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Bio of Speakers



Elliot Harris

Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Elliot Harris brings over 25 years of international experience in the fields of international economics and development policy analysis, coupled with knowledge of the United Nations system, multilateral and inter-agency coordination processes. He has extensive experience in the design of macroeconomic policies and its application as a central instrument for the reduction of poverty and for resilient and sustained economic development. His work in the field of economics also focuses on the macroeconomic linkages with global social and environmental policies. Since 2015, Mr. Harris has served as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He joined UNEP's Senior Management Team in 2013 as Director of the New York Office and Secretary to the Environment Management Group. Prior to joining UNEP, Mr. Harris began his career in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1988, where he worked in the African Department and the Fiscal Affairs Department. In 2002 he became an Adviser in the Policy Development and Review Department and was appointed in 2008 as Special Representative to the United Nations, in addition to serving as Assistant Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department. Mr. Harris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in German and political science and an advanced degree in economics. He was awarded an Advanced Studies Certificate in international economics and policy research from the Institute of World Economics in Kiel, Germany.



Moni Pizani

Head, Andean Office, Ibero-American General Secretariat

Moni Pizani was appointed as Head of the Andean Office of the Ibero - American General Secretariat, based in Lima, as of May 2017, where she is responsible for opening the newly created

office. Prior to that, she was the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) representative in Ecuador until December 2016. She has also served as the first UN-Women Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Panama, before which she was the UN-Women Regional Director for East and Southeast Asia, based in Bangkok. From 2005 to 2010, she was Head of the United Nations Development Fund for Women Subregional Office for the Andean Region in Ecuador. She was previously Deputy Representative for the United Nations Population Fund in Venezuela, as well as Vice-Minister for Infrastructure in Venezuela and President of the Foundation for Community Development and Municipality-Building. She led a project to improve the living conditions of working class districts in Caracas. In 1989, she co-founded the Center for Social Research, Training and Studies of Women, where she served as Executive Director for 15 years. She has also been an advisor to the National Assembly of Venezuela, to the Venezuelan delegation to the Women's Inter-American Commission and to the Ministry of Women in Venezuela. From 1978 to 1985, she held different positions in the National Minors' Institute and the Ministry of the Family, including Director of the Legal Office and Head of Labour Relations. Ms. Pizani is a lawyer by training and holds a Master's degree in the Management of Social Programmes from the Andrés Bello University, in Caracas.



Luis Felipe López Calva

Assistant-Secretary General, UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

Luis Felipe López Calva, ASG, is the UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean since September 2018. He has nearly 30 years of professional experience, advising several Mexican governments, in addition to UNDP and most recently the World Bank where he most recently served as Practice Manager of the Poverty and Equity Global Practice (Europe and Central Asia). He was the co-director and lead author of the World Development Report 2017 on "Governance and the Law". He was previously Lead Economist and Regional Poverty Advisor in the Bank's Europe and Central Asia Region, and Lead Economist at the Poverty, Equity and Gender Unit in the Latin America and Caribbean PREM Directorate, also at the World Bank. From 2007-2010, he served as Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean at UNDP-RBLAC in New York. Mr. López-Calva has been Associate Editor of the Journal of Human Development and Capabilities and he is Fellow of the Human Development and Capabilities Association. He has also been Chair of the Network on Inequality and Poverty in the Latin America and Caribbean Economic Association. His research interests focus on labour markets, poverty and inequality, institutions and microeconomics of development, having presented his research at top institutions including: Harvard University, Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, University of California, San Diego; and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Centre. He holds a master's degree in economics from Boston University, as well as a master's and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University.



Christian Salazar-Volkman

Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Coordination Office

Christian Salazar Volkman joined DCO as Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean on 1 March 2019. Before taking up his post in DCO, Christian served as UN

Resident Coordinator for El Salvador and Belize, and, until recently, as Resident Representative of UNDP. Prior to this assignment, he held the position of Deputy Director, Programme Division at UNICEF HQ. He also worked as a Representative for OHCHR in Colombia and as UNICEF Representative/Deputy Representative in Iran, Vietnam and Guatemala as well as Deputy Executive Director of the German Committee for UNICEF. Furthermore, he was employed as Senior Advisor for Youth and Human Rights by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation GIZ. Mr. Salazar Volkmann obtained a PhD in Political Sciences at Marburg University and an M.A. in Communications, Economics and Philosophy at the Ruhr-University Bochum.



Daniel Gómez Gaviria

Deputy Director, National Planning Department

Daniel Gómez is Deputy Director at the National Planning Department in Colombia. Previously he was a Senior Economist in the Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation (FCI) LAC team. Based in Buenos Aires, he was the focal point for FCI work in the Southern Cone (Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay). Daniel has experience in competitiveness; productive development policy; science, technology, and innovation policies; trade policy; and competition policy. He holds a Ph.D. in Business Economics with specializations in international trade and industrial organization from the University of Chicago, an MBA from the Booth School of Business, and a degree in Economics and a Masters in Banking and Finance at HEC University of Lausanne. Before joining the WBG, he was Head of Competitiveness Research at the World Economic Forum (WEF), where he led the production of the Global Competitiveness Report. He designed and led country engagement strategies including competitiveness labs and workshops in Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, El Salvador, and Guatemala. He also led research on technological diffusion and productive transformation resulting in a new benchmarking tool on country readiness for future production. Prior to the WEF, Daniel was advisor to the Minister of Trade, Industry, and Tourism of Colombia, where he led policy work on competitiveness and productive development policy; a researcher with Fedesarrollo, the main public policy think tank in Colombia; and an adjunct professor of economics at Universidad de los Andes and Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá. Before completing his Ph.D., he was an antitrust consultant with NERA and LECCG's European Competition Policy Practices.



