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**Building Back Better from COVID-19:
Enhancing Innovative Partnerships to
Meet the Sustainable Development Goals**

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Speaker Biographies

Moderator

Ms. Elizabeth Nyamayaro
Special Advisor
United Nations World Food Programme



Elizabeth Nyamayaro is an award-winning humanitarian and Special Advisor for United Nations World Food Programme. Born in Zimbabwe, Elizabeth has worked at the forefront of global development for over two decades improving the lives of underserved populations and has held leadership roles at the World Bank, World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and UN Women. Elizabeth is a Political Scientist by training and holds a MSc in Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and leadership education from the Harvard Business School. *I Am a Girl from Africa* is her first book.

High-level panel

Mr. Liu Zhenmin

Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs United Nations



Mr. Liu Zhenmin of China is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Prior to his appointment, 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 brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on the promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. He was deeply involved for 10 years in climate change negotiations

including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. He also widely participated in the international activities on the protection of our planet including Antarctica and the oceans. Over the last several years, in various capacities, he has been consistently highlighting and advocating for sustainable development issues.

Her Excellency, Ms. Ohood Khalfan Al Roumi

Minister of State for Government Development and the Future Government of the United Arab Emirates



Her Excellency Ohood Khalfan Al Roumi is the Minister of State for Government Development and the Future in the United Arab Emirates. Her Excellency Ohood is also the Chairwoman of the Federal Authority for Government Human Resources (FAHR), the federal entity responsible for the growth and development of UAE federal government human resources. Her Excellency is Vice Chair of World Government Summit Organization. She is also member of the Emirates Competitiveness Council, a board member of the 'Frontline Heroes Office', and member of the board of trustees of the Museum of the Future. Her Excellency also oversees the Prime Minister's Office of UAE and multiple strategic programs and initiatives that comes beneath it, such as the development of

the UAE Centennial 2071, the coordination and follow up on executing UAE Vision 2021. Her Excellency also overlooks UAE government strategy and innovation, government development programs as well as Sheikh Khalifa Government Excellence Program, Government Performance Management System “Ada’a”, Mohammed Bin Rashid Centre For Government Innovation and the UAE Government Leaders Program.

His Excellency, Dr. David Moinina Sengeh
Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education & Chief Innovation Officer,
Government of Sierra Leone



Dr. David Moinina Sengeh is Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, and the Chief Innovation Officer for the Government of Sierra Leone. Hon. Minister Dr. David Moinina Sengeh provides strategic and policy leadership for both the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) and the Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI). Hon. Dr. Sengeh is a biomechatronics engineer and data scientist who holds several patents and is widely published across the education, healthcare, AI and policy domains. He is an afrobeat music rapper, and clothing designer.

Substantive Panel

Lord Mayor Rohey Malick Lowe
Mayor of Banjul
The Gambia



Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe was born and raised in Banjul, Gambia. She is the First female Mayor at her city, a member of the United Democratic Party (UDP). After she has established her own successful business for the tourism industry, she lived in Sweden where she studied International Relations at the University of Falun. While there, she was active in politics and was a member of the party called the 'Social Democrats' and had the opportunity to serve on the Child Welfare Committee of Nyköping Municipality, with responsibility in overseeing Schools.

Rohey Malick Lowe was elected Mayor of Banjul on May 2018. She indicated that one of her priorities is to ensure that the youth and women of Banjul, are empowered

through skills and entrepreneurship training. Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe is also President of REFELA, the Network of Locally Elected Women of Africa.

Ms. Nevena Manić
Advisor
Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia



Nevena Manić is an Advisor at the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, focusing primarily on public administration reform. She is passionate about e-government and digitalisation as the optimal way to improve public services and accelerate development.

Nevena has extensive experience in the private and particularly in the public sector, gained while working at the European Commission, in Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and at the Ministry of Finance on contracting and implementation of EU funds.

Nevena graduated from the Faculty of political science at the University of Belgrade and holds two master degrees – LL.M. from Faculty of Law and Master of Public Administration at the University of Birmingham, attended as the Valedictorian of Chevening, the UK government's scholarship programme.

Mr. Philip McGrath
Head of Public Service Transformation Delivery
Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Ireland



Mr. Philip McGrath leads the Public Service Transformation Delivery Unit at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER). The unit has responsibility for implementing the Government's current reform framework Our Public Service, implementing the Government's Public Service Innovation Strategy, *Making Innovation Real*, coordinating Ireland's Open Government Partnership National Action Plan, outsourcing and emerging technology policy, and a number of other related policy areas concerned with the modernisation of public services in Ireland. Before taking on his current role, Philip was the Department's Public Service Innovation Policy Lead. Prior to joining DPER in 2014, Philip worked in the Department of Justice in the areas of asylum law and money laundering/terrorist financing regulation. Philip holds separate degrees in law and business (HR), an international diploma in regulation and a Master's degree in innovation and leadership.

Ms. Maziko Matemvu
Development and Global Health Advocate
Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health



Ms. Maziko Matemvu is a development and global health advocate who is passionate about human rights. She has extensive experience in developing programs, advocacy plans and strategies that empower adolescents and young people's health and wellbeing, Maziko is the founder of Uwale, a media group that uses media and activism to raise awareness on social injustices and is the former Vice president of the Young Feminist Network. She currently works as a Health Coordinator for MIET AFRICA through the SADC Future- Life Now! regional programme.

