

Biographies

High-level virtual event

Achieving inclusive and sustainable industrialization and the SDGs in the post-pandemic world

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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 was involved in setting and harmonizing fiscal, monetary and industrial policies, and in supporting sound economic growth in China. Mr. Li gave great importance to fiscal and financial measures in favor of agricultural development and SMEs, the cornerstones for creating economic opportunities, reducing poverty and promoting gender equality. He played a key role in China's cooperation with multilateral development organizations, such as the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank.



Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs is a Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he directed the Earth Institute from 2002 until 2016. He is also President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and a commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development. He has been advisor to three United Nations Secretaries-General, and currently serves as an SDG Advocate under Secretary General António Guterres. He spent over twenty years as a professor at Harvard University, where he received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. He has authored numerous bestseller books. Sachs was twice named as one of Time magazine's 100 most influential world leaders and was ranked by The Economist among the top three most influential living economists.



Ms. Ann Rosenberg is an Executive Sustainability Tech Advisor, a UN Women GICC Member and a TEDx Speaker and Goalkeeper. A Denmark native, but a global citizen based in New York, Ann has 25 years of experience in the corporate world working with sustainability and purpose. She has dedicated her life to serving as a trailblazer for the UN SDGs. She launched SDG Ambition at the WEF in Davos, which challenges and supports companies in being more strategic, and transformative in how they run their businesses to deliver on the 2030 Agenda and build on the ESG framework. She also recently launched SAP Purpose Network Live to connect a community of changemakers committed to addressing the complexity caused by COVID-19.



Professor Arkebe Oqubay is a Senior Minister and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and has been at the centre of policymaking for over 30 years. He is the former mayor of Addis Ababa and won the ABN's Best African Mayor of 2006 award for transforming the city. He is a Professor of Practice at the University of Johannesburg and an ODI Distinguished Fellow. Professor Arkebe was recognized by the New African as one of the 100 Most Influential Africans of 2016 and a "leading thinker on Africa's strategic development" for his work on industrialization and industrial policies, both theoretical and practical. His published works with Oxford University Press (OUP) include the path-breaking Made in Africa (OUP, 2015); The Oxford Handbook of the Ethiopian Economy (OUP, 2019); How Nations Learn (OUP, 2019); China–Africa and an Economic Transformation (OUP, 2019); African Economic Development (OUP, 2020); The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Hubs and Economic Development (OUP, 2020); and The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Policy (OUP, 2020).

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