



Bios of Speakers and Moderators



Ana María Menéndez Pérez is the Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva since April 2, 2012. She has a degree in Law and is a career diplomat, who joined the Foreign Service in 1985. Most of her career has been devoted to multilateralism, including during two periods of service at the Spanish Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, the first one as counsellor and the second one as Ambassador Deputy Permanent Representative. She has also served as deputy director general in the UN Department, as well as special adviser at the EU division, both at headquarters in Madrid. Her bilateral experience extends to assignments at the Embassies of Spain to Japan, as a first secretary, and Ireland and Tunisia, as Deputy Head of Mission. She has published of a book on the role of the UN in the 21st century and several articles on different issues in publications devoted to international policy.



Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, of Kenya, who became UNCTAD's seventh Secretary- General on 1 September 2013, has an extensive background as an elected official, an academic, and a holder of high government office. He also has wide-ranging experience in trade negotiations, and in African and broader international economics and diplomacy. He was born in Bungoma District, western Kenya, in 1956. He studied political science and international relations at the University of Nairobi and at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, receiving a BA in 1982. He went on to earn an MPhil in 1986 and a doctorate in 1989 from the University of Bergen, Norway. Dr. Kituyi served as a researcher at Norway's Christian Michelsen Institute from 1989 to 1991, and as Programme Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi from 1991 to 1992. He was elected to the Kenyan Parliament in 1992, and was twice re-elected. He was Kenya's Minister of Trade and Industry from 2002 to 2007. During this period, Dr. Kituyi chaired for two years the Council of Ministers of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African Trade Ministers' Council. He also served as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, and was lead negotiator for Eastern and Southern African ministers during the European Union– ACP Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations. He was convenor of the agriculture negotiations carried out at the World Trade Organization's Sixth Ministerial Conference held in Hong Kong, China, in 2005. From 2008 to 2012, Dr. Kituyi was a member of a team of experts advising the presidents of the nations of the East African Community on how to establish more effective regional economic links. From 2011 to 2012, he was a consultant for the African Union Commission, where he helped to develop the structure for a pan-African free trade area. Immediately prior to becoming Secretary- General, Dr. Kituyi was Chief Executive of the Kenya Institute of Governance, based in Nairobi. The Institute is a think tank and advocacy organization that focuses on linking academic research and the development of public policy. During 2012, Dr. Kituyi also served as a non-resident fellow of the Africa Growth Initiative of the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. He was a resident scholar there in 2011. Dr. Kituyi is married and has four children.



René Bautz is the Chief executive officer of Gaznat SA since 2008. He is also the Chairman of Gas&com (Telecommunication), the Board director and member of several companies and organizations within the gas industry: the Swiss Gas Industry Association, Gaziers romands, SET (Swiss Energy Trading), Swissgas and Transitgas. He also acts on an international level as chairman of the WEC Global Gas Centre and by participating in GIE, Eurogas and World Energy Council's activities. Ten years ago, René Bautz joined Gaznat where he started his career as Chief technical officer back in 2002. He then served as Chief operating officer before taking over as CEO of Gaznat. Upon completion of electrical engineering studies and passing a Master of Science at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), René Bautz dedicated his entire career to the field of energy. Managing director at the Société Electrique des Forces de l'Aubonne (SEFA) during 5 years, he previously served as Director of the Utility of the town of Bienne (ESB). Between 1994 and 1997, he was also the Board director and manager of several companies within the water and energy industries. Within the first 10 years of his career, René Bautz worked for the Power company Electricité Neuchâteloise (ENSA) as Head of the studies and construction, he then joined Câbles Cortaillod (actually Nexans) as Head of the electric network and testing division. As part of his training, he completed an internship on behalf of Brown Boveri Canada in Montreal where he participated in developing a test platform for electric generators. He completed additional training mainly in the field of business economics and management.



Yi Xiaozhun has extensive experience in world trade and economics, both as a senior government official and subsequently as China's ambassador to the WTO. He represented China as a key negotiator in China's WTO accession process, making an important contribution to the negotiations. Prior to becoming China's ambassador to the WTO in 2011, Mr Yi was Assistant Minister and subsequently China's Vice Minister of Commerce in charge of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and cooperation. Besides his contribution to China's WTO accession, he played a leading role in negotiating numerous free trade agreements (FTAs), including the China-ASEAN agreement, China's first FTA. He also worked as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in the United States for more than four years from the late 1980s to the early 1990s. Mr Yi obtained a Master's degree in economics from Nankai University in China in 1999.



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Yilmaz Akyuz was the Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies at UNCTAD when he retired in August 2003. He was the principal author and head of the team preparing the Trade and Development Report, and UNCTAD coordinator of research support to the Group-of-24 on International Monetary and Financial Issues. He directed research on various aspects of trade, finance, investment and development and taught at various universities in Turkey and Europe before joining UNCTAD in 1984 and after his retirement, and published extensively in macroeconomics, finance, growth and development. He is the second holder of the Tun Ismail Ali International Chair in Monetary and Financial Economics at the University of Malaya, established by Bank Negara. He is now Chief Economist of the South Centre, an Intergovernmental Think Tank of the Developing Countries, based in Geneva.



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Edward Harris Currently Head of Communications for the Africa Progress Panel, a group chaired by Kofi Annan, Edward Harris has spent the past three years urging increased transparency and other policies relating to Africa's natural resources, from fisheries and agribusiness through to oil, gas, and minerals. Edward has 20 years' experience of media, communications and sustainable development, including five years as a correspondent in East Africa for Reuters. He was the first western journalist for many years to report on the tense military build-up along the Eritrean border with Ethiopia, and on the Beja rebels in eastern Sudan. Ed has also worked for DFID and USAID in Central Asia. Educated at Oxford University and London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), he once cycled 10,000 miles (16,000 kilometres) from his hometown in the UK to Cape Town in South Africa. Ed speaks French and Russian.



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Thomas Lines has followed the commodity markets since the late 1970s, when he started as a reporter on the international metal markets. He later worked as a wider financial journalist and a policy advisor at the European Parliament and Oxfam, and is now an economic development consultant. At university he studied French, Russian and Development Studies (specializing in commodity topics), and then lectured in international business at Edinburgh University. He has published two books on commodities and development: a collection of experts' papers, which he edited, and a monograph on the relations between world markets and rural poverty.



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Joakim Reiter, of Sweden, took up the position of Deputy Secretary-General on 1 April 2015. Mr. Reiter, who has held high-level diplomatic positions as a representative of his country, has extensive experience in trade negotiations and wide-ranging expertise in trade and development and in dealing with multilateral organizations. Immediately prior to joining UNCTAD, Mr. Reiter was the Deputy Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, heading the Department for International Trade Policy, inter alia responsible for interaction with UNCTAD, WTO and OECD within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden. Prior to that, from 2011 to 2014, he held the position of Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to the World Trade Organization, Switzerland, where he also served as chair for the WTO bodies on services, goods and trade policy reviews respectively. From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Reiter was Minister Counsellor and Head of Trade Section at the Representation of Sweden to the European Union, Belgium. Before that, he served at the European Union Directorate General for Trade in European Commission, where he was involved in a number of multilateral, regional and bilateral negotiations with countries at different levels of development. He has also held various positions within the Swedish National Board of Trade, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Industry, including as Special Advisor to the Minister for Industry and Trade, responsible for drafting the government's strategy for equitable globalization and its communication on global financial stability as well as taking part in the formulation of its policy coherence for development. Born in Sweden in 1974, Mr. Reiter holds a Master of Science from the London School of Economics and a MA from University of Lund, Sweden. He is married and has 2 children.



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