassador Lineekela Josephat Mboti is the Focal Point and Chief Executive Officer (Deputy Minister) of APRM in Namibia. He has over 30 years of experience in International Relations, Strategic Studies, Diplomacy, Negotiations and Foreign Policy. Ambassador Mboti joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Namibia in 1990 as a Desk Officer before rising through the ranks to the Director of Protocol in the Presidency, Minister Counsellor to Germany, Charge d’ Affaires to Austria and Alternate Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Vienna. Ambassador Mboti also served as Namibia’s Ambassador to the Republic of Angola and Republic of Brazil. Before his appointment as Focal Point and CEO of APRM in Namibia, Ambassador Mboti served as Deputy Permanent Secretary for Multilateral Relations and Cooperation in the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation of Namibia from 2015- 2019. In this position, he contributed extensively to the integration of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 into the National Development Plan (NDP5) of Namibia. Ambassador Mboti holds a Master's degree in Diplomatic and Strategic Studies (Magnum Cum Laude) from the International University in Vienna, a Post -Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Center for Foreign Relations, Dar es Salaam, and a Diploma in Development Studies and Management from the United Nations Institute for Namibia, Lusaka, Zambia. He also completed an Advanced Diploma in International Negotiations at the International Peace Academy, New York.
Session 8: Collaboration and whole-of-society approaches to the SDGs

Bernard Rey, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to South Africa

Mr. Rey serves as Head of Cooperation in the Delegation of the EU in South Africa. Previously, he served as the Head of EU’s Development Cooperation in Kenya and as the Deputy Head of Unit for sustainable agriculture and food and nutrition security in EuropeAid. In this capacity, he chaired the group of development partners to the Africa Union’s Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and represented the European Commission in Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. He holds a PhD in veterinary medicine and an MS in Development Economics.

Prateema Kutwoaroo, Senior Analyst, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius

Ms. Kutwoaroo, known as Anju, is a Senior Analyst in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration & International Trade. This past year she has been co-leading the drafting of the first Mauritius Voluntary National Review (VNR) report. She was also part of the official delegation presenting the VNR report to the United Nations in July 2019. She is an acknowledged speaker on the arrangements on the implementation of SDGs for Mauritius. Anju has been involved in policy making for 6 years. She has participated in the successful implementation of projects such as the installation of the undersea fibre optic cable connecting Rodrigues to Mauritius in 2016/17, and the establishment of the Africa Training Institute in Mauritius in 2015. Her areas of expertise are quantitative, econometric and risk analysis.

Derick De Jongh, Director, Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership, University of Pretoria

Mr. De Jongh is Director of Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership at the University of Pretoria. Dr. Jongh founded the University of South Africa’s Centre for Corporate Citizenship (UNISA) in 2003. The CCC plays a significant role at UNISA in advancing corporate citizenship. He was the Chair of EFMD, global organisation dedicated to management development, Africa Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. He holds a DCom in Marketing and Communications Management from the University of Pretoria.
Session 9: SDG awareness raising and training

Kadra Hassan Osman, Head of APRM National Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Djibouti

Ms. Hassan is the current APRM national secretary interim to Djibouti. Ms. Hassan has been active in the public sector since 2004 working with non-governmental organisations, including projects led by USAID, and specializing in family planning and contagious diseases. Previously, she was the coordinator of the scholarship program in the Ministry of national education of Djibouti. Ms. Hassan was educated in Djibouti.

Ambassador Khaled Shamaa, Head, International Office, Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform; Chair, Governance Inter-Ministerial Committee, Egypt

Multilateral diplomat, negotiator, and coordinator have worked in the areas of drug control, crime prevention, international terrorism, sustainable development, conflict resolution, mediation, peacekeeping operations, humanitarian assistance, security and disarmament including in post conflict settings, and migration policies. Currently Director International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, and Chair of Inter-ministerial committee on Public Governance. Has served as Ambassador of Egypt to Austria, Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna, as well as National Coordinator for Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation. Previous Chair of the United Nations Commission on Drugs, and Chair of the Preparatory Board of the UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs UNGASS 2016. Lead Negotiator on multilateral Instruments on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Development, Peace and Security.

Shahid M. Korjie, Acting Coordinator, Justice Sector Coordination Office, Ministry of Justice, Sierra Leone

Mr. Korjie is the Acting Director in the Justice Sector Coordination Office of the Ministry of Justice of Sierra Leone. He has over ten years work experience in private and public Sectors with focus on finance, policy development, public governance and justice. Previously, he served as the Head of Programmes, Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU), President’s Office, as a Group Head, Corporate Banking Division, Guaranty Trust Bank (SL) Limited and has also worked at the National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) as Research Officer. He holds an MSc in Finance and Economics from the University of Manchester and a BSc Hons. In Economics, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. Shahid is currently studying for a law degree at the University of London.
Akhona Tinta, Director for Strategic Planning and Management, Amathole District Municipality, South Africa

Ms. Akhona Tinta is Director for Strategic Planning and Management at Amathole District Municipality. Previously, she was Chief of Staff at MEC Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism. She also served as Senior Manager of Land, Human Settlements and Economic Development at Amathole District Municipality from 2011 to 2014. Ms. Tinta holds an MBA from Nelson Mandela University Business School.

Session 10: Connecting research agendas to country needs

Ms. Erin McCandless, Associate Professor, Wits School of Governance, University of the Witwatersrand

Dr. Erin McCandless is an Associate Professor at the School of Governance at Witwatersrand University, and she directs Forging Resilient Social Contracts, a research and policy dialogue project. Dr. McCandless consults widely across the United Nations and with other organizations, conducting research and evaluation to inform policy and program design for peacebuilding impact, facilitating strategic processes and conducting trainings. She is author of more than fifty publications, including several policy- and program-shifting United Nations reports. Dr. McCandless holds a M.Sc. in International Relations from London School of Economics, a PhD in International Relations from American University.

Madara Ogot, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Enterprise, University of Nairobi

Mr. Ogot is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research Projection and Extension, and Director of Research and Extension at University of Nairobi. Previously, he was Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs at Maseno University, and also served as a Managing Director at the University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Ltd. He taught at Penn State University as Associate Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department. He was also the founder and managing director of Kengineer, a professional research company providing services in data collection, and survey design and analysis. Prof. Ogot holds an MBA from Rutgers, State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick, a PhD in Business Administration from University of Nairobi and a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, United States.
Aregbeshola Rafiu Adewale, Department of Business Management, University of South Africa

Mr. Adewale is a Professor of International Business and Business Strategy in the Department of Business Management at the University of South Africa. He specializes in international business strategies, multinational corporations and international capital flows, with focus on Africa and emerging markets. He possesses advanced expertise in econometrics and quantitative approaches. His academic and professional engagements have included appointments at the Management Development Institute (Gambia), Babcock University (Nigeria), and University of Lagos (Nigeria). Prof. Adewale holds a bachelor’s degree from Ogun State University, Honours and master’s degrees from the University of South Africa and a PhD from the University of the Witwatersrand Business School.

Closing

Senzo Mchunu, Minister of Public Service and Administration, South Africa

H.E. Minister Mchunu is South Africa’s Minister for Public Service and Administration. Previously, he served as the KwaZulu-Natal Province’s secretary, member of the regional parliament, Chairperson of legislative committees on agriculture, social development and education, and as its Premier. In the beginning of his career, Minister Mchunu was a high-school teacher. He was educated at the University of Zululand and the University of South Africa and holds a BA in Education and International Relations.