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### List of speakers



Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi

Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

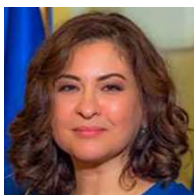
Geraldine Joslyn Fraser-Moleketi is the Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University. She was the former Special Envoy on Gender at the African Development Bank. She was previously Director of the Democratic Governance Group of the United Nations Development Programme. She served in the South African Government 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.



Louis Meuleman

Coordinator, Environmental Implementation Review, European Commission, Visiting Professor at KU Leuven, Senior Fellow at University of Massachusetts and Research Associate at Wageningen University

Louis Meuleman works 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, 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.



Lamia Moubayed Bissat

Director, Institut des finances Basil Fuleihan, Ministry of Finance, Lebanon

Lamia Moubayed Bissat is the president of the Institut des finances Basil Fuleihan at the Lebanese Ministry of Finance. She teaches at the Institute of Political Studies of the Université Saint Joseph, Beirut, and is a development economist with a master's degree from the American University of Beirut. Ms. Moubayed has worked in the private sector as an economist and project manager, and for United Nations agencies, namely the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Her current work involves leading the Institute in providing public financial management training and capacity-building services, as well as policy advice in human capital formation and institutional strengthening to the Lebanese Government and other public entities in the Middle East and North Africa region. Ms. Moubayed has been a member of the board of International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration since 2016. She became a founding member of the Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research Network in 2013. She has been the President and founding member of the Governance Institutes Forum for Training in the Middle East and North Africa region network of civil

service training schools in the Middle East and North Africa since 2006. She has been a member of the World Bank Regional Committee of experts on public procurement since April 2013. Ms. Moubayed has authored and contributed to many publications and is a member of the advisory board of the semi-peer-reviewed journal *Assadissa, Journal of Public Finance and State Building*. She has been awarded many honours, including the French distinction of Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur in 2015 and Ordre national du Mérite in 2004, for her significant contribution to the development of cooperation ties between France and Lebanon and her commitment to State -building and to the values of neutral and impartial civil service.



Juraj Nemec

Professor of Public Finance and Public Management, Masaryk University and President of the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe, Slovakia

Juraj Nemec is full-time Professor of Public Finance and Public Management at the Faculty of Economics and Administration at Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, and part-time Professor at the Faculty of Economics at Matej Bel University in Banská, Bystrica, Slovakia, with 35 years' experience in teaching at the pre-graduate, graduate and doctoral levels. In 2016, he was elected as the President of the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe. Since 2013, he has been the Vice-President of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration and the project director of the Association's permanent working group. He served as the regional Vice-President of the International Research Society for Public Management during 2010-2017 and as a member of the Accreditation Committee of the European Association for Public Administration Accreditation until 2015 and is now a Board member of the Association. He is the representative of the Slovak Republic in the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government connected to the Council of Europe. Mr. Nemec has published over 400 books and scientific articles in this field and filled several academic posts, including the position of Dean of the Faculty of Finance. In 2010, he received the NISPACE Alena Brunovska Award for his research. In 2016 he received the Donald C. Stone Award honouring a distinguished international scholar for advancing the well-being of IASIA. Mr. Nemec also has extensive advisory and consultancy expertise in various transition countries. In his assignments in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine, he provided activities in the field of public procurement as well as assistance in institution building and development. As a key advisor to the Governments of Slovakia and the Czech Republic, he supported all levels of public administration in the areas of public administration reform, health-care reform and the improvement of public procurement systems, prior to and after their accession to the European Union. In this position, he co-drafted the first public procurement law in Slovakia.



Mark Hidson

Global Director, ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement Centre

Deputy Regional Director, ICLEI Europe

Mark worked for 20 years for local, regional and national governments and been at the forefront of policy and strategy development on sustainability issues such as procurement, climate change, and transport. He is currently focusing on ICLEI's Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement and the Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network. Mark thinks public procurement can be a catalyzer for growth, jobs, and innovation, furthermore it can provide access to markets for SMEs, gain the trust of citizens in public authorities and democracy, sustainability, and social cohesion. It is a key mechanism to address greenhouse gas emissions, local air and water quality, the use of hazardous substances and raw material usage.



