

Speakers of the March 2021 High-level Forum of Directors General for Development Cooperation (DG Forum)

Overall Moderator: Mr. Tarik Iziraren, UNOSSC

Mr. Tarik Iziraren is Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Partnership at the UNOSSC. He has more than 20 years of experience with the Moroccan diplomatic service, including 8 years at the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Iziraren served as Head of the Economic and Sustainable Development Section at the Permanent Mission of Morocco in New York. He also served as Vice-President of the Executive Board of the UNDP/UNFPA and UNOPS (2012); and Vice-Chair of the Second Committee of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. He participated in the negotiations of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. He was also member of the African Group Team of negotiators for 2030 Agenda. He was a member of the Moroccan delegation to the Security Council (2012, 2013). Mr. Iziraren led the substantive secretariat of the 2nd High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) held in Buenos Aires from 20 to 22 March 2019 as well as the development of the United Nations System-wide Strategy on South-South and Triangular Cooperation.



TIME (EST)	SESSION DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER/PANELIST
Day 1: March 17, 2021		
0700–0730	Welcoming Remarks and Setting the Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Director, a.i., UNOSSC• Mr. Naoki Ando, Director General, Operations Strategy Department, JICA• Mr. Riad Ragueb, Acting Director, Islamic Development Bank

Mr. Adel Abdellatif of Egypt was appointed Director, Ad Interim (a.i.), of United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) by UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner on 17 September 2020.

Before joining UNOSSC, Adel Abdellatif served as Deputy Director, a.i., and Senior Strategic Adviser in the Regional Bureau for Arab States of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In that capacity, he coordinated the work of the UNDP country offices in 16 countries in the Arab States region. He advised on UNDP policies in the region to identify the strategic regional and national priorities and led the strategy for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Arab countries. Mr. Abdellatif further provided analyses of emerging trends and formulated strategies and briefings for UNDP leadership. In addition, he headed the team that produced the UNDP flagship Arab Human Development Report.



Also in his work with UNDP, he took the lead in launching key UNDP regional initiatives in the Arab States region, including those on good governance, climate resilience, water governance, regional trade facilitation, social cohesion and women's empowerment. He supervised the publication by UNDP of several reports and papers and initiated the launch of the Arab Knowledge Report in partnership with the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation in United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Abdellatif came to UNDP following a two-decade career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, serving in several embassies and earning the rank of Ambassador.

He holds a doctoral degree in political economy from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Naoki Ando is Director General for Operation Strategy Department at JICA since May 2020. Prior to this assignment, he served as Director General for Treasury, Finance and Accounting Department at JICA.

Mr. Ando's previous assignments include Chief Representative for JICA's Indonesia Office and Deputy Chief Representative for Ethiopia Office. He holds a Master's degree in International Development Policy from Stanford University.



Mr. Riad Ragueb is the Acting Director, Regional Cooperation and Integration at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He oversees Reverse Linkage which is a technical cooperation mechanism introduced by the Bank to facilitate South-South and Triangular Cooperation and knowledge exchange amongst IsDB member countries. He joined IsDB as a Young Professional in 2000 and served in different positions, including Operations Officer in the Office of the Vice President, Operations; Senior Operations Officer in the Technical Cooperation Office; and Manager of Science & Technology and Technical Cooperation Division. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked as a Program Officer at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP),

in his home country -Djibouti- for almost three years. He holds a Master Degree in Development Economics from Paris Sorbonne University.

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- 0730–0830** **Session 1:** Taking Stock of Achievements for South–South and Triangular Cooperation Since BAPA+40: How Far Are We in Achieving the Goals Set in the Outcome Document?
- Moderator:** Ms. Anida Yupari Aguado, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Secretary General, UNCTAD
- Remarks from the host of BAPA+40 country: Mr. Juan Roccatagliata, Minister Counsellor, General Directorate of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentina
 - Ms. Anita Amorim, Head, Emerging and Special Partnerships Unit, International Labor Organization
 - Ms. Ama Brandford-Arthur, Senior Partnership Officer (SSTC), Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division, External Relations Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
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Dr. Anida Yupari Aguado has worked at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for over 13 years. She has extensive experience in dealing with cross-cutting economic, trade and environmental issues. A current key focus involves South-South cooperation initiatives and processes, including the implementation of BAPA+40 outcomes. Her experience includes working for transnational corporations, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, the public sector and international governmental organizations in Latin America, Africa and Europe in the areas of mining and oil economic-related issues, environmental issues, trade and climate change.

