

HIGH LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE: GLOBAL ACCELERATOR ON JOBS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR JUST TRANSITIONS AT WORK IN AFRICA

TICAD 8 SIDE EVENT

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9:00 am - 10:30 am New York



SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES



Hon. TAKEI Shunsuke
*State Minister for foreign affairs,
Japan*

Mr. TAKEI Shunsuke is a Japanese politician who currently serves as State Minister for Foreign Affairs since August 2022. A member of the Liberal Democratic Party, He was reelected to the House of Representatives (49th General Election, fourth term).

- » Born in Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture
- » March 1997: Graduated from Faculty of Letters, Chuo University
- » April 1997: Joined Miyazaki Kotsu Co., Ltd.
- » September 2005: Completed Master's program at the Graduate School of Public Management, Waseda University
- » September 2005: Joined Rakuten, Inc.
- » April 2007: Elected to the Miyazaki Prefectural Assembly
- » December 2011: Leader, Branch of the Liberal Democratic Party in Miyazaki 1st Electoral District
- » December 2012: Elected to the House of Representatives for the first time (46th General Election)
- » December 2014: Reelected to the House of Representatives (47th General Election, second term)
- » August 2016: Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs (Second Reshuffled Third Abe Cabinet)
- » October 2017: Reelected to the House of Representatives (48th General Election, third term)
- » May 2018: Attended the Inauguration Ceremony of the President of the Republic of Costa Rica as an Ambassador on Special Mission
- » June 2019: Attended the Democracy Day Celebration of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a Special Envoy of the Prime Minister
- » October 2021: Reelected to the House of Representatives (49th General Election, fourth term)
- » November 2021 - August 2022: Deputy Chairperson, Diet Affairs Committee, Liberal Democratic Party
- » August 2022: State Minister for Foreign Affairs (Reshuffled Second Kishida Cabinet)



Hon. Malek Ezzahi

Minister of Social Affairs, Tunisia

Malek Zahi was selected, Monday, October 11, 2021, to the post of Minister of Social Affairs in the government of Najla Bouden. Malek Ezehi was named on 11 October 2021 as a Minister of Social Affairs in Mrs. Najla Bouden Government.

Born on 9 July 1979 in Gafsa, He is the son of the syndicalist and former vice-Secretary of Tunisian Union of Labour in charge of the public service, Mohamed Moncef Ezahi, and he is also the grandson of Abdeljaouad Ezehi, one of the founders of the Tunisian national movement in 1930.

- » 2006: Bachelor degree in business administration delivered by the Economic and Management Faculty
- » 2008: Master's degree in economic and risks management.

<https://www.social.gov.tn/en/minister>



Hon. Minata Samaté Cessouma

Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, AU

A graduate of the International Institute of Public Administration in Paris and of the University of Paris 1 - Panthéon - Sorbonne, of the Joseph KIZERBO University of Ouagadougou, of the National School of Administration and Magistracy of Ouagadougou (diplomacy section), Ambassador Minata SAMATE/CESSOUMA is a lawyer by training and a career diplomat.

Ambassador Minata Samaté/Cessouma, who has extensive professional experience in high-level leadership positions, with a good knowledge of international and particularly African issues, was previously Commissioner for Political Affairs of

the African Union. This position was merged with that of Commissioner for Peace and Security following the AU reforms, and is now occupied by Nigerian Bankole Adeoye.

Ms. Samaté has also served as Director of the Joint Coordination Mechanism for Support to the United Nations/African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur (JSCM/UNAMID) in Addis Ababa. At the national level, she has held the prestigious positions of Minister Delegate in charge of Regional Cooperation, Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Faso and Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to Ethiopia, the African Union, the ECA, UNEP and UN-Habitat.

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Mr. Guy Ryder

*Director-General, International
Labour Organization (ILO)*

Born in Liverpool (UK) in 1956, Guy Ryder studied Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge and Latin American Studies at the University of Liverpool. He speaks French and Spanish as well as his mother tongue, English. He started his professional career in 1981 as assistant at the International Department of the Trade Union Congress in London.

From 1985, he held the position of Secretary of the Industry Trade Section of the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional and Technical Employees (FIET) in Geneva.

