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Moderator

	Ms. Yalda Hakim
	Journalist
	BBC news
	Ms. Yalda Hakim is an Australian broadcast journalist, news presenter and documentary maker of Afghan origin. Ms. Hakim presents on BBC World News and her documentaries and reports can also be seen on the BBC News Channel and on BBC Two's Newsnight. Ms. Hakim returned to Kabul for her first Dateline report in 2008, and from then reported from across the world for Dateline and SBS World News Australia. As of 2011, Ms. Hakim co-hosted Dateline and first appeared on BBC World News and the BBC News Channel in March 2013. Since March 2014, she has made several appearances as the presenter on Impact, ultimately becoming the programme's main presenter later that year.

Opening remarks and statements

	Mr. LI Yong
	Director General
	UNIDO
	Mr. LI Yong, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), has had an extensive career as a senior economic and financial policy-maker. As Vice-Minister of Finance of the People's Republic of China and member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank for a decade, Mr. LI Yong was involved in setting and harmonizing fiscal, monetary and industrial policies, and in supporting sound economic growth in China. He played a key role in China's cooperation with multilateral development organizations, such as the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank.


	H.E. Mr. Amirou Malam Zaneidou
	Minister of Industry
	Niger
	H.E. Mr. Amirou Malam Zaneidou is a Nigerian politician. He has been appointed Minister of Industry on the 30th of October 2017. Previously, H.E. Mr. Malam Zaneidou was working in the Ministry of Agriculture and participated in the development of financing of various development programmes. He also worked as an expert in the Agricultural Program Committee of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (ACCT). H.E. Mr. Zaneidou also held the position of General Manager of the Nigerian National Transport Company (SNTN).




	H.E. Ms. Maria de Jesus Ferreira
	Ambassador of Angola and current Chair of the African Group
	Angola
	H.E. Ms. Maria de Jesus dos Reis Ferreira is the Ambassador of the Republic of Angola in Austria, Croatia, Slovenia and Slovakia, and Permanent Representative of Angola to the International Organizations in Vienna, and Chairperson of the African Group in Vienna. During her career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. de Jesus dos Reis Ferreira served in various capacities, among them: Consul General in Porto, for Central and Northern Portugal (2004); Directress for Africa and Middle East (2002-2004); (Minister Counsellor) Directress for Africa and Far East (2000-2002); Counsellor of the Division for International Organizations as well as Chief of Dept. a.i. for specialized agencies of the UN (1994-2000).


Panelists


PANEL 1: Policy Imperatives for the IDDA III implementation


	H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abtew
	Minister of Trade and Industry
	The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
	H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abtew is the Minister of Trade and Industry of Ethiopia. He has over 20 years of experience in high level positions. He is the former Deputy Governor of the Amhara Regional State and former Head of the Bureau of Industry and Urban Development. For the last 15 years, H.E. Mr. Abtew has also worked as the Head of Finance and Economic Development, Trade Industry, Urban Development and other bureaus of the Ethiopian Government.

	H.E. Mr. Musa Mohamed Krama Hamid
	Minister of Industry
	Sudan
	H.E. Mr. Musa Mohamed Krama Hamid assumed his position as the new Minister of Industry of Sudan in May 2017. Dr. Musa Mohamed Krama Hamid greatly emphasizes the role of industry as the backbone of the Sudanese economy. Mr. Mohamed Krama Hamid is also a member of the Popular Congress Party (PCP) of Sudan.




	H.E. Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu
	Minister of Industry
	Democratic Republic of the Congo
	H.E. Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu has been the Minister of Industry of DRC since 8 May 2017. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu served as the President of the National Union of the Federalists of Congo Liberal (UNAFEC). In his capacity as Minister of Industry, he strongly supports the promotion of the multisectorial industrialization of DRC.


	Mr. Neil Pierre
	Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch
	UNDESA
	Mr. Pierre assumed the post of Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in May 2010. His responsibilities entail coordinating preparations for the ECOSOC Integration Segment and High-level Segment, as well as providing substantive support to the ECOSOC Bureau and the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly. Prior to that, Mr. Pierre coordinated preparations for the Council's review of the progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the national voluntary presentations. In his previous positions, Mr. Pierre spearheaded the work of ECLAC in the Caribbean as Director of the ECLAC Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean.


	Mr. Oliver J. M. Chinganya
	Director of the African Center for Statistics
	UNECA
	Mr. Oliver Chinganya has been the Director of the African Centre for Statistics at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) since April 2016. He is a chartered statistician with more than 28 years of experience in statistical development in Africa, at both national and international levels, including supporting and developing demand from users of statistical and economic information and in negotiating with international agencies and development partners. Previously he worked as the Division Manager at the Statistics Department of the African Development Bank (from 2010-2016).



PANEL 2: Strategies for IDDA III implementation


	Mr. José Graziano da Silva (Video Message)
	Director-General
	FAO
	Mr. José Graziano da Silva has been the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) since January 2012. He has worked on food security, rural development, and agriculture issues for over 30 years, most notably as the architect of Brazil’s Zero Hunger (Fome Zero) programme. Mr. Graziano da Silva was charged by then-President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to implement the programme as Special Minister of Food Security and the Fight against Hunger in 2003. Subsequently, he joined the FAO in 2006 and headed the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean from 2006 to 2011.


	Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi
	Deputy Director General
	UNIDO
	Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi is the Deputy Director General and the Managing Director of External Relations and Field Representation (EFR) at UNIDO. He holds a Master’s degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. in Energy Science from Kyoto University. In April 1984, he joined the Government of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry. He served as an advisor to the Director General of UNIDO from 2000 to 2004. In September 2012, he was appointed Executive Director of the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO). In 2016, he was appointed Head of the UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office, Tokyo, where he worked closely with Japanese industries in areas related to technology transfer and investments to developing countries.

