

## Short Biographies

### **Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary General**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Mr. Liu Zhenmin of China as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs effective 26 July 2017. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China since 2013. Among his various diplomatic assignments, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (2011-2013).

Mr. Liu brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on the promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. He was deeply involved for 10 years in climate change negotiations including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. He also widely participated in the international activities on the protection of our planet including Antarctica and the oceans. Over the last several years, in various capacities, he has been consistently highlighting and advocating for sustainable development issues.

Mr. Liu started his career at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1982. Since then, he has served the Ministry in various capacities, including as Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs (2009-2011); Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (2006-2009); Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law (2003-2006); and Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law (1998-2003). He also served in the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (1992-1995) and in the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (1984-1988).

As Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He also oversees the substantive services to many intergovernmental processes, including the annual meetings of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including its Development Cooperation Forum, and the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC.

In addition to intergovernmental processes, Mr. Liu oversees DESA's policy analysis and capacity development work. He also serves as the Convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development.

Mr. Liu holds a Master of Laws from the Law School of Peking University. He was born in August 1955 in [Shanxi Province](#), China. Mr. Liu is married.

### **Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD**

Stefan Schweinfest has been the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, Department of Economics and Social Affairs since July 2014. Mr. Schweinfest joined the Statistics Division in 1989 and worked in various areas, such as national and environmental accounting, statistical capacity building programmes, and indicator frameworks. He was responsible for external relationships of the Division, both with member countries as well as with international partner organization. In this context, he has been the substantive Secretary of the United Nations Statistical Commission since 2002.

Mr. Schweinfest has also been the Secretary of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). He was closely involved since the beginning in the establishment of the UN-GGIM programme and acted as the key liaison between the Division and the United Nations Economic and Social Council during the negotiations of the United Nations resolution that formally launched UN-GGIM in 2011.

### **Mr. Ivo Havinga, Assistant Director of UNSD**

Ivo Havinga is Assistant Director of Economic Statistics, Chief of Economic Statistics Branch at the United Nations Statistics Division/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNSD/DESA) since 2003 and is overall responsible for the domains of national accounts (System of National Accounts, SNA), business statistics and international trade. These domains cover the economy and its link with the environment and the society, and the thematic areas of globalization, digitization, well-being and sustainability that inform the SDG indicator framework.

As part of the senior management team of the United Nations Statistics Division, he is closely involved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data as the global statistical response. He maintains an active and user centered dialogue with partners in the national statistical systems, United Nations bodies and the public and private sector. In line with the 2030 Agenda, he is a strong advocate for a coordinated and integrated policy and statistical approach for the transformation and modernization of the national and international institutional and operational mechanisms. He promotes the use of new data and technologies while ensuring that robust and standards based policy and statistical frameworks are incorporated from the outset in implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

### **Ms. Vivian Ilarina, Assistant National Statistician of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)**

- Ms. VIVIAN R. ILARINA is from the Philippines. Currently she is the Assistant National Statistician of the Macroeconomic Accounts Service of the Philippine Statistics Authority;
- She has been working with the National Accounts for 38 years now. Her field of expertise is mainly the development and compilation of national accounts and environmental accounts including the development of economic indicators.
- Ms. Ilarina, serves as resource persons on national accounts, environmental accounts and economic statistics in study visits of ASEAN and other countries as part of the Technical Cooperation Program of the Philippines and other involved countries on the compilation of National Accounts.
- She served as a lecturer on national accounts in the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific or UNSIAP in Chiba, Japan.

- She also assisted countries like Bangladesh and Myanmar on the development of quarterly national accounts.

Session 1:

**Mr. Thanomsin Chakreeves, Office of the National Digital Economy and Society Commission, Thailand**

Thanomsin Chakreeves is Plan and Policy Analyst at the Office of the National Digital Economy and Society Commission (ONDE), Thailand's Digital Economy policy unit under the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand. He joined ONDE since the establishment in 2016, where he has applied his professional expertise for conducting policy research and designing new policies, strategies, and mechanisms for Digital Economy and Society development. He was also a member of the Taskforce for drafting National Digital Economy and Society Development Plan. Thanomsin has more than 10 years experience at Thailand's former ICT Ministry in the area of ICT and e-Government policies.

**Mr. Daniel B. Cavalcanti, Ministry of Science, Technology and Communication, Brazil**

Daniel B. Cavalcanti, a career public servant, is the Coordinator for the Digital Agenda, at the Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications – Brazil, since November 2016. In this capacity, he led the development of the base-document for the Brazilian Digital Transformation Strategy (2018), a comprehensive four year plan for the advancement of the digital economy in Brazil.

He previously served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Board of the National Telecommunications Agency – Anatel (2011-2016), and Project Manager at the Ministry of Communications (2006-2010). Prior to joining public service, he worked for several years in the private sector and in academia, both in Brazil and abroad.

Mr. Cavalcanti, a Brazilian citizen, holds a M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Waterloo, Canada, and a B.Eng. EE from the University of Brasilia, Brazil.

**Ms. Xuehui Han, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

Xuehui Han is a Senior Economist in the Strategy and Policy Department in Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). She worked in Asian Development Bank for six years and was on the faculty of Fudan University's School of Management for four years before joining AIIB. She holds a Ph.D in economics from University of Oslo and a Bachelor's degree from Fudan University. She has considerable research expertise in international macroeconomics, finance, economic growth, and real estate economics, with publications in Journal of International Economics, Journal of Economic Surveys, China Economic Review, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, etc. Her current role in AIIB is to strengthen the analysis on the dynamic relationships between

infrastructures and economic development, with emphasis on innovations on green technology, digitalization, etc.

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**Mr. Benson Sim, Statistician, UNSD**

Benson Sim is a staff in the National Accounts Section of the Economics Statistics Branch in the United Nations Statistics Division. His work involves working with colleagues to plan, develop and advise on conceptual and practical methodological work to assist countries in the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and related statistical systems and classifications. He is the co-author of the publication “Handbook on Financial Production, Flows and Stocks in the System of National Accounts” in collaboration with the European Central Bank. The Handbook describes how to compile transactions, other flows and balance sheets for financial corporations in the context of an integrated system of institutional sector accounts within the framework of the 2008 SNA. He also led a team to produce the “Handbook on Data Template and Metadata for Short-term Statistics”, which elaborates methodological descriptions and the use of individual short-term statistics.

Session 3:

**Mr. Gerardo Alfonso Durand Alcantara, Mexico**

Gerardo Durand holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics and starts his career at INEGI in 1993. He has worked in the production of economic statistics based on censuses, business surveys and the use of administrative records. Nowadays is in charge of the Business Register of Mexico as Deputy Director General of Economic Administrative Records.

Mr. Durand is participating actively in several international technical groups and is member of the Expert Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics of the UN; Working Party on Trade in

Goods and Services Statistics of the OECD (as Bureau member); and recently in the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics.

Before his career at INEGI was professor of economics in the Metropolitan Autonomous University and researcher in the Economics Research and Teaching Centre (CIDE) of Mexico.

**Mr. Dylan Rassier, Bureau of Economic Analysis U.S. Department of Commerce, USA**

Dylan Rassier is Chief of National Accounts Research and Analysis at the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. He leads a team of professional economists who work on measure improvements for aspects of the digital economy such as “free” internet content, valuation of data, and depreciation of high tech capital goods. His own work focuses on areas of measurement improvement in economic accounts, including the location of production within multinational enterprises and accounting for intangible assets.

Session 4:

**Ms. Daniela Ileana Ravindra, Statistics Canada**

Daniela Ravindra holds a Bachelor’s of Social Sciences degree from the University of Ottawa and a Master’s in Economics from McMaster University. Ms. Ravindra is currently the Director General of the Economic-Wide Statistics Branch and is responsible for a wide range of programs such as the consumer and producer price indexes, the innovation, science and technology programs, as well as business finance. Included in her portfolio is the Canadian Housing Statistics Program, an important new initiative to develop a set of comprehensive indicators for the housing sector. Previously, Ms. Ravindra managed the industry statistics programs (manufacturing, trade and services) at Statistics Canada.

Session 5:

**Ms. Winnie Tam, China, Hong Kong SAR**

Ms. Winnie Tam is a statistician of the Census and Statistics Department of Hong Kong, China. Currently, she is responsible for compiling and disseminating International Investment Position and External Debt statistics. She has also worked in the national accounts section in the past, with focus on the compilation and dissemination of GDP statistics. In her presentation, she will share with us the policy measures in Hong Kong in view of digitalization, digital statistics in Hong Kong as well as issues and challenges involved in measuring the digital economy.

**Ms. Sakulkarn Khankhaeng National Statistical Office, Thailand**

Ms. Sakulkarn Khankhaeng is a senior technical statistician. She works as a director of business and services statistics group under the Economic Statistics Division at National Statistical Office of Thailand since 2008. At present, she also holds the position of acting director of Economic Statistics Division. She has

experiences in conducting the economic census and surveys such as Industrial, Trade and Services census, Business trade and services survey, Accommodation survey, Quarterly retail survey, etc.

She also has experiences in working as a committee with the key government agencies, such as the Digital industry committee of Ministry of digital economy and society, the Manufacturing Production Index committee of Ministry of Industry, the creative economy committee of Office of the National economic development board, the Tourism satellite accounts committee, and the development on tourism statistics and tourism income committee of Ministry of Tourism and sports and, etc.

Ms.Sakulkarn received her B.Sc. in Mathematics from Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand from 1985-1989 and M.Sc. in Applied Statistics from National Institute of Development Administration, Thailand from 2004-2008.

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### **Mr. Benjamin Macharia Muchiri, Kenya**

Has worked for is Kenya National Bureau of Statistics since 1995, mostly as a national accountant.

Currently he is Head of National Accounts, Transport, Tourism and ICT Division in the Macroeconomic Directorate of the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics.

### **Ms. Anisa Nuraini, Indonesia**

1. Core expertise: (Full Sequence of Accounts/FSA/ Sectoral Account, Household Account, Government Account, and Corporation Account)
2. Member of inter-agency e-commerce team
3. Designation: Household Expenditure Account, National Account and Statistical analysis, BPS Statistics Indonesia