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59th Session of the Commission for Social Development

High-level panel discussion on the priority theme
“Socially just transition towards sustainable development: the role of digital
technologies on social development and well-being of all”

Monday, 8 February 2021 (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm) (virtual meeting)



Keynote speaker



Dr. Peter Major is Chair of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission for Science and Technology for Development. He has been working at the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for 23 years. He was the focal point of the BR for internet governance. Presently he is vice-chairman of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD). He has chaired the CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the IGF. He is co-coordinator of the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD) and was involved as panellist in workshops organized by DCAD and the ITU in IGF-s in Hyderabad, Sharm el Sheik, Vilnius and Nairobi. He actively participated in the preparation of these events attending the Open Consultations and working with Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) members in shaping the programs of the IGFs. He has been nominated as member of the MAG in 2012. Peter is vice-chairman of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group of the ITU and he is chairman of the Correspondence Group on BR Information Systems.

Panellists



H.E. Karen Abudinen, is the Minister of Information and Communication Technologies of Colombia, a position in which she is in charge of designing, adopting and promoting policies, plans, programs and projects in the sector, as well as increasing and facilitating access to technologies for all the inhabitants of the national territory. She is a lawyer from the Universidad del Norte from Barranquilla, Colombia. Her professional career began at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank. In 2016, she assumed the position of Secretary of Education in the Mayor's Office of Barranquilla. In 2017,

she was appointed as the National Director of the ICBF, where she worked 24/7 for the welfare, care and protection of children, adolescents and the Colombian family, in general. In 2018, she was appointed by President Iván Duque as Presidential Advisor for the Regions, where she led the Building Country Workshops, managing to guarantee the presence of the State in all corners of Colombian territory through coordinated work with the country's governors and mayors.



H.E. Ana Mendes Godinho is Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal. She was born in 1972, is married and mother of 3 children. She holds a Post-Graduation in Labour Law and a Law degree from the Lisbon University (Universidade de Lisboa). Before joining the Government as Secretary of State for Tourism between 2015 and 2019, she was Vice-President of the Portuguese National Tourism Authority (Turismo de Portugal), member of the Board of Turismo Capital (venture capital company) and member of the Board of Turismo Fundos (real estate fund company), among other leading positions. She was also Coordinator of the post graduate degree on Tourism Law at the Lisbon University. Ana Mendes Godinho is a Labour Inspector and directed the Department for the Support of Inspection Activity at the Portuguese Authority for Working Conditions (ACT).



H.E. Silvana Eugenia Vargas Winstanley is Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru. She is a sociologist graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Católica of Peru (PUCP), with a PhD in Rural Sociology and Demographics by the Pennsylvania State University. She worked as External Consultant in Monitoring and Evaluation for Human Development area of the World Bank. Mrs. Vargas was the first General Director of Policies and Strategies at the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru. She has been a Visiting Professor at the National Agrarian University La Molina (Peru) since 2004 and Director of the Master in Sociology and Executive Director of the Development Institute Human of Latin America of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. She is also the author of 22 books. Her latest post, entitled "Dialogues on Human Development in Times of COVID-19 in Latin America: towards a new agenda of research, policies and social responsibility "was published in October 2020, during the pandemic.



Dr. Boris Zürcher (*1964), Dr. rer. pol., has been Head of the Labour Directorate at the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) since 2013. The Directorate for Labour is responsible for the entire labour market policy, namely unemployment insurance, public employment services, occupational health and safety as well as labour relations and the protection of working conditions. Previously, he was Chief Economist and Director of BAK Basel Economics AG in Basel. Between 2007 and 2012, Boris Zürcher was Chief Economist and Vice Director at Avenir Suisse, Think Tank for Economic and Social Issues, in Zurich. From 2002 to 2007, he was economic policy advisor to Federal Councillors Pascal Couchepin, Joseph Deiss and Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard in the Federal Department of Economic Affairs. From 1999 to 2002 he was head of the labour market policy department at SECO. After an apprenticeship as a mechanical draughtsman, he completed his High-school certificate on the second educational path and then studied economics and sociology at the University of Bern. He has been a lecturer at the University of Bern since 2003.

