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## Biographies

### Welcome Speech

#### ANGEL GURRÍA

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

*Secretary-General*



Angel Gurría has been the Secretary-General of the OECD since June 2006. He has reinforced the OECD's role as a “hub” for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernisation and reform.

A Mexican national, Mr. Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, including ministerial positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s.

Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico), and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He speaks Spanish, French, English, Portuguese, Italian and some German.

#### DANIEL KABLAN DUNCAN

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

*Prime Minister*



End of 2012, Mr. Daniel Kablan Duncan was appointed Prime Minister, Head of Government in addition to Minister of Economy and Finance. He is a member of the political bureau of the Parti Démocratique de Côte d'Ivoire (PDCI) and of the governing bodies of this Party (focal point of the inspectorate and departmental delegate of Grand-Bassam).

From 1970 to 1973, he served as Deputy Director of Interventions and External Economic Relations at the Ministry of Economy and Finance; from 1973 to 1974, he held a position in analysis and fiscal policies and he was a “Special appointee” at the International Monetary Fund (IMF); from 1974 to 1986, he was Head of the Studies Department of the bureau in Abidjan of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), then became Deputy Director to the National Director. After being the Executive Director of the National Social Security Fund of Cote d'Ivoire (CNPS), Mr. Duncan was appointed Central Director for Heritage and Informatics at the BCEAO in Dakar from 1989 to 1990. This same year, he became Minister of Economy and Finance of Cote d'Ivoire. Then, he carried out government work: from 1990 to 1993, Minister Delegate (Prime Minister's Office) with responsibility for Economy, Finance, Budget, Planning, Commerce and Industry; from 1993 to 1999, Prime Minister, Head of Government. He was appointed Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2011.

After the preparatory classes for the French Grandes Ecoles, he entered the Institut Commercial de Nancy, where he prepared and obtained a Master's degree in Commercial Engineering. Following training in international trade at the Institut de Commerce International de Paris, he received degrees in International Business and British and Spanish consular chambers in Paris.

## Opening Session: Africa in the new global economic landscape

### DONALD KABERUKA

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP (AfDB)

*President*



Donald Kaberuka was elected President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) in 2005, becoming the seventh President of the Bank Group since its establishment in 1963. He is currently serving his second five-year term.

Before joining the African Development Bank, Mr. Kaberuka had a distinguished career in banking, international trade and development and government service. A national of Rwanda, he was the country's Minister of Finance and Economic Planning between 1997 and 2005.

Mr. Kaberuka was educated at universities in Tanzania and Scotland. He holds a PhD in Economics from Glasgow University.

### CARLOS LOPES

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA)

*Executive Secretary*



On 23 March 2012, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon selected Carlos Lopes of Guinea-Bissau as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Mr. Lopes succeeds Abdoulie Janneh, to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for his dedication and commitment to the Organization and his leadership of ECA at a critical juncture of its work in the region.

He brings to the position more than 24 years of experience at the United Nations as United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative in Brazil and Zimbabwe. A member of several African academic networks, as well as a strategist and socio-economist, Mr. Lopes has vast experience in capacity-building and technical cooperation on the continent, and intends to focus on building consensus among the various stakeholders to ensure that ECA is a key player in the economic and social development agenda for Africa. Mr. Lopes was most recently the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and Director of the United Nations System Staff College.

### RICHARD ATTIAS

THE NEW YORK FORUM INSTITUTE

*President*



Richard Attias is the world's top community builder for the "thinking elite". As a global influencer over the last two decades, he has built a reputation for helping nations, organizations and corporations catalyze the global exchange of ideas. This talent for anticipating the most pressing issues of our time, activating global networks of thought leaders, and inspiring innovation is based on his unique experience developing some of the most influential gatherings of global leaders in the last 20 years.

