



Session 2: Modalities to strengthen regional and sub-regional cooperation through South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development

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Dr. Rathin Roy is Director and CEO of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy New Delhi; and Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India. With postings in London, New York, Kathmandu, Brasilia and Bangkok, he has worked as an Economic Diplomat and Policy Advisor with UNDP, focusing on emerging economies. He has taught at the Universities of Manchester and London and served as Economic Adviser with the Thirteenth Finance Commission and as a Member, Seventh Central Pay Commission, Government of India. Dr. Roy is Member, India Advisory Committee, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Inquiry into a Sustainable Financial System, Member on the Meta Council on Inclusive Growth, World Economic Forum, Geneva, Member on FRBM Review Committee, Government of India.

Dr. Roy's policy interests and publications have mainly focused on fiscal and macroeconomic issues pertinent to human development in developing and emerging economies. Dr. Roy has written extensively on fiscal space for human development, inter-government fiscal issues, fiscal marksmanship, macro-economic conditionality and IMF Article-IV policy analyses.

Dr. Roy holds a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Cambridge, an MA in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University and a BA (Hons) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.



Panellists



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Mr. Li Hong is currently the Permanent Representative of China to United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP). He had a technical background before his diplomatic career. He got a bachelor degree in control engineering and a master degree in information science in Xi'an JiaoTong University. After more than ten years of teaching and research work in university, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in 2001, dealing with arms control, disarmament and nonproliferation issues. He worked in the Permanent Mission of China for International Organizations in Vienna from December 2002 to June 2006, dealing with political and technical affairs in the framework of International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA). He was assigned as the deputy representative of China to the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons(OPCW) in Hague from June 2006 - January 2009. From May 2009--November 2013, he was the Secretary General of China Arms Control and Disarmament Association(CACDA), engaged in the academic study and exchange.



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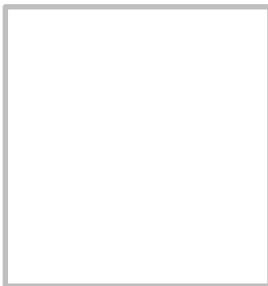
Since February 2017, Ryutaro Murotani has been Director / Deputy Head of Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department of JICA. He leads JICA's team to promote South-South and triangular cooperation, including JICA's participation to the core group of Global Partnership Initiative on Effective Triangular Cooperation (GPI). Prior to this assignment, he served as Senior Representative / Deputy Head of JICA Rwanda Office for three years. In that capacity, he represented the development partners as co-chair in the sector working groups of water and sanitation and ICT in Rwanda. His other previous assignments include Research Fellow at JICA Research Institute, First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Middle East Officer at the Loan Aid Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. He holds the Master in Public Policy (MPP) from Harvard Kennedy School.



Mr. Francois Martel

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François Martel, a dual Samoan and Canadian national, is the first substantive Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) appointed in September 2015. The PIDF is a multilateral and multi-stakeholder organization focusing on a distinctive Pacific model of green growth in blue economies aligned to sustainable development principles. The PIDF also serves as the Pacific Islands south-south cooperation platform with the United Nations and is a member of the Inter-agency Collaborative Group on the Global Partnership on SIDS. The Secretariat is based in Suva, Republic of Fiji. Mr. Martel is a professional forester and conservationist with more than 35 years of experience working on issues of biodiversity conservation, climate change and sustainable natural resource management in island ecosystems. In Samoa, he last held senior technical advisory positions on GEF and UNDP climate resilience of forest ecosystems and critical landscape management projects. Prior to this Mr. Martel spent 10 years on the Senior Leadership Team of Conservation International as the Executive Director for their Pacific Islands Program and as a Biodiversity Conservation project officer with SPREP, based in Apia, Samoa. He has developed and nurtured a wide network of conservation, climate change and sustainable development partners and alliances in all Pacific Islands over the last 34 years. He has a Masters in Forestry Science (Distinction) from the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.



Ms. Lolita Bildan

Chief of Program Management,
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Lolita oversees program and project design and development, resourcing and implementation, monitoring and reporting, and evaluation and learning at RIMES. She also supports RIMES institutional development processes.

Lolita is experienced in project design and management, capacity building design and delivery, and documentation and sharing of learning. She has 18 years of experience in climate forecast application, and 13 years of experience in end-to-end early warning system development. She has been involved in the design and implementation of 9 projects that have been funded by the ESCAP Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness, since its establishment in 2005.



Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi

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Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi H.I. has rich and diverse experience spanning over forty years, ranging from the field of international and national organizations, educational institutions, research and teaching to foreign collaborative ventures. He has been the founding member of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), which under his stewardship as its first Rector since inception in 2000, has grown into an institution with sound and creditable reputation both nationally and internationally. CIIT has expanded nation-wide with seven physical and one virtual campus. Internationalization of the CIIT programmes has grown exponentially, with the dual degree programme with Lancaster University being the hallmark of the numerous initiatives.

Dr. Zaidi has expertise in Information Technology, Project Planning and Management, Industrial Information Networking, Operations Research, System Designing, Technology Policy Analysis, Technology Utilization and Commercialization, Technology Monitoring and Forecasting, Technology Transfer, Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Mechanism. His experience with the UN included setting up of the National Bureau of the UNDP's project "Technology Information Pilot System (TIPS) in Pakistan. He has also served as Advisor to the United Nations' ESCAP, APCTT for three years and had undertaken several missions to the countries in Asia and Africa in his capacity as the UN-expert on Information Technology. In addition to establishing Industrial and Technology Information System in Tanzania he was a member of the six-member team of international experts to review the Industrial Technology Development Policies and Strategies and proposed a long term Plan for the Government of Ghana.