



Sustainable Development Goal 1

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Augustin Fosu is a distinguished economist holding positions as a Professor at the Institute of Statistical, Social, and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana, an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria's Economic Management Sciences (EMS) department, and a Research Associate at the University of Oxford's Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE). With a rich professional background, Fosu has previously served as Deputy Director of UNU-WIDER in Helsinki, Chief Economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, and Director of Research at the African Economic Research Consortium in Nairobi.

He has made significant contributions to the field through publications in esteemed journals and advisory roles, including membership on Ghana's President's Economic Advisory Council and President's Fiscal Council. Fosu's expertise and leadership extend internationally, notably as a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UN-CEPA).



Andrew Shepherd

Andrew Shepherd is Director, and an Honorary Research Associate at the Institute of Development Studies, where the network hub is located. He was recently the lead author of the Chronic Poverty Report: Pandemic Poverty, and has led four previous international Chronic Poverty Reports, and published widely on chronic poverty and sustained escapes from poverty. His work focuses especially on policy responses to poverty and vulnerability. Having been employed between 2002-2022 at ODI London, he is also a Senior Research Associate there and is currently leading work on Inclusive, sustainable economic transformation. Prior to ODI

Andrew worked at the University of Birmingham, and in the 1980s for UNICEF in the Sudan (Kordofan and Red Sea Hills).



Philip Schellekens

Philip Schellekens is Chief Economist for Asia and the Pacific at the United Nations Development Program and a non-resident fellow at the Center for Global Development. He has worked for 22 years at the Bretton Woods institutions. At the World Bank Group, he was Senior Economic Advisor to the CEO of the International Finance Corporation, manager of strategic foresight at the World Bank's research department, and Senior Country Economist for Brazil, China and Malaysia, with the latter two in the field. At the IMF, he worked in the Asia & Pacific, Monetary & Capital Markets, and European Departments,

conducting macro and financial surveillance for various countries. His academic journey took him through the Economics Departments of MIT, Harvard, LSE, and the University of Antwerp. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the LSE.

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Marcie Roth is Executive Director and CEO of the World Institute on Disability, advancing the rights and opportunities for 1.3 billion people with disabilities worldwide, by leading global initiatives on equity, accessibility, and inclusion focusing on sustainable development, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action, climate justice and community resilience for governments, corporations, health systems, and the United Nations for over four decades. Appointed by President Obama to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA from 2009

to 2017, she continues to lead strategy and solutions for disability accessibility and inclusion through analysis, design, implementation, and transformation addressing critical global priorities.



Shin Gyonggu

Dr. SHIN Gyonggu is an advocate for human rights and international collaboration in Gwangju, serving as the Senior Advisor for the City. As Director of the Gwangju International Center, he promotes the rights of international residents and has played a pivotal role in organizing the World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF), an annual event co-hosted by the City of Gwangju, OHCHR, and UNESCO. He holds the title of Professor Emeritus at Jeonnam National University, having dedicated 31 years to teaching there. His roles on campus included

Language Center Director and International Dean, among others. His research interest has changed from language to human rights while working for WHRCF.



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Dr. Zina Nimeh is an Associate Professor of Public Policy and Social Protection at Maastricht University/UNU-MERIT in the Netherlands. She has over two decades of international professional and academic experience. Her research lies at the intersection of social protection, human development, and sustainable governance. Zina's multidisciplinary approach integrates research and education with practical, sustainable, and equitable solutions for global societal challenges. She advises governments and

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Almudena Fernández

UNDP's Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, she leads the SDG Policy Team, providing strategic policy advice on economic trends, forecasts and challenges across the region and their impact on achieving the SDGs. She is also leading the research and knowledge production of the Regional Bureau for LAC, including the production of the Regional Human Development Report 2025. Almudena has 15 years of experience in technical positions at UNDP, where she has led the development of content and knowledge

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Ruth Hill

Ruth Hill is a Lead Economist in the Poverty and Equity Global Practice at the World Bank where she co-leads the work on the distributional impacts of climate change. She led the development of Rural Income Diagnostics and conducted Poverty Assessments and Systematic Country Diagnostics in East Africa and South Asia. From 2019-2021 she was on external service as the Chief Economist at the UK government's Centre for Disaster Protection. Before joining the World Bank in 2013 she was a Senior Research Fellow at the

International Food Policy Research Institute conducting impact evaluations on insurance and market interventions. Ruth has published in the Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Experimental Economics, and the American Journal of Agricultural Economics and World Development. She has a doctorate in economics from the University of Oxford.



