

# **INVESTING IN STABILITY AND PROSPERITY: THE NEW MULTILATERALISM FOR DEVELOPMENT**

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## **CONFERENCE RUNDOWN**





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**14:00 - 14:05**

Welcome and Opening Remarks



**Chandran Nair**  
Founder and CEO of the  
Global Institute for Tomorrow

**14:05 - 14:30**

Keynote



**Erik Solheim**  
Former Minister of Climate and the Environment of  
Norway and Former Executive Director of UNEP

**14:30 - 16:00**

**The Elusive Global Challenge:  
Stability and Shared Prosperity**



**Dr Huiyao (Henry) Wang**  
Founder and President,  
Center for China & Globalization  
(CCG)



**Dr Jayant Menon**  
Former Lead  
Economist, Asian  
Development Bank



**Prof Jomo Sundaram**  
Former Assistant Secretary-  
General for Economic  
Development, UN DESA



**Dr Mathew Burrows**  
Distinguished Fellow,  
Stimson Institute



**Ovigwe Eguegu**  
Policy Analyst,  
Development  
Reimagined



**Xiong Yutong**  
Deputy Secretary General of China  
Biodiversity Conservation and  
Green Development Foundation

**16:00 - 16:10**

Intermission

**16:10 - 16:35**

Keynote



**Prof. Wang Hui**  
Changjiang Scholar Professor in the Department of Chinese  
Literature and the Department of History of Tsinghua University

**16:35 - 17:50 Multilateralism in an Era of Existential Threats**



**Prof Dan Banik**  
Director, The Oslo SDG  
Initiative



**Janet Pau**  
Executive Director, Asia  
Business Council



**Kadidia Konare**  
Fellow, Asia Global  
Institute



**H.E. Masood Khalid**  
Former Ambassador of  
Pakistan to China



**Dr Stefan Schepers**  
Executive Director,  
Centre Condorcet and High  
Level Groups on EU Policy

**17:50 - 18:00**

Concluding Remarks

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Erik Solheim**

**Erik Solheim** is a well-known global leader on environment and development as well as an experienced peace negotiator. He served as Norwegian minister of Environment and International Development from 2005-2012. During that period, he initiated the global program for conservation of rainforests and brought through game changing National legislation - among them the Biodiversity Act and legislation to protect Oslo city forests. He brought Norwegian development assistance to 1%, the highest in the world. He led the peace efforts in Sri Lanka from 1999-2009 as the main negotiator of the peace process and played a vital role in peace efforts in Nepal, Myanmar and Sudan. Erik was the Executive Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (the main body of world donors) from 2012-2016 and Executive Director of UN Environment from 2016 to 2018.

Currently he is senior adviser at World Resources Institute and President of the Belt and Road Green Development Institute in Beijing. Erik is Chief Mentor of Global Alliance for Sustainable Planet and Chairman of the Board of Afroz Shah Foundation in Mumbai. He is adviser to April, the world's largest paper and pulp company in Indonesia, to Aker Horizons, Norway's leading green industry corporation and to Norwegian electric battery company Morrow. He serves as chairman of the development roundtable in Green Hydrogen Organization and as a board member of International Hydropower Association. He is Co-Chair of Treelion, a green blockchain company in Hong Kong.



**Professor  
Wang Hui**

**Wang Hui** is a Changjiang Scholar Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chinese Literature and the Department of History, Tsinghua University and the Founding Director of the Tsinghua Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences. He is a leading thinker of the Chinese New Left and was named among the world's top 100 public intellectuals in 2008 by Foreign Policy Magazine. In 2009, he was awarded the Changjiang Scholar Award, the highest academic award issued to an individual in higher education by the Chinese Ministry of Education. As one of China's most prominent intellectuals, Wang has published on a wide range of topics, including Chinese intellectual history, geopolitics, economics, social/political theory, and modern Chinese literature.