Attias is also the founder and chairman of The New York Forum, and chairman of Columbia University's Center on Capitalism and Society. Prior to establishing his base in New York, Attias served as a special advisor in 2008 to the Emirate of Dubai to devise a comprehensive strategy to make the city a destination for major conferences, and cultural and sporting events. This role followed nearly a decade at Publicis Groupe, where he is credited with creating the first worldwide events network Publicis Events Worldwide in 2004, before ultimately being named Chairman of PublicisLive in 2007.

## Session 1: Growth, natural resources and economic diversification in Africa

### SUFIAN AHMED

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ETHIOPIA

*Minister*



Sufian Ahmed Beker is the Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Ethiopia since 2001. Previously to this position, he was Minister of Finance and Vice President of the Oromiya National Regional State from October 2000 to October 2001, and Minister of Finance between 1995 and 2001. He was the Commissioner of the Ethiopian Customs Authority in 1944 and 1995, and Head of the Trade Bureau of the Oromiya National Regional State in 1993.

M. Ahmed began as Instructor at the Jimma College of Agriculture and Addis Ababa University.

Born in 1958 in Eastern Hararghe, Mr. Ahmed holds a Bachelor degree in Economics from the Addis Ababa University, and a master degree in Economic Development and Planning from the same university.

### AMADOU BÂ

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE, SENEGAL

*Minister*



Amadou Ba is the current Minister of Economy and Finance of Senegal. Since 2002, Mr. Amadou Ba has led successively the Center Large Business and Tax Department before being promoted to Director General of Taxes and Fields in November 2006, a position he held until 2013 when he was appointed Minister of Economy and Finance.

Between 1995-2000, he was responsible for teaching the Central West African Training and Banking Studies (COFEB) of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO). On a professional level, the Minister began his career in Diourbel before being assigned to the Centre Tax Services Board (FSB) in Dakar Plateau. Between 1992 and 1994, he held the position of Controller of Insurance Commissioner at the Department of Insurance before returning to the Directorate General of Taxes and Areas as Inspector-Auditor at the Department of Audits and Investigations until 2002.

Born 52 years ago in Dakar, Mr. Ba studied economics at the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, where he holds a degree of Master of Economics, Business Management Option. At 27, he graduated from the National School of Administration and Magistracy (ENAM).

### AMINA BENKHADRA

NATIONAL OFFICE OF HYDROCARBONS AND MINES, MOROCCO

*General Director*



Amina Benkhadra is the General Director of the National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM) of Morocco.

In 1982, Ms. Benkhadra started her career at the Office of Mineral Research and Participation (OMRP), first as Head of the Mining Studies Department and then as Head of the Mining Research Department, and then as Head of the Investment Division. In 1994 she was appointed Director for Mining in the Ministry of Energy and Mining. She is also on the governing board of several mining companies, subsidiaries or partners ONHYM. She became director of OMRP in 1998 after setting up a new strategy for the development of the mining sector, while being Secretary of State for Development of the mining sector. She has been Executive Director of the National Research and oil exploration (ONAREP) since 20 August 2000. She is also the president of the Federation of the Mineral Industry (FDIM). She was Minister of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment of Morocco in the Government of El Fassi between 2007 and 2012.

Ms. Benkhadra graduated in civil engineering and mining from the Ecole des Mines de Nancy in 1978, and holds a doctorate in Engineering Sciences and Mining Technologies (ENSM Paris). She also holds a double degree in Management from Columbia University.

## ABDOULAYE MAR DIEYE

REGIONAL BUREAU FOR AFRICA AT THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

*Assistant Administrator and Director*



M. Dieye, from Senegal, is currently serving as Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Assistant Administrator of UNDP. He was previously Chief of Staff and Director of UNDP's Executive Office.

Until 2009, Mr. Dieye was Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States (RBAS), in New York, overseeing UNDP programme portfolios in Northern Africa, the Middle East and the Gulf Countries. Before his assignment as UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator, in November 2006, M. Dieye served in the United Nations Operations in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI), and he held several senior positions with the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA) (1995-2003). From 1984-1995, he worked with the UN Department for Technical Cooperation and Development (UN/DTCD) and the UN Department of Economic and Social Development (UN/DESD) as respectively Technical Adviser and Interregional Advisor on Development Policies and Planning. Prior to joining the UN System, he worked with the Government of Senegal.

