

“Harnessing the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development”

Speaker Bios

INTRODUCTION

Maria Sarungi-Tsehai, Founder and Director, Compass Communications



Maria Sarungi-Tsehai is the director and owner of Compass Communications, that she founded with her husband David Tsehai. She is also a director/producer of award winning films and documentaries. Maria is a communication consultant, having provided communication advice, PR management and training to various organizations including UN agencies, civil society organizations and individuals. Maria Sarungi Tsehai has 10 years' experience in national and international pageantry as event manager and pageant expert.

Michael Elliott, CEO, The ONE Campaign



Michael Elliott is the President and Chief Executive Officer of ONE, the global campaigning and advocacy organization fighting extreme poverty and preventable disease. Prior to joining ONE in 2011, Elliott had a long and distinguished career in the media. He served as editor of both TIME International and Newsweek International, and as Political Editor and Washington Bureau Chief of The Economist, where he was the founding author of both the “Bagehot” and “Lexington” columns. Elliott was a columnist on the global economy for Fortune magazine, and has written and presented many television documentaries that have been broadcast all over the world. He is the author of four books, including The Day Before Yesterday, an acclaimed history of the post-1945 United States. Elliott was born and raised in Liverpool, England, and earned two degrees from Oxford University. Prior to his career in journalism, he was a member of the Central Policy Review Staff in Britain’s Cabinet Office, and before that, spent eight years teaching in universities in the US and UK, ending his academic career with a tenured position at the London School of Economics. Elliott sits on a number of official advisory committees and boards, including those of InterAction, the International Center for Journalists, and Beyond Sport. He has served as vice-chair and chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Poverty and Sustainable Development, is often cited in the international media on issues of global affairs, and frequently speaks and moderates at conferences all over the world.

Sarah T. Lucas, Senior Program Officer, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation



Sarah T. Lucas, an expert in global development policy, serves as a program officer in the Foundation’s Global Development and Population program. Sarah manages a portfolio of grants aimed at ensuring that global development policies—both in developing and donor nations—are informed by the best available information and evidence. Before joining the Hewlett Foundation, Sarah worked with the U.S. government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) in a number of roles. Most recently as MCC’s Country Team Lead for Liberia, Sarah also served as senior policy adviser in the MCC’s Department of Policy and Evaluation. In this role, she represented MCC in a number of government-wide initiatives related to the President’s Global Development Policy, and cultivating learning within and beyond MCC through synthesis of lessons from MCC’s model. Prior to joining the MCC, Sarah worked with the Center for Global Development (CGD), a Washington-based policy research center focused on international development. During CGD’s start-up phase, Sarah led strategy to make CGD research influential for legislative and executive branch policy makers, advocacy groups, and the general public. Sarah has traveled and conducted policy analysis throughout Africa and Central America, and worked for over three years with local NGOs in southern Mexico.

Sarah graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wellesley College with a degree in Latin American Studies. She holds a masters degree in Public Policy with a concentration in Political and Economic Development from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Government of Kenya



Mr. Henry K. Rotich is the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury. Prior to this appointment, Rotich was the Head of Macroeconomics at the Treasury, Ministry of Finance, since March 2006. Under this capacity he was involved in formulation of macroeconomic policies that ensured an affordable and sustainable path of public spending aimed at achieving the Government's development priorities. In addition, he was also involved in preparation of key budget documents including the Budget Statements, as well as providing strategic coordination of structural reforms in the area of fiscal and financial sector. Prior to joining the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Rotich worked at the Research Department of the Central Bank of Kenya since 1994. Between, 2001-2004, he was attached to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) local

office in Nairobi to work as an economist. Mr. Rotich was also a Director on several Boards of State Corporations, including: Insurance Regulatory Board; Industrial Development Bank; Communication Commission of Kenya; and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics. Mr. Rotich holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University. He also holds Master's Degree in Economics and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics (First Class Honours), both from University of Nairobi.

Amina Mohammed, UN Special Adviser on Post-2015, Executive Office of the U.N. Secretary-General



Ms. Amina Mohammed was appointed as Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning in June 2012 after more than 30 years of experience as a development practitioner in the public and private sectors. Prior to this role, she was Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the Millennium Development Goals after serving three Presidents over a period of six years. In 2005 she was charged with the coordination of the debt relief funds towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria while from 2002 to 2005, Ms. Mohammed served as coordinator of the Task Force on Gender and Education for the United Nations Millennium Project. In addition, Ms. Mohammed received

the National Honours Award of the Order of the Federal Republic in 2006 and was inducted in the Nigerian Women's Hall of Fame in 2007.

