



KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS (EPAs)

PROFILES OF PANELISTS



Mr. Gérard Latortue
Former Prime Minister of Haiti

Gérard Latortue, born in June 1934, was Prime Minister of Haiti from March 2004 to June 2006. Managing Director at UNIDO for many years, he was also Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes from 1995 to 2000. He is presently International High-Level Expert working for the promotion of Rules of Law, Democracy and Development for the International Organisation for Francophonie (OIF).



Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella
Director-General of UNIDO

Born in July 1959, Kandeh K. Yumkella is Director-General of UNIDO since 2005. Former Minister of Trade, Industry and State Enterprises of the Republic of Sierra Leone, he has 15 years experience in international development including 8 years of managerial experience within UNIDO.



Sir John Kaputin
Secretary General of the ACP Group

Sir John Kaputin, born in July 1941, was the foreign minister of Papua New Guinea from 1992 until 1994 and from December 1999 until 2000. In March 2005, he took office as Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States for the 5 next years.



Mr. Stefano Manservigi
Director-General DG Development, European Commission

Born in September 1954 in Italy, Stefano Manservigi holds the position of Director-General DG Development since November 2004. Serving the Commission since 1983, mainly in the development sector, he was, from June 2001 until 2004, Head of Cabinet to President Romano Prodi.



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Mr. Afif Chelbi
Minister of Industry, Energy, Small and Medium Enterprises

Born in 1953, Afif Chelbi is since November 2004 Minister of Industry, Energy, Small and Medium Enterprises in Tunisia. Engineer, he headed the Technical Textile Center from 1992 to 1998. Appointed Director-General of the Agency for the Promotion of Industry until 2001, he took then the helm of the investment bank International Maghreb Merchant Bank (IM Bank) until 2004.



Mr. Jean-Michel Severino
Director-General of Agence Française de Développement

Born in 1957 in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Jean-Michel Severino is the Director General of the Agence Française de Développement since April 2001. Inspector General of Finance at the french Ministry of Economy and Finance in 2000, he was previously director of development at the Ministry of Cooperation and Development, and Vice-President for Asia at the World Bank from 1997 to 2000.



Mr. Jaime Serrão Andrez
President of the Institute for the Support to Small and Medium Enterprises and to innovation

Secretary of State for Trade and tourism of the Portuguese Government from 1996 to 1997, Jaime Andrez is, at present, the President of the Institute for the Support to Small and Medium Enterprises and to Innovation (IAPMEI), the Chairman of the Administrative Council of InovCapital and Guest Associate Professor of the School of Economics and Management at the Technical University of Lisbon.



Mr. Fuh Calistus Gentry,
Secretary of State of the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Technological Development, Cameroon

Born in 1963 in Cameroon, Fuh Calistus Gentry is Secretary of state of the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Technological Development in Cameroon since 2007. Director General of Saitek Genie, a public works company from 1999 to 2007, he was also lecturer at University of Buea in Cameroon and Consultant at Cluff Ressources in London. In 2004, he led two departmental teams of the presidential campaign.



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Mr. Soumaïla Cissé

President, Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)

Born in Mali in December 1949. Computer engineer by profession, Soumaïla Cissé studied and worked in France until his return to Mali in 1984. Minister of Economy and Finance from 1993 to 2000, he then became Minister of Equipment, land settlement, environment and town planning. Since January 2004, he assumed the post of President of the Commission of the UEMOA.



Mr. Erastus J.O. Mwencha

Secretary-General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Erastus J.O. Mwencha, born in November 1947, is Secretary-General of COMESA since 1998. For 25 years, he devotes himself to regional and international development. Before joining the COMESA, he worked for the Government of Kenya, particularly in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



Mr. Rob Davies

Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa

Born in May 1948, Rob Davies is member of Parliament since 1994 and Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa since June 2005. Holding a Doctorate degree in Political Studies, he is Professor and Co-director of Centre for Southern African Studies at University of the Western Cape (UWC). He was also member of the South African Ministerial delegation to World Trade Organisation from 1999 to 2003.



Mr. Mohamed Lamine Dhaoui

Coordinator of thematic issues, UNIDO

Mr. Lamine Dhaoui, born in 1953, is coordinator of thematic issues for the Office of the Director-General since January 2007. Serving UNIDO since 1990, he has held various positions including Deputy Director for the capacity building division. Holding a Doctorate in management, he was also professor at the High Institute of Management of the University of Tunis.