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— Welcome —



Dr. Biswajit Dhar
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Wu Hongbo
Under-Secretary-General
for Economic and Social Affairs
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Dear Guest,

*It is our great pleasure and privilege to welcome you as a participant to our Conference of Southern Providers on “**South-South Cooperation: Issues and Emerging Challenges**”. In recent years South-South Cooperation (SSC) has received considerable attention at various international forums, including the UN intergovernmental process, where a new role for SSC is being explored. In this process, the expectations from SSC have multiplied. Therefore, there is need to take an objective view as to what SSC can contribute to national development as well as the global development agenda, in an effective manner, in line with the principles that govern SSC.*

Keeping in mind the present scenario regarding the South-South Cooperation and the need of a platform for the facilitation of ideas and cooperation among the Southern providers, this conference has been organized to start a dialogue among Southern partners on the nature and contours of SSC, and the manner in which these countries can build on their individual and collective accomplishments in order to maximize the benefit and impact of SSC.

To encourage dialogue and make the event as attractive as possible, we have organized open discussions. We welcome your active participation and hope that the conference will identify new areas for building individual strength among Southern providers and strengthening South-South Cooperation.

Biswajit Dhar

Wu Hongbo



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Programme

DAY 1: Monday, April 15, 2013 (Venue: Diwan-I-Am)

09.30-10.00 Registration and tea

10.00-11.00 Inaugural Session

Chair: **Dr. Biswajit Dhar**, Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

Initial Remarks: **Mr. Wu Hongbo**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Keynote Address: **Mr. Ranjan Mathai**, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Vote of Thanks: **Mr. Dinesh Bhatia**, Joint Secretary (MER Division), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Group Photo

11.00-11.30 Tea/Coffee

Technical Sessions (Venue: Long Champ, Rooftop)

11.30-13.00 Session I: South-South Cooperation: Rationale, Concepts and Contours

Chair: **Mr. Wu Hongbo**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Speakers (10 minutes each)

- **H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros**, Ambassador of Chile, New Delhi, India
- **Dr. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), South Africa
- **Ms. Mao Xiaojing**, Department of Development Assistance, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Ministry of Commerce, China
- **Mr. Banchong Amornchewin**, Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

Discussant (7 minutes)

- **Dr. Ram Upendra Das**, RIS, India

Open Discussion (25 minutes)

13.00-14.00 Lunch



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14.00-15.30 Session II: Evidence-based Analysis and SSC

	<p>Chair: Ambassador Mohamed Amin Abou El Dahab, Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa, Egypt</p>
	<p>Speakers (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Manmohan Agarwal, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Canada and Adjunct Senior Fellow, RIS, India • Ms. Florence Nazare, Capacity Development Programme, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency • Dr. S. K. Mohanty, RIS, India • Mr. Cosmas Gitta, UN Office for South-South Cooperation
	<p>Discussant (7 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kennedy K. Mbekeani, African Development Bank Group
	<p>Open Discussion (35 minutes)</p>

15.30-16.00 Tea/ Coffee

16.00-17.30 Session III: Evaluation of Development Partnership Programmes

	<p>Chair: Mr. P. S. Raghavan, Special Secretary, Development Partnership Administration (DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p>
	<p>Speakers (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. George Nwalupue, National Planning Commission, Nigeria • Dr. João Brígido Bezerra Lima, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil • Prof. Qi Gubo, China Agricultural University, China • Dr. Neissan Besharati, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), South Africa • Prof. Siriporn Wajjwalku, Thammasat University, Thailand
	<p>Discussants (7 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Iman Al-Ayouty, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Egypt • Dr. Jorge A. Pérez Pineda, Instituto Mora, México
	<p>Open Discussion (35 minutes)</p>

19.00 Reception Dinner



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DAY II: Tuesday, April 16, 2013

09.00-09.05 Key Messages from Day I

09.05-10.30 Session IV: Institutional Foundation for SSC: Regional, Multilateral Agencies

Chair: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Speakers (10 minutes each)

- **Dr. Kennedy K. Mbekeani**, African Development Bank Group
- **Ms. Sabina Wakio Maghanga**, International and Regional Cooperation Directorate, Kenya
- **Ms. Mauza Hasan Al Suwaidi**, Department of International Development, Government of Qatar
- **Mr. Paolo Galli**, Multilateral Affairs and UN Coherence Cluster, UNDP

Discussants (7 minutes each)

- **Dr. Thomas Fues**, German Development Institute, Germany
- **Ms. Anthea Mulakala**, The Asia Foundation, Malaysia

Open Discussion (35 minutes)

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee

11.00-12.25 Session V: South-South Cooperation and the Post-Busan Process

Chair: Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, RIS, India

Speakers (10 minutes each)

- **Mr. Tubagus Achmad Choesni**, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia
- **Mr. Shoayb Casoo**, South African Development Partnership Agency (SADPA), South Africa
- **Ambassador Gerardo Bracho**, Policy Planning of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- **Mr. Enrique Maruri**, Fluyt - Knowledge Brokers, Colombia

Discussant (7 minutes)

- **Mr. George Nwalupue**, National Planning Commission, Nigeria

Open Discussion (30 minutes)



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12.25-12.30 Key Messages from Day II

12.30-13.15 Valedictory Session: The Way Forward

Chair: Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)

- Key Messages from the Conference
- **Remarks: Mr. Navid Hanif**, Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- **Valedictory Address: Mr. Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty**, Secretary, Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
- **Vote of Thanks: Dr. Biswajit Dhar**, Director-General, RIS

