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Bio of Speakers



Maria-Francesca Spatolisano

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

Maria-Francesca 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.



Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi

Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

Geraldine Joslyn Fraser-Moleketi is the Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University. She was the former Special Envoy on Gender at the African Development Bank. She was previously Director of the Democratic Governance Group of the United Nations Development Programme. She served in the South African Government as Minister of Public Service and Administration for two consecutive terms. She also served as Chair of the Pan African Ministers of Public Service for three consecutive terms and has worked on intergovernmental bodies globally and in Africa. While Minister for Public Service and Administration, she served as a member of the United Nations

Committee of Experts on Public Administration. As Minister for Welfare and Population Development in the first democratic Government of South Africa, she introduced the Government's white papers on social welfare (1997) and on population policy (1998) in the Parliament, worked on the development and implementation of the Child Support Grant and chaired the Ministerial Team on Children and Youth at Risk. She served as member of the South African Parliament for three consecutive terms, from 1994, and was a member of the Constituent Assembly and various subcommittees responsible for drawing up the South African Constitution adopted on 8 May 1996. Mrs. Fraser-Moleketi serves on various boards across academia, government and development organizations on issues related to youth, the empowerment of women, capacity development and education, governance and poverty eradication. She is a fellow of the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, and holds a Master's Degree in Administration. Mrs. Fraser-Moleketi was named 2016 New African Woman of the Year and was conferred a Doctorate of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.



Margaret Kobia

Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs, Kenya

Margaret Kobia serves as a Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs in Kenya. Prior, she was the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Kenya. She was also the Director General of the Kenya School of Government. In 2003, Ms. Kobia joined Strathmore University in Nairobi as a senior lecturer in management, entrepreneurship and research methodology and simultaneously served as a management training consultant. Her research interests include public sector reforms and performance management training. In 2005, she was appointed as the Director and Chief Executive Officer of the then Kenya Institute of Administration. In 2011, she was awarded an Associate Professorship for her outstanding teaching, research and publication work while serving as the Director of the Institute. She has received a number of awards, including the Order of Grand Warrior, the First Class Order of Chief of Burning Spear, Moran of the Golden Heart and Commonwealth Gordon Draper Award 2010 for her strong leadership in the public service in the Commonwealth. In 2014, she was elected as the Vice President of the Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management and, in 2015, was appointed co-chair of the Effective Institutions Platform. She was the Chief Editor of the refereed African Journal of Public Administration and Management for five years. Ms. Kobia has a Bachelor's of Education degree from the University of Nairobi, a Master's of Education degree from Kenyatta University, and a PhD in Human Resource Education and Entrepreneurship from the University of Illinois in the United States of America.



Charles Paul Iheanacho Abani

United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ghana

Charles Abani is a seasoned international development practitioner with over 25 years of experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors having worked in senior country and regional leadership roles in Africa, Asia, and in Europe. Specifically, he has worked with ActionAid International, Oxfam GB, Absolute Return for Kids, Palladium and Chemonics. He has extensive experience of managing organizations, projects and driving change as well as significant international

non-profit board experience. Mr. Abani has also led the successful implementation of projects for DFID and USAID. Most recently, Charles served as Africa Director in Chemonics' UK Division, prior to which he led USAID' flagship civil society project in Nigeria – USAID-SACE. Mr. Abani is from the Federal Republic of Nigeria and holds a BA in History from the University of Nigeria, an MSC in Political Science from Ahmadu Bello University and an executive management certificate from Oxford University.



Bartholomew Armah

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Bartholomew Armah is the Director a.i. of the Macroeconomics and Governance Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He recently served as the Policy and Planning Coordinator of the UN Secretary General's Transition Team for the reform of the development system (October 2018-January 2020). Mr. Armah holds a doctorate degree in Development Economics from the University of Notre Dame (USA). He served as a tenured Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee prior to joining the UN Economic Commission for Africa.



Geert Bouckaert

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Geert Bouckaert has been Professor at the KU Leuven Public Governance Institute at the KU Leuven University in Leuven, Belgium, since 1996. He is former President of the European Group for Public Administration and former President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences. He has authored or co-authored numerous books, including *Public Management Reform, A Comparative Analysis: Into the Age of Austerity*, and *Performance Management in the Public Sector*. Mr. Bouckaert has been visiting professor to several universities, including Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, and University of Potsdam in Germany. He has conducted extensive research on governance in the public sector at both the national and subnational levels with a focus on reform, performance, trust, agencies, information systems and financial cycles. Mr. Bouckaert is a member of several editorial boards of international public administration journals. He has been awarded several honorary doctorates and the Anneliese Maier Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He advises the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and several Governments on their reform initiatives.



Patrick Spearing

Secretary of the 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

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Måns Nilsson

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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

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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 Houmndi

Researcher, School of International Futures

Lynn Houmndi 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.



Rolf Alter

Senior Fellow, Hertie School

Rolf Alter, an experienced economist, is a Senior Fellow of the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin since 2017 where he specializes in Executive Education. This follows over 25 years at the OECD in Paris. In 2006, he was appointed Chief of Staff to the current OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría and became Director of Public Governance in 2009. Rolf built a team of 200+ staff to support governments at all levels in improving public sector performance for sustainable development and the competitiveness of their economies. Before, he worked for the IMF in Washington, in research and the African department. He started his professional career in the German Ministry of Economy in Bonn. For several years Mr. Alter is a member of the Advisory Board of the Global Risks Report of the WEF in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2016, he was the laureate of the IASIA O.P. Dwivedi award for outstanding contribution to public administration and policy in the world. Mr. Alter studied in Germany and California, US. He has a doctorate degree from the University of Goettingen, Germany.



Dorothy Lucks

Executive Director, SDF Global (Sustainable Development Facilitation)

Dorothy Lucks worked for more than 10 years with international financing institutions in design and management of community development, natural resources sector and economic development programs and has implemented a range of programs in areas of civil conflict and economic stress. Tasks have included field research projects, design and management of sustainable development programs and assessment of ongoing programs. She now is the team leader for SDF and continues to work internationally as an advisor for international organizations such as the United Nations, Asian Development Bank and the World Bank in many countries across Asia, Africa, central Europe and the Caribbean. She facilitates a wide range of projects with government, non-government and private sector organizations, particularly in executive development, adult education, project and stakeholder management, economic innovation, community-based initiatives, environmental protection and poverty reduction. Dr. Lucks has a proven national and international track record in project design, implementation, supervision and evaluation in strategic sustainable development, participatory community development, micro-credit and poverty alleviation. She has a background in science (BSc), business (MBA) and multi-stakeholder management in sustainable development (PhD).