Pedro Manuel Moreno

Pedro Manuel Moreno was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Trade and Development, UNCTAD in November 2022. Prior to this, he held the position of Chief of Staff and Director of the Office of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. He has over 20 years of experience working for multilateral and intergovernmental organizations in program, management, and strategic positions, including as Chief of Staff of the Ibero-American Conference in Madrid, held various positions both in the field

and at headquarters of UNDP, and was the Deputy Secretary-General of the Communication for Development Committee at the Spanish National Commission with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.



Susanna Gable

Susanna Gable oversees international development finance and inclusive sustainable economic development for the Development Policy and Finance team at the Gates Foundation. Previously, Susanna held the Chief Economist position at Sida. She was the co-chair of the OECD-DAC CoP on Poverty and Inequality, co-founder of the global OECD-DAC Chief Economist Network, co-founder of the CoP on Country Diagnostics, and member of the Global Council on SDG1. Before joining Sida she was at the World Bank, in various positions. Susanna

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Cecilia García Peñalosa

Cecilia obtained a DPhil in Economics at the University of Oxford and is currently a professor at the Aix-Marseille School of Economics, where she holds the chair Gender, Growth and Development. Her research spans three areas: long-run growth, income inequality, and gender inequality. She has been a member of the Conseil d'Analyse Economique, an independent advisory group that reports to the French Prime Minister, and of the European Economy Advisory Group. She is associate editor of the Journal of

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Shahra Razavi is the Director of the Universal Social Protection Department at the International Labour Organization. She is a development economist, with more than 25 years of experience working on social policy, social protection, gender and development. She obtained her Bsc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and her MSc. and D.Phil./PhD from Oxford University. Before joining the ILO in 2020, she was Chief of the Research and Data Section at UN Women, and prior to that Senior Researcher at

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Max Gollin

Max supports global policy engagement, thought leadership, and partnership development to advance government scale-up of the Graduation approach, a proven intervention for addressing the multidimensional nature of extreme poverty pioneered by BRAC. He is particularly interested in the evidence base behind Graduation and its intersections with climate adaptation and social protection. Max is a graduate of Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs with a

focus on international cooperation and policy analysis.



Elina Troscenko

Dr Elina Troscenko works at the Global Research Programme on Inequality (GRIP) engaging with various forms of inequalities, such as political inequalities, crises of care and gender inequalities, epistemic inequalities, and contextualized perceptions of inequalities. Dr Elina Troscenko is a political anthropologist and has extensive experience working with vulnerable groups, such as stateless and internally displaced people, exploring how various forms of inequalities intersect and permeate the lives of people affected by them. Her

academic work has focused on inequalities relating to various forms of dispossession, as well as protracted and institutionalized forms of marginalization.



Stéphane Hallegatte

Stéphane Hallegatte, the Senior Climate Change Advisor at the World Bank, is renowned for his expertise in the economics of natural disasters and climate change. With a background in engineering and a Ph.D. in economics, he has led numerous influential reports, including "Shock Waves: Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Poverty." Hallegatte's contributions extend to the development of tools like the Resilience Rating System, aimed at monitoring resilience in investments. His recent focus involves

overseeing the Country Climate and Development Reports, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to sustainable development and climate resilience



María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo

María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo is the OECD Director for Development Co-operation. Before joining the Organisation, between May 2018 and May 2022, Mrs. Garrido was the Minister of Planning and Economic Policy in Costa Rica, responsible for the areas of climate-resilient development, sustainable public investment, public sector reform, and development cooperation policy. Also, in office, she has served as the Deputy Minister of Planning and Economic

Policy, and as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor of the Technical Secretariat of the 2030 Agenda. Prior to this, she worked for 13 years at the country level on locally-led sustainable development cooperation projects in Costa Rica, Central America and the Caribbean, and the Latin American region for UNDP, the European Union, and the Diputació de Barcelona. She has also worked for NGOs on multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development, particularly engaging with the private sector and civil society organizations. Mrs. Garrido is both a Spanish and a Costa Rican national, holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Costa Rica, an MSc in Economics from Trinity College, and an MA in Political Science with an emphasis on democratic governance and public policy from the University of Costa Rica.



Isabel Whisson

Isabel leads global policy engagement on climate at BRAC, a large development organisation from the Global South. She has spent a decade at BRAC working in advocacy, strategy, fundraising, communications, operational development, and technical assistance to governments and civil society organisations. She played a key role in growing BRAC's Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative - a practice dedicated to scaling an evidence-based approach for tackling poverty through government partnership. On behalf of BRAC, she

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Dr. Sen GONG is a Professor of social policy at the School of Public Affairs, at Zhejiang University. He is also the Director of the Centre for International Studies on Development and Governance at Zhejiang and Zhejiang University. Before joining the University, he had worked in the Development Research Centre of the State Council, an internal think-tank of the Chinese Government, as well as the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and the Ministry of Civil Affairs. He was a member of the United

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Rukshana Nanayakkara

Rukshana Nanayakkara is the Global Policy and Advocacy Expert at the International Land Coalition, the world's largest multi-stakeholder platform that advocates for the rights of the people who live on and from the land. Among others, Rukshana advocates for the implementation of the land indicators of the 2030 agenda through monitoring State party reporting, facilitating countries and civil society organisations to report effectively and realistically on the progress of the land

indicators and providing leadership to the SDG Land Momentum Group which is a policy and advocacy coalition to promote and monitor the land indicators.



