



Biographies of Participants

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Mr. Pascal Annycke is a social protection specialist working for the ILO, covering Northern and Eastern African countries, based in Cairo, Egypt. He joined the ILO in 2001 and some of his previous assignments for the ILO covered Tanzania, Haiti and Senegal. He started his career in the private financial market and then has been working for different international organizations (e.g. European Union, International Social Security Association, International, Telecommunication Union, World Health Organization) and for development agencies (e.g. DFID, GIZ) on social and labour market policy issues.



Ms. Amber Barth (United States) is currently the Senior Programme Officer at the International Labour Organization Office for the United Nations, based in New York.

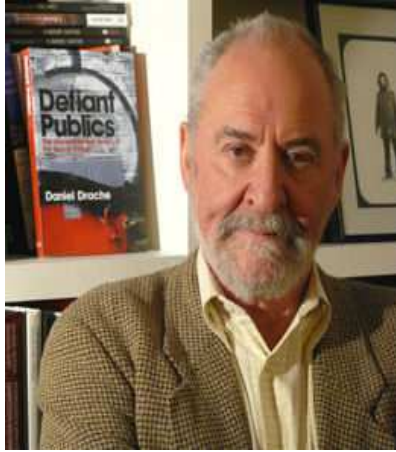
Since joining the ILO in 2005, Ms. Barth has been responsible for providing economic and social policy guidance to strengthen decent work outcomes in UN and global development processes, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Previously, Ms. Barth served as a Decent Work Specialist with the Multilateral Cooperation Department at ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland where she coordinated multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. She also served as the ILO executive coordinator of the UN Secretary

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Mr. Anisuzzaman (Anis) Chowdhury was born in Chittagong (Bangladesh) in 1954. He migrated to Australia in 1987 and returned to his adopted home in January 2016 after completing an eight-year career in the United Nations Secretariat, which began and ended in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in New York. In between he was at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in Bangkok as Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division (July 2012-Aug. 2014) and Director of Statistics Division (Sept. 2014-May 2015). Previously, he was Professor of Economics at the University of Western Sydney (2001-2012) and taught also at the National University of Singapore (1983-87), University of New England (Australia, 1987-92) and University of Manitoba (Canada, 1978-83). He was a founding managing editor of the Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy (1995-2008), where he remains on its editorial board as a co-editor. He has published widely on macro-development issues, including, *The World Economy through the Lens of the United Nations* (edited with Ocampo & Alarcon; OUP, 2018) and *The Great Recession: Rethinking Macroeconomics for Employment and Development* (with Islam; Nova Science, 2018). He holds a PhD from the University of Manitoba (1983) and honors and master's degrees from Jahangirnagar University of Bangladesh (1976 and 1978).

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Mr. Daniel Drache is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at York University and Senior Research Fellow, the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies. His work focuses on understanding the changing character of the globalisation narrative in its economic, social and cultural dimensions. He has worked extensively on the WTO's failed Doha Round with particular focus on food security and nutrition, and poverty eradication. He published extensively on North American integration and NAFTA. He is also lectured most recently on the “Canada European Free Trade Agreement: Ought We To Be Worried?” At King’s College London 2016. His most recent books include: Daniel Drache and Lesley A. Jacobs (eds). *Linking Global Trade and Human Rights: New Policy Space in Hard Economic Times*. New York: Cambridge University Press. 2014, Currently he is at work on a major research project, *One Road, Many Dreams – Beijing’s Audacious Plans to Remake the Global Economy* and will be published by Bloomsbury, 2019.

His work has been recognised internationally and he has held numerous visiting appointments around the world including Beihang University, Wuhan University, Fudan University, JNU, New Delhi, Kings College London , the European University Institute, Florence, CEPREMAP-CNRS, Paris, the University of Western Sydney, Arizona State University and UNAM, Mexico. He has won major research grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in support of his work. In addition to his academic work, Professor Drache is also a regular commentator on national news for the CBC and other networks.

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Mr. Francois Ekoko

Currently, the Regional Chief of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation in Africa.

For 10 years, he served as the UNDP Regional Coordinator for South-South Cooperation in Africa, supporting African countries and institutions in developing SSC framework and policies.

For 3 years, Mr. Ekoko was posted in UNDP headquarters in NY as the Senior Policy Advisor in the Special Unit for TCDC and later on in the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation. He was the chief architect of the move from TCDC to SSC in UNDP in 2002.

From 2000 to 2002 He served in the UN Security Council as one of the 5 panel members working on Conflict and Natural Resources in DRC.

Before Joining the UN, Dr. Ekoko was an accomplished researcher who worked with CIFOR (CGIAR) in Bogor (Indonesia and Cameroon), WRI (Washington D.C. USA), UNU (Tokyo, Japan). As a researcher, He did extensive research on Sustainable Development, including issues of Poverty and Environment.

He started his professional life as a diplomat, working with the Ministry of External Relations and at the Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon.

Mr. Ekoko who studied in Cameroon, France and United Kingdom hold a Doctorate in International Relations, a Ph.D. in Social and Environmental Studies, a Master's in Public Law, a Master's in International Relations, a Masters in Environmental Studies and a BA in Law.

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Mr. Matt Liu

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Mr. Matt Liu has over 8 years of consulting experience in sustainable development and investment management field from global leading retail and financial service companies in both Australia, China and Africa. He is currently focusing on the private-public and private-private cooperation initiatives between Africa, China and other emerging countries. He has been closely working with and facilitating several Chinese organizations on their investment projects in Africa countries, and mainly in manufacturing, textile & garment and agriculture sectors and has successfully created over 10,000 jobs and brought huge financial and social benefits to the local economy and community. He is also the Co-founder of C&H garment in Rwanda which have become the largest garment exporter of its kind only after two years of operation. Prior joining MIAI, he was the managing director of a private hospitality business for 5 years internationally which has successfully lead the business to expand its capacity across the country. He was part of the financial investment management team which directly involved in a global corporate investment with total capital value of over USD 300 million.

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