M. Dieye is Ingenieur Statisticien Economiste (ISE), graduated from the Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE-CESD) of the Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (INSEE), Paris, France. He holds a Masters in Development Studies –Economic Policy and Planning (MDS-EPP) from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Den Haag, The Netherlands.

## MARIO PEZZINI

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

*Director, Development Centre*



Mr. Mario Pezzini is Director of the OECD Development Centre.

Before joining the Development Centre in 2010, Mr. Pezzini held several senior management positions in OECD. He was Deputy Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, and prior to that, Head of the Regional Policy Division, covering policy analysis on urban development, rural development, regional competitiveness and public governance.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines* de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. Also, he served as an Advisor in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics in international organisations and think tanks (e.g. ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy). Mr. Pezzini started his career in the Government office of the Emilia-Romagna Region.

## MALLAM SANUSI LAMIDO SANUSI

CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

*Governor*



Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, was appointed on 3 June 2009 the 10th Governor and Chairman of the Board of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

From working as a lecturer at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria where he taught Economics, Mallam Sanusi joined the banking industry in 1985 at Icon Limited (Merchant Bankers), a subsidiary of Morgan Guaranty Trust Bank of New York, and by January 2009 had risen to General Manager, to the Group Managing Director of First Bank of Nigeria PLC, Nigeria's oldest and biggest bank. Before joining First Bank, Mallam Sanusi was Principal Manager in the Credit and Risk Management Division of United Bank of Africa and rose to the position of General Manager. In September 2005, he joined the Board of First Bank of Nigeria PLC as an Executive Director in charge of Risk and Management. Mallam Sanusi has published in academic journals, books, and newspapers around the world. Mallam Sanusi has been conferred with numerous nominations, among them Forbes Africa Person of the Year for 2011. Mallam Sanusi earned his Bachelor and Masters degrees in Economics from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and also has a first class degree in Sharia and Islamic Studies from the African International University, Khartoum, Sudan.

## TIDJANE THIAM

PRUDENTIAL PLC.

*Chief Executive Officer*



Tidjane Thiam, born in Côte d'Ivoire in 1962, is chief executive of the London-based international financial services group Prudential plc. He previously served as chief financial officer of Prudential from March 25, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Mr Thiam spent several years in Africa where he was chief executive and later chairman of the National Bureau for Technical Studies and Development in Côte d'Ivoire and a cabinet member as Secretary of Planning and Development. Mr Thiam then became a partner with McKinsey & Company and one of the leaders of its financial institutions practice before joining the British multinational insurance company Aviva from 2002 to 2008. Mr Thiam is a member of the council of the Overseas Development Institute in London and a sponsor of Opportunity International, a charity focusing on microfinance in developing countries. In January 2012, he was appointed to the UK Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group and he has been a member of the European Financial Round Table since January 2013.

Mr Thiam holds engineering degrees from the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris (top of his class), and an MBA from the French business school INSEAD.

## GEORJA CALVIN SMITH

FRANCE 24

*Africa News Presenter*



Georja Calvin Smith produces and presents France 24's daily Africa news Bulletin.

She has worked in the United States, Britain and France on international documentaries, news and current affairs. After studying law in the UK she was invited to join the diplomatic service of Trinidad and Tobago before she turned to journalism at France 24.

## Session 2: The future of energy resources in Africa

### FATIH BIROL

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY

*Chief Economist & Director, Global Energy Economics*



Fatih Birol is the Chief Economist at the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris. He is responsible for the IEA's flagship World Energy Outlook publication, recognised as the most authoritative source of strategic analysis of global energy markets. He is also the founder and chair of the IEA Energy Business Council, which provides a forum to enhance cooperation between the energy industry and energy policymakers.

