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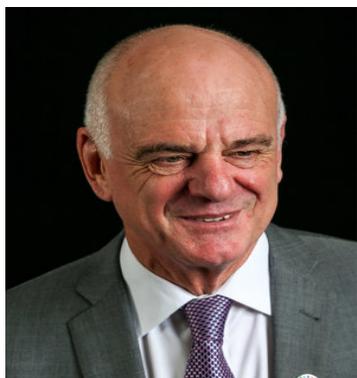


Hon. Deputy Minister
Dominican Republic

Hugo Francisco Rivera Fernández was Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation on 6 September 2016. Previously, Mr. Rivera has been Vice Minister of State for Industry and Commerce and in Charge of Foreign Trade (2000-2004). In his State functions, he was national coordinator and chief negotiator of the Free Trade Area of the Americas; coordinator of the implementation of the CARICOM and CENTROAMERICA agreements (2002-2004); Head of the Dominican delegation to the Vice-Ministerial Meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas, ALCA. Buenos Aires. (2000-2002); member of the Dominican delegation to the Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization. Doha, Qatar; National Coordinator of the Training Plan on Foreign Trade. (2000-2004); member of the Dominican delegation before the Council of Trade and Investment of the Dominican Republic and the United States of America. (2002-2004); Coordinator of the technical teams of the Special Office for DR-CAFTA negotiations.

MODERATOR

DAVID NABARRO



Senior Advisor
SYSTEMIQ

Dr. Nabarro is a Senior Adviser at Systemiq, London, and works on the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU). His main focus is systems leadership for sustainable development. He secured his medical qualification in 1974 and has worked in over 50 countries – in communities and hospitals, governments, civil society, universities, and international programmes. Dr. Nabarro worked for the British government in the 1990s as head of Health and Population and director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development. From 1999 to 2017 he held leadership roles in the UN system on disease outbreaks and health issues, food insecurity and nutrition, climate change and sustainable development.

PRESENTERS

ESTRELLA MERLOS



Associate Director, CIFAL Global Network
UNITAR

Estrella joined the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Switzerland in 2013 and is responsible for overseeing and coordinating UNITAR's Network of 18 training centres (CIFAL Global Network) located across the globe. Among current UNITAR projects, she oversees the Human Mobility Project and the Road Safety Capacity Building Initiative.

Previously, she served as Executive Director of UNITAR's training centre in Atlanta, USA. Has worked with the governments of El Salvador and Ecuador in the design and implementation of capacity building programs for local authorities. Estrella holds a Master in Public Administration from Georgia State University and a degree in Economics from the Central American University, was a Fulbright Scholar in the United States specializing in public policy, urban planning and economic development. Her areas of expertise include airport management, disaster response, Free Trade Agreements and negotiation. Her experience also includes humanitarian supplies management and mobilization of national and international aid following major disaster strikes.

ANDRÉS PEÑATE



VP Regulatory & Public Policy
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Andrés is the VP Regulatory & Public Policy for AB InBev. He is a Colombian citizen and received a degree in Economics from Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá and a Master's degree in Latin American Studies from Oxford University. Andrés joined Bavaria in 2007 and previously served as Corporate Affairs Vice President for SABMiller Latin America, and Director of Sustainable Development. He previously held various positions in the Colombian Government including Director

of DAS, the civilian intelligence agency of the country, and Vice-Minister of Defense. He also worked for BP as Director of International Affairs in Washington D.C.

PAIGE ALEXANDER--TBD



Executive Director
EUCORD

EUCORD's mission is to increase farmers' capacity to sustainably grow quality crops matched to commercial needs of the agribusiness sector and in doing so, increase food security, develop the private sector and improve the livelihoods of rural communities. Paige draws upon 25 years of experience working in international development, both in the field and in Washington, DC. She has served in numerous senior positions in the US government, including overseeing USAID Regional Bureaus, USAID missions and development programs in 25 countries, from Europe and Eurasia through North Africa and

the Middle East. Paige's other notable positions include senior vice president at IREX, associate director of Project Liberty at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and as a consultant to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Open Society Institute in Prague.

JUSTIN KISSINGER



Global Director for Public Policy
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Justin joined Heineken in 2012 as head of public affairs and leader of the Washington D.C. office for the US business. In his current role, Justin aligns public policy across the global business, drives the agenda related to responsible consumption and public health, and leads engagement with multilateral organizations. Prior to joining the company, Justin worked on Capitol Hill as Counsel for the Democratic Caucus and Chairman John Larson (CT-1) and, before that, as Tax Counsel for Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (NV-1).

Justin attended the University of Scranton receiving his Bachelor's in Political Science, and the University of San Diego School of Law where he earned a Juris Doctorate. He serves on several boards for professional and social organizations and is a Virginia lawyer.

DANIEL SHEMIE



Deputy Managing Director Water Funds
The Nature Conservancy

Daniel leads The Nature Conservancy's water funds strategy which helps cities and communities protect their water sources. In this role, he partners with governments, corporations and impact investors to accelerate the inclusion of watershed protection within infrastructure spending. Before joining the Conservancy, Daniel was a partner at mWater, a mobile water monitoring company and started his career at the World Bank working on water projects in China and sub-Saharan Africa. Daniel holds a M.Sc. in water science and management from the University of Oxford. He currently lives in New York.

MARCO UGARTE



Sustainability Manager
MillerCoors

Marco Ugarte is accountable for environmental sustainability at MillerCoors, the US business unit of Molson Coors. He supports key initiatives delivering against their 2025 Global Sustainability goals relative to water stewardship, carbon management, and landfill free operations. Marco leads strategic partnerships with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, United Nations Global Compact, The Nature Conservancy, and the Beverage Industry Environmental Roundtable. As entrepreneur, has received awards from MIT, ASU, Walmart, and NASDAQ. He currently serves in the Board of Friends of the Chicago River and the Corporate Advisory Councils of APICS and Business for Water Stewardship. Marco holds a PhD in Sustainability from

Arizona State University and professional certifications from APICS and ASQ.