Professor Jeff Sachs, Co-Director, Sustainable Development Solutions Network



Professor Sachs is the Director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is also Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Millennium Development Goals, having held the same position under former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. In addition, he is Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, co-founder and Chief Strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance, and director of the Millennium Villages Project. Sachs is also one of the Secretary-

General's MDG Advocates, and a Commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development. Professor Sachs is widely considered to be the world's leading expert on economic development and the fight against poverty. He has authored several books including three New York Times bestsellers: *The End of Poverty* (2005), *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (2008), *The Price of Civilization* (2011), and *To Move the World* (2013).

Michael Anderson, CEO, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)



Michael Anderson joined CIFF as Chief Executive Officer in 2013. He was previously Prime Minister David Cameron's Special Envoy for UN Development Goals, and Director General for Policy and Global Programmes at the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Prior to joining DFID, he was Director of Studies at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, an independent think tank. In addition, Mr. Anderson sits on the Board of Directors of the Global Innovation Fund and The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition. He also chairs the Fiscal Governance Programme Board at the Open Society Foundations.

Robbie Schingler, Co-founder and President, Planet Labs



Robbie Schingler is the Co-Founder and President of Planet Labs. Prior to Planet Labs, Mr. Schingler spent 9 years at NASA where he helped to formulate the Small Spacecraft Office at NASA Ames Research Center and was Capture Manager for the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). He also served as NASA's Open Government Representative to the White House and as Chief of Staff for the Office of the Chief Technologist at NASA – where he incubated \$650M Space Technology Program that focused on advanced technology. He holds a MBA from Georgetown University, a Masters of Science Space Studies from the International Space University, and a BS in Engineering Physics from Santa Clara University.

COMMITMENTS TO HARNESSING THE DATA REVOLUTION

H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President, Liberia



H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is the current President of Liberia, after being elected for her second mandate in January 2012. Before becoming President, Ms. Sirleaf served as Minister of Finance under President William Tolbert from 1979 until the 1980 coup d'état, after which she left the country and held senior positions at various financial institutions. In 2005 she won her first presidential election, becoming the first elected female head of state in Africa. In 2011 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, jointly with Leymah Gbowee of Liberia and Tawakel Karman of Yemen. The women were recognized "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work". In addition, in 2013 she was conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize by President of India Pranab Mukherjee.

Jack Lew, Secretary of the Treasury, USA



Jacob J. "Jack" Lew was sworn in as the 76th United States Secretary of the Treasury in 2013, becoming the principal economic advisor to the President on domestic and international financial, economic, and tax issues. Prior to this role, Lew was the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), a position he also held in President Clinton's Cabinet from 1998 to 2001. Lew began his career as a legislative assistant to Representative Joe Moakley and as a senior policy adviser to former House Speaker Tip O'Neill. Lew then worked as an attorney in private practice before working as a deputy in Boston's office of management and budget. From 1993 onwards he has held several roles as civil servant in both the Clinton and Obama administrations.

H.E. Amadou Bâ, Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning, Senegal



Amadou Bâ is the current Minister of Economy and Finance of Senegal. Since 2002, Mr. Amadou Bâ 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. Mr. Bâ 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).

Fernando Aportela, Undersecretary of Finance and Public Credit, Federal Government of Mexico



Fernando Aportela is the Undersecretary of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico since December 2012. Prior to that he was the Executive Director of Investment Banking of Evercore Mexico until November 2012. In 2004 he joined Protego, which subsequently in 2005 merged with Evercore Partners becoming Evercore Mexico. Before that he was Undersecretary of Finance of the State of Veracruz, Mexico. Fernando Aportela also served as director of economic research in the Central Bank of Mexico, deputy director of the team of economic advisors to the President of Mexico and member of the team of economic advisors to the Minister of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico. Mr. Aportela received a B.A. from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD



Angel Gurría has been Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 2006. On September 30, 2010, he was reappointed to a second five-year mandate after his first term finished on June 1, 2011. Prior to that, he served as the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs (1994–1997) and as Secretary of Finance (1998–2000) in the Ernesto Zedillo administration. In addition, Gurría has also been President and CEO of the National Development Bank of Mexico (Nafin) and President and CEO of the Foreign Trade Bank (Bancomext). From 2003 to 2005 he was a chair member of the Inter-American Development Bank's External Advisory Group. Since 2010, he has also served as a Commissioner for the Broadband Commission for Digital Development which leverages broadband technologies as a key enabler for social and economic development.