Mr. Birol has been named by Forbes Magazine among the most powerful people in terms of influence on the world's energy scene. He is the Chairman of the World Economic Forum's (Davos) Energy Advisory Board and has served as a member of the UN Secretary-General's "High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All". In 2013, Mr. Birol was presented with two special awards from the Iraqi government in appreciation of the work he and his team carried out for the Iraq Energy Outlook. Mr. Birol was also awarded the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic in 2012. In 2009, alongside awards from the Dutch and Polish governments, he received Germany's Federal Cross of Merit. He was awarded the Golden Honour Medal of Austria in 2007 and was made a *Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes académiques* by France in 2006. These followed awards from the governments of Turkey in 2005 and the United States in 2004 and from the Russian Academy of Sciences in 2002.

Prior to joining the IEA in 1995, Mr. Birol worked at the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna. A Turkish citizen, Mr. Birol earned a BSc degree in power engineering from the Technical University of Istanbul. He received his MSc and PhD in energy economics from the Technical University of Vienna.



## EMMANUEL ARMAH-KOFI BUAH

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PETROLEUM, GHANA

*Minister*



Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah is the Minister of Energy and Petroleum since January 2013.

Mr. Buah was previously Deputy Minister of Energy. Until his entrance into Ghanaian politics in 2008 and his subsequent election into parliament in 2009, he was in management positions at the United States Postal Service. He has held several management positions locally and internationally, in the process deepening his expertise in project management, finance, marketing and investor and international relations,

Mr. Buah is an expert in Processing Operations, Delivery Operations, Value Chain Management, Financial Planning, Human Resource Management, and Labour Relations. He is specialized in Human Resource Allocation, Problem analysis, Budget operations, Planning and Scheduling of work, Safety and Health issues, Labour Relations/Conflict Resolution, Community Relations, among others.

A native of Ellembelle in the Western Region of Ghana, Mr. Buah is a management professional and has academic qualifications in law and management from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) of Ghana and the University of Maryland, USA respectively.

## CARLOS COSTA PINA

GALP ENERGIA

*Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee*



Carlos Manuel Costa Pina is member of the Board of Galp Energia. He also is a lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon, where he lectures the subjects of Economic Law and Financial Markets.

He has been a member of the Board of Ongoing Group in 2011 and 2012, Secretary of the State for Treasury and Finance from 2005 to 2011, having in this capacity particular responsibilities at the corporate bodies of various International Financial Institutions. He previously was member of the Board of Directors of the CMVM – Securities Market Commission between 2000 and 2005, member of the Advisory Board of the ISP – Portuguese Insurance Institute from 2002 to 2005, advisor to the Prime Minister – Eng. António Guterres in 1999 and 2000, and advisor to the Minister of Finance – Professor António de Sousa Franco in 1998 and 1999.

Born on 14 December 1970, in Lisbon, Mr. Costa Pina is Graduate and Masters in Law from the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon; Doctoral Candidate in Law (Legal-Economical) from the same Faculty.

## ARTURO GONZALO AIZPIRI

REPSOL

*Corporate Director, Institutional Relations and Corporate Responsibility*



Arturo Gonzalo Aizpuri is Corporate Director of Institutional Relations and Corporate Responsibility of Repsol.

Mr. Aizpuri has been Managing Director of the Environmental Protection Agency of the Region of Madrid and Secretary General for Pollution Prevention and Climate Change in the Ministry of Environment of the Government of Spain. He also was a member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE). In December 2010, he was elected Chairman of the Spanish National Committee of the World Energy Council and Vice President of the Club Español de la Energía.

Doctor cum laude in Chemistry with a PhD Thesis on “Critical Phenomena in Fluids” by Madrid Complutense University, Mr. Aizpuri has regularly performed academic activities in the Energy Institute of Madrid, International University Menéndez Pelayo, Complutense University of Madrid, University of the Basque Country, etc.

### ABDUL RAZAK NOORMAHOMED

MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES, MOZAMBIQUE

*Vice-Minister*

Abdul Razak Noormahomed is Vice-Minister of Mineral Resources and Alternate Member of the Parliament. He is also a member of the following professional associations: Mozambican Public Health Association (AMOSAPU) and Mozambique Medical College (Ordem de Medicos).