Dr. Yupari Aguado holds doctoral degree (*Doctor rerum politicarum*) in the field of economics and business administration from the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the Technische Universität Bergakademie in Freiberg, Germany. She also holds a master's degree from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, specializing in Latin American economic integration and environmental issues, and a master's degree from the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in humanitarian action, including human rights. She obtained a graduate degree in law at the University of San Martín de Porres in Lima, Peru.

Mr. Juan Roccatagliata is a Minister Counselor, specialist on Multilateral Cooperation at the General Directorate of International Cooperation, Argentina.

He was a member of the G20 Sherpa's team under Argentina's presidency of the Group. Prior to that, he also served as a Counselor at the Argentinean Embassy in Australia.

He holds Master's degree in International Affairs from the Australian National University and a degree in Political Science from Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Ms. Anita Amorim is Head of the Emerging and Special Partnerships Unit of the ILO since 2008. She currently coordinates and manages the unit, which is located in the partnerships department. The unit would encompasses three complementary functions: 1) South-South and triangular cooperation function; 2) Special Partnerships function (including relations with parliamentarians CSO, NGOs); 3) UN Operational Activities for development function. Anita Amorim was one of the initiators of the South-South and Triangular Cooperation strategy that was adopted by the governing Body in 2012. She worked earlier in UNESCO from 1992-2000, in charge of right to education negotiations, and the promotion of the Culture of Peace (year and Decade). Currently she promotes the consolidation of an ILO strategy for South-South and triangular Cooperation, with a special focus on Social Protection and Combating Child Labour, Skills development, Social Protection, Green Jobs and Disaster Reduction. She worked eight years in the programme to combat child labour.



She is Brazilian with a double bachelor on History and Art History (UNICAMP and Sorbonne) and a Double Masters on History of Art and History (Sorbonne and EHESS). She articulated the signing of two IBSA declarations related to the World of Work. Among her current duties, she identifies trends and opportunities within the UN system to promote the Decent Work Agenda, and the ILO's Century Initiatives in the framework of South-South and triangular cooperation, while promoting the engagement of the social partners therein, in close cooperation with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and other UN system agencies and programmes. Currently she is supporting the integration of South-South approaches into courses in all Regions regarding the impact of COVID 19, through peer learning approaches. This is done in close cooperation with ITC-Turin.

Ms. Brandford-Arthur has been working with IFAD for the past 16 years, and currently holds the position of Senior Partnerships Officer in the Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division. In this position she is responsible for coordinating IFAD's corporate agenda and engagement in South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC), through which the Fund aims to increase the mainstreaming of SSTC by leveraging innovative solutions and partnerships in support of small-scale farmers and producers. This includes IFAD initiatives such as the Rural Solutions Portal and the recently established China-IFAD SSTC Facility. Through these and other programmes with different development partners, SSTC is being used as a tool to enhance the capacity of developing countries to engage with each other in pursuing inclusive development. Ms Brandford-Arthur also supports IFAD's partnership and resource mobilization process with specific responsibilities for Brazil and South Africa.



Educated in Ghana and the United Kingdom, Ms Brandford-Arthur holds a Master's in Human Resource Management and postgraduate certificates in Public and Business Administration.