	Ms. Izeduwa Derex-Briggs
	Regional Director for the East and South Africa Region
	UN Women
	Ms. Derex-Briggs is the Regional Director for UN Women, East & Southern Africa Regional Office based in Nairobi. Dr. Izeduwa is charged with the responsibility of championing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the region. She is a medical doctor by profession and has a wealth of experience in gender programming, humanitarian, public health and development work. She has previously served as country representative for UN Women to South Sudan and Liberia.




	Mr. Mario Pezzini
	Director
	OECD Development Centre
	Mr. Mario Pezzini is the Director of the OECD Development Centre. He has served for a year as Acting Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate and was then nominated Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development. The OECD Development Centre is an institution where governments, enterprises and civil society organizations informally discuss questions of common interest. Before joining the Development Centre in 2010, Mario Pezzini held several senior management positions in the OECD, where he has been working since 1995.


	Mr. Thierry Mutombo Kolonji
	Director of Industry and Agriculture
	COMESA
	Mr. Mutombo Kolonji is the Director of Investment Promotion and Private Sector Development Division at the COMESA Secretariat. Previously, he was respectively State Finance Inspector, Investment Promotion Manager at the National Investment Promotion Agency and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also worked as Advisor of Ministers of Finance and Economy. He works closely with the ACP-EU Business Climate Facility and the International Finance Corporation to support COMESA countries in the area of improving their business environment.

	Mr. Xianwen Pan
	Chairman
	Chongqing Sansheng Industrial Company
	Mr. Xianwen Pan has been the Chairman of the Chongqing Sansheng Industrial Co. Ltd since April 1997. From 2009 to present, Mr. Pan has also served as chairman of Chongqing Beisheng Pharmachem Co., Ltd, where he introduced the plant taxus media and built a cultivation base for this conifer, and established a GMP certified production and R&D center, extracting paclitaxel from the plant taxus media. From 2014 to present, he has also served as chairman of Chongqing Qingfeng Healthcare Industry Development Company. In this role, he established vegetable, fruit and trees plantation as well as poultry breeding bas; and developed ecological summer resorts and agricultural scenic spots.




	Mr. Erich Thewanger
	Partner and Advisor
	KPMG
	Mr. Erich Thewanger is a tax and business consultant, partner and advisor at KPMG in Austria. He has many years of experience in advising national and international institutions. The focus of Mr. Thewanger’s professional activities as a tax and business consultant lies in the cooperation with public companies in the areas of commercial consulting, such as PPP, project management and risk management, as well as real estate. The scope of Erich Thewanger’s professional expertise also includes privatization, financial consulting, conducting of feasibility studies and property evaluation risk management.


PANEL 3: Partnerships and resource mobilization for IDDA III

	Mr. Hippolyte Fofack
	Chief Economist/Director Research & International Cooperation
	African Export-Import Bank
	Mr. Hippolyte Fofack is Chief Economist and Director of Research and International Cooperation at the African Export-Import Bank. Mr. Fofack is a research economist with over 15 years of experience in academia and international development. He is associate editor of the Journal of African Development and editorial board member of the Journal of African Trade. Mr. Fofack has published extensively and is a member of some leading professional and scientific organizations, including the African Academy of Sciences and the American Economic Association.

	Dr. Eun-Ju Kim
	Chief, Innovation and Partnership Department (IP) and Administrator for ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF)
	ITU
	Dr. Eun-Ju Kim is currently Chief, Innovation & Partnership Department, BDT/International Telecommunication Union (ITU), with responsibilities for ITU-D membership, partnership, resource mobilization, innovation, Study Groups, and ICT Development Funds. Prior to moving to the ITU Headquarters, she was serving as Regional Director of ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific based in Thailand; Director for Regulatory Affairs at the ICO Global Communications based in the UK; Lecturer for Telecommunication Policies and Regulations at the London City University in the UK; and Senior Adviser to the Minister at the Ministry of Communications in the Republic of Korea.



	Mr. Luc Christiaensen
	Lead Economist, Jobs Group
	World Bank
	Mr. Luc Christiaensen is the Lead Economist of the Jobs Group of the World Bank. He takes a keen interest in issues related to poverty and food security, rural-urban transformation, and project impact evaluation. He has worked in the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management and Sustainable Development Departments of the Africa and East Asia and Pacific Region. He was a core member of the 2008 World Development Report “Agriculture for Development” and a Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations University-WIDER in Helsinki during 2009-2010.

	Mr. Alhassane Haidara
	Officer-in-charge, Industrial and Trade Development Division
	African Development Bank
	Mr. Alhassane Haidara, a Malian national, works in the Industrial and Trade Development Department of the African Development Bank as Officer-In-Charge, Manager of the Industrial Development Division, and as Chief Investment Officer in the Non Sovereign Operations - Industries and Services Division. Mr. Haidara is responsible for coordinating the implementation of AfDB’s recently approved industrialization strategy for Africa. He is also responsible for originating, structuring and executing private sector projects in the mining and industrial sectors. Mr. Haidara has more than 15 years of experience in corporate and project finance.

	Mr. Ciyong Zou
	Director, Department of Partnerships and Results Monitoring
	UNIDO
	Mr. Ciyong Zou was Deputy Director General of the International Department in the Ministry of Finance prior to joining the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in 2013. Previously, he held positions as Alternate Chief Negotiator for China during the negotiations surrounding the establishment of a BRICS-led Development Bank in 2013, Alternate to the Chinese Executive Director at the World Bank from 2010 to 2011, as well as Global Environmental Facility Operational Focal Point for China from 2008 to 2009.



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