In 1988, Guy Ryder became Assistant Director and – from 1993 - Director of the Geneva office of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

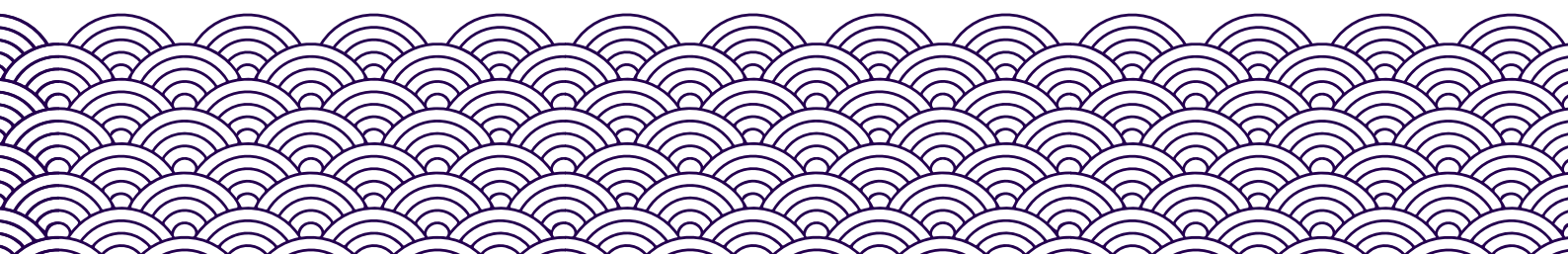
Guy Ryder first joined the International Labour Organization in 1998 as Director of the Bureau for Workers' Activities and, from 1999, as Director of the Office of the Director-General. It was during this time that the ILO's Decent Work Agenda was launched and won support from the international community.

In 2002, he was appointed General Secretary of the ICFTU, leading the process of global unification of the democratic international trade union movement. He was elected as first General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) when it was created in 2006. He headed international trade union delegations to high level talks with the UN, IMF, World Bank and WTO and to the G20 Leaders' Summits.

In September 2010, Guy Ryder came back to the ILO in Geneva as Executive Director, responsible for international labour standards and fundamental principles and rights at work. Among other activities, he supervised the application of ILO Conventions and Recommendations. He also headed several high-level ILO missions to address a range of issues related to labour standards in countries such as Bahrain, Colombia, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Myanmar and Swaziland.

Guy Ryder was elected as ILO Director-General by the ILO's Governing Body in May 2012 and took office on 1 October 2012. On taking office, he pledged to position the Organization as a determined actor translating principle into action and ensuring that it had the capacity to make a major difference to the working lives of people on all of the continents. To support this he launched a major reform process geared to assuring the ILO's authority on matters falling within its mandate.

Guy Ryder was re-elected as ILO Director-General by the ILO's Governing Body on 7 November 2016 with overwhelming support across the ILO's tripartite constituency. His second term started on 1 October 2017.





Ms. Cristina Duarte

Under-Secretary General and Special Adviser on Africa, United Nations

Ms. Duarte brings to the position more than 34 years of leadership and strategic management experience in public policy making and in the private sector, coupled with a deep understanding of international and regional cooperation and the challenges facing African countries. She is a Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration and High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, President Paul Kagame's Advisory Committee on African Union Reforms, the Board of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the Board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development at the UONGOZI Institute.

She served as Minister of Finance, Planning and Public Administration in the Republic of Cabo Verde from 2006 to 2016. Prior to this position, she was the Director of a World Bank project on a private sector development and competitiveness programme. She has also served as Director for Planning and Studies in the Cabo Verde Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and as an adviser to many international financial and non-governmental organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme, Food and Agriculture Programme, the African Development Bank, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Ms. Duarte joined Citibank in Kenya, as Manager, Financial Institution Relationship and rose to become the Vice President, Country Corporate Officer and Head of Corporate and Investment Banking of Citibank in Angola.

Ms. Duarte holds a Master's in Business Administration/International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management/Thunderbird School of Global Management, an Advanced Diploma in Business Administration from the Economics Institute of the University of Colorado and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policies, Planning and Development from the Instituto Superior de Economia in Lisbon, Portugal. She is proficient in English, French, Italian and Portuguese. Ms. Duarte is married and has a daughter.