Wang's publications include the influential article "Contemporary Chinese Thought and the Question of Modernity", China's Twentieth Century (Verso, 2016), Reversal 颠倒 (Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, 2015) (in Chinese), The Short Twentieth Century: the Chinese Revolution and the Logic of Politics (Oxford University Press, 2015) (in Chinese), and China from Empire to Nation-State (Harvard University Press, 2014). Wang has also been a Visiting Professor at Harvard, Stanford, Tokyo, and UCLA among others.



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## MODERATORS

### Panel 1



**Chandran  
Nair**

**Chandran Nair** is the Founder and CEO of the Global Institute For Tomorrow (GIFT). An independent pan-Asian think tank based in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, GIFT focuses on advancing a deeper understanding of global issues including the shift of economic and political influence from the West to Asia, the dynamic relationship between business and society, and the reshaping of the rules of global capitalism.

Chandran is the author of “Dismantling Global White Privilege: Equity for a Post-Western World”, “The Sustainable State: The Future of Government, Economy, and Society” and “Consumptionomics: Asia’s Role in Reshaping Capitalism and Saving the Planet”.

He is also the creator of “The Other Hundred”, a non-profit global photojournalism initiative to present counterpoints to media consensus on some of today’s most important issues.

Chandran was the chairman of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) in the Asia Asia-Pacific until 2004, establishing the company as Asia’s leading environmental consultancy.

### Panel 2



**Yonden  
Lhatoo**

**Yonden Lhatoo** is the Chief News Editor at the South China Morning Post. He started his journalism career in print, covering the far-reaching changes Hong Kong went through before and during the city’s handover to China, as a senior newspaper reporter.

He switched to broadcast journalism after the transfer of sovereignty in 1997 and worked as a television news anchor and editor for nearly two decades. He was the main anchor and editor-in-chief of ATV’s English news department until April 2015, when he joined the South China Morning Post as a senior editor.

Apart from his editorial duties as chief news editor now, he regularly moderates forums and seminars on current affairs for the Post, and has extensive experience covering Hong Kong’s economic, political and social landscape. He has publicly written, spoken and taught about Hong Kong issues, but is still trying to figure it all out.



# STABILITY AND SHARED PROSPERITY: THE ELUSIVE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

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## SPEAKERS



**Dr Huiyao (Henry)  
Wang**

**Dr. Huiyao (Henry) WANG** is the Founder and President of Center for China and Globalization (CCG). Dr. Wang is also Vice Chairman of China Association for International Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce and Chairman of China Global Talent Society under Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security. In addition, he is Vice President of China Public Relations Association, the Dean of Institute of Development Studies of China Southwestern University of Finance and Economics.

Dr. Wang is a steering committee member of Paris Peace Forum initiated by French President Macron. He also sits on the Migration Advisory Board of International Organization of Migration (IOM) of United Nation. He is also a member of Yale University Asia Development Advisory Council and a member of Duke Kunshan University Advisory Council. Dr. Wang served as an official with Chinese Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade in charge of Chinese companies going global. He had also worked as Director for Asia at SNC-Lavalin in Montreal and served as Chief Trade Representative of Canada Quebec Government office in Hong Kong and greater China.



**Dr Jayant  
Menon**

**Jayant Menon** joined the ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute as Senior Fellow to continue his work on trade and development in the Asian region, following his early retirement from the ADB in 2020. His last post at the ADB was Lead Economist in the Office of the Chief Economist. He began work life as an academic in Australia, spending almost a decade at the Centre of Policy Studies at Monash University, one of the leading centres for computable general equilibrium modelling.

He has worked at several academic institutions including the University of Melbourne, Victoria University, the American University in Washington, DC and the ADB Institute in Tokyo. He has served as a Board Director of CDRI, Cambodia, and on the Advisory Board of the University of Nottingham, Malaysia. He holds adjunct appointments with the Australian National University, University of Nottingham, UK and IDEAS, Malaysia. He has authored/edited 15 books, 40 chapters in books and 80 articles in peer-reviewed journals.