Ms. Elsa Marie D'Silva, Founder & CEO of Red Dot Foundation and President of Red Dot Foundation Global

Moderator



Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano is the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, since March 2018. Ms. Spatolisano has 35 years of experience in public service including extensive senior leadership in multilateral affairs. She has served as the European Union Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO, Monaco and Andorra. She was a member of the EU Delegation to the United Nations, serving as the Head of its Economic and Trade Section, covering all issues related to trade, development and environmental policies in the

Second Committee and ECOSOC; she also represented the EC to the Fifth Committee. Before joining the UN, she was responsible for International Organizations and Development Dialogue with other Donors in the European Commission's Directorate General for Development Cooperation. In this capacity, she has assured the EU presence and developed EU positions on development policy in several international fora including the United Nations, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, OECD, G-7 and the G-20. Ms. Spatolisano holds a Doctorate in Law from Florence University.

**Ministerial Forum on
Promoting multilateralism to realize inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery from
COVID-19 in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development
and its social dimension**

Tuesday, 9 February 2021 (10:00am – 12:00pm) (virtual meeting)

Panellists



policy and development.

H.E. Daniel Fernando Arroyo is Minister of Social Development of Argentina. He has previously held high ranking positions in the public sector such as Secretary of Social Policy and Human Development of the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina and Minister of Social Development of the Province of Buenos Aires. Elected as Representative at the National Congress for the Province of Buenos Aires in 2017. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Buenos Aires and a Postgraduate degree in Control and Management of Public Policy of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). He is the author of various books and publications on social

H.E. Ariunzaya Ayush, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of **Mongolia**



Administration" in Paris and Potsdam.

H.E. Ms. Juliane Seifert is State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany. Since 2018, Juliane Seifert has been State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. From 2016 until 2017, she held the position of Federal Manager of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). Before, she worked at the State Chancellery of Rhineland Palatinate and two federal ministries. She studied history in Berlin, Düsseldorf and Florence and completed the German-French course "Master of European Governance and



H.E. Anar Karimov is Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He graduated from Baku State University with honours and obtained Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in International Law. He also holds a Master's degree in International Economic Law from American University (Washington, USA). He began his career at the US-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce (USA) in 2001 and later in 2002-2005 worked in the Department for Economic Cooperation and Development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2005-2006 he worked as a Third Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Switzerland, followed by a position of a Senior Lawyer at the Islamic Development Bank (Saudi Arabia) in 2007-2010. In 2010-2011 Mr Karimov occupied positions of a Deputy Head and Head of Foreign Investments and Economic Relations Department at the Ministry of Economic Development. In 2011-2018 he worked as an Expert in International Projects, and in leading roles in the private sector. Mr Karimov was a member of the Azerbaijan

Bar Association, co-founder of Azerbaijan-British Lawyers Association and vice-president of the Azerbaijani-Italian Chamber of Commerce. Anar Karimov holds PhD in international law and lectured at the Law Faculty of the Baku State University. Prior to his current position, he worked as a Counsellor to the Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population. He speaks English, French and Russian.

Moderator



H. E. Maria del Carmen Squeff is the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, and Chair of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development. Before her latest appointment, Ms. Squeff was her country's Undersecretary for the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) and international economic negotiations. She served as ambassador to Nigeria (2018-2019) and France (2013-2016) and was seconded to the Organization of American States (OAS) Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia from 2016 to 2017. She also served as Undersecretary of Foreign Policy from 2011 to 2013. Ms. Squeff has extensive experience with the United Nations Rome-based agencies. From 2005 to 2011, she was her country's Alternate Permanent Representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). Her first diplomatic posting was at Argentina's European Union embassy, in Brussels, Belgium. Born in 1955, Ms. Squeff has a bachelor's degree in political science from the National University of Rosario and a master's degree in international politics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

High-level Panel Discussion on Emerging Issues

“Social policy to promote a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery: Building back better post COVID-19 for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”

Wednesday, 10 February 2021 (10:00am– 12:00 pm), Virtual

Panellists



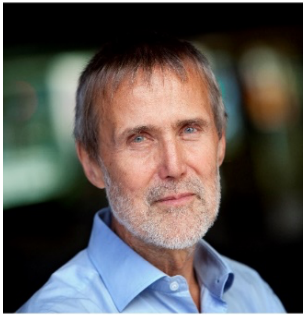
Mr. Jordi Curell Gotor is Director for Labour Mobility and International Affairs in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion at the European Commission. He has a law background and since 1986 has worked in different positions in the European Commission, including in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, where he was responsible for coordinating the preparation and implementation of the European Social Agenda and afterwards in Directorate-General for Education and Culture at the head of the Directorate for "Higher Education and International Affairs", where he led the negotiations on the new Erasmus+ programme. He has been responsible of international affairs in the area of education, in charge notably of the programmes "Erasmus Mundus" and "Marie Curie". In this capacity, he has been responsible of Policy dialogues with different international partner, such as the USA, Brazil, Central Asia. He also chaired the Eastern Partnership Platform 4 "People to People". In his current position, he oversees the employment and social aspects of the Trade and Sustainable Development chapters of the EU Free Trade Agreements. He is also the Sherpa in this domain in the G7 and the G20.



Dr. Megumi Muto is Vice President (development finance, mobilization, partnership) of the International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, Japan. Prior to her appointment as Vice President in February 2021, Dr. Muto has held leadership roles at Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, Global Environment Department, and France office. During 2010-2015, she was responsible for the Philippines and the Pacific. Dr. Muto has written extensively in the area of impact evaluation. She has also co-led a WB-ADB-JICA book on the impact of climate change on Asian coastal mega cities. She holds PhD in development economics, MPA and EMBA.



Ms. Cristina Duarte is the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa and Under-Secretary General of OSAA since 1 August 2020. She is the strategic adviser to the Secretary-General on the interlinkages between peace and development in Africa and the focal point in UNHQ for relations with the African Group with regard to Africa's development. As the head of OSAA, she supports the Secretary-General in promoting coherence in the UN system's engagement in Africa and chairs the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs (IDTFAA), and advocates and mobilizes the United Nations, its Member States and other key stakeholders around Africa's transformative vision articulated in the 2030 and 2063 Agendas. Prior to joining the UN, Mrs. Duarte served Cape Verde as Minister of Finance, Planning and Public Administration for 10 years. She was also Director of a reform program on private sector development and competitiveness. In the private sector, she rose to become Vice President of Citibank, a world class financial institution. Before then, she provided advice to several international financial organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations.



Mr. Jeremy Millard has an MSc in Social Sciences and Geography from London University and is a Chief Consultant at the Danish Technological Institute as well as a Visiting Research Fellow at several UK and one Irish university. He has taught geography, social sciences, scientific and research methods as well as digital governance at both UK and Danish universities. He has over forty years' global experience working with governments, development agencies, and with the private and civil sectors, including with the EC, UN, OECD and World Bank. He currently focuses on issues related to socio-economic and sustainable development; social, inclusive and open innovation;

harnessing innovations with nature and nature-based solutions; good governance and digital governance; the so-called fourth industrial revolution and its social implications; the societal impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic; food systems; smart green cities as well as issues related to urban, rural and regional development.



Dr. David Smith is the Director of the Centre for Environmental Management and Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development at The University of the West Indies. He was a member of the Independent Group of Scientists that produced the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report for 2019 and currently is on the Science and Policy Advisory Committee of the Interamerican Institute for Global Change Research. His work on Sustainable Development focuses on managing disaster risk, environmental management and the effects of climate change on human wellbeing, mainly in Small Island Developing States. Dr. Smith's

Ph.D. in Zoology is from the University of the West Indies and he lectured there prior to managing the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust an NGO that worked on environmental conservation. While there, he helped to establish the Jamaican system of National Parks and Protected Areas, established an environmental funding mechanism, served on the board of the Caribbean Conservation Association and was a Regional Councillor for IUCN, the World Conservation Union. Following this he worked at UNDP as Assistant Resident Representative in the Jamaica Office in charge of UNDP's Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Disaster Management and response activities in the Bahamas, Bermuda, The Turks and Caicos Islands, The Cayman Islands and Jamaica.



