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Biography of Panelists
1. The role of BRICS and other emerging economies for inclusive sustainable growth of the Least Developed Countries

Chair and Moderator:

Ms. Amita Misra, Director, Bureau for Regional Programmes (UNIDO)
Ms. Amita Misra is Director of the Bureau for Regional Programmes and Deputy to the Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division, UNIDO. She has served as Senior Advisor to the Director-General and, from 2004-2010, as Director of the Financial Services Branch, where she successfully led the Organization in becoming IPSAS compliant.

Panelists:

H.E. Mr. Miles Sampa, Deputy Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
Hon. Miles Bwalya Sampa, MP, is currently Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry in Zambia. Before, he served as Deputy Minister of Finance. He was elected Member of Parliament for Lusaka’s Matero constituency in September 2011. He has worked in the Financial Sector and held several senior management positions, including Executive Director of Treasury, Finance Bank, Zambia, from 2006 to 2010.

Dr. Ademar Seabra Cruz, Counselor, Head of the Energy Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Brazil
Dr. Ademar Seabra da Cruz is Head of the Science and Technology Division at the Brazilian Ministry for External Relations. He is also a lecturer at the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy. From 1996 to 2000, he has served as Head of the Science and Technology Section at the Brazilian Embassy in London. He has published several academic articles, essays and books on issues related to International Politics, Globalization, Sociology of International Relations and the International System and Politics.

Dr. Michael Kahn, Professor Extraordinaire, Director, Research and Innovation Associates, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
Dr. Michael Kahn works as a policy analyst on research and innovation. He advises governments (including Ethiopia, Mozambique, Qatar and Zimbabwe), multilateral and donor organizations, and is a Professor Extraordinaire at the University of Stellenbosch. His recent assignments cover projects for the World Bank, UNESCO, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the African Union/NEPAD Science and Technology initiatives. He holds a PhD in Mathematical Physics (Imperial College of London) and MA in Education Policy (London).
Mr. Yao Shenhong, Director General, China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges

Mr. Yao Shenhong is the Director General of China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), for the Ministry of Commerce of the People Republic of China. He holds a Master Degree from the Nankai University and an MBA degree from the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) in 2006. He was also awarded a certificate of completion for the Senior Executive Fellows (SEF) program in May 2013 from the Harvard University and the John F. Kennedy School of Government and Executive Education.

Mr. Viktor Zagrekov, Deputy Director, Department of International organizations MAE of the Russian Federation to Peru


2. South-South Industrial Cooperation: “The Role of Southern Enterprises in Least Developed Countries”

Opening Remarks:

Mr. Weixi Gong, Senior Coordinator for South-South Cooperation (UNIDO)

Mr. Weixi Gong is the Senior Coordinator for South-South Cooperation as well as the secretary of the UNIDO Executive Board sub-committee on South-South Cooperation (since 2011). He coordinated UNIDO’s efforts in hosting the UN Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo 2012 in Vienna, and organized the High Level Roundtable on “South-South Industrial Cooperation in the post-2015 Development Agenda” at CAMI-20 in 2013.

Chair and Moderator:

Mr. Yiping Zhou, Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation

Mr. Yiping Zhou is Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU/SSC). Mr. Zhou assumed several key positions as Director and Senior Policy Adviser of the Special Unit for SSC (1997-2004) or Regional Programme Officer of UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (1992-1997).
Panelists:

H.E. Ms. Hadja Rahamatoulaye Bah, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, Guinea
Ms. Bah has been working in economic and social development for 33 years. She assisted the US Federal Government in developing and implementing financial and technical assistance in key economic sector such as agriculture, fishing and manufacturing in Africa. She has graduated from Georgetown University as well as the American University (USA).

Mr. Sanjay Singh, Vice President Public Affairs Tata Services, New Delhi
Mr. Sanjay SINGH is Vice President of Public Affairs at the Tata Group. Starting his career within the steel sector, he went on to head Corporate Communication for Tata Steel. During his tenure as the Chief of Corporate Communications, Tata Steel became the least cost producer steel in the world.

Mr. John Zhang, Chief Investment Officer, Wanxiang Resources Co., Ltd.
Mr. Xiaochuan Zhang is the Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of Wanxiang Resources, an investment-driven assets-based trading house focused on energy products and base metals, with revenues of over US$ 12 billion in 2012. Mr. Zhang has previously held positions of Chief Executive Officer at Woncore Communication Corporation, Executive Vice President at California Microwave, and President of ADC China

Ms. Hasina Newaaz, Director, Agrani Bank Ltd.
Ms. Hasina NEWAAZ is the founder and CEO of Orchid Printers, and Director of Agrani Bank Ltd. Throughout her career, she has been inspiring her community and has worked with several organizations including the state run Agrani bank, the Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce, the Bangladesh Mudron Shilpa Samity and the Working Committee of New Business Development and Employment Generation. She is now providing her leadership and support to her community by developing, designing, planning and building capacity in order to defend and promote women entrepreneurship.
3. Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) for Least Developed Countries

Chair and Moderator:

Mr. Sarwar Hobohm, Director of the Strategic Planning, Donor Partnerships and Quality Assurance Branch (UNIDO)

Mr. Sarwar Hobohm is the Director of the Strategic Planning, Donor Partnerships and Quality Assurance Branch of UNIDO. He oversees the strategic planning functions of the Organization, both in terms of its positioning within the international development system and the coordination of its programmatic activities.