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**Professor  
Jomo Sundaram**

**Professor Jomo Kwame Sundaram** is Senior Adviser at the Khazanah Research Institute. He is also Visiting Fellow at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, and Visiting Professor at the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

He was a member of the Economic Action Council, chaired by the seventh Malaysian Prime Minister, and the 5-member Council of Eminent Persons appointed by him, Professor at the University of Malaya (1986-2004), Founder-Chair of International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs), UN Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development (2005-2012), Research Coordinator for the G24 Intergovernmental Group on International Monetary Affairs and Development (2006-2012), Assistant Director General for Economic and Social Development, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (2012-2015) and third Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia (2016-2017).

He received the 2007 Wassily Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.



**Dr Mathew  
Burrows**

**Dr Mathew Burrows** served as the director of Foresight, Scowcroft Strategy Initiative and as the co-director of New American Engagement Initiative within the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security and was one of the leading experts on strategic foresight and global trend analysis. In 2013 he retired from a 28-year long career in the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the last 10 years of which he spent at the National Intelligence Council (NIC), the premier analytic unit in the US Intelligence Community. In 2007, Burrows was appointed Counselor, the number three position in the NIC, and was the principal drafter for the NIC publication *Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds*, which received widespread recognition and praise in the international media. In 2005, he was asked to set up and direct the NIC's new Long Range Analysis Unit, which is now known as the Strategic Futures Group.

Other positions included assignments as deputy national security advisor to Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill (2001-02), special assistant to the UN Ambassador Richard Holbrooke (1999-2001), and first holder of the intelligence community fellowship at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York (1998-1999). Burrows received a BA in American and European history from Wesleyan University and a PhD in European history from the University of Cambridge.



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**Ovigwe  
Eguegu**

**Ovigwe Eguegu** is a Policy Analyst at Development Reimagined: he's specialising in geopolitics with particular reference to Africa in a changing Global Order. His work includes research, and providing strategic advice on geoeconomics and security in Africa.

He often features in policy dialogues, seminars and workshops including one co-hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations and the South African Institute of International Affairs. Ovigwe is frequently quoted in international media and has appeared on Al Jazeera, TRT World, CGTN, DW News, BBC Radio etc.



**Yutong Xiong**

**Yutong Xiong** currently serves as deputy secretary general of China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation, an active influential Chinese non-profit organization who pursues sustainable development and ecological civilization. She is a co-founder and editor-in-chief of the professional journal Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development, a monthly bilingual open access publication focusing on biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, environment science and ecological civilization. She participates in plan and execution of the organization's mission and goals. She actively conducts exchanges with partner institutions both at home and abroad for promoting China's involvement in global sustainable development. Ms. Xiong is a member of the Commission on Education and Communication, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Before shifting to public good career, Ms. Xiong has accumulated rich inter-cultural and public diplomacy expertise by working for 18 years in the diplomatic missions of China and the United States. From 1996 to 1999, she worked in Press Office of the China Embassy in Washington, DC. From 2000 to 2015, she worked for the Embassy of the United States in China, as the Embassy's principal Chinese media advisor, provided strategic advice to the U.S. Ambassadors and the Press Office on media relations and outreach, designed public diplomacy programs and coordinated all Embassy contact with the Chinese news media.



# MULTILATERALISM IN AN ERA OF EXISTENTIAL THREATS: POVERTY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY

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## SPEAKERS



**Professor Dan Banik**

**Professor Dan Banik** is a Consulting Scholar at CDDRL and is currently completing a study examining the impacts of development aid from Norway and China on poverty reduction in Malawi and Zambia. He is a professor of political science and research director at the University of Oslo's Centre for Development and Environment (SUM). He is also holds a visiting professor at China Agricultural University in Beijing.

