

High-Level Political Forum 2022

**VNR Lab: Looking forward: Recent innovations in institutional arrangements  
for SDG implementation (Virtual meeting)**

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Biography of speakers



**H.E. Ms. Rosemarie G. Edillon, Undersecretary for National Development Policy and Planning, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines**

H.E. Ms. Edillon is the current Undersecretary for National Development Policy and Planning at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) of the Philippines. Among her major responsibilities, she is shepherding the formulation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) which is an elaboration of the country's priorities over the medium-term and is the blueprint of government policies, programs, and projects. She also oversees the monitoring of the PDP implementation. In addition, she is in charge of providing technical advice on policy issues to both the legislative and executive branches of government, especially the committees of the NEDA Board. She currently chairs the Task Group on Recovery under the National Task Force against COVID-19; she also chairs the Technical Working Group on Anticipatory and Forward Planning and is a member of the sub-TWG on Data Analytics under the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.



**H.E. Mr. Samuelu Laloni, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Tuvalu to the United Nations**

A career diplomat, H.E. Mr. Laloni was most recently High Commissioner to New Zealand since 2015, having previously served as Consul General in Auckland between 2010 and 2014. For six months between 2009 and 2010, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, and as Deputy High Commissioner to Fiji from 2006 to 2009. H.E. Mr. Laloni's other Government positions included Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Communications and Transport between 2000 and 2004, and Private Secretary to the Prime Minister from 1998 to 2000. In 1997, he served as a Pacific Regional Project Associate with the Food and Agriculture Organization office in Fiji, prior to which he was a Fisheries Research and Development Officer at the Ministry of Natural Resources from 1994 to 1996.



**Ms. Peisha Bryan Lee, Programme Director, Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, Planning Institute of Jamaica**

Ms. Lee is Programme Director of the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat of the Planning Institute of Jamaica. Vision 2030 Jamaica is the country's first long-term strategic development plan and covers the period 2009-2030. It embodies the plans and processes for the realization of a collective vision, encapsulated in the statement: "Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business." Ms. Lee is also e-tutor at the University of the West Indies Open Campus.



**Ms. Mara Cossu, National Sustainable Development Strategies Coordinator, Ministry for Ecological Transition, Italy**

Ms. Cossu is National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS) coordinator of the Ministry for Ecological Transition of Italy. She is an architect and has a PhD in territorial policies and local projects. She specializes in environmental planning and integration in particular related to community planning. For some time now she has been working on sustainability policies and environmental assessments.



**Mr. Louis Meuleman, Member of UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) and Director, Public Strategy for Sustainable Development (ps4d)**

Mr. Meuleman worked at the European Commission in Brussels as coordinator of the Environmental Implementation Review and of the greening of the European Union's economic and social governance. As a part-time academic, he publishes on sustainability metagovernance and public management. He is visiting professor at the Public Governance Institute of the University of Leuven, in Belgium, and senior fellow at the Center for Governance and Sustainability of the University of Massachusetts, in Boston, United States of America, research associate at the University of Wageningen, in the Netherlands, and member of the editorial board of Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal. He is a member of the International Association for Impact Assessment, the European Sustainable Development Network and the Netherlands Association for Public Management. He has 35 years of public sector management experience, handling subnational, national, regional and international issues, mainly in the fields of the environment and sustainable development, as project, programme and line manager. As director of the TransGov project of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam, Germany, from 2010 to 2011, he produced the report entitled Transgovernance: the Quest for Sustainability Governance and was editor of Transgovernance: Advancing Sustainability Governance (2013). He was director of the Netherlands Advisory Council for Research on Spatial Planning, Nature and Environment, in The Hague, and Chair of the Netherlands Association for Public Management. Mr. Meuleman has authored a number of publications, including his PhD dissertation, Public Management and the Metagovernance of Hierarchies, Networks and Markets (2008) and the practitioners' case study entitled The Pegasus Principle: Reinventing a Credible Public Sector (2003). He was co-editor of

Environmental Governance in Europe (2003). He has published books, book chapters and articles on environmental policy, interactive policymaking, metagovernance, governance of long-term decision-making, cultural diversity and sustainability governance. He has a PhD in public administration and an MSc in environmental biology.