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Biographies of Panelists



H.E. Peter William Thomson, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson took up office as Permanent Representative to the United Nations in February 2010. He serves concurrently as Fiji’s Ambassador to Cuba. Ambassador Thomson has held office as Vice President of the UN General Assembly for the 2011-2012 session and as President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority for the 2011-2012 session. He served in Fiji’s capacity as the 2013 Chair of the Group of 77 and China, and 2014 President of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS.



Amina Mohammed, Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning

Amina J. Mohammed of Nigeria is the Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning. Ms. Mohammed was previously 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 (\$1 billion per annum) towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria. From 2002-2005, Ms. Mohammed served as coordinator of the Task Force on Gender and Education for the United Nations Millennium Project.



Miguel Székely, Director of the Center for Education and Social Studies in Mexico

Miguel Székely is Director of the Center for Education and Social Studies in Mexico. He was Director of the Institute for Innovation in Education, at the Tecnológico de Monterrey, in Mexico between 2010 and 2013. Between 2006 and January 2010 he was Under Secretary for Middle Education of the Government of Mexico and between 2002 and 2006 he served as Under Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Ministry of Social Development. He worked as Chief of the Office of Regional Development at

the Office of the President of Mexico during 2001, as Research Economist at the Inter-American Development Bank from 1996 to 2001, and as Researcher in the Economics Department at El Colegio de México between 1989 and 1993. He has a PhD in Economics and a Masters in Economics for Development from the University of Oxford, as well as a Masters in Public Policy and a BA in economics from ITAM, Mexico. He has lectured on Development Economics for Latin America at El Colegio de México, ITAM, and at the University of Oxford. His is a specialist in education, social policy, and public policy evaluation. He has 79 academic publications including 9 books, 28 refereed articles in academic journals, and 42 chapters in edited volumes.



Nancy MacPherson, Managing Director, Evaluation, Rockefeller Foundation

Nancy MacPherson joined the Foundation in 2008 wherein she is responsible for developing and managing the Foundation-wide evaluation function, following 25 years of development evaluation experience in Asia and Africa with international development organizations, the United Nations, multilateral and bilateral agencies. While serving as Special Advisor to the IUCN Director General, Ms. MacPherson built and managed IUCN's Program and Project Evaluation System and Performance Assessment System. She is key to the establishment and nurturing of a number of global and regional development evaluation professional associations and networks, notably, the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) and the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). Nancy was a member of the teaching faculty at the World Bank's summer International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) from 2001-2011.