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- Dr. Justin Lin, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, Development Economics, The World Bank Group
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- Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Senior Fellow, University of Ottawa
  Moderator, Development Aid: Multilateral Versus Other Forms of Cooperation

- Mr. Pedro Medrano Rojas, Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) New York Liaison Office and WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean
  Evolving Multilateral Responses to Humanitarian Crises: The Experience of the United Nations
Ms. Sanusha Naidu, Senior Researcher, Africa and Global South Unit, Human Sciences Research Council

Ms. Adanma Odefa, CEO, Diabetes & Hypertension Help Society (DHS), Nigeria

Dr. Robert Picciotto, Visiting Professor, Department of War Studies, King's College London

Mr. Vincent Rigby, Vice-President, Strategic Policy and Performance Branch, Canadian International Development Agency

Ms. Elisabeth Sandor, Senior Policy Advisor, Aid Quality and Architecture Division, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Mr. Daniel Schwanen, Associate Vice President, Trade and International Policy, C.D. Howe Institute

Dr. Franke Toornstra, Vice President of IDEA International & Former Aid Effectiveness Advisor at the World Bank

Mr. Désiré Vencatachellum, Director, Development Research, African Development Bank

H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano

Former President of the Republic of Mozambique, Chairperson of the Joaquim Chissano Foundation

Joaquim Alberto Chissano was born on October 22, 1939, in Malehice, in the Gaza province of Mozambique, which was, at the time, a Portuguese colony. He went to Portugal to study medicine in 1961, but was forced to flee the country due to his political affiliations and sought refuge in France. In 1962, he traveled to Tanzania and became a founding member of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO). Mr. Chissano played a fundamental role in the 1974 negotiations on the independence of Mozambique, between FRELIMO and the Portuguese Government, and became prime minister of the transitional government. When Mozambique became independent on June 25, 1975, he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs. With the tragic death of President Samora Machel in 1986, he was elected as his successor.

Mr. Chissano led positive socio-economic reforms, culminating in the adoption of the 1990 constitution that brought the multi-party system and an open market to Mozambique. He also led successful negotiations with former rebels, ending 16 years of a destabilizing war in 1992. In 1994, he won the first multiparty elections in the history of his country, and was re-elected in 1999. He voluntarily decided not to stand in the 2004 presidential elections, despite being permitted to do so by the constitution.

Mr. Chissano has held many high-level positions including Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and Chairperson of the African Union. After retiring from office, he was appointed Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2005 Summit to Review the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration, as well as Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General to Guinea-Bissau, Democratic Republic of Congo and to areas affected by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) in Uganda. In 2009, he was appointed as SADC Special Envoy for the conflict in Madagascar.

Currently, he is the Chairperson of the Joaquim Chissano Foundation (a private non-profit organization
Currently, he is the Chairperson of the Joaquim Chissano Foundation (a private non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of peace, social and economic development and Mozambican culture), and of the Africa Forum of Former African Heads of State and Government. Mr. Chissano is a member of the board of the Club of Madrid, The Hunger Project, The International Crisis Group and The Peace Parks Foundation. He is a Goodwill Ambassador for the CPLP (Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries) and is the Global Partnership Initiative Youth Ambassador. He is also a member of the Advisors Council of the World Food Prize Foundation, the High Level Taskforce for Climate Services at the World Meteorology Organization and the Advisory Panel for Global Development at the Melinda and Gates Foundation.

Mr. Chissano has received prestigious awards from many countries and has been honored with several prizes, including the inaugural Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership in 2007.

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Speaker biographies

Manmohan Agarwal joined CIGI as a Senior Visiting Fellow in January 2008. Prior to this, he was Dean of the School of International Studies and professor at the Centre for International Trade and Development at Jawaharlal Nehru University in India.

Dr. Agarwal has worked for both the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He has also been Visiting Professor at the University of Western Ontario and at the Catholic University of Leuven. He has a long and distinguished record of expertise in international trade, development and economics as it relates to South Asia, and especially to India. Dr. Agarwal contributes to CIGI’s various projects related to trade and economic development, and he is an integral part of the development of a new group at CIGI focusing on India.

Hany Besada is Program Head of NSF’s Governance of Natural Resources program and a Senior Researcher on the Development Cooperation file. Previously, he was Senior Researcher and Program Leader at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) where he oversaw the Health and Social Governance Program. He holds a BA and MA in international relations from Alliant International University in San Diego, where he specialized in peace and security studies. Prior to that, he was the Principle Business in Africa Researcher at the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) in Johannesburg, South Africa, and Research Manager at Africa Business Direct, a trade and investment consulting firm in Johannesburg. Mr. Besada has worked for the South African Ministry of Local and Provincial Government, Amnesty International, United Nations Associations, the Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice (IPJ) and the Office of US Senator Dianne Feinstein. He has published widely in international news media and academic journals as well as edited a number of books. His research interests cover an array of themes ranging from Africa’s socio-economic and security development, private sector growth, trade and investment facilitation, Middle Eastern politics, fragile/failed states, peace building and post-conflict economic reconstruction.

Jacqueline Best is an Associate Professor in the School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa. Her work focuses on the social, cultural and political underpinnings of the global economic system, which she studies by examining the efforts of organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to govern the global economy. She is the author of The Limits of Transparency: Ambiguity and the History of International Finance (Cornell, 2005) and the co-editor, with Matthew Paterson, of Cultural Political Economy (Routledge, 2010). She is currently working on a number of projects, including a book examining recent changes in the forms of power and authority used by the IMF and World Bank in their engagements with low income countries, an analysis of the role of risk management in the recent financial crisis, and a collaborative project, with Alexandra Gheciu, on the re-emergence of the public as practice in global economic, security and environmental governance. She is an editor of the Routledge Review of International Political Economy (RIPE) Book Series and has been a visiting scholar at the University of Queensland and the University of Oxford.

Margaret Biggs was appointed President of the Canadian International Development Agency on July 1, 2008. Prior to her appointment at CIDA, she was Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, Plans and Consultation, in the Privy Council Office, a position she held since May 2006.

Ms. Biggs has held a variety of senior positions in the federal government including: Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Priorities and Planning, Privy Council Office, and Director General of Program Evaluation, Privy Council Office / Public Service Commission. She has also been President and CEO of JETago Ltd., a company that provides online professional development services to government and non-profit organizations. Before that, Ms. Biggs was the Vice President of Policy and Communications at the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Executive Director at the Canadian Advanced Technology Foundation. Before joining the federal public service, Ms. Biggs was the Director of Policy and Communications at the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Executive Director at the Canadian Advanced Technology Foundation. Before joining the federal public service, Ms. Biggs was the Director of Policy and Communications at the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Executive Director at the Canadian Advanced Technology Foundation.
including Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Priorities and Planning, Privy Council Office, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Investment Programs and Associate Executive Head, Strategic Policy, Human Resources Development Canada. Ms. Biggs has a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of British Columbia. She began her career as a Research Officer, and later Director of Research for the North South Institute.

Roberto Bissio, from Uruguay, has written as a journalist on development issues since 1975. He is the executive director of the Instituto del Tercer Mundo (Third World Institute), a non-profit research and advocacy organization based in Montevideo. He coordinates the international secretariat of Social Watch, a network of citizen coalitions in 70 countries monitoring the implementation of international commitments on poverty eradication and gender equity. Roberto is also a member of the international committee of Third World Network and of the civil society advisory group to the UNDP administrator. He served on the boards of WEDO (Women’s Environment and Development Organization) and of the Montreal International Forum.

Before joining the Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) in February 2011 as the Director of the Social Science Program in the Research Division, Narnia Bohler-Muller was Professor in the Public Law Department, Faculty of Law at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth. She has fifteen years of experience as an academic in terms of research, publication, lecturing, mentoring, social engagement and management. Prof. Bohler-Muller is an NRF-rated researcher, and was one of the top ten researchers at the NMMU for the period 2008-2010. Her research interests include gender studies, socio-economic rights and human development, access to justice, legal philosophy and political science. She has sat on both the Vista University and NMMU Councils. Prof. Bohler-Muller has served as a presiding officer for the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA); and a senior legal researcher and consultant to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ & CD) and Institute for Child Witness Research and Training. She is an admitted Advocate of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa and has received numerous awards and bursaries for research achievements.

Deepak Dave was born in Kenya and studied at McGill University and Cass London Business School. He has lived in Britain and South Africa and worked in corporate and investment banking at both Standard Chartered Bank and Barclays Bank. Subsequently, he was a Private Equity Consultant on fund structuring, investments and portfolio risk management before returning to Canada in 2007. He is currently working with a federal crown corporation. He has worked on global multinational risk, derivatives risk, project finance and subordinated debt for clients in energy, financial services, mining, resources, real estate and telecoms across Latin America, East and South Asia, the Middle East and Africa. He has also been published as a columnist on East African Banking and capital markets regulation. Mr. Dave is particularly interested in improving the institutional structure of regulation, thus allowing capital flows to increase into the region, as well as safeguarding the savings and investments of local retail investors.

Penny Davies works as an independent consultant on development finance issues and is also Senior Policy Advisor to Swedish NGO Diakonia. She has specialized in the changing development cooperation landscape; so called “emerging donors”, China-Africa relations and the role of the private sector in aid with reports and articles published by the OECD, the World Bank and the UNDP. She works closely with the pan-European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) and was Chair of the Board for 5 years. She is a frequent lecturer at international conferences.

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Alison Evans is an economist with over 25 years of experience working in international development. Ms. Evans joined the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the United Kingdom's leading international development think tank, in 2006 as a Director of Programmes for Poverty and Public Policy, and became Director in May 2009. Alison began her career teaching and researching development economics at the University of Sussex. Her practical policy experience stems from six years at the World Bank between 1994 and 2000 and work as an independent consultant between 2000 and 2005 with a specific focus on poverty reduction strategies (PRSPs), budgetary processes, aid modalities, aid effectiveness and evaluation. She has extensive experience in Southern and Eastern Africa and the Western Balkans, and has taken several shorter assignments in South East Asia. As ODI's director, she continues to work on issues around aid, but also contributes to debate on a broad range of issues relating to international engagement in fragile states and policy coherence for development. She has a BA (Hons) in Economics from the University of Sussex, an MPhil in Economics and Politics of Development at Cambridge University and a PhD in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies.

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Ms. Jacovella obtained in 1984 a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, from the University of Ottawa, and in 1988 a Graduate Diploma in Management and in 1994 a Master's Degree in Regional Studies from the University of Quebec.

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Ms. Kaag has held a number of positions within the United Nations system, including Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa for UNICEF from December 2007 to August 2010, and Chief of Staff in the Office of the UNICEF Executive Director (April 2006-December 2007).

Ms. Kaag was Deputy Director of Programmes, Chief Donor Relations, at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from 1998 to 2004 in Geneva. She served as a diplomat in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UN Political Affairs Division followed by an assignment as advisor on bilateral development cooperation from 1990 to 1993. Ms. Kaag holds a Masters in Philosophy in International Relations from St. Antony's College, Oxford University (1987) and received a second Masters degree in Politics and Economics of the Middle East from University of Exeter in 1988. She is proficient in several languages, including Dutch, English, Arabic, French, German and Spanish.

Pradeep Kakkattil is currently Chief of Aid Effectiveness and Country Capacities with UNAIDS Geneva and oversees UNAIDS’ strategic engagement and support to countries in mobilizing, allocating and optimally utilizing resources to reduce new infections, AIDS related deaths and discrimination. In this role he has helped establish innovative instruments for scaling up technical support and capacity development through promotion of a south-south approach. He has led UNAIDS work around country ownership, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of the AIDS response. He works closely with country partners, the Global Fund and PEPFAR, key donors to the AIDS response, towards strengthening harmonization and alignment and national coordination in support of the Three Ones. Prior to working with UNAIDS, Pradeep worked with DFID in India and played a lead role in scaling up support to India’s HIV prevention programs. He has also worked as a journalist with the print and electronic media.

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Frannie Léautier is the Executive Secretary of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). A Tanzanian national, she served as Vice President of the World Bank and Head of the World Bank Institute from December 2001 to March 2007. She also served as Chief of Staff to the former President of the World Bank from 2000-2001. Cumulatively, Dr. Léautier served in various capacities at the World Bank from 1992 to 2007. From 2007 to 2009, she was a Managing Partner at The Fezembat Group, a company focused on risk management and leadership development. Dr. Léautier holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Dar es Salaam (1984); a Master of Science in Transportation from MIT (1986); and a PhD in Infrastructure Systems from MIT (1990). She is also a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Development Program. Dr. Léautier has published a number of articles in top-tier economic journals and magazines; she has also edited three books, including a recent one on Cities in a Globalizing World. She is currently Founding Editor for the Journal of Infrastructure Systems, Advisory Board Member for the MIT Open Course Ware, and Secretary of the Board for the Nelson Mandela Institute for Science and Technology in Africa. Dr. Léautier is a charter member of the Advisory Board for EuropEFE and a founding Board member for the Africa Institute for Governing with Integrity.

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Mr. Malone has published extensively on peace and security issues, in book form and in journals. He has taught at Columbia University and the University of Toronto. He currently serves as Adjunct Professor at the New York University School of Law and is a Senior Fellow of Massey College in the University of Toronto. In early 2008, he published The Law and Practice of the United Nations (OUP, 2008). His most recent book addressing contemporary Indian foreign policy, Does the Elephant Dance? Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy, has just been released by Oxford University Press.

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Ms. McAskie has played a prominent role in political, developmental and financial negotiations: as a Canadian delegate to the UN Funds and Programmes and the International Financial Institutions; as a member of the Facilitation Team of the Burundi Peace Process in Arusha under the late Julius Nyerere, the former President of Tanzania; and as Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the humanitarian crisis in Côte d’Ivoire.

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The Honourable Beverley J. Oda was appointed the Minister of International Cooperation on August 14, 2007. The Member of Parliament for Durham (Ontario), she is responsible for Canada's overseas development assistance through CIDA.

Ms. Oda was first elected to Parliament in 2004, and was re-elected in 2006 and 2008. On February 6, 2006, she was appointed Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women. Prior to this, she served in Opposition as the Critic for Canadian Heritage and as a member of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage.

Prior to her election, Ms. Oda spent more than two decades in the fields of public and private broadcasting. In 1999, Ms. Oda was appointed senior Vice-President, Industry Affairs, at CTV. From 1987 to 1993, she served as a commissioner with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

Ms. Oda began her broadcasting career at TV Ontario in 1973. In 1976, she moved to the field of commercial broadcasting. She has also worked as a consultant in the areas of multiculturalism, diversity and broadcasting.

Ms. Oda was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in 1944. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts. She served as chair of the Lakeridge Health Hospital Network and is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal.

Adanma Odefa is trained as a lawyer and professional manager. After realizing the dangers of diabetes and hypertension following the loss of her father, she abandoned the legal profession to make a mark in community health care in Nigeria by founding the Diabetes & Hypertension Help Society (DHS).

Ms. Odefa produces and presents the informative and entertaining TV health segment - At Home With DHS - which airs on one satellite TV (AIT) and one local TV (ITV). She also writes a health column for Leadership Newspaper and the National Assembly Legislative Digest. In addition she has written several articles on healthy living for publications like Radio Nigeria Magazine and Reconciliation Magazine. She has also been featured in many newspapers, magazines, TV and radio programs. Adanma has presented papers at several seminars around the world. Her dedication and zeal has armed her to leverage DHS as one of the most impactful NGOs in Nigeria.