0830–0930 **Session 2:** Trends, Opportunities and Challenges Posed by the COVID–19 Crisis for South–South and Triangular Cooperation
Moderator: Mr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre

- Ms. Yuko Suzuki Naab, Global Policy Adviser, Effective Development Cooperation, Effectiveness Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Ms. Ana Fernandes, Head of the Foresight Outreach and Policy Reform Unit in the Development Cooperation Directorate, Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development (PPD)
- Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Dr. Carlos Correa of Argentina assumed office as the Executive Director of the South Centre in July 2018. Formerly, he was the Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property of the South Centre. Dr. Correa is a renowned international authority on intellectual property and technology issues. He has worked with the Argentine government and has been the Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Industrial Property and Economics at the Law Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires. He was a member of the UK Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health established by the World Health Assembly and of the FAO Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture. He has been a visiting professor in post-graduate courses of several universities and a consultant to various regional and international organizations. He has advised several governments on intellectual property, innovation policy and public health. He is the author of many books and numerous articles. Dr. Correa is both a lawyer and an economist from the University of Buenos Aires and holds a PhD in Law from the same University.



Ms. Yuko Naab is Global Policy Adviser – Effective Development Co-operation in UNDP’s Bureau for Policy and Programme Support since 2013. In this capacity, she leads a team in the Effectiveness Group, that supports effective development cooperation as well as South-South and triangular cooperation. Ms. Naab has had many years of service at the UNDP since 2003, providing in-country advisory, technical and coordination support in the area of effective development cooperation and development partnerships, including development cooperation policy, institutional framework, development cooperation information management system and mutual accountability reviews. Prior to joining to UNDP HQ, she worked as Development Effectiveness Advisor to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in Rwanda/UNDP Rwanda as well as an Aid Coordination Specialist/Head of the Development Partners Group (DPG) Secretariat in Tanzania (UNDP/UN Resident Coordinator Office).



Ms. Ana Fernandes is Head of the Foresight Outreach and Policy Reform Unit in the Development Cooperation Directorate. In this capacity, Ms Ana Fernandes coordinates the work of the Development Cooperation Directorate on Foresight, Policy Reform and the Policy Dialogue with non-DAC members, including on triangular cooperation, and with civil society organizations.

Ms Ana Fernandes previously held senior positions as Portuguese Counsellor to the OECD, as Vice Chair of the Development Assistance Committee and as Co-Chair of the Advisory Group on Investment and Development.

Prior to joining the OECD, she was senior adviser to the Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Development cooperation and was responsible for advancing strategic and innovative initiatives.

Ms. Ana Fernandes is also National Strategic Counsellor to Aga Khan Foundation and she is invited by several universities as invited lecturer on International Relations and Development Studies. Earlier in her career, she also worked for IMVF coordinating projects in Timor Leste, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau and Brazil.

Ms Ana Fernandes holds a Master's Degree in International Relations (University of Minho) and a MA in Development Studies- African Studies (ISCTE – IUL). She also holds a postgraduate certificate in European studies (ISEG) and has the certificate from the National



School of Administration of Portugal on Senior Leadership and Management. She also published two books, one on economic diplomacy and another on development cooperation concepts, instruments and frameworks.

Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa is the Executive Director of Partners in Population and Development (PPD), an intergovernmental organization of 27 member countries headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Before joining PPD, Mr Adnene was leading the International Cooperation Dept. in the Tunisian National Board for Family and Population of the Ministry of Health where he initiated, developed and managed South-South and Triangular cooperation programs and projects since early nineties which were granted the UNOSSC Award and the JICA Prize in 2008. As one of the architects, Mr Adnene has significantly contributed in the founding of PPD in 1994 in Cairo and played key role in the establishment and operationalization of the organization from the office of the first Chair of PPD Board. Mr Adnene played key role in incorporating South-South and triangular cooperation in reproductive health and population matters in the Nairobi Summit on ICPD+25 held in 2019.



1030–1230

Break-out Session for the Americas

Moderator: Mr. Enrique Oviedo, Political Affairs Officer, Commission Secretariat, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

- Mrs. Angela Ospina de Nicholls, Director General, Colombian Presidential Agency for Cooperation (APC-Colombia)
- Ms. Maria Elena Alcaraz, Coordinator of International Fora of Cooperation for Development, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), Mexico
- Mr. Juan Roccatagliata, Minister Counsellor, General Directorate of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentina
- Mr. Márcio Lopes Correa, Head of the General Coordination for Multilateral Technical Cooperation, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), Brazil

Mr. Enrique Oviedo is Political Affairs Officer, Commission Secretariat, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Chilean, Sociologist from the University of Chile, Master in Urban Development from the Catholic University of Chile, candidate for a PhD in Social Sciences from the Radboud University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Mr. Oviedo is in charge of the Committee for South-South Cooperation of ECLAC. At ECLAC, he has worked at the Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), the Social Development Division, and the Human Settlements Unit of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division.

Mrs. Angela Ospina has a degree in Philosophy from the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, with a graduate degree in Pedagogy of Values and Ethics from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and in Resource Management and International Cooperation at the Jorge Tadeo Lozano University.

She has extensive experience in the public sector, with a strong performance as Presidential Advisor of Special Programs, where she had important achievements in topics related with: democratic governance, strengthening of the strategy "Network of Social Managers", social inclusion of people with disabilities; reinforcing citizens to exercise their rights, and improving student conditions in vulnerable areas of 160 municipalities in 29 departments. As a result, Mrs. Ospina helped to improve the living conditions of thousands of people in municipalities throughout the country.

She also served as Advisor to the Ministry of Interior and Justice, of the Colombian Rural Development Institute INCODER and chaired the Inter-Agency Committee to combat human trafficking for three years.

At the time she was co-Founder and Director of the Thinking Center for Human Trafficking, she ensured the creation of violence prevention strategies and restitution of rights of vulnerable groups, highlighting the need to strengthen civil society organizations and positioning the matter on the public agenda of the Country.

Before taking office at the Presidential Agency of International Cooperation APC-Colombia, Mrs. Ospina served as Director of the foundation that bears the name of her grandfather, the former President of Colombia, Mariano Ospina Perez. In this role, Angela was recognized for promoting analysis on the national issues, to search solutions through initiatives and projects in various fields of special interest for national development.

Angela Ospina is known for her extensive experience in the social sector, which in addition to her academic experience, provides her with the tools that will allow her to effectively lead alliances with various actors in the international community, concentrating on resource management of cooperation that are focused on the sustainable, economic and social development of all the regions of the country.

Mr. Juan Roccatagliata is a Minister Counselor, specialist on Multilateral Cooperation at the General Directorate of International Cooperation, Argentina.

He was a member of the G20 Sherpa's team under Argentina's presidency of the Group. Prior to that, he also served as a Counselor at the Argentinean Embassy in Australia.

He holds Master's degree in International Affairs from the Australian National University and a degree in Political Science from Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Mr. Márcio Lopes Correa is the Head of the General Coordination for Multilateral Technical Cooperation, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC). He is senior advisor in policy, normative and methodological frameworks regarding international development cooperation; Responsible for coordinating technical cooperation programs in Brazil with 30 international organizations and the European Union; Senior delegate to multilateral conferences (e.g. Nairobi 2009 and Buenos Aires 2019), governing councils and deliberative bodies of regional and multilateral organizations; Coordinates the Brazilian participation in the OECD's TOSSD Task Force, as well as in the IAEG-SDG Working Group on Measurement of Development Support.



He holds degree in International Relations and MBA in Project Formulation and Appraisal.

Day 2: March 18, 2021

0100-0300

Break-out Session for Asia

Moderator: Ms. Nozomi Iwama, Senior Director and Head of Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department, JICA

- H.E. Mr. Akhilesh Mishra, Ambassador, Additional Secretary, Development Partnership Administration, Ministry of External Affairs, India
- H.E. Mr. Teuku Faizasyah, Director-General for Information and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- Mr. Tian Lin, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), China
- Ms. Elenore Kang, Deputy Director of Asia Pacific Programmes, Technical Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Ms. Wanphen Sreshthaputra, Programme Officer, Capacity Development and Partnerships Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Ms. Nozomi Iwama is the Senior Director and Head of Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department of JICA since February 2021. She is responsible for JICA's partnership relations and strategic dialogues with development partners including MDBs, UN agencies, bilateral partners and emerging partners, and serves as JICA's Sherpa to the International Development Finance Club (IDFC).