<https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/personnel-appointments/2020-07-02/ms-cristina-duarte-of-the-republic-of-cabo-verde-special-adviser-africa>



Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon

Assistant Director General and Regional Director for Africa of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon is the Assistant Director General and Regional Director for Africa of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Prior to her appointment to this position, Ms Samuel-Olonjuwon was the Deputy Regional Director for Africa. She joined the ILO in 1995, where she has held different positions in Headquarters in Geneva and the field, including Chief of the ILO Programming Unit for Africa.

She has more than 33 years' experience of dedicated and passionate service promoting decent work for women and men, gender equality, youth employment, SME development, elimination of child labour and enhanced labour migration. She served along with the African Development Bank President on the High-level Panel on Migration chaired by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Ms Samuel-Olonjuwon was identified by the African Rating Firm, Avance Media, as one of the 100 Most Influential African Women in 2019.

She is also a strong advocate for women's rights. Ms Samuel-Olonjuwon was on the Board of the International Sociological Association (Research Committee on Women in Society) from 1986 to 1990.





Hon. Vera Kamtukul

Minister of Labour, Malawi

Hon. Vera Kamtukule is a life and leadership coach; a writer and a key note and motivational speaker who has dedicated her life to the development of people especially women and girls of all ages across the world. She achieves this by employing unequivocally non-conventional methods which inspire people to draw motivation from deep within themselves in their quest to achieve both large and small goals they never imagined were possible. Vera is a former Chief Executive Officer for Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) Even though she is not a Member of Parliament yet, Vera was appointed as a Minister of Labour on 26th January 2022 after President Dr Lazarus Chakwera dissolved his cabinet. She had served as a Deputy Minister in the same Ministry from 8th July 2020; she is the youngest female member of the cabinet.



Ms. Mai Farid

*Assistant Minister of Finance for
Economic Justice, Ministry of
Finance, Egypt*

Assistant Minister of Finance for Economic Justice, and Universal Health Insurance Authority Board's Advisor for Strategic Affairs and the UHIS Project Management Unit Manager where she leads the UHIS projects with the development partners. She is also assigned as Subject Matter Expert for Social Protection, and for Universal Health Insurance.

Ms. Mai is responsible for developing a strategic framework for the Social Protection and Subsidy reform programs that ensure the social and financial impact of implementing these policies. She has been a key actor in many studies that aim to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of social spending and analyze how social protection programs contribute to alleviating poverty and reducing inequality. For instance, Ms. Mai led the Public Expenditure Review for the human development sectors in collaboration with the World Bank Group. She is also a member in many technical committees that are responsible for putting the roadmap for the social protection system in Egypt and for suggesting exceptional safety net packages in times of crises.

Mai holds a M.Sc. Degree in Applied Actuarial Science (Kent University, UK) and prior to joining the government she has worked in the private insurance sector and taught Insurance and Statistics at the American University in Cairo.





Dr. Martha Phiri

Director, Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development, African Development Bank

Dr. Martha Phiri is an economist and development practitioner with over 25 years' experience in development planning and financing. She is currently working as Director, Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development at the African Development Bank. She also oversees public health and social protection programs of the Bank. Dr. Phiri is credited for having co-led the delivery of the Bank's Covid-19 Crisis Response Operations estimated at USD4.1 billion designed to support African countries save lives and jobs and protect the vulnerable during the pandemic. She also led the design of the Strategy for Quality Health Infrastructure in Africa (2022-2030), a historic first for the Bank and the Skills for Employability and Productivity in Africa (2022-2026) to support implementation of the Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy.

Previously, she worked for the African Development Bank as Country Manager in Rwanda and as Country Economist for Malawi, Mauritius and Namibia. As Country Manager, she led Bank teams in conducting country dialogue, designing, and supervising the implementation of both sovereign and no sovereign funded operations and providing technical and knowledge advisory services to support reforms. As a Country Economist, she was instrumental in designing Bank strategies that sought to address structural bottlenecks while leveraging opportunities to drive job-creating growth in different country income groups in line with national development priorities. She has published as lead author several African Economic Outlook country notes and conducted several Country Policy and Institutional Assessments and Country Risk Assessments.