Robert Picciotto is a Visiting Professor at Kings College in London and a member of the Academy of Social Sciences. He sits on the boards of the United Kingdom Evaluation Society and the European Evaluation Society. He has held several senior management positions at the World Bank including Director, Projects Department in three of the Regional Offices, Vice-President, Corporate Planning and Budgeting and Director-General of the Independent Evaluation Group. Since 2002, he has been a senior adviser to the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, and World Bank.
Vincent Rigby was appointed the Vice-President of the Strategic Policy and Performance Branch in December 2010. Prior to his arrival at CIDA, Mr. Rigby was the Executive Director of the International Assessments Staff (IAS) at the Privy Council Office, reporting to the National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister. The IAS produces intelligence assessments of foreign developments and trends affecting Canadian interests for the Prime Minister and other senior clients across government.

Mr. Rigby also held the title of Afghanistan Intelligence Lead Official while at PCO where he was responsible for coordinating the Canadian intelligence community in support of Canada’s Afghanistan mission.

Mr. Rigby was previously Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) at the Department of National Defence (DND) from 2006 to 2008. Over his 14 years at DND, Mr. Rigby held a number of other positions within the Policy Group, including Director General Policy Planning, Director of Policy Development and Director of Arms and Proliferation Control Policy. Prior to joining DND, he was a defence and foreign policy analyst at the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament.

Mr. Rigby holds an MA in diplomatic and military history from Carleton University in Ottawa.

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Daniel Schwanen is the Associate Vice President, Trade and International Policy at the C.D. Howe Institute. An award-winning economist with a passion for international economic policy, he spearheads Institute programs focused on the link between Canada’s international trade and investment policy and Canadians’ standards of living.

He first joined the C.D. Howe Institute in 1990, producing widely-cited research which earned him foreign visitorships in the United States, Japan and Australia. In 2001, Mr. Schwanen earned the Policy Research Initiative’s Outstanding Research Contribution Award for his paper “A Room of Our Own: Cultural Policies and Trade Agreements,” and co-edited a major series of papers on North America after NAFTA. In 2007, he co-wrote the independent review of Australia’s Progress to Achieve APEC Goals, presenting the report at APEC’s Senior Officials meeting as part of APEC’s peer review process.

In 2005, Mr. Schwanen joined the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) serving in a number of senior research and executive positions and continues to hold the title of Senior Fellow at CIGI. Daniel Schwanen earned degrees in economics from the Université de Montréal and Queen’s University.

Mr. Piragibe dos Santos Tarragô has been Ambassador of Brazil in Canada since

At the Ministry of External Affairs in Brazil, he headed the Trade on High Technology Goods Division: 1988-9; the Trade Policy Division, 1997-99; the Department of Economic Affairs, 2003-05. And he was Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs III (Africa and the Middle East), 2009-10.

Ambassador Tarragó has worked mostly in economic matters in his functions in the Ministry of External Relations. He was the main negotiator for Brazil in the NAMA negotiations in the Doha Round (2003-05) and in the TRIPs negotiations in the Uruguay Round (1987-93). He was spokesman for the producing countries at the International Coffee Organisation (1999-2003).

He was also Brazilian delegate to many negotiations at the United Nations, including, inter alia, General Assembly, Security Council Reform, Peacebuilding Commission, ECOSOC, UNCTAD, Group of 77, South-South Cooperation, as well as at the GATT and WIPO.

Franke Toornstra joined the IDEA International Institute as Vice President and Director on September 1, 2010. He holds a Bachelor's degree (BA) and a Master's degree (M.Sc.) in agricultural sciences with a specialization in rural engineering and water management from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. He has 25 years of professional experience in international development. He has lived in southern countries while working in academia, as a consultant, and as a senior officer for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Deputy Head of Cooperation), and the World Bank (Operations Adviser with specific attention for capacity development, public finance management, and aid effectiveness). His areas of specialization are: public administration reform; aid effectiveness and effective aid management; public finance management; program and project implementation; and institutional and capacity development as cross-sector field. He has worked in the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Mali, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, United States, Yemen, and Zimbabwe. Through desk studies he also worked on Kyrgyz Republic, Morocco, and Tunisia. Mr. Toornstra is based in Quebec City, Canada.

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