Prior to this assignment, she served as Senior Representative of JICA's Vietnam Office for four years. In that capacity, she oversaw JICA's programs in health, social security, and governance. In 2012-2014, she was a Director for Southeast Asia and Pacific Department, overseeing JICA's portfolio in Lao PDR, Thailand, Malaysia and partnership with Singapore. Her other previous assignments include Deputy Director of Office of International Affairs of Financial Services Agency of Japan, and Advisor for Industrial Development and Public Policy Department of JICA. She holds a Master's degree in Public Administration in International Development (MPAID) from John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.



Ambassador Akhilesh Mishra took over as Additional Secretary (Development Partnership Administration) in the ministry of External Affairs on 3 February 2020. Before this he was Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (February 2019 - February 2020), Ambassador of India to Maldives (2016-19) and Consul General of India in Toronto, Canada (2013-16).

Mr. Mishra's previous assignments include Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, heading the Northern Division dealing with India's relations with Nepal and Bhutan (2011-13), Joint Secretary in charge of Multilateral Economic Relations Division (2010-11); Deputy Chief of Mission in Kabul, Afghanistan (2008-10); Deputy High Commissioner in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania (2005-08); Deputy Consul General in San Francisco, USA (2001-05); Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (1999-2001); and in different capacities in Indian embassies in Kathmandu, Nepal (1996-99); Rome, Italy (1993-96) and Lima, Peru (1991-93).



Mr. Mishra holds the degrees of Bachelor of Technology and Masters of Technology in Mechanical Engineering, both from the Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (BHU). Mr. Mishra speaks Spanish, Italian and Nepalese. Among Indian languages, he knows Hindi and Sanskrit, besides English.

H.E. Dr. Teuku Faizasyah is the Director General for Information and Public Diplomacy as well as the Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Before assuming position as the Director General of Information and Public Diplomacy, he was the Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs.



In November 2014 to December 2018, he served as the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Canada and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

In April 2008 he was appointed as the Chief of Staff of the Foreign Minister and in that capacity, he also acted as Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. From September 2010 to October 2014, during the H.E. Prof Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono administration, he was promoted as his Special Staff for International Affairs. During those years, he accompanied President Yudhoyono in numerous international events.

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1990, Dr. Teuku Faizasyah has been assigned in various positions in the Head Office in Jakarta and Diplomatic Missions overseas, including at the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C, USA (1995-1998); and at the Indonesian Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa (2004-2008).

Dr. Teuku Faizasyah obtained a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Waikato, New Zealand (2004); a Master of International Studies at the University of Birmingham, UK (1993); and a Bachelor degree in Social and Political Science at Padjadjaran University, Indonesia (1989).

Dr. Teuku Faizasyah not only has written a number of opinion articles in Indonesian national media but also has served as a speaker at several seminars, both in Indonesia and overseas.

Ms. Elenore Kang is the Deputy Director of Asia Pacific Programmes at the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Technical Cooperation Directorate. The Technical Cooperation Directorate manages the Singapore Cooperation Programme, which is Singapore's technical assistance programme for developing countries and territories.



Aside from leading the technical assistance and partnerships with Northeast Asia, South Asia and the Pacific Islands, she is also in charge of the partnerships with Intergovernmental Organisations.

