**United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Like-minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries**

**2023 HLPF high-level side event**

“SDG 9 in middle-income countries: accelerating the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”

Monday, 17 July 2023 | 1:15 - 2:30 PM (EDT)
Luncheon at the Delegates Dining Room (West Terrace)

**Agenda**

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<td><strong>Mr. Ralf Bredel</strong>, Director and Representative to the UN, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</td>
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| 13:20 – 13:35 | Opening remarks                                           | **H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, Chair of the Like-minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries  
**Ms. Fatou Haidara**, Deputy to the Director General, Managing Director of the Directorate of Global Partnerships and External Relations, UNIDO |
| 13:35 – 13:45 | Keynote speaker                                           | **Ms. Jayati Ghosh**, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst              |
| 13:45 – 14:15 | Panel session                                             | **H.E. Mr. Obeth Kandjoze**, Director General of the National Planning Commission and Minister of Economic Planning, Namibia  
**Mr. Marlon Navarro Álvarez**, Vice-Minister, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica  
**Mr. Eduardo Jose de Vega**, Undersecretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines  
**Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin**, United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
**Mr. Jérôme Bellion-Jourdan**, Deputy Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Interactive discussion                                    | **Discussants:**  
- **MICS representatives**  
- **Mr. Paul Muihu Muritu**, representative of the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth, and Founder of Livewire Mashariki Studio, Kenya |
| 14:30 – 14:35 | Closing remarks                                           | **H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, Chair of the Like-minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries |