



Panelists

Ms. Amida Salsiah Alisjahbana

Amida Salsiah Alisjahbana is Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. Previously, she was Professor of Economics at Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung, Indonesia. She also served on the Governing Board of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and



such as the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and has worked for major national and international financial and development institutions, such as the National Bank of Kuwait and the World Bank. She also managed contracts for the Kuwaiti Emergency and Reconstruction Program during the invasion to post liberation period.

Ms. Dashti holds a doctorate degree in population dynamics from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, a master's degree in economics and finance from California State University in Sacramento, and a bachelor of science in agriculture economics from California State University in Chico. She speaks Arabic and English fluently.

Mr: Ibrahim Elbadawi

Ibrahim Elbadawi is a member of the UN Highlevel Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs and the Managing Director of the Economic Research Forum (since January 2017 August 2019, August 2020 present). Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Sudan (Sept 2019 July 2020). Professor Emeritus, University of Khartoum. Before that he was Director at the Economic Policy & Research Center; the Dubai Economic Council (2009 2016); Lead Economist at the Development Research Group of the World Bank, which he joined in 1989 and Professor of economics at the University of Gezira in Sudan. He holds a PhD in economics and statistics from North Carolina State and Northwestern universities in the USA. During his work at the World Bank he also served as Research Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (Nairobi, 1993 1998), on external leave from the Bank.

He has edited 13 books and special editions of refereed journal and published about 90 articles on macroeconomics, growth and development policy, democratic transitions and the economics of civil wars and post-conflict transitions. His regional specialization covers Africa and the Middle East. He is also a (nonresident) research fellow with the Center for Global Development.

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Minister of Infrastructure (2018-2022) and Minister of Finance and Economic Planning (2013-2018).

He has also served as Governor (2011-2013) and Deputy Governor (2009-2011) of the





Ms. Izabella Teixeira

Izabella Teixeira is a member of the UN High Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, Trustee Emeritus at the Brazilian Center of International Relations (CEBR), and former Minister of Environment for Brazil (2010-2016). She is also Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel of the UN Environment (IRP/UNEP) and of the Administrative Council of The Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES).

Throughout her career, Ms. Teixeira held different administrative positions in the Ministry of Environment, in the Rio de Janeiro State Government and in IBAMA, where she joined in 1984. She played a key role in the negotiation of the Paris Agreement and was appointed, in 2012, to serve on the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons for the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

In 2013, she won the UN Environment's "Champions of the Earth" Global Award for her contribution to reducing deforestation in the Amazon. She holds a Master's degree in Energy Planning and a PhD in Environmental Planning from COPPE/UFRI.

Closing Remarks



Mr. Navid Harif

Navid Harif is the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). He is also the UN's sous-Sherpa to the G20 finance and main tracks.

He joined UN DESA in 2001. He was Senior Policy Adviser in the Division for Sustainable Development and member of the team for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002. He served as the Chief of Policy Coordination Branch and later Director in the Office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) support and the Director for Financing for Sustainable Development Office. He was the first head of the DESA Strategic Planning Unit established in 2010.

He was Principal Officer in the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, Vice-Chair of the UN High Level Committee on Programming (HICP) and Co-Coordinator of the UN team on repositioning of the UN Development System that led to major reforms in 2018.

He holds MA, International Political Economy, Columbia University (NY), & MA, English Literature, Government College University (Lahore).