Ms. Victoria Tolosa Paz, President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies, Argentina. She is a National Public Accountant; Ad Honorem Councilwoman in the city of La Plata; and President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies, a body which, among other functions, is in charge of coordinating the Argentina Against Hunger Plan, announced by President Alberto Fernández. The Council is also Argentina's lead agency for the monitoring and evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to which Argentina subscribes and promotes as a member state of the United Nations.

Moderator



Mr. Pedro Conceição is Director of the Human Development Report Office and lead author of the Human Development Report. Prior to this position, he served as Director, Strategic Policy, at the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, and Chief Economist and Head of the Strategic Advisory Unit at the Regional Bureau for Africa. Before that, he was Director of the Office of Development Studies (ODS), and Deputy Director of ODS. His work on financing for development and on global public goods was published by Oxford University Press in books he co-edited (*The New Public Finance: Responding to Global Challenges*, 2006; *Providing Global Public Goods: Managing Globalization*, 2003). He has published on inequality, the economics of innovation and technological change, and development. He co-edited several books including: *Innovation, Competence Building, and Social Cohesion in Europe- Towards a Learning Society* (Edward Elgar, 2002) and *Knowledge for Inclusive Development* (Quorum Books, 2001). Prior to coming to UNDP, he was an Assistant Professor at the Instituto Superior Técnico, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, teaching and researching on science, technology and innovation policy.

Lead discussant



Mr. Sangheon Lee is the Director of the Employment Policy Department (EMPLOYMENT), which leads the ILO's action for promoting full and productive employment by developing integrated employment, development and skills policies. He is currently leading the ILO's work in monitoring the impact of the pandemic and developing policy options (*ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the World of Work*). Prior to becoming the Director of EMPLOYMENT, he was the Special Adviser to the Deputy Director-General for Policy on Economic and Social Issues (2014-18), and an acting director for Research Department (2017-18). Mr Lee has written extensively on economic, employment and labour issues, including articles in academic journals, as well as editing volumes under the global research project of *Regulating for Decent Work* (Palgrave Macmillan) and other research projects. He is also one of the main authors of ILO flagship reports such as the *Global Wage Report* and the *World Employment and Social Outlook*. He co-authored *Working Time around the World* (2007 Routledge).

Panel Discussion: Interactive Dialogue with senior officials of the UN System on the priority theme

Wednesday, 10 February 2021 (3:00 – 5:00 pm) (virtual meeting)

Panellists



Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra is Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). She served as the Chef de Cabinet to the former Secretary-General before serving as the Under-Secretary-General for Management. Earlier in her career, she served as Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and in this capacity she contributed substantively and increased interagency collaboration to provide a regional perspective on the Millennium Development Goals and on Financing for Sustainable Development, connecting issues of inequality, poverty, economic development and sustainability with the required fiscal policies needed to address extreme poverty. As Chief of the Environment and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC, she heightened the profile of the Regional Commission in the areas of climate change, sustainable energy, fiscal policies and environment. She previously served as Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as Adviser to the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Previously, she served in the Government of Mexico as the first Vice-Minister of Ecology and as Director-General of the National Institute of Fisheries.



Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana is Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Since 2005 she has been a Professor of Economics at Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung, Indonesia. Since 2016, she has served as Director for the Center for Sustainable Development Goals Studies at Universitas Padjadjaran and Vice Chair of the Indonesian Academy of Sciences. From 2009 to 2014, she was Minister of National Development Planning and the Head of the National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia. She served as Co-chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation from 2012 to 2014. From 2009 to 2014, she was Alternate Governor of the World Bank and Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank representing the government of Indonesia. In 2016, she was a member of the High Level Independent Team of Advisors to support the ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer term positioning of the United Nations Development System in the context of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.



Mr. Houlin Zhao is Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). He was first elected 19th Secretary-General of the ITU at the Busan Plenipotentiary Conference in October 2014. He took up his post on 1 January 2015. ITU Member States re-elected Houlin Zhao as ITU Secretary-General on 1 November 2018. He began his second four-year term on 1 January 2019. Prior to his election, he served two terms of office as ITU Deputy Secretary-General (2007-2014), as well as two terms as elected Director of ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (1999-2006). Houlin Zhao is committed to further streamlining ITU's efficiency, to strengthening its membership base through greater involvement of the academic community and of small- and medium-sized enterprises, and to broadening multi-stakeholder participation in ITU's work.



Ms. Anita Bhatia is Assistant Secretary-General for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). She has had a distinguished career at the World Bank Group, serving in various senior leadership and management positions, both at Headquarters and in the field. She brings extensive experience in the area of strategic partnerships, resource mobilization and management. Ms. Bhatia has served for several years as Director of Global Partnerships for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and as Director of Development Partner Relations for the World Bank in which she led efforts to ensure strategic alignment between institutional priorities and resource mobilization across the World Bank Group. In various positions she focused on enhancing sustainability, institutional effectiveness and impact through strategic partnerships. As Head of IFC's Latin America Advisory Operations, based in Lima and La Paz, she successfully grew the Corporation's reach and impact in the region. As Director of Partnerships and Advisory Operations, she oversaw financial management, risk management, portfolio management, knowledge management and learning for Advisory Services across the globe.



Mr. Gerard Quinn was appointed the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Human Rights Council in October 2020. He holds two research chairs at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute on Human Rights in the University of Lund (Sweden) and Leeds University (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). He previously held a chair at the National University of Ireland where he founded and directed the Centre on Disability Law & Policy. In Ireland, he served as a member of the Irish Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities, Ireland Human Rights Commission, and on the Council of State. Mr. Quinn was the lead 'focal point' for the global network of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) during the negotiations leading to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and was head of delegation for Rehabilitation International during the UN Working Group (2004).

Moderator



Mr. Elliott Harris is Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs since 2 April 2018. Mr. Harris brings over 25 years of international experience in the fields of international economics and development policy analysis, coupled with knowledge of the United Nations system, multilateral and inter-agency coordination processes. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Harris served as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) from 2015. Prior to joining UNEP, Mr. Harris began his career in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1988. He was appointed in 2008 as Special Representative to the United Nations in 2008. Mr. Harris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in German and political science and an advanced degree in economics. He was awarded an Advanced Studies Certificate in international economics and policy research from the Institute of World Economics in Kiel, Germany.

Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme

Friday, 12 February 2021 (3:00 – 5:00 pm) (virtual meeting)

Keynote speaker



H.E. Asmundur Einar Dadason is the Icelandic Minister of Children and Social Affairs of Iceland. He has been a member of parliament since 2009. In 2017 he took office as Minister of Social Affairs and Equality, but formally changed his title to Minister of Children and Social Affairs in December 2018, to reflect his focus on child's rights and wellbeing. Minister Dadason is the first minister for children in Iceland.

Panelists

Ms. Vanesa Wainstein is Special Advisor on International Affairs of the Minister of Social Development of Argentina, as Head of the International Relations and Affairs Department at the Ministers Cabinet. She has experience as a consultant in specialized public policies related to social development, international relations and international cooperation. She has advised several countries and international organizations on subjects of her expertise. She is Head Professor of Social Policy and Community Approach subjects at the University of the Argentine Social Museum (UMSA). She has a B.A. in Social Work (UMSA) and holds the following Master s degrees: Design, Planification and Evaluation of Public Programs; in International Cooperation for Development; and Masters in Governance, Management and Public Policies.

Dr. XING Wei is Director of the Social Affairs Department of the Institute of Social Development, Academy of Macroeconomic Research, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China. Dr. Xing has long been engaged in research in the fields of social development and public governance, and has presided over or participated as a main member in more than 20 projects entrusted by the National Development and Reform Commission, the National Health Commission, Ministry of Civil Affairs and international organizations such as UNICEF, etc. Mr. Xing has also participated in the planning and drafting of official documents in the field of social development in China.



Ms. Susan Segal is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Americas Society and Council of the Americas. She has over 30 years of experience working in the private sector with Latin America and other emerging markets. Prior to her current position, she was a founding partner of her own investment and advisory group focused primarily on Latin America and the U.S. Hispanic sector. Previously, Segal was a partner and Latin American Group head at J.P. Morgan Partners/Chase Capital Partners (CCP) where she invested across sectors and countries in addition to pioneering early stage venture capital investing in Latin America. Prior to joining CCP, Segal was a senior managing director focused on Emerging Markets Investment Banking and Capital Markets at MHT/Chemical/Chase Banks. Segal was actively involved in the Latin American debt crisis of the 1980s and early 1990s, sitting on many Advisory Committees as well as serving as chairperson for the Chilean and Philippine Advisory Committees. In addition to being a board member at Americas Society and Council of the Americas, she is also a director of the Tinker Foundation, Scotiabank, Mercado Libre, and Vista

Oil & Gas, as well as a director and chairman of Scotia Bank USA, a non-public subsidiary of Scotiabank. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Ms. Komal Ahmad. As Founder & President of [Copia](#), Komal intelligently solved the complex logistics associated with the redistribution of highly-perishable excess food from businesses, commercial kitchens, and events to nonprofits in need. As a for-profit surplus food waste management company Copia's advanced and proprietary technology dramatically reduces food waste and ends hunger across North America. This year, Copia will feed over 5 million people all while providing businesses and nonprofits with over \$21M in savings. Copia is distinguished as 1 of the top 3 startups run by women in the U.S. Komal is the University of California's Global Food Changemaker and has been awarded the Social Entrepreneur of the Year. Komal is named by Entrepreneur magazine as one of the *Most Powerful Women in the World*, recognized by Marie Claire as one of the *Most Powerful & Impactful People in Business*, highlighted by Fast Company as one of the *Most Creative People in Business*, listed by InStyle among the *Top 50 Most Badass Women in the World*, and appointed by Toyota as their *Mother of Invention*. She has made the coveted Forbes 30 Under 30 list twice. Komal was also honored with the prestigious Nelson Mandela Humanitarian Award.

Ms. Taliah Drayak is Co-founder of the International Parent Advocacy Network and the Parents, Families and Allies Network. Taliah Drayak is a parent advocate who co-founded the International Parent Advocacy Network and the Parents, Families and Allies Network. She says: "I grew up in poverty and had 32 different foster care placements. For a long time, I felt very ashamed of that. But foster care is very relevant to my poverty experience and to the ways that my government fails to care for certain families. Now I am looking for ways to de-stigmatise foster care for everyone: children, birth parents, foster parents, and social workers too." Taliah is a mother of 8, an author, and currently in her second year of law school. She also works with Parents Advocacy and Rights (PAR) and the National Parents Forum of Scotland.

Moderator



Dr. Deborah D. Stine is President of Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy Analysis & Education, LLC, and Founder and Chief Instructor for the Science and Technology Policy Academy. Previously, Dr. Stine was a Professor of the Practice in Engineering and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University. She was Executive Director of the Obama Administration's President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology at the White House. Dr. Stine also worked for Congress as a science and technology policy specialist with the Congressional Research Service. At the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, she was associate director of the Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy. She holds a BS in mechanical and environmental engineering from the University of California, Irvine, an MBA from what is now Texas A&M at Corpus Christi, and a PhD in public administration with a focus on science and technology policy analysis from American University. She is on the Governing Board for the Journal of Science Policy and Governance and an Associate Editor for the journal Research Policy and Strategic Management.