0800–1000

Break-out Session for Africa, Middle East and Europe

Moderator: Mr. Ahmed Faruk Diken, Senior Technical Cooperation Coordinator, Regional Cooperation and Integration Department, IsDB

- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khalil, Ambassador, Secretary-General, Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD), Egypt
- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Methqal, Director General, Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI), Morocco
- H.E. Mr. Imad Zuhairi, Director General, Palestinian International Cooperation Agency
- Dr. Rahman Nurdun, Vice President, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Turkey
- Ms. Aliya Agazadeh, Deputy Director of Agency for International Development Assistance of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Mr. Helge Espe, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Agency for Exchange cooperation (Norec)
- Ms. Sara Hamouda, SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)

Mr. Ahmed Faruk Diken is currently working as a Senior Technical Cooperation Coordinator for MENA & Europe in the Regional Cooperation and Integration Department of the Islamic Development Bank. He is involved in the formulation and implementation of technical cooperation and Reverse Linkage interventions, as well as managing partnerships in the MENA & Europe region for South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

In addition to implementing projects, Mr. Ahmed Faruk also supports institutional aspects of capacity development and South-South and Triangular Cooperation by contributing to the development of relevant policies and strategies of the IsDB. Mr. Ahmed Faruk works closely with partners in the Member Countries as well as with international development partners in formulating initiatives that promote South-South Cooperation.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Ahmed Faruk worked as Senior Specialist in Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, a poverty alleviation focused trust fund of the IsDB Group. Ahmed Faruk joined the Islamic Development Bank as a Young Professional in 2011. During his training as a young professional, he has worked on private sector operations, Public-Private Partnerships and project evaluations.



Ambassador Mohamed Methqal was appointed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI on June, 23rd 2016 as Ambassador Director General of the Morocco Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI). Since his appointment, Mr. Methqal is coordinating Morocco national efforts in international humanitarian assistance through the implementation of many Royal initiatives in close coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that consists of preparation and expedition of multiple emergency donations (medical or pharmaceutical products, logistics equipment and primary foods) to more than 40 countries covering Africa, Middle-East, Latin America, Caribbean and Asia. He also worked on implementing Morocco cooperation projects in health, agriculture, fishery and education in partner countries mainly in Africa, Middle-East and Latin America.



Besides to that, on October 2020, Mr. Methqal become member of the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Fund (CERF) of the United Nations, and since october 2019 He has been elected President of the Network of South-South Cooperation Actors (RAFSUD) at International Organization of Francophonie (OIF).

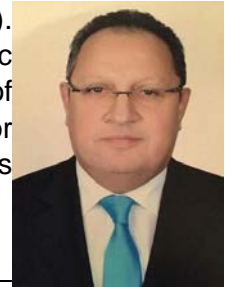
Prior to that, Mr. Methqal was during three years special advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, where he was in charge of new economic diplomacy, cooperation and international development. He was also Chief of Staff of the President of COP22.

Previously, Mr. Methqal had been senior advisor to the Minister of Economy and Finance in Morocco, and had provided consulting and advisory services to Governments, Corporations and Business Leaders since 2004 as he worked in strategy and management consulting during six years at international consulting firms based in Paris for which he also contributed to develop their Morocco branch and their activities in West Africa.

During his career, he had advised multiple companies and investors on strategic projects in Europe, Morocco and sub-sahara African countries. Mr. Methqal began his career in 2000 as a research assistant for three years at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne. He co-founded also two innovative start-ups and is a winner of the 2003 NETS Prize, awarded to the 15 most promising young entrepreneurs in Switzerland.

He graduated with an engineer diploma from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL) and holds an MBA from College des Ingénieurs in Paris and a Certificate in Entrepreneurship from Babson College, USA.

Ambassador Mohamed Khalil is Secretary-General, Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD). Ambassador Khalil Served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of Albania. Prior to that, he served various positions including Deputy Secretary General of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development, Consul General of Egypt in Port Sudan, Office of the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Parliamentary Affairs. After joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1990, the Ambassador worked in different countries including United States of America, South Africa, Algeria, Japan.



Ambassador Khalil holds B.Sc. in Political Science, Cairo University.

Ambassador Imad Zuhairi is the Director General of the Palestinian International Cooperation Agency. Amb. Al-Zhuairi is a Palestinian career diplomat who has been serving at the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates (MOFA) since 1994 in different departments. Amb Al-Zuhairi was the charge d'Affaires and deputy head of the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the U.N.O – Geneva from 2008-2016. Mr. Al-Zuhairi holds an MBA.

Dr. Rahman Nurdun received his Bachelor's Degree from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (1983-1987) and his MA in Area Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies of University of London (1994–1995), and his PhD from Hacettepe University, Ankara in 2002.

Started his professional career as an expert in TİKA in 2000, He was seconded as a project adviser to OECD MENA Investment Programme between 2004-2005 and OECD Partnership for Democratic Governance between 2009 and 2010. Served as Head of TİKA Ulaanbaatar

Programme Coordination Office between 2010-2011 and Head of East and South Asia, Pacific and Latin America Department between 2014-2018. He was appointed as the Vice President of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency according to the Presidential Decree issued on 17th January 2019.



Ms. Aliya Aghazada is Deputy Director of Agency for International Development Assistance of the Republic of Azerbaijan. She graduated from Baku State University with MA on international relations and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 1997.



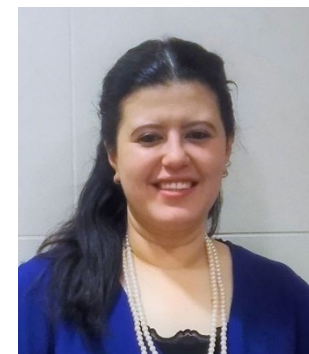
During these years of diplomatic service Aliya worked in various departments of MFA such as Media and Information Department, Strategic Research Department and Human Resources Department. From 2013 till 2017 she worked at the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Kingdom of the Netherlands as Counselor and Charge d'affairs. Since 2018, she is deputy director of Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA).

Mr. Helge Espe is Senior Adviser to Norec (the Norwegian Agency for Exchange cooperation) in policy and strategic affairs. His areas of responsibility cover in particular Agenda 2030, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, and matters relating to the UN and multi-lateral organisations, the Global Partnership Initiatives, as well as international think tanks, networks and various associations of volunteering.



Among assignments in the development cooperation field, it can be mentioned that Espe has worked 11 years in Ethiopia as Resident Representative for Save the Children Norway. He holds an advanced degree in Sociology and in Urban and Regional planning.

Ms. Sara Hamouda is the SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert at African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). She has eleven years of professional experience in the international cooperation and development field. Currently, she works for the African Union Secretariat for Peer Review Mechanism as an officer in charge of the Agenda 2063/SDGs Unit and South-South Cooperation, based in Johannesburg South Africa. She manages continental capacity-building projects as well as multi-lateral workshops on Agenda 2063 advocacy, implementation, monitoring and evaluation with a special focus on SDGs 16 and 17. She handles APRM continental work on and UN Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and APRM collaboration with UN agencies.



Earlier, she worked at the Cabinet of the Minister of International Cooperation in Egypt as a Senior Economic Researcher in charge of cooperation with the regional financial institutions as well as China for seven years. She also received a professional traineeship at the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg from 2017-2018, of which she provided policy analysis and research regarding the EIB role outside the EU, especially in the southern Mediterranean region as regarding various issues such as migration, donors' relations, and economic resilience in the neighboring countries.

Ms. Hamouda holds a Master of Arts in International Development from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, a Diploma in Peace promotion and disarmament from the University for Peace and Vienna Centre for Disarmament and a Bachelor's in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University. She is also an alumna of the College of Europe in Warsaw. She got two internships at the American Congress in Washington DC in 2007 on USA political system and foreign policy and at the German Bundestag, in Berlin, in 2013 on education policies and public administration.

Day 3: March 19, 2021

0700–0830

Break-out Sessions Reports and Concluding Session: The Future of Development Cooperation: Insights on What to Expect in the Medium to Long-term and How SSTrC Should Be Positioned in the New “Decade of Action”
Moderator: Mr. Tarik iziraren, UNOSSC

All participants

0830–0900

Closing Remarks

- Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Director, a.i., UNOSSC
- Ms. Nozomi Iwama, Senior Director and Head of Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department, JICA
- Mr. Riad Ragueb, Acting Director, IsDB