David Hallam, Director, International Relations and UK Envoy, Post-2015 Development Goals at Department for International Development, UK



David Hallam is the Director for International Relations and Envoy for the Post-2015 Development Goals in the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Prior to that he led a cross-government team supporting the British Prime Minister in his role as co-Chair of the High Level Panel on the post-2015 Development Agenda. Previously, he led on DFID's relations with the UN development system and the Commonwealth. His earlier career included postings to Jerusalem, where he headed the UK's aid programme to the Palestinian people, and to Nairobi. David has a PhD and first class honours degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of East Anglia.

Gavin Buchan DFATD's Director General, Development Policy Planning, Strategic Policy, Government of Canada

Johannes P. Jütting, Coordinator, PARIS21



Johannes P. Jütting, Senior Economist, is the head of the Global Development Team. His responsibilities include conceptualising, managing and providing leadership in the areas of employment, gender, social protection and migration. He has published extensively in peer reviewed journals such as World Development and the Journal of Human Development. Prior to joining the OECD in 2002, Johannes was a Research Fellow at the Center for Development Research in Bonn (ZEF) where he directed a research group on poverty (1997-2002). He holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Humboldt-University (Berlin) and received his habilitation in development economics from the University of Bonn.

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Elizabeth Cousens, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, UN Foundation



Before joining the UN Foundation, Elizabeth Cousens served as U.S. Ambassador to the UN Economic and Social Council and Alternate Representative to the UN General Assembly (2012-14). She previously served as Principal Policy Advisor and Counselor to the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, Susan Rice (2009-12). In this capacity, she was lead U.S. negotiator on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including representing the United States in the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. She was also sherpa to Ambassador Rice for the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability. Cousens' has also lived around the world, serving with UN political missions in Nepal and the Middle East and working as an analyst in conflict zones, including Bosnia and Haiti.

Mahmoud Mohieldin, Corporate Secretary and President's Special Envoy on Millennium Development Goals, the Post-2015 process, and financial development, World Bank Group



Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin is the World Bank President's Special Envoy on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Financial Development. He is also in charge of coordinating the World Bank Group's efforts to strengthen partnerships with the UN and multilateral development institutions. Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr. Mohieldin was Minister of Investment of the Arab Republic of Egypt from 2004 to 2010. His portfolio included investment policy; the management of state-owned assets; and non-banking financial services, including capital markets, insurance and mortgage finance. Mohieldin has also served as a Professor in Financial Economics, at the Faculty of Economics & Political Science, Cairo University.

Dr René N'guettia Kouassi, Director of Economic Affairs, The African Union Commission



Dr. René Kouassi N'Guettia, an Ivorian national, is a holder of a PhD in Economics (Ph.D) in October 1995 at the University of Versailles, France and a doctorate in Development Economics in February 1985 at the University of Auvergne (Clermont – Ferrand I, France). Currently Director of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Commission of the African

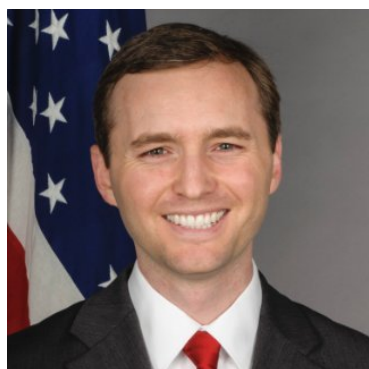
Union since July 2004, Dr. Kouassi held previously and successively the functions of Deputy Chief of Staff of the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and Chief of Cabinet of the Interim Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union.

Dr. Ayo Ajayi, Director, Africa Team, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



Dr. Ayo Ajayi is director of the Africa Team, leading the foundation's work on policy, advocacy, and government relations across the continent, as well as the foundation's offices in Ethiopia, South Africa, and Nigeria. Dr. Ajayi joined the foundation in 2014 from PATH, where he served as Vice President for International Development. Before joining PATH, Dr. Ajayi served as regional director for sub-Saharan Africa for the Population Council for 16 years, leading the establishment of the organization's presence and programmatic work in reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, social science and operations research, and institutional capacity building in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa. Before that, he served as regional director for Africa for Pathfinder International leading its work in family planning and reproductive health in several African countries.

Dr. Tomicah Tillemann, Director, Bretton Woods II, New America



Dr. Tomicah Tillemann is a global leader in the fields of civic innovation, citizen engagement, and social finance. He has designed and implemented over 20 major initiatives in these areas on behalf of the President and two Secretaries of State. He currently serves as a Senior Fellow and Director of Bretton Woods II at New America. In this capacity, he leads a consortium working with many of the world's largest asset holders to dedicate one percent of their resources to social impact and development. Between 2010 and 2014, Dr. Tillemann worked with Hillary Clinton and John Kerry as the Secretary of State's Senior Advisor for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies. Dr. Tillemann led a team of experts that operated like venture capitalists to translate promising ideas and technologies into successful diplomacy. He also established and chaired the State Department's Global Philanthropy Working Group and dealt extensively with issues related to social finance. Dr. Tillemann came to the State Department in 2009 as Secretary Clinton's speechwriter and collaborated with her on over 200 speeches. From 2005 to 2009, he worked on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as an advisor to Committee Chairmen Joe Biden and John Kerry.

