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Resilience and Recovery from Covid-19 Through Sound Policymaking :

Strategic Planning and Foresight in Africa in Response to COVID-19

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Biography of Speakers

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Adriana Alberti is Chief of PMCDU/DPIDG/UNDESA. She has thirty years of international knowledge and expertise in governance and public administration. She coordinated and contributed to a number of UN publications, including the UN E-Government Survey. She has led capacity development activities in over 25 countries from around the world, including on innovation in governance and digital government. She coordinated the UN Public Service Forum and Awards programme. As Chief Technical Advisor, she managed an innovation programme in the Middle East, North Africa, and Western Balkans.

Prior to joining the UN, she worked at the University of Bologna and taught at several universities. She was Visiting Fellow at Princeton University, the Institute of Advanced Social Studies in Spain, and the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. She was awarded fellowships from the Italian National Research Council, the European University Institute, the Government of Spain for the Salvador de Madariaga Research Grant, and Harvard University.

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Marius Oosthuizen, School of International Futures (SOIF).



Marius Oosthuizen is the Director of the Centre for Leadership and Dialogue (CL&D) and a member of faculty at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), University of Pretoria, South Africa. He teaches leadership, strategy and ethics and uses strategic foresight methods and scenario planning within strategic foresight processes, to explore the future of companies, countries and global issues.

Marius is a graduate of the Oxford Scenarios Programme at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, UK. He holds a Masters in Strategic Foresight from Regent

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His recent PhD dissertation on *Integrative Public Leadership in Multi-sectoral Social Dialogue* is currently under examination with Stellenbosch University's School of Public Leadership. Marius regularly works with business leaders, policy makers and civil society activists in South Africa and abroad, using his expertise in stakeholder dialogue, scenario planning, strategic foresight and systems thinking to develop future-orientated strategy

Masse Lô, environment and sustainable development expert.



Masse Lô is an Environment and Sustainable Development Expert. During his career of almost thirty years, he served in important executive roles with institutions and organizations engaged in sustainability and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

His cumulative experience led him to be elected in 2011 as Executive Secretary of the International Non-Governmental Organization "Environment and Development dans le Tiers Monde (Enda), Before this election, Mr. Lô was the regional Coordinator for Francophone Africa of LEAD International and coordinator of LEAD in Africa. Until recently, Mr. Lô served as Regional Commissioner on sustainable development for West and Central Africa for IDRC. He has been also Vice Chair for Drylands and Capacity Building for the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM). He is currently a member of COPEH for West and Central Africa and of The Balaton Group.

Currently, Mr. Lô is coordinator of ildp-afrique, Institute of Leadership for development dedicated to promoting sustainability and building up "Can Do" attitude with skills, knowledge and above all "self-belief" targeting the new and emerging African young leaders.

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João Ildio da Cruz Tavares is the Director of Strategic Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Service, National Planning Directorate at the Ministry of Finance of Cabo Verde. He is an Economist with experience in the private sector in finance and industry, and in Cape Verde's public sector as Economic Advisor in the Center for Strategic Policies in the Prime Minister's Office, member of the Board of Directors of ARAP, and currently as Director of the Strategic Planning Service, Monitoring and Evaluation at the National Planning Directorate – Ministry of Finance

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Sébastien Vauzelle is the Senior Economist of the UNRCO in Cabo Verde. He provides policy advice and technical support on SDG implementation at national and local level, with a special focus on economic transformation, social inclusion and climate action. He has been working with the UN for 15 years, supporting major governance and economic diversification reforms, within a demonstrated strategic vision for sustainable development, in 8 countries in Latin America, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He studied in the French “Institut d’Etudes Politiques” and has a master in Humanitarian Action and International Development from the University of Aix-Marseille (France).

Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi (South Africa) Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration



Geraldine 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.

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Sara Hamouda, APRM- South Africa



Sara has eleven years of professional experience in the international cooperation and development field. Currently, she works for the African Union Secretariat for Peer Review Mechanism as an officer in charge of the agenda 2063/SDGs Unit and South-South Cooperation, based in Johannesburg South Africa. She manages continental capacity-building projects and multi-lateral workshops on Agenda 2063 advocacy, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation focusing specially on SDGs 16 and 17. She handles APRM continental work on and UN Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and APRM collaboration with different UN agencies.

Earlier, she worked at the Cabinet of the Minister of International Cooperation in Egypt as a Senior Economic Researcher in charge of cooperation with the regional financial institutions and China for seven years. She also received a professional traineeship at the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg from 2017 to 2018, of which she provided policy analysis and research regarding the EIB role outside the EU, especially in the southern Mediterranean region as regarding various issues such as migration, donors' relations, and economic resilience.

Ms. Hamouda holds a Master of Arts in International Development from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, a Diploma in Peace promotion and disarmament from the University for Peace and Vienna Centre for Disarmament, and a Bachelor's in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University. She is also an alumnus of the College of Europe in Warsaw. She got two internships at the American Congress in Washington DC in 2007 on the USA political system and foreign policy and at the German Bundestag, in Berlin, in 2013 on education policies and public administration.

In 2019, she was awarded amongst TOP 50 influential women in Egypt for Leadership and Community service under the Auspices of the Prime Minister Cabinet.