Prior to joining the Bank, Dr. Phiri worked as an Economist in the Malawi Ministries of Finance and Economic Planning and Development. A Commonwealth Scholar, Dr. Phiri holds a PhD in Economics from University of Liverpool and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from University of Malawi.



Ahunna Eziakonwa

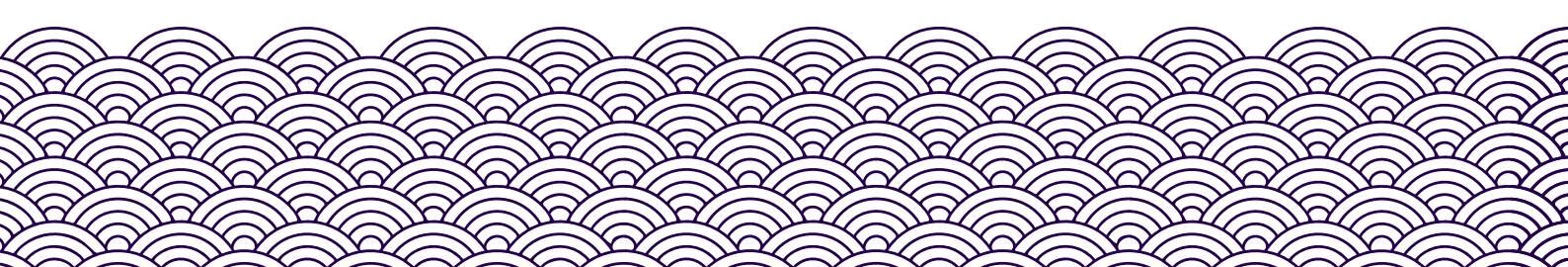
Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, UNDP

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa officially began her role as UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa on August 15th, 2018. In this role she leads UNDP's work supporting 46 countries in Africa to achieve Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Eziakonwa succeeds Abdoulaye Mar Dieye who now leads UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support.

Prior to taking up this post, Ms. Eziakonwa-Onochie was UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Ethiopia (2015-2018), UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Uganda (2012-2015), and before that held the same position in Lesotho (2008-2012). She has also worked as Chief of the Africa Section for Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) where she managed over 15 country operations in Africa. Before joining the United Nations, Ms. Eziakonwa held a series of senior positions with civil society organisations in Africa.

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie holds a Master's degree in International Affairs with a focus on economic and political development in Africa from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in New York. Ms. Eziakonwa-Onochie is personally passionate about broadening the space for engaging youth and women in sustainable development.

<https://www.undp.org/africa/directors-corner>





Mr. Joel Akhator Odigie

*Deputy General Secretary,
African Regional Organisation
of the International Trade Union
Confederation (ITUC-Africa)*

Mr. Odigie is an activist and trade unionist with over 2 decades of organising experience. He is from Nigeria and the Deputy General Secretary of the African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation.

Mr. Odigie has a Master degree in Labour and Globalisation from the Berlin School of Economics and Law.

He has recently co-authored a study on African Labour Migration to the GCC States that looks at how labour migration governance and the human and labour rights of African migrants can be better improved and protected.



Mr. Douglas Opio

*Executive Director, Federation of
Uganda Employers (FUE)*

Mr. Douglas Opio is the Executive Director of Federation of Uganda Employers, Uganda's leading Employers Organization recognized by Government of Uganda as well as the International Labor Organization (ILO).

He is an experienced Labour and Employment Expert with a demonstrated history of working with local and international Employers. Skilled in business strategy, industrial relations, Nonprofit Organizations, Sustainable Development, EAC regional integration, training, public speaking and resource mobilization.

Mr. Douglas Opio has also worked in different positions and these include: Lecturer at Kyambogo University, Board Chairman for Rural Research and Development Innovations (RREADI), Member for Industrial Training Council, Head Policy and Research at Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE), Policy and Research Coordinator at East African Employers Organization, Teacher at Amuca SDA Secondary School

He graduated with a master's degree in International Business (MBA) from Amity University India, A Bachelor's degree in Developmental Studies from Makerere University, A diploma in private sector growth, private sector development from SIDA-International Training Programme and with a Diploma in Education Secondary from Kyambogo University