Prof. Banik has conducted research in India, China, Bangladesh, Malawi, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Africa and Mexico, and directs the interdisciplinary research program 'Poverty and Development in the 21st Century (PAD)' at the University of Oslo. He has previously served as the head of the Norwegian-Finnish Trust Fund in the World Bank for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD) and on the Board of the Norwegian Crown Prince and Crown Princess's Foundation. His books include 'The Democratic Dividend: Political Transition, Poverty and Inclusive Development in Malawi (with Blessings Chinsinga, Routledge 2016), 'The Legal Empowerment Agenda: Poverty, Labour and the Informal Economy in Africa' (2011, Ashgate), 'Poverty and Elusive Development' (2010, Scandinavian University Press) and 'Starvation and India's Democracy' (2009, Routledge).



**Janet Pau**

**Janet Pau** is the Executive Director of the Asia Business Council. Previously, she was the Director of The Economist Group's Corporate Network in Hong Kong, the Program Director of the Asia Business Council, and Manager at the Global Business Policy Council at consulting firm Kearney in Washington D.C. Janet's publications include *Through the Eyes of Tiger Cubs: Views of Asia's Next Generation* and *Building Energy Efficiency: Why Green Buildings are Key to Asia's Future* (Chinese edition). She has written and spoken extensively in her role at The Economist Group, published articles in the *South China Morning Post* and *Fortune China*, and written book chapters and spoken regularly on issues including trade and investment, economic competitiveness, inclusive growth, and technology and the future of work in Asia. Janet received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies and psychology with distinction from Yale University and a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University.



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**Kadidia  
Konare**

**Kadidia Konare** has more than 15 years of experience working in international development. Her work focuses on infrastructure investments (debt, equity, mezzanine) and advisory transactions in the emerging markets. Prior to that she was an Agile Fellow at the World Bank CEO Strategic Initiatives Unit.

Kadidia also served as special advisor to the president of the Republic of Mali, overseeing investment and major projects at the national and regional levels.

Kadidia is a passionate social entrepreneur who aspires to bring prosperity to the African continent through entrepreneurship. She is the co-founder of the Impact Hub Bamako in Mali, an innovation lab and incubator that brings together young and talented people with diverse background to drive long-term positive impact. She is also a member of the African Leadership Network, a community of the most dynamic and influential young African leaders working to create change in Africa and to develop three million leaders for Africa.

Kadidia holds a master's degree of public administration in international development (MPA/ID) from Harvard University's Kennedy School; a master's degree in agricultural economics and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University.



**H.E. Masood  
Khalid**

**Ambassador Masood Khalid** is a career diplomat who joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan in 1979. Serving for more than four decades, he has led Pakistan's diplomatic mission as the Ambassador to the People's Republic of China (2013-2019), the High Commissioner for Pakistan to Malaysia (2010-2013), the Ambassador to Republic of Korea (2005-2007), the First Secretary/Counsellor of the High Commission for Pakistan in London (1992-1995), the Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York (2001-2005). Ambassador Masood Khalid is one of the most decorated and well-versed diplomats that Pakistan has ever produced.

In his forty-year diplomatic career, he dealt with many issues of bilateral and multilateral nature, including state-to-state relations, regional and multilateral issues. As Ambassador to China, Mr Masood Khalid made an invaluable contribution to the strengthening of Pakistan-China relations. During his tenure, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was conceived, launched, and consolidated.



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**Dr Stefan  
Schepers**

**Stefan Schepers** concentrates on aligning the interfaces between EU policy making and business. As a consultant to business and government since 1991, Stefan saw that in a deeply competitive and over supplied market, the role of directors and top management is crucial for continued and sustained enterprise success. The hard side to strategy no longer offers sufficient competitive advantage. It is intangibles, such as public policy alignment and regulatory risk management, social contract and brand strength, that offer the critical differentiation.

Besides this work, he conceived in 2012, following a request of the Council Presidency, a unique and innovative way of public-private-academic sector collaboration with the objective to inject innovative policy ideas into the EU system, path independent and taking account of new contextual conditions. This led to the setting up of independent, tripartite High Level Groups for Policy Innovation.



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