Rebeca Grynspan

Rebeca Grynspan, economist and former Vice-President of Costa Rica, was named Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in September 2021. She is the first woman to hold this position in the institution's 60-year history. Prior to her appointment, she was the Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Conference, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development

Programme, as well as Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. She was elected Vice-President of Costa Rica from 1994 to 1998 and held the positions of Minister of Housing, Minister Coordinator of Economic and Social Affairs, and Deputy Finance Minister. A renowned advocate of human development, she has helped to focus the world's attention on the reduction of inequality and poverty, gender equality, and multilateralism. She currently coordinates the task team of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance created by the United Nations Secretary-General on whose behalf she leads negotiations to reintegrate food and fertilizers from Ukraine and the Russian Federation into global markets.

Simona Torotcoi



Simona Torotcoi is a Roma from Romania, representing the European Roma Grassroots Organizations Network within the Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent. Simona graduated from the CEU Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations in 2020 and has collaborated with various Roma civil society organizations but also the Council of Europe, and the OSCE CPRSI on Roma-related matters. As an

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Mónica Orozco is the co-founder and Director of GENDERS A.C., an external research associate at CEEY, and a consultant for various international organizations and public sector institutions across Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic. Holding a Master of Science in Statistics from the University of Chicago, her expertise encompasses poverty, inequality, and development; gender research focusing on time use, care systems, women's economic empowerment, and gender-based violence.

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Olivier De Schutter is the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights. A professor at UCLouvain and Sciences Po, he was the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food between 2008 and 2014 and was a member of the Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights between 2015 and 2020.



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Haishan Fu is Chief Statistician of the World Bank Group and Director of the World Bank's Development Data Group. In this dual role, she leads and coordinates the Bank's development data agenda, including oversight of cutting-edge global data public goods, pioneering public-private partnerships, globally trusted technical advisory services, and innovative financing solutions, including the World Bank-hosted Global Data Facility. A lifelong advocate for unlocking the power of data to improve lives, Haishan has been

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Navid Hanif

Mr. Navid Hanif is the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). He is also the UN sous Sherpa to the G20 finance and main tracks. He joined UNDESA in 2001. He was a Senior Policy Adviser in the Division for Sustainable Development and member of the team for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002. He served as the Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch and later Director of the office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) support and the Director for Financing for Sustainable

Development Office. He was the first head of the DESA Strategic Planning Unit established in 2010. He was the Principal Officer in the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, Vice-Chair of the UN High-Level Committee on Programming (HLCP), and Co-Coordinator of the UN team on the repositioning of the UN Development System that led to major reforms in 2018. He has contributed several articles on financing and investing in the SDGs in various journals and reports. He holds an MIA in International Political Economy, from Columbia University (NY), & an M.A., in English Literature, from Government College.



Shantanu Mukherjee

Shantanu presently heads the policy and analysis branch in the Sustainable Development Division within the UN's Department for Economic and Social Affairs. He is a micro-economist with interests in poverty, health, and sustainability. A particular area of focus in his current position is enhancing the impact of science, technology and innovation in advancing sustainable development. Prior to this, he led the research unit of UNDP's Human Development Report through two report cycles, preceded by a stint as head of UNDP's global MDG policy work. In that position, he worked with national planning,

finance and sector ministries in many countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Some of his most interesting experiences during this period were in Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Ghana, Togo, and Yemen. Shantanu began his career with the Indian Government in various areas of development policy planning, implementation and finance. He earned a PhD in Economics from Princeton University in 2006, and also holds advanced degrees in Public Policy and Physics.



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Indermit Gill

Indermit Gill is Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Development Economics. Before starting this position on September 1, 2022, Gill served as the World Bank's Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions, where he helped shape the Bank's response to the extraordinary series of shocks that have hit developing economies since 2020. Between 2016 and 2021, he was a professor of public policy at Duke University and a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Global Economy and Development program. Gill led the World Bank's

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Dr. Lee Ann Jackson is the Head of the Agro-Food Trade and Markets Division in the Trade and Agriculture Directorate (TAD) at the OECD. Dr Jackson manages a team that develops evidence-based advice for governments with the aim of helping them improve the domestic and international performance of their policies for agro-food trade and markets. Dr Jackson has over 20 years of experience in agriculture, multilateral trade, and management. She joined the OECD in 2020 after 16 years at the WTO where she served as the

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