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ACCELERATING DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR A RESILIENT URBAN RECOVERY IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

Speakers Biography

 <p>Ms. Laurence Kwark General Secretary Global Social Economy Forum</p>	<p>Ms. Laurence KWARK is the General Secretary of GSEF (Global Social Economy Forum) since Feb 2016, working for the International Recognition & Visibility of Social and Solidarity Economy and the promotion of international exchange and cooperation between local governments and social economic networks. She had worked from 1998 to 2008, as a programme manager for South America and Asia at the “Terre d’avenir & CCFD”, an International Development NGO of France. She had also worked as the General Secretary of the Pax Romana ICMICA (International Catholic Movement for Intellectuals and Cultural Affairs) in Geneva for 2009-2012 then from 2013 till February 2016, as the Representative of Pax Romana to UN in Geneva. She had graduated Sejong University in Seoul in 1983 and got her master’s degree in Sociology in 1993 from the French Institute of High Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS) in Paris, France.</p>
 <p>Mr. Carlos Carrion-Crespo Specialist Public Services, International Labour Organization</p>	<p>Carlos Carrión-Crespo is the specialist for public services and utilities in the Sectoral Policies Department of the ILO since 2008. An attorney since 1999, he also holds a Ph.D. in History. He has published several journal articles on labour relations law and history, cited in law decisions and history books. During his time in the ILO, he has actively promoted the recognition of the links between the Sustainable development Goals on decent work (no. 8) and on access to water and sanitation (no. 6).</p> <p>In 2016, he coordinated the campaign for World Water Day and World Toilet Day dedicated to Jobs and is the author or coordinator of several promotional tools on labour relations in the public service, including local government.</p>



Ms. Najat Zarrouk
Director
African Local Government
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Dr. Najat Zarrouk is the Director of the African Local Government Academy of the United Cities and Local Government of Africa based in Rabat, since August 2016. She has 39 years of experience in the Public Service at national, continental and global levels, in particular as a former Civil servant in the Ministry of the Interior of Morocco where she served from 1983 to 2014, including as Governor, Director of Training.

In 2009, she was appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations as a Member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) where she served from 2010 to 2017, including as the Chairperson of this Committee in 2012 and 2013.

In 2009, she was appointed Member of the Board of the Arab Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI) where she served until 2012, as well as member of Women's Democracy Network (WDN). In August 2018, she was elected Vice-President of the African Public Service Human Resources Managers Network (APS-HRMNet). In July 2019, she was elected member of the Board of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (AISIA) for the Term 2019-2022. In February 2020, she was appointed Chairperson of the International Commission on Accreditation of Public Administration (ICAPA) education and training programs of AISIA.

She received her Ph.D. in Political Sciences from the University Mohammed V of Rabat (International Relations option). She is also a graduated of the National School for Public Administration in Rabat (Student Honor) and of the University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne) in International, European and comparative studies. She also attended several training courses on public management at Pittsburgh University (USA), on Regional Development at Aix-Marseille III University (France), and on Decentralization-Devolution in France.



Mr. Ilcheong Yi
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Ilcheong Yi is Senior Research Coordinator in the Social Policy and Development Programme and in the Social Dimensions of Sustainable Development Programme at UNRISD. He joined UNRISD in October 2008. Born in the Republic of Korea, he was trained as a political scientist (B.A. and M.A. from the Department of Political Science, Seoul National University, Korea) and as a social policy analyst (D.Phil from Oxford University, UK).

His specialization is in the issues of poverty, social policy, labour policy, social economy, and historical analysis of the economic and social development process. Prior to joining UNRISD, Ilcheong was Associate Professor at Kyushu University, Japan (2004-2008), Korea Foundation Visiting Professor in the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia (2003-2004), and Visiting Research Fellow at the Stein Rokkan Centre, University of Bergen, Norway (2002-2003).



Mr. Jean D'Araron
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Mr. Jean D'Araron has 20 years of international development experience in research, policy capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation related to sustainable development in America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. He worked at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya and the UN DESA United Nations Centre for Regional Development in Nagoya, Japan on climate change, natural disaster risk and vulnerability reduction, urban planning and governance.

Jean has also been called upon to undertake assignments as Early Recovery Advisor and Early Recovery National Coordinator with the same and other UN agencies such as UNDP, in various geographical contexts, including disaster-hit regions of the Philippines and Vanuatu or in Cameroon, where he developed and coordinated programmes combining food security and poverty reduction with youth job creation and empowerment, particularly in the Far North Region of Cameroon, which is severely affected by Boko Haram's insurgency, not to mention land use agro-pastoral conflicts, which are exacerbated by increases in drought and flooding associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

Prior to joining the UN, Jean worked as the Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC - Canada), leading research on the interlinkages between urban poverty reduction, livelihood and food security, environmental protection and resilience building, supporting their integration into territorial planning policies, codes, regulations, plans, and he also taught and lectured in different universities in Brazil, Portugal, France and in Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has earned his Ph.D.