Sean Nolan, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy, & Review Department, International Monetary Fund



Mr. Nolan, an Irish national, is a Deputy Director in the African Department of the IMF. Educated at Trinity College Dublin and at Yale University, he taught at Boston University during 1984-89 and worked for the Harvard Institute for International Development as a resident advisor at the Indonesian Finance Ministry during 1989-1992. Since joining the IMF in 1992, he was worked in the European, Asia/Pacific, and African Departments, and in the Office of the Deputy Managing Director; he also served as the IMF's senior resident representative in the Philippines during 1999-2002 and as its senior resident representative in South Africa during 2006-09.

Geoff Adlidge, Director, Advocacy and Public Policy, GAVI The Vaccine Alliance



Geoff Adlidge, Head, Advocacy and Public Policy Geoff Adlidge's career spans both the public and the private sector, drawing on his skills in outreach and public policy. He joined GAVI in 2007 from the Australian Mission to the United Nations in Geneva where he was a Counsellor for Development. Prior to this, he held several posts at AusAID, including Director of the Cambodia, Burma and Thailand section, various posts in the Pacific Islands leading aid programme management and development, and AusAID's Senior Public Affairs Officer in Canberra. From 1998 to 2001 he was First Secretary (Development Cooperation) at the Australian High Commission in Suva. Originally a radio journalist, Geoff worked for six years for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation before moving into public relations and policy work with Aboriginal organisations in Australia, which paved the way for his governmental development work. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Communications) and has undertaken further studies in development and anthropology.

Charles Brigham, Account Manager, Esri



Prior to joining ESRI, he worked for the United Nations, NASA, CARICOM, and the World Bank as well as a number of countries in Central America, Africa and Asia. He has experience in International Development, Census and Statistics, Geospatial Information, ICT Innovations, Imagery Analysis, and Humanitarian affairs.

Derek John Gliddon, National Partnerships Manager, Eye On Earth



Derek John Gliddon is a Facilitator of the Global Network of Networks Special Initiative in Eye on Earth. He is GISP certified senior information management, services & sciences specialist with over twenty years technical and business management experience. He has a strong background in spatial informatics with substantial experience in the domains of Architecture, Engineering and Construction; Environment, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development. A UK national with substantial GCC-region experience. He has a particular interest in data modeling, software development and information infrastructures for the built and natural environments.

Nilesh Mistry, Senior Manager, DigitalGlobe



Nilesh Mistry is currently the Senior Manager for the Seeing a Better World Programme in DigitalGlobe. He is a Consultant with over 20 years experience leading domestic and international business change/process improvement projects within manufacturing and service delivery organisations in both the public and private sector. His international experience includes managing multi-discipline teams to design and deliver a range of Change & Process Improvement projects within Government agencies, Ministries and medium-sized manufacturing organisations. In addition, he's gained extensive commercial experience leading capacity building and restructuring programmes for government agencies in: the UK, Malta, the Balkans, Africa and Iraq.

Jose Ugaz, Chair of the Board, Transparency International (TI)



José Carlos Ugaz became President of PROETICA, TI's chapter in Peru, in 2002, then an Individual Member of Transparency International in 2008. A lawyer by training, Ugaz served as Ad-Hoc State Attorney of Peru in several corruption cases. During the Fujimori-Montesinos affair (2000-2002), his office opened more than 200 cases against 1,500 members of the Fujimori network. Under his mandate, US\$205 million in assets were frozen abroad and US\$75 million were recovered. Ugaz was a member of the UN Peace Keeping Mission and the UN Election Observers Mission for El Salvador, and from 2004-2006 served at the World Bank's Institutional Integrity Office. He has been teaching criminal law at the Universidad Católica del Perú since 1986. Ugaz was elected to the TI Board in 2011, and elected chair in 2014.