Panelists:

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Hassan Elamin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Sudan to UNIDO

H.E. Mahmoud Hassan Elamin is currently the Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to the Republic of Austria, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Republic of Slovenia and Republic of Hungary. He is also Resident/Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the International Organizations in Vienna. He was formerly Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Soudan.

H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis R. Zinsou, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations

H.E. Jean-Francis R. Zinsou was prior to his current appointment, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim at his country’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York from 23 October 2008 to 28 October 2009, during which time he also served as Minister Counselor in charge of Political and Legal Affairs. H.E. Zinsou also served as Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation from 2002 to 2003.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abtew, Minister of Trade and Industry, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

H.E. Ahmed Abtew has 20 years of experience in high level positions. He is the former Deputy Governor of Amhara Regional State & Bureau of Industry & Urban Development Head. For the last 15 years he also worked as Head of Finance and Economic Development, Trade Industry & Urban Development and other Bureaus.
H.E. Mr. Siaosavath Savengsuksa, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao P.D.R
Mr. Savengsuksa, who has been the Lao Vice-Minister of Industry and Commerce since 2006, was formerly the Vice-Minister of Commerce and the Vice-Minister of Commerce and Tourism. He formerly served as Vice-President of the Central Control Committee and Deputy Director of the Lao State Trading Company. He also worked in the Research Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Dr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division (UNeca)
Dr. Karingi joined the United Nations in April 2004. Prior to joining UNECA, Mr. Karingi was a Senior Analyst and Head of the macroeconomics Division, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA). He first served as a Lecturer of Economics at Egerton University. He also contributed to global and regional policy dialogues through think tanks such as the Brookings Institution.

4. Converting commodities into products: the role of women in Least Developed Countries

Chair and Moderator:

Ms. Nilgün Tas, Chief of Competitiveness, Upgrading and Partnership Unit and also Chair of the Gender Mainstreaming Steering Committee (UNIDO)
Ms. Nilgün Tas is a private sector development specialist, with over 28 years of experience in economic development in developing and transition economies, including in her native Turkey. Ms. Tas acted as the UNIDO Representative in Viet Nam from 2007-2010 and she’s currently serving as the Chief of the Competitiveness, Business Environment and Industrial Upgrading Unit in the Business, Investment and Technology Branch of UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna and as the Chair of UNIDO’s Gender Mainstreaming Steering Committee.

Panelists:

H. E. Mr. James Anthony Shinyabulo-Mutende, Minister of State for Industry and Technology, Uganda
H. E. James Anthony Shinyabulo-Mutende is currently the Minister of State for Industry and Technology of Uganda. Prior to this he worked as an Investment Officer for the Uganda Investment Authority (1998-2007) and then as a Senior Investment Officer (2007-2009).
Mr. Lemi Taefu, Associate Minister of Justice and Courts Administration, Samoa
Mr. Taefu Lemi is the Associate Minister for Justice and Courts Administration. He studied at La Trobe University in 1991 where he was awarded a Bachelor in Economics and Accounting. He is also a member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee as well as the Officers of Parliament Committee.

Ms. Huda Mohammed Janahi, Founder and Chief Executive of Global Group
Ms. Huda Mohammed Janahi, Founder and Chief Executive of Global Group (2001), is a strategic leader and an inspiration in her community. She possesses strong command in business opportunity identification, market assessments, and competencies. She received the "Young Innovative Entrepreneur Award" (2008). Ms. Huda Mohammed Janahi is an active member within the Bahrain Business Women Society, the Bahrain Young Entrepreneurs Association, and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Ms. Maria Victoria Bojaca, Directrice Enda Colombia, Enda Tiers Monde
Ms. Maria Victoria Bojaca is a professional in industrial engineering. She has a proven and sound ability to coordinate and manage social, economic and environmental projects with the aim of developing new forms of territorial organization and sustainable alternatives to urban development. She worked in the field of waste management and possesses extensive experience in programme and project coordination with recycling organizations.

Ms. Tacko Ndiaye, Policy Adviser on Sustainable Development, UN Women
Ms. Tacko Ndiaye is UN Women’s Policy Adviser on Sustainable Development primarily dealing with inequalities and poverty elimination, livelihoods security, productive capacities and value chain development. She is currently coordinating a global joint programme of UN Women, FAO, IFAD and WFP on Accelerating Progress towards the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women.