Jan Harfst

UNDP Resident Representative and United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i. Venezuela

Jan Harfst began his UN career as a Junior Professional Officer with UNDP Dominican Republic in 1989. Subsequently, he was assigned to Mozambique as field implementation officer for the UN Capital Development Fund, after which he held different programmatic positions in the UN Office for Humanitarian Assistance Coordination in Angola. In 1997, Mr. Harfst returned to UNDP in Tajikistan, where he was responsible for Tajikistan's largest area-based post-conflict recovery programme, following the country's peace agreement. In April 2002, he joined UNDP Ukraine as coordinator of another large-scale area-based initiative aimed at reducing tensions between Crimean Tatar, ethnic Russian and other communities in the peninsula. From 2005, Mr. Harfst worked as a consultant for UNDP in Afghanistan, Belarus, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. In mid-2008, Mr. Harfst joined UNDP's Bureau for Crisis

Prevention and Recovery as senior programme adviser on early recovery, providing expert advice to post-conflict or disaster countries such as Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan. His previous assignment being that of UNDP Country Director in Tajikistan. Mr. Harfst holds a Master's Degree in Human Geography from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.



Patrick Spearing

Secretary, Committee of Experts on Public Administration, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Patrick 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.



Måns Nilsson

Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute

Måns Nilsson is also part time Professor of the Practice of Environmental Strategies and Policy Analysis at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). Mr. Nilsson joined SEI in 1995. Key areas of interest are in low carbon energy and transport policies, development studies and the 2030 agenda, innovation and transitions, and institutions and governance. Mr. Nilsson combines academic achievement with extensive management experience. In recent years he helped establish the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate and has been closely involved as an advisor to the UN, OECD and the European Commission on the Sustainable Development Goals. He is a member of the Scientific Council for Sustainable Development to the Government of Sweden. Mr. Nilsson has slipped more than 40 papers past unsuspecting editors of academic journals and has edited two books. He received his MSc in International Economics from University of Lund, Sweden, and his PhD degree in Policy Analysis from Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.



Cat Tully

Founder and Managing Director, School of International Futures

Cat Tully is the founder of SOIF, the School of International Futures, running Strategic Foresight projects and retreats across the world with 600 alumni in 50 countries. Cat has extensive experience as a practitioner, helping governments, civil society and businesses to be more strategic, more effective, and better prepared for the future. Prior to setting up SOIF, Cat was Strategy Project Director at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Senior Policy Adviser in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. Before working in government, she worked in strategy and international relations across the not-for-profit and business sectors, including Christian Aid, Procter and Gamble, the EU Commission, United Nations (UN) and the World Bank. Cat

has degrees from Cambridge and Princeton Universities. She is a trustee of the Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development (FDSD), a member of the UN Learning Advisory Council for the 2030 Agenda, a Global board member of Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), a non-resident fellow at the US Government Accountability Office's Center for Strategic Foresight, a member of the Advisory Group of the British Foreign Policy Group (BFPG) and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Chilean Council of Foresight and Strategy.



Lynn Houmdi

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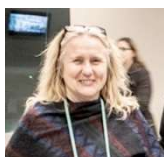
Lynn Houmdi is a consultant specialising in the for-purpose sector who joined the School of International Futures in 2020 as a researcher. Her career has spanned 3 continents and she brings to SOIF the experience of a 13-year career in government and diplomacy, having worked for the UK and Scottish Governments as well as the European Commission. She was a member of the UK and EU delegations to the UNFCCC and lead a negotiator in that process. Ms. Houmdi is a specialist on Morocco, having lived, worked and researched in the North African Kingdom for the last 9 years.



Claudio Radaelli

Professor of Comparative Public Policy, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

A political scientist specialized in public policy, Claudio Radaelli joined the School of Transnational Governance as Professor in September 2020. His research interests include the policy process of the European Union, the effects of EU policies on the Member States, the roles and usages of expertise and ideas in public policy and administration, regulatory reform and regulatory analysis tools. Professor Radaelli was awarded two advanced grants by the European Research Council. He brings to the European University Institute the ERC project Protego, Procedural Tools for Effective Governance. He has published more than 80 articles in refereed political science journals and 55 book chapters. As visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges, he offers a workshop on regulatory reform. Professor Radaelli has trained public managers from more than 30 countries in how to use regulatory policy instruments. He is the editor-in-chief of the International Review of Public Policy. He serves on the editorial boards of journals such as European Journal of Risk and Regulation, Journal of Public Policy, Political Studies Review, and Regulation & Governance. Prior to joining the STG, he was Professor of Public Policy at University College London (2018-2020), Director of the Centre for European Governance at the University of Exeter (2004-2018) and Professor of Public Policy at the University of Bradford. Professor Radaelli is on long-term leave of absence from UCL. He was awarded the annual IdEx Chair at the Centre Emile Durkheim at the University of Bordeaux (2014).



Dorothy Lucks

Executive Director, SDF Global (Sustainable Development Facilitation)

Dorothy Lucks has a PhD focusing on multi-stakeholder relationships in sustainable development and has over 25 years of experience in strategic sustainable development. She is the

Executive Director of SDF Global Pty Ltd, a company that conducts strategic and evaluative work worldwide with a range of UN Agencies and International Financing Institutions. It also provides technical support to sustainable development initiatives for the public sector, private sector and communities in Australia and internationally. Dr Lucks has a global profile in the M&E sector. She is a credentialled evaluator through the Canadian Evaluation Society, was on the Board of Governors of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE) and Global EvalPartners Executive Committee between 2014-2018. She was Co-Chair of EVALSDGs (2015-2020), a global network of policy makers, institutions and practitioners who support processes to improve M&E in national and global review systems for the SDGs.