Ivo Bonajo

Sustainability Manager Central Government, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Netherlands

Ivo Bonajo is manager of sustainable business operations for the central government. He works for the National Procurement, Facilities and Housing Policy (IFHR), part of the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK). Ivo deals with business operations, purchasing and tendering policy. He has been working in the field of sustainability for over 15 years. Always dedicated to the business case of sustainability and social responsibility, he is motivated to make impact and add value to organizations, processes and people. Before his current position, he worked for the Groene Zaak, KPMG Sustainability and the province of South-Holland. His specialties include, among others, sustainable strategies, sustainable and responsible purchasing, renewable energy, public affairs, implementing environmental management systems, and environmental permit issuance and enforcement processes. He has worked on, amongst others, the Dutch Climate agreement, Dutch Green Public Procurement strategy and policy, Dutch National Energy agreement, setting up the lobby programs of the Dutch Sustainable Business Organization, and creating awareness and support for the concept of the circular economy.



Joan Prummel

International Advisor Circular Economy, Rijkswaterstaat, Netherlands

Joan works as international Strategic Advisor on Circular Procurement for the Dutch Rijkswaterstaat. To improve the circularity of any organisation, circular procurement is the way to implement it. Just because procurement is the only way in for any product organisations use. Together with international colleagues Joan helps and guides organisations to set their ambitions, policies and operations, aiming at a more circular organisation. Circularity connects resource efficiency and sustainability to economic benefits. The strength lies in collaboration: through the supply chain (with the market) and within the organisation. Rijkswaterstaat advises, stimulates and supports public bodies (and private companies) in Europe about circular procurement: using their procurement as a lever to stimulate circular economy. Stimulate markets by their demand, stimulate and enable circular propositions, 'produce' useful resource flows instead of waste and embrace the benefits of circular business models. His experience record include: Co-creator of the concept 'circular procurement', Founder of the Dutch Green Deal Circular Procurement, Initiator of projects and pilots with circular procurement by the Dutch central government, Key-note speaker on congresses, Trainer

and lecturer about circular procurement at universities, cities and companies, Member of the Green Public Procurement Advisory Group of the European Commission, Secretary of SPP Next, and a group of European frontrunners on sustainable public procurement.



Neil Cole

Executive Secretary, Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI)

Mr. Neil Cole has more than 20 years professional experience in the field of Public Financial Management. Between 2001 and 2013 he worked for the National Treasury of South Africa in senior management positions in the Budget Office and in the International Economic Policy divisions. His responsibilities included: policy advice and implementation of budget reforms; expenditure planning of national government; co-ordination of the national budget process; policy advice on South Africa's engagement with the rest of Africa; and served as a representative to several bilateral forums and multilateral development banks. Prior to joining the National Treasury, he worked for UCT in the Student Advice Office. Mr. Cole has participated in many global forums on development effectiveness and represented South Africa on the committees that drafted the Accra Agenda for Action and the Busan Partnership agreement. He currently serves as the Executive Secretary of the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative; an inter-governmental organization that provides a platform for peer-learning and exchange for approximately 30 African ministries of finance and planning. CABRI's work covers fiscal and budget policy; budget transparency and accountability; and public debt management. In addition to his role at CABRI, Mr. Cole has been a co-faculty member of the Harvard PFM Executive Training Course. In 2016 he was invited to be a co-faculty member of the Harvard Ministerial Leadership Forum. He is also a part-time faculty member of the International Training Centre of the ILO.



Joon Sung Ahn

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Mr. Ahn is Associate Researcher at the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute. He operates Green Public Procurement system in Korea and its international cooperation in the Sustainable Lifestyle Office and manages 'Leading City Network on Green Public Procurement Project' with ICLEI Korea and 'Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement Plus Project' with the Government of Thailand. He is an active member of the SPP focal points of SDG 12.7.1 reporting team and MAC. Mr. Ahn is a former-representative of the Head of the Secretariat of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production(10YFP). He holds a Bachelor degree in Social Science from the University of Washington, Seattle.



Julissa Sáenz

Area Manager, Audit Area of the Financial Administration System - SAI Costa Rica, Comptroller General of the Republic

Ms. Sáenz has worked in the fields of audit and control of the financial administration system of the Republic of Costa Rica, national tax system and national planning and evaluation systems. Her scope of work includes the analysis of fiscal and budgetary issues in the public sector. She has been working at the Comptroller General since 2001 and has been in this current position since 2016. She has been a member of the College of Professionals in Economic Sciences of Costa Rica since 2003. Ms. Sáenz holds a Master of Statistics from the University of Costa Rica, a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of the University of Syracuse and a Master's in Economics also from Syracuse University in New York.

Enrico Degiorgis

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Mr. Degiorgis also technical assistance to the Regional Agency for Environmental Protection of Piemonte (Agenzia Regionale per la Protezione Ambientale del Piemonte - Arpa Piemonte).