Relative to his professional experience, from 2000 to 2005, he became Governor of the Nampula Province. From 1994 to 2000, he was Vice-Minister of Health; 1993-94, he was Director of Health and Medical Services; 1980-93, he was Director of Planning and International Co-operation in the Ministry of Health (MoH); 1977-80, he was Chief Provincial Medical Officer in Manica Province.

He received further education in tropical medicine and hygiene, from the Liverpool School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool (U.K.) and has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Health Planning and Administration (1988-89), from the Nuffield Institute for Health Services Studies, University of Leeds (U.K.). He holds a degree in medical surgery (1976), from the Faculty of Medicine of the Eduardo Mondlane University of Maputo, Mozambique. He was professor at the Faculty of Medicine, teaching Administration and Management in Health until July 2000. He received Presidential Award for Good Services in 2005.

### PASQUALE SALZANO

ENI

*Vice-President, International Public Affairs*



Pasquale Salzano is Vice-President for International Governmental Affairs at ENI, a post held since 2011.

Previously, he was a Director at the Heiligendamm L'Aquila Process at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. In 2008, he was Head of the G8 Sherpa Italian Presidency Office. In 2007, Mr. Salzano was an Adviser in the Diplomatic Office of the Italian Prime Minister, directly responsible for all bilateral relations with European countries, international organizations and the G8/G20 summits. Prior to that, he was Chief-of-Staff at the Italian Mission to the United Nations in New York; Head of the Italian Office in Kosovo in 2002-2005; and Chief-of-Staff at the OSCE Mission in Belgrade in 2001.

An Italian career diplomat, Mr. Salzano holds a PhD in International Law.

### LANRE AKINOLA

FINANCIAL TIMES

*Editor, This Is Africa*



Lanre Akinola is Editor of This Is Africa, a Financial Times Ltd publication, which focuses on the policy and the business environment across the continent, as well as Africa's strategic relationships with other world regions. He was part of the founding team that set up This Is Africa in 2008.

Mr. Akinola is a sought-after speaker and commentator on Africa. Some of the organisations and companies he has and continues to work with are the World Economic Forum, the German Development Bank, The European Commission, The Rockefeller Foundation, The OECD, the Brookings Institute, IBM, Eversheds and the Financial Times. He has also appeared as a commentator on Bloomberg TV and the BBC.

A native of Lagos, Nigeria, he holds a degree in politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London.

## Session 3: Structural transformation for a better integration in regional and global value chains

### AZIZ AKHANNOUCH

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MARITIME FISHING, MOROCCO

*Minister*



Aziz Akhannouch is Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fishing of the Kingdom of Morocco. After having completed a first mandate from 2007 to 2011; Mr. Akhannouch is currently completing his second mandate. Introduced in 2008 by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, he played a major role in the development and success of the Green Morocco Plan, a 10-year sectoral programme that profoundly reshapes the entire food value chain in Morocco.

A business man before going into politics, he is President of the Akwa Group, a holding company of around 50 enterprises mainly in the hydrocarbons and property sectors. He also performed other functions such as President of the the Souss-Massa-Drâa region (Agadir) and Director of the Moroccan Central Bank.

Mr. Akhannouch obtained a Master in Management at the Sherbrooke University, Canada.

### JOSÉ MANUEL BRIOSA E GALA

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EU)

*Special Advisor and Personal Representative for Africa in the Africa Partnership Forum*



In April 2007, José Manuel Mr. Briosa e Gala was appointed by the President of the European Commission, Mr. José Manuel Barroso, as his Special Advisor and Personal Representative for Africa in the Africa Partnership Forum. Mr. Briosa e Gala is also a board member of the African Legal Support Facility since June 2011.

Mr. Briosa e Gala was Secretary of State for Cooperation responsible for the development cooperation policy and humanitarian assistance of Portugal from 1992 to 1995. At the national level, he was also in charge of Portuguese foreign policy regarding the African continent. In this context, he was also intensely involved in the peace processes in Angola and Mozambique, given Portugal's engagement as a diplomatic observer under the auspices of the United Nations. Mr. Briosa e Gala also represented his country in key international development conferences such as the Cairo UN Conference on Population and Development and the World Conference on Women in Beijing. After his tenure in office, Mr. Briosa e Gala worked as a manager and was responsible for the area of business development in several African-based companies.

Mr. Briosa e Gala is a Portuguese lawyer who holds a Master's Degree in International Relations and Community law from the University of Lisbon as well as a degree in Philosophy.

### JENDAYI E. FRAZER

AFRICA EXCHANGE HOLDINGS, LTD.

*Managing Partner*



Jendayi Frazer is the Managing Partner of Africa Exchange Holdings, Ltd., a private sector initiative to build Africa's equity and commodity markets. She serves as Chairman of the Board of the East Africa Exchange, Ltd, that is based in Kigali, Rwanda and is the first leg of a regional exchange intended to increase transparency in the East Africa Community's commodity markets.

Ms. Frazer is also a Distinguished Public Service Professor at Carnegie Mellon University, where she is on faculty at the Heinz College School of Public Policy and Management and in the Department of Social and Decision Sciences. She is the Director of the university's Center for International Policy and Innovation (CIPI). She is an Adjunct Senior Fellow for Africa Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations where she chairs the "Africa After 50" high-level roundtable series focused on trends and regional dynamics shaping Africa's future.

Ms. Frazer served as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs and as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council. She was the first woman U.S. Ambassador to South Africa. She was instrumental in establishing the Bush Administration's signature initiatives,



including the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Millennium Challenge Account. She is widely credited for designing the administration's policies for ending the wars in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Burundi, and for helping resolve Kenya's 2007 post-election crisis. In recognition of her contributions, Condoleezza Rice presented Ms. Frazer with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award bestowed by the Secretary of State. In July 2010, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf awarded Ms. Frazer with the distinction of Dame Grand Commander in the Humane Order of African Redemption in recognition of her contribution to restoring peace and democracy to Liberia.

Ms. Frazer received her B.A. in Political Science (Honors) and African and Afro-American Studies (Distinction), M.A. degrees in International Policy Studies and International Development Education, and a Ph.D. in Political Science, all from Stanford University.

### **MAHAMA KAPPIAH**

ECOWAS CENTRE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY (ECREEE)

*Executive Director*



Mahama Kappiah is the Executive Director of the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE). He was eminent in the establishment of the Centre, which aims to ensure increased access to reliable, affordable and clean energy in the West African region. Under his leadership, ECREEE has attained international recognition as a unique regional renewable energy and energy efficiency promotion agency in sub-Saharan Africa, with other regional economic Communities such as the EAC and SADC seeking to emulate.

Prior to the establishment of ECREEE in 2010, Mr. Kappiah was Head of the ECOWAS Energy Division. Some of his achievements include the creation of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) and the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulation Authority (ERERA). Before joining the ECOWAS Commission, he worked in the Planning and Development Department of the Volta River Authority (VRA) of Ghana, where he served in various capacities. He is a member of the REN21 Board.

Mr Kappiah holds a Masters of Science in Electromechanical Engineering from the Kharkov Polytechnic Institute, Kharkov, Ukraine. He has over 20 years of experience working on issues related to energy, environment, climate change and sustainable development in West Africa and beyond.

### **JACQUELINE SULTAN**

NATIONAL AGENCY FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY, GUINEA

*Director General*



Jacqueline Martha Sultan was appointed Director General of the National Agency for Agricultural Development and Food Security, Public agency Guinea by President Alpha Conde in March 2013. She served as Vice-President of the Regional Observatory Livestock-Meat of West Africa and Central and Advisor to the President of Guinea for rural development since 2011.

Previously to his conversion in the field of rural and agricultural development, Ms. Sultan studied medicine in Paris, where she holds a state doctorate in dental surgery in 1980. After being senior consultant at John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia, she returned to Guinea in 1990, her native country she left in exile at the age of 19 years.

### **BRUNO WENN**

DEG - DEUTSCHE INVESTITIONS- UND ENTWICKLUNGSGESELLSCHAFT MBH

*Chairman of the Management Board*



Bruno Wenn is Chairman of the Board of Management of DEG since October 2009.

Prior to that, Mr. Wenn has been working for KfW Bankengruppe since 1982, in his last position he was responsible for the Regional Division Sub-Saharan Africa. Before that, he was Head of the Secretariat for Financial Cooperation of KfW Development Bank and responsible for strategy and policy of KfW's financial assistance to developing countries. Prior to this, he was Director and Head of the Policy Department of KfW Development Bank. Before entering the Policy Department

in 1996, Mr. Wenn worked as Head of the Department for Development Policy. From 1992 to 1995, he was Chief of the Division for Social and Economic Infrastructure in the Sector Policy Department; he worked in the South Asia Department as Senior Economist (1987-1992) and in the East Asia Department as Project Manager (1983-1987).

After graduating from University of Bonn in 1981 with a degree in economics and a post graduate training programme in development economics at the German Development Institute, Berlin, in 1981/1982, Mr. Wenn began his career as a trainee with the KfW in Frankfurt.

### SHADA ISLAM

FRIENDS OF EUROPE

*Head of Policy*



Shada Islam is responsible for policy oversight of *Friends of Europe's* initiatives, activities and publications. She has special responsibility for the Asia Programme and for the Development Policy Forum.

Ms. Islam is the former Europe correspondent for the Far Eastern Economic Review and has previously worked on Asian issues at the European Policy Centre. She is closely involved with initiatives to promote Asia-Europe exchanges including within the context of ASEM (Asia Europe Meetings). As a journalist, Ms. Islam also worked extensively on development questions including relations between the EU and African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states as well as on world trade, including the Doha Round. Ms. Islam continues to write on EU foreign and security policy, EU-Asia relations and trade and development issues for leading Asian, European and international publications.

## Keynote closing speech

### TONY O. ELUMELU

TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION / HEIRS HOLDINGS LIMITED

*Founder / Chairman*



Tony Elumelu is an entrepreneur, a philanthropist and the chairman of Heirs Holdings Limited. He also serves as Chairman of Transnational Corporation of Nigeria Plc (Transcorp), a publicly quoted conglomerate. Mr. Elumelu's business interests span the financial services, energy, real estate and hospitality, agribusiness, and healthcare sectors.

In his early career, Mr. Elumelu turned around the nearly bankrupt Standard Trust Bank, creating a top-five player in Nigeria. In 2005, he led the largest merger in the banking sector in Sub-Saharan Africa – acquiring United Bank for Africa (UBA), and becoming its CEO at age 34. In five years he transformed it from a single-country bank, to a pan-African institution with over 7 million customers in 19 African countries. Following his retirement from UBA in 2010, Mr Elumelu founded Heirs Holdings, as well as The Tony Elumelu Foundation, an Africa-based and African-funded, philanthropic organization dedicated to the promotion of excellence in business leadership and entrepreneurship. One of its goals is to enhance the competitiveness of Africa's private sector. He serves as an Advisor to the USAID's Private Capital Group for Africa (PCGA) Partners Forum. He sits on the Nigerian President's Agricultural Transformation Implementation Council (ATIC) and serves as Co-Chair of the Aspen Institute Dialogue Series on Global Food Security. He was a leader in the formation of the National Competitiveness Council of Nigeria (NCCN) and now serves as its Vice-Chairman. He chairs the Ministerial Committee to establish world-class hospitals and diagnostic centres across Nigeria, at the invitation of the Federal Government. In 2003, The Federal Government of Nigeria conferred the national honour of Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) on Mr. Elumelu. In 2012, he was awarded the National Honour of Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) for his service in promoting private enterprise. He was recognized as one of "Africa's 20 Most Powerful People in 2012" by Forbes Magazine. In addition, the New African Magazine featured him in their list of the "100 Most Influential Africans in Business."