



## GENERAL CONFERENCE

### SPECIAL EVENT WITH NEW YORK AMBASSADORS “Reflections on the International Development Agenda”



#### **Shaukat Quazi Fareed**

##### **Moderator**

Ambassador (rtd) Fareed served as diplomat for Pakistan (Saudi Arabia, Spain, Portugal, Mexico and as Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN) till 1987 when he joined the UN Secretariat. For the past thirty years he has been involved with multilateral development issues and coordination of the UN system. From 2006 to 2011 he was Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNIDO. Currently, he is involved with several reform initiatives at the UN, is Adjunct Professor at Long Island University, and is writing based on his extensive professional experience. He received his Masters in Economics from Karachi University and Cambridge.

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**Tekeda Alemu**

**Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Tekeda Alemu has over thirty years of experience as a diplomat. He was appointed Ethiopian Permanent Representative to the UN in New York in January 2011. Previously, he served twenty years in his capacities as Deputy Foreign Minister and State Minister.

Ambassador Alemu earned a B.A. and M.A. from UCLA and a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School. He taught at Addis Ababa University in the early 90's with the rank of Assistant Professor.





## **Ken Kanda**

### **Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Kanda joined the Ghana Foreign Service in September 1976 and served in various capacities, including Director of the Economic, Trade and Investment Bureau of the Foreign Ministry. Prior to assuming his current position in NY in 2011, he was Director of State Protocol. He has also worked at the Embassies of Ghana in Germany, Denmark, and Zimbabwe. Ambassador Kanda attained his B.A. (Hons.) and Graduate Diploma from the University of Ghana, Legon. He was also at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, as a Hubert Humphrey Fellow.





## **Palitha Kohona**

### **Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN in New York**

Previously Ambassador Kohona was the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sri Lankan government. He was also the former Secretary-General of the Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP) during which he participated in two peace negotiation rounds with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Geneva. Kohona attended S. Thomas College, Mount Lavinia. He then received an LLB at the University of Sri Lanka, LLM and from the Australian National University on International Trade Law. He also obtained his doctorate from Cambridge University, UK.





## **Csaba Kőrösi**

### **Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Kőrösi is also Co-Chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to assuming his current position, he was head of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> European Departments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also worked in Hungary's Embassies in Greece, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates.

Ambassador Kőrösi is a graduate of the Institute of International Relations in Moscow. In addition, he attended Hebrew University, where he studied Middle East issues. He also completed a diplomatic course at the University of Leeds, and a strategic negotiation course at Harvard University.





## **Mohammed Loulichki**

### **Permanent representative of Morocco to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Loulichki has over thirty years of experience as a diplomat. He was appointed as Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN in New York in November 2008. Previously, Ambassador Loulichki was Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva, since January 2006. Prior to that, he had served as his country's Ambassador to Hungary, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ambassador Loulichki received his B.A. and post-graduate degree from Rabat and a post-graduate diploma from the Sorbonne in Paris.



## **Le Hoai Trung**

### **Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations**

Prior to his fourth assignment in the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam in NY, Ambassador Le was former Deputy Foreign Minister. He also undertook activities connected with Viet Nam's relations with major inter-governmental organizations, including the UN on issues of environment and climate change. He obtained a PhD in Law Degree from the Graduate Academy of Social Sciences of Viet Nam, a Master of Arts Degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the School of Foreign Affairs, Ha Noi, Viet Nam.



## **Abdul Momen**

**Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN in New York, with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Chile and the Republic of Peru**

Ambassador Momen is currently the Vice-Chair of the UN General Assembly (GA). He is former Chair of the UNGA Second Committee and LDC Group, as well as Vice President of the UN ECOSOC. Previously, he worked extensively in the academic field as an administrator and a faculty member. Ambassador Momen has a PhD in economics and an MBA in business administration from the Northeastern University, an MPA in public administration, public policy and international economics from the Harvard University, a LLB in Law, an MA in development economics and a BA (Honors) from the University of Dhaka.







## **Néstor Osorio Londoño**

### **Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Néstor Osorio has over thirty years of experience as a diplomat. He was appointed as Colombian Permanent Representative to the UN in New York in November 2010. Previously, he has served several international organizations such as UN, UNCTAD, FAO, GATT-WTO, and International Coffee Organization. He served in his capacity as Chairman of the WTO Trade Policy review Body, Chairman of the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, and Chairman of the WTO Committee on Agriculture. Osorio was elected sixty-ninth President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in January 2013. Ambassador Néstor Osorio has a Ph.D. from the University del Rosario in Bogotá and from L'Université de Droit, d'Economie et de Sciences Sociales de Paris.



## **Martin Sajdik**

### **Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN in New York**

Previously, Ambassador Sajdik served as Austria's ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Mongolia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He also served as Director General for Economic Affairs and European Integration. In addition, he held executive positions at a major Austrian construction company and an Austrian Bank in Moscow. Earlier in his career, he served as the Permanent Representation of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Ambassador Sajdik studied law, international law and international relations in Vienna, Moscow and Bologna, and received his doctorate degree in law in Vienna in 1971.



## **Peter Thomson**

### **Permanent Representative of Fiji to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Peter Thomson has over forty years of experience as both a diplomat and an entrepreneur. He was appointed as Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in February 2010. Previously, he served in Tokyo and Sydney as a diplomat and appointed Permanent Secretary to the Governor-General. Then, he worked in private enterprise as a company director and investment/management consultant specializing in Pacific affairs. He is also an author and a winner of a Montana award for non-fiction. Ambassador Peter Thomson earned a B.A. from Auckland University and a Post-Graduate Diploma from Cambridge University.





**Eduardo Ulibarri**

**Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Ulibarri-Bilbao was appointed as Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations in August 2010. Previously, he was the Editor-in-Chief of *La Nación*, Costa Rica's leading newspaper, from 1982 to 2003 and became a founding member and President of the Instituto de Prensa y Libertad de Expresión from 2005 to 2010 with extensive engagement in issues of freedom of the press and governmental transparency.

Ambassador Ulibarri-Bilbao has been a Professor at the Department of Communication in the Universidad de Costa Rica in San Jose, from 1976 to the present and was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University.





## **Jean-Francis R. Zinsou**

### **Permanent Representative of Benin to the UN in New York**

Ambassador Jean-Francis Regis Zinsou was appointed as permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations in January 2010. Previously, he served as Chargé d’Affaires ad interim at his country’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York from October 2008 to October 2009, during which time he also served as Minister Counsellor. He also served in Germany as a counsellor at Embassy of Benin. Ambassador Jean-Francis Regis Zinsou earned a M.A., as well as diplomas from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the University of Vienna.