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On the 2006 High Level Segment Theme of ECOSOC

“Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development”

Opening Address:
H.E. Ali Hachani,
Permanent Representative of the
Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations
(President of ECOSOC);

ILO short film:
“Minors at Risk”,
Commentary by Mr. Djankou Ndjonkou,
Liaison Office, ILO, NY

Welcome Address:
Mr. Sarbuland Khan,
Director, ECOSOC Support and Coordination;
Key Note Address:

Mr. Hubert Bouchet,
Rapporteur, AICESIS

Moderator:
Ms. Hanifa Mezoui,
Chief, NGO Section/DESA

Closing Statement:
Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury
Under-Secretary-General and High Representative
for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked
Developing Countries and Small Island Developing
States

Closing Remarks:
Ms. Jackie Shapiro,
Vice-President, CONGO

Ms. Pera Wells,
Acting Secretary-General, WFUNA

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Special Guests

Mr. Ben Morris,
Mayor, Slidell

Mr. Christopher Hansen,
Associate Deputy Director General,
Director of Strategic Partnerships and
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on
Agriculture (IICA)

Mr. Daniel Mejía,
Director, SUNLAND Group:
Miami, USA

Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra,
President, World Family Organization

Ms. Eva Clayton,
Special Advisor to the Director General of FAO: Food
Security and Alliance against hunger

Mr. Sylvan Barnett,
Rotary International;

Ms. Kathleen Modrowski, PDHRE
Director, North American and European Studies,
FriendsWorld Program, Long Island University;

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H.E. Ismael A. Gaspar Martins
Amb. Permanent Representative of Angola to
United Nations

H.E. Francis Lorenzo
Amb. Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of
the Dominican Republic to the United Nations



H.E. Ambassador Ali Hachani

Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations

Ambassador Ali Hachani is the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations in New York and the current President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Mr. Hachani joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia in November 1968. After serving in the Department of International Co-operation, he was appointed Counselor at the Tunisian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. In this capacity, he took part in a great number of regular and extraordinary sessions of the UN General Assembly as well as Technical Committees and International Conferences. He has been the Ambassador of Tunisia to the United Arab Emirates, Senegal, Republic of Guinea, Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Republic of Gambia, Greece and the Republic of Cape-Verde. He was Director for Research, Analysis and Planning, then Director for Relations with member countries of the European Union and finally, Director-General for Europe in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary in 1983 and in 1995 to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary “Hors Classe”. From September 2001 until his recent and new nomination as Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations, he was Director-General of International Organizations and Conferences in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



H.E. Ambassador Ismael A. Gaspar Martins
Permanent Representative of Angola to United Nations

Mr. Martins served from 1996 as a founding member and Co-President of the Angola-South Africa Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He held concurrently the position of Managing Director of Gaspar Martins and Associates International Business Consultants. He has also served on the Southern African Development Community Task Force at the World Economic Forum Summit. Mr. Gaspar Martins was the Executive Director of the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. He served as Angola's Minister of External Trade, and from 1977 to 1982 he served as Minister of Finance. Mr. Gaspar Martins was Governor of the Central Bank of Angola and in 1975, he was external and economic affairs adviser to the President of Angola. Mr. Gaspar Martins served with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), working as an economic affairs officer overseeing studies and policies on the issue of economic integration in Africa and on trade negotiations between the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Union. He held the position of research officer on agricultural development policies in Africa for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development in Geneva.



Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury

*Under-Secretary-General and High Representative
for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing
Countries and Small Island Developing States*

In March 2002, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan appointed Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury to serve as Under-Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Chowdhury was Ambassador and Permanent Representative for Bangladesh to the United Nations from 1996 to 2001, which included a term as president of the UN Security Council from 2000 to 2001. In addition, he headed Security Council missions to Kosovo and to Belgrade, served as vice president of the UN Economic and Social Council, presided over the UN Children's Fund Executive Board and was coordinator of the Least Developed Countries. Mr. Chowdhury is Distinguished Adjunct Professor at the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy. In recognition of his tireless efforts to promote peace and understanding, Mr. Chowdhury received the U Thant Peace Award, as well as the Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace. The Ambassador is chairman or board member of several organizations, including Population 2005, the International Institute for South Asian Affairs, Grameen Foundation USA and the Population Institute.



H.E. Francis Lorenzo
Amb. Deputy Permanent Representative,
Mission of the Dominican Republic to the
United Nations *Amb., Dominican Republic*

Amb. Lorenzo is the founder of United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic, one UN association of over a 100 that exists in countries around the world. He's also the founder of Model UN in the Dominican Republic. Thru model UN he has been able to bring all the main stakeholders together in the Dominican Republic. Private sector, civil society and government to use education as a capacity building. Today, Model UN is part of the curriculum of all schools (private and public) in the Dominican Republic. He believes in partnership and ICT as a tool for development. During the FFD in Monterrey, Mexico, he participated in the ministerial and head of state round tables on partnership. He has been enhancing partnership not only at the FFD, but in the WSSD in Johannesburg - South Africa, WSIS in Geneva, the Trading Development Summit in Sao Paulo, Brazil and in the Global Compact in NY. Ambassador Lorenzo was a businessman ntrepreneur, before becoming an ambassador. He also holds a Major in Psychology



Ms. Eva Clayton

Special Advisor to the Director General of FAO

Ms. Clayton is a native of Savannah, Georgia. She attended Johnson C. Smith University and North Carolina Central University. She came to Warren County, North Carolina in the mid 1960s with her husband who moved there to practice law. She became active in civil rights issues, economic development, and politics. In the 1970s she joined Floyd McKissick, a noted civil rights activist, in the administration of the Soul City project in Warren County. The project was a federally funded effort to build a "model town" that would attract business and industry to the area. Ms. Eva Clayton is a Special Advisor to the Director General of FAO. Ms. Clayton is also entrusted with the promotion and monitoring of the International Alliance Against Hunger (IAAH) at both global and national levels that her gives an insight on the potential of the alliance and its next steps.



Mr. Sarbuland Khan

Director, ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA

Mr. Khan is the Director for the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. He directed the preparation of the Ministerial meeting of the Economic and Social Council on ICT for development and has been responsible for its follow-up in the context of servicing the Secretary-General's Advisory Group on ICT and the establishment of the ICT Task Force. During his twenty-one years of professional experience within the United Nations, he has held positions as the Branch Chief for the Policy Coordination and Interagency Affairs, Chief for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department for International Economic and Social Affairs, and Special Assistant to Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Decolonization. He also served as delegate to the Second Committee in the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations.



Dr. Hanifa Mezoui, Ph. D
Chief, UN NGO Section, DESA

Ms. Mezoui has completed over 7 years as Chief of the NGO Section/ECOSOC. She is successfully implementing the Secretary General's policy of greater NGO participation in the work of the United Nations, but she continues to pursue a distinguished International career at the UN for the last 24 years, earlier as a Human Resources Manager trying to bring nationals from countries which were not represented in the United Nations. Dr. Mezoui has made "Outreach" one of the priority concerns of the NGO Section/DESA with the recently launched NGO Informal Regional Network (UN-NGO-IRENE) at the center of the programme aimed at spanning the "digital divide" to provide information, training and the opportunity for even the most geographically remote organizations to address the global agenda for the 21st Century. She also regularly lectures at universities around the world to explain the United Nations System and its internship program giving youth the opportunity to access the United Nations. She recently completed a sabbatical study leave "Development of new academic programmes, and of pedagogical and educational software promoting the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Declaration Goals (MDG), in partnership with national *Economic and Social Council*, their civil society organizations (CSO/NGOs) and their institutions of higher education" on partnership with AICESIS ECOSOC UN-NGO-IRENE and the academia

Mr. Hubert Bouchet,
Rapporteur, AICESIS



Mr. Bouchet is an agriculture engineer. He started his career in continuing education, training and educational TV in France. Then, he pursued his career in government services providing consultancy for professional and audio-visual training. A union advocate, Mr. Bouchet is a member since 1984 of the Economic and Social Council of France which is the home of the International Association of Economic and Social Council and Similar Institutions (AICESIS), an organization that obtained the observer status with ECOSOC in October 2001 recognized as an IGO. It is worth noting that Mr. Bouchet is the rapporteur on many aspects of the revolution of the production activity in the Economic and Social Council of France. He is also the rapporteur on the working group on the current ECOSOC theme for 2006 for the AICESIS: “Creating an environment at the national and international levels, conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development”. Mr. Bouchet’s work revolves around the new working methods under the ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) which demands new capacity building as the ordinary physical skills are now overpowered by the intellectual skills.



Mr. Ben Morris
Mayor, Slidell

Mr. Morris is a retired Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve and an Eagle Scout. Prior to taking office as Mayor of Slidell, Ben served for twelve years as Slidell's Chief of Police, and is proud to say that during that time, there was never a single challenge to the department's integrity or honesty. As Chief of Police, Ben successfully planned and managed the police department's budget in excess of \$5 million annually. Throughout his tenure, Slidell sustained low crime rates, even in the face of enormous growth and expansion. Under Ben's leadership, the Slidell Police Department became Louisiana's second department to receive National Accreditation. As mayor, Ben now manages an annual budget in excess of \$40 million. While serving as Chief of Police, Ben created and operated a Law Enforcement Training Academy which has been responsible for training candidates in Slidell and 26 additional law enforcement agencies. He helped to establish over 25 neighborhood watch and homeowners' associations, instituted a highly effective Child Safety Program for Students, and supported programs and legislation against drinking and driving.



Mr. Djankou Ndjoukou,
Director, Liaison Office, ILO, NY

Mr. Ndjoukou graduated in Cooperative Management at the University of Marburg in Germany in 1976 and completed post-graduate studies in Agricultural Economics and Higher Education and International Development at the University of Goettingen and Kassel respectively. Mr. Ndjoukou joined the International Training Center of the International Labour Organization in Turin (Italy) in 1979 as Faculty Member of the Cooperative Management training programmes. In 1981, Mr. Ndjoukou became programme manager of these programmes before being transferred in 1983 to the Cooperative Branch of the ILO Headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland) as Specialist in Cooperative Education and Training. In 1988, Mr. Ndjoukou was assigned to the ILO Office in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) as Regional Adviser for West Africa. He returned to ILO Headquarters in 1991 as a staff member of the Office of the Director-General. In 1995, Mr. Ndjoukou was given the responsibility to open and manage a new ILO Office in post-apartheid South Africa, a task he completed by the end of 1996, when he was appointed Director of the ILO Office in Beijing (People's Republic of China) with responsibility for Mongolia and Hong Kong SAR (1997) and Macao SAR (1999). On September 1, 2004, Mr. Ndjoukou was transferred to the ILO Office for the United Nations in New York as Representative of the ILO to the UN and Office Director.

*Mr. Daniel Mejia,
Director, SUNLAND Group:
Miami, USA*



Mr. Mejía was born in the Dominican Republic in 1961 and moved with his family to New Orleans, where he finished high school and went to Tulane University where he majored in Computer Science & Information. In 1982 he started his first company, a small business in the field of knitted manufactured clothing. In 1985 he formed Data Byte, S.A. in the Dominican Republic, together with his two brothers, which assembles and sells computers as well as software and computer-related equipment, opening offices in New York City, Miami, Florida and Los Angeles, Calif. Shortly after, in 1986, he founded Sun Land World Trade in Miami, Florida, selling edible commodities. Mr. Mejía established another company in 1987, known as The Sun Land Group, specializing in international financing and development of infrastructure projects, such as bridges, airports, housing, seaports, highways, etc., directly contributing to the development of the different countries where the company has business relations, such as: Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe. The Sun Land Group, Mr. Mejía's flagship company, now consists of ten companies with over a dozen offices around the world. The Sun Land Group has more than a billion U.S. dollars of infrastructure projects under development and much more than that under consideration. He lives with his wife and children in Miami, Florida.



*Dr. Deisi Noeli
Weber Kusztra*

Dr. Kusztra, MD., started her international career nearly 25 years ago, developing the Local Health System in Libya, and later implementing Maternal and Child Health Care Policies and Programs for many Governments. Dr. Kusztra worked in Africa, Europe, Middle East and North America and is now based in South America, from where she networks with the world on Family Issues. President of the World Family Organization since 1997, Dr. Deisi Kusztra represents the Organization at the United Nations, Governments and Inter-governmental Organizations level. She directs the work of the Organization through its Regional Structures and National Committees, and assists Governments in preparing Strategic Frameworks and Plans of Action to implement family-focused policies, programs, projects and services at national, regional and local levels, specially in health, education, housing, social promotion, family mediation, microcredit, among others. She holds a MA in Public Administration and a Doctorate in Public Health. She is also a Specialist in Public Health Administration, Hospital Administration, Financial Management for Health Programs, Design and Implementation of Local Health Systems and Gender Programs Administration.



Ms. Florence A. Chenoweth

Director

FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations

Ms. Chenoweth, a national of Liberia, holds a B.Sc. in Agriculture from the University of Liberia, a M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics and a Ph.D. in Land Resources from the University of Wisconsin, USA. Her career began with prominent positions in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance in Liberia, and culminated in her serving as Minister for Agriculture of Liberia from 1977 to 1979. Ms. Chenoweth has over 30 years experience in development work, including work with international, multilateral and bilateral agencies. She has served on a large number of Technical Groups and Boards of Directors, including the African Timber, Coffee, and Cocoa Organizations and the West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases (LIRAD) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) system. Ms Chenoweth's experience includes assignments with the World Bank, from 1983 to 1986, where she served as Technical Adviser in Lusaka and as a consultant in Washington, D.C. to prepare a status report on National Agricultural Research Stations in Africa. Ms. Chenoweth has also been an academic, commencing in 1979 as Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Liberia, and continuing with the University of Wisconsin, as Team Leader in Zambia implementing a six-year agricultural planning, training, policy and research programme from 1986 to 1993. From 1993, Ms. Chenoweth was Senior Scientist/Programme Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin, USA. Ms. Chenoweth joined the Organization in October 1995 as FAO Representative in Banjul, The Gambia, where she served until January 1998 when she was appointed FAO Representative in Pretoria, South Africa. Ms. Chenoweth was appointed Director the FAO Liaison with the United Nations in New York on June 2001.



Ms. Pera Wells

Acting Secretary-general, WFUNA

Ms. Wells is acting Secretary-General of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). She brings to this position a diversity of experience as a diplomat, writer, business consultant and civil society activist. Her diplomatic postings with the Australian government included India, Ghana, New York (at the UN) and London (in the Commonwealth Secretariat). For a year she was the speech writer for the Australian Governor General. She has worked as a cross-cultural consultant to BHP, Asia-Oceania Computing Industry Organization and Melbourne University. Her prior civil society experience includes Executive Director of the Federation of Ethnic Community Councils of Australia.



Ms. Jackie Shapiro,
Vice-President, CONGO

Ms. Shapiro is the International United Nations Chairman for Zonta International, an organization of professional executives working to advance the status of women worldwide and to provide service to women on both global and local levels. She supervises Zonta representatives in New York, Geneva, Paris, Vienna and at the Council of Europe. Jackie Shapiro is the First Vice President of CONGO, the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. CONGO is an umbrella organization for over 500 civil society organizations associated with the UN. Jackie is currently the Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York. For three years she served as the Treasurer of that committee. She is also Convenor of the NGO Committee on UNIFEM, and a member of the Board of UNIFEM/USA. In addition, she serves as Second Vice President of UNA/USA/ COO and as a member of the Board of New York City Chapter of UNA-USA. Jackie is the past Co-Chair of the NGO Committee for UNICEF Working Group on Girls. Jackie graduated from the University of Kansas with a triple major in history, Chinese language and Asian area studies. She did graduate work in history and Latin American studies prior to joining the Peace Corps. Before joining the Zonta UN team, Jackie had served as the Chairman of the New York Committee for Oxfam America, Co-Chairman of the New York/Tecoluca Sister Cities Committee, and on the Board of U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities. What Jackie offers to UNIFEM/USA is a thorough knowledge of programs and advocacy within the United Nations that work to advance the status of women, women's rights and gender equality worldwide. Her familiarity with UNIFEM's programs would help enrich UNIFEM/USA's outreach and advocacy within the United States.



Ms. Kathleen Modrowski

Director, North American and European Studies, Friends World Program, Long Island University

Ms. Modrowski is a Social Anthropologist, Professor and Director of the Friends World Program at Long Island University, Southampton Campus, New York. She is also an Advisor to the People's Movement for Human Rights Education. Kathleen Modrowski earned her B.A. from the University of Toledo, her Diploma of High Studies and M.A. from the University of Paris V, and her ABD from the Ecole de Haute Etudes en Sciences Sociales. The administrative unit of Friends World Program is known as World Headquarters. This unit provides the administrative leadership, support and coordination to the wider world-wide Program, under the leadership and direct supervision of the Program Dean.



Mr. Christopher Hansen,

*Associate Deputy Director General,
Director of Strategic Partnerships and Inter-American
Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)*

Mr. Hansen is the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) Associate Deputy Director General for Strategic Partnerships and Representative in the United States. He is responsible for working with international development agencies to increase the impact of IICA's work in the Americas. He is a senior financial, small business expert with more than 25 years of experience, primarily in Latin America and Africa. And is one of the leading Small-Medium Enterprise (SME) development strategists in Latin America; for the last several years, has led numerous successful initiatives in the region on behalf of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Foundation for Sustainable Development in Latin America (FUNDES), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Sea Farms International. Mr. Hansen holds a MBA degree (International Finance) and a BA (Political Sciences) from the University of California (Berkeley). He is an English native speaker and fluent in Spanish.



Mr. Pierpaolo Saporito

President, Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication (OCCAM)

Mr. Pierpaolo Saporito is an architect by profession. In 1969 he founded the design publication "IN", which, from 1973 has been published in five editions. He is one of the founder members of COPEAM, gathering more than thirty Euro Mediterranean public televisions and he develops many cultural initiatives for festivals in places such as Sarajevo, Zagreb, Montpellier, Thessaloniki, Jerusalem, Haifa, Marrakesh, Istanbul, Valencia, and Malta. As president of OCCAM, he partners with UNESCO in the InfoPoverty project. He promotes FESCIME, a new Mediterranean Cinema Festival at Baleari Islands, and organizes meetings and manifestations in Ankara, Tunisia, Antalya, Tessaonica and at the Venice Festival, the third edition of the Euro Mediterranean Cinema Conference.