Nicolas De Cordes, Vice President of Marketing Anticipation, Orange Group



Nicolas de Cordes is Vice President Marketing Anticipation for the Orange Group, in charge of identifying consumer trends and exploring new business opportunities. As part of this role he manages the projects "Data 4 Development", Big Data open innovation initiatives launched in Ivory Coast and Senegal. Nicolas is also member of The World Economic Forum's Global agenda Council on Data-Driven Development 2014-2016, and served on the UN Secretary-General Independent Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on the "Data Revolution for Development" outlining the vision and path to progress to use Data to transform the Development sector. He is Co-founder and on the board of Digital Forming, a Co-Design modeling and 3D printing service start-up

based in the UK, and owner of several patents in telecommunications and 3D Printing. He worked in the past as head of Corporate Strategy for the Mobile business for the Group based in the UK, then VP of Corporate Strategy for the whole of Orange Group based in Paris. Previous to that he was head of Consumer marketing for Mobistar the affiliate in Belgium. Before joining Orange, he worked as a consultant for Accenture and The Boston Consulting Group, and is a graduate from Ecole Polytechnique of Brussels

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Sean Sherlock, Minister of State for Overseas Development and Trade Promotion and North-South Cooperation, Ireland



Sean Sherlock has served as a TD for the Cork East constituency since 2007. He is a graduate of NUI Galway and hold a degree in Economics and Politics. He served as Labour party spokesperson on Agriculture and Food from September 2007 to March 2011. From 2011 to 2014 he served as Minister of State at the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation and Education & Skills with special responsibility for Research & Innovation. He currently serves as Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with special responsibility for Trade Promotion, Development and North South Co-Operation.

María Emma Mejía Vélez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, Head of Delegation, Colombia



After a long career as journalist and diplomat, Ms. Maria Emma Mejia Vélez was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations in New York in November 2013. She also served as the 2nd Secretary General of the Union of South American Nations (2011-2012), Minister of

oreign Affairs of Colombia (1996-1998), and Ambassador of Colombia to Spain (1993-1995), the first woman ever to hold that position.

Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)



Dr. Carlos Lopes was appointed as the eighth Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa in September 2012. Previously he served as Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva and Director of the UN System Staff College in Turin at the level of Assistant Secretary-General from March 2007 to August 2012. 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 African continent.

Danny Sriskandarajah, Executive Secretary, CIVICUS



Dr Dhananjayan (Danny) Sriskandarajah has been Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation since January 2013. Prior to this post, he was Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Interim Director of the Commonwealth Foundation, and Deputy Director of the Institute for Public Policy Research. Dr Dhananjayan is also the author of numerous reports and academic articles on international migration and economic development and he sits on several boards, including those of the Baring Foundation, International Alert and Ockenden International. He holds a degree from the University of Sydney, and an MPhil and DPhil from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. In 2012, he was honoured by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader.

Walt M. Macnee, Vice-Chairman, MasterCard



Walt M. Macnee is vice chairman, MasterCard Worldwide. In this capacity, he is responsible for various senior client and government relationships - engaging these important stakeholders on key issues related to the ever-changing payments industry. In addition, he leads MasterCard's evolving merchant strategy. Prior to being appointed to his current position, Mr. Macnee was President Global Markets from November 2007 until January 2009. From 2006 until November 2007, Mr. Macnee was President of the Americas, with responsibility for building all aspects of the Company's issuance and acceptance business in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean. While from 2001 to 2004, Mr. Macnee was President of MasterCard Canada. In addition, from 2004 to 2006, Mr. Macnee served as Executive Vice President, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, in Toronto. Previously, he spent 18 years with Toronto Dominion Bank.

Hezkias Tadele and Cheick Faysal, Youth Ambassadors, Restless Development

Hezkias works as a project officer at a local NGO called Talent Youth Association (TaYA). TaYA is an indigenous, non-governmental organization working on youth Sexual Reproductive health and Leadership & Empowerment. Hezkias promotes meaningful youth participation with regards to the post-2015 agenda to different stakeholders as one component for governance and accountability. He is also a youth champion for Voice Africa's Future 2015. The project has managed to source perspective from 13,000 Ethiopian children and young people about the future they want to see in their country, using mobile technology. These voices were merged into 10 thematic areas which Hezkias as a youth champion has been lobbying for, targeting government officials and Civil Society Organization representatives, so that Ethiopia can reflect these priority issues of the youth in the SDGs.

Cheick is a young Burkinabe, socially engaged in his community since the age of 12. His main focus of action and interest is the effective participation of youth in decision-making and implementation in the ground. Cheick currently pilots projects in the field of civic participation of young people, accountability, local governance and sustainable development. He is part of the task team to strengthen his leadership and skills and to create a stronger voice for youth in international negotiations. He believes the world can be better, and development more sustainable, if we involve youth in policy design and give them a chance to practice on the ground. He also believes that all governments must agree to be held to account to its citizens and commitments.