13.15-14.15 **Lunch**

15.00 **Small Group Meeting on IDCR led by UNDESA Team (by invitation)**

16.30 **Small Group Meeting by Mora Institute, Mexico (by invitation)**

19.00 **Dinner**



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Session Briefs

Session I: South-South Cooperation: Rationale, Concepts and Contours

Monday, April 15, 2013, 11.30-13.00

The Conference of Southern Providers aims to start a dialogue on the nature and contours of SSC and how such a discussion can be purposeful and sustained while building on the individual and collective accomplishments of the respective countries. The Conference would also explore possible future course of action. While the conference concentrates on the economic advantages and prospects of South-South cooperation (SSC), we must not lose sight of the political rationality of the same. SSC has existed for at least six decades. In recent years, SSC has become more prominent in discussions on international cooperation for development as the rapid economic growth experienced by many Southern economies has enhanced their visibility in global affairs. The modalities for SSC have taken different and evolving forms, which include capacity-building, training, technology transfer and financial assistance. SSC has developed in such a way that the process has become a multifaceted engagement. The element of cooperation is critical to the extent that it enables a particular country to progress on its own, which, in turn, presupposes horizontal supportive flows in the form of trade, technology and investment.

SSC aims to discover and exploit the principle of ‘complementarity’ in production, consumption, trade, investment, and technological and development cooperation. These processes are inter-linked and may in turn generate forward and backward linkages, which eventually may produce positive synergies across Southern economies. The sharp expansion in trade and investment linkages among Southern countries underlines this phenomenon.

Some countries feel that there are efforts to define SSC by the paradigm of North-South cooperation. As a result, the expectations from SSC have multiplied several times over in recent past to the extent that the basic principles of this form of cooperation may be compromised. It is against this backdrop that the Conference of Southern Providers will aim to explore the fundamental principles and modalities of SSC, viz. national sovereignty, national ownership and independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference and mutual benefit. Therefore, it becomes important to deliberate on future arrangements that may be required for providers from the South to work more closely with each other.

This session will set the stage in terms of capturing broad features as well as the nuances of SSC. Against this backdrop, the session will discuss the following set of questions:

- What is the rationale behind SSC? What are the key principles, policies, modalities and practices as evident across SSC?
- How can these principles, policy orientations, modalities and practices, or strengths of SSC be practically applied?
- What are the benefits of and barriers for Southern providers in their collective engagement and what could be the platforms and institutional arrangements for such coordination?



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Session II: Evidence-based Analysis and SSC

Monday, April 15, 2013, 14.00-15.30

Evidence can be tremendously persuasive and significant. However, authoritative evidence-based analysis of SSC is limited. This has partially led to misperceptions and hinders the translation of good practices. Evidence-based analysis should help Southern providers better design their policies, strategies and projects based on available data. SSC takes different and evolving forms, e.g. the sharing of knowledge and experiences, training, technology transfer, financial and monetary cooperation and in-kind contributions. SSC involves policy coherence and diverse approaches to financing and supporting developing countries including aid, FDI, trade facilitation, private sector development, infrastructure building, capacity-development, governance and accountability reforms, domestic resource mobilization through knowledge sharing, inclusive and broad based participation. The complementarity across the various components of SSC should be studied so that the trends and emerging dynamics of SSC can be adequately understood.

For example, the Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP) has the potential to emerge as a model partnership in trade among developing countries. It is indicated that São Paulo Round of the GSTP covered 47,000 tariffs lines, mainly for manufactured products. Through strengthening and extending GSTP, SSC will promote the allocations of expertise, skills and knowledge in varied sectors and the advantage will be such that every country would learn in an efficient and productive manner. The current flow of OFDI from developing countries may also be seen as a new source of finance and technology transfer to South. Ever since the economic crisis, OFDI from developed countries has declined but on the contrary South-South FDI increased and such investments have become more important which accounted for 35 per cent compared to 25 per cent in the period 2007-2010.

Based on authoritative analysis, Southern providers can make informed choice of the form(s) of cooperation that is more suited to their capacity and needs.

Evidence based analysis would, therefore, not only put forward lesson for SSC but also dispel the misconceptions about SSC. Against this backdrop, the session will discuss the following set of questions:

- What are the informational and analytical gaps in analyzing South-South cooperation?
- What are the incentives and disincentives for more systematic collection and sharing of information on SSC?
- What are the political, policy, technical and practical challenges that have hindered Southern providers from sharing information on their development cooperation including at the sector level, e.g. agriculture or medicine?
- Are there similar challenges across other sectors? If so, how can SSC help Southern providers overcome these challenges?
- What is the relevance of GSTP as an engine of growth for SSC?
- What new analysis and directions are required for programmes like technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC)?
- How OFDI from South has been contributing to resources gap in developing countries?



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Session III: Evaluation of Development Partnership Programmes

Monday, April 15, 2013, 16.00-17.30

Evaluation as a tool is crucial to improve Development Partnership Programmes and can go long way in institution building for SSC which already deserves a greater attention. This assumes importance in light of southern providers planning to establish their own development cooperation agencies. With the scope and scale of South-South flows increasing, recipient countries also see the need to set-up dedicated units to manage SSC. The demands to learn from each other in institution-building were voiced strongly during the 2012 Development Cooperation Forum of ECOSOC. Such exchanges among SSC partners, however, remain ad-hoc at present but they can provide information that is instrumental for stakeholders, and identify problems, weakness and overcome constraints. Therefore, this process becomes the primary source of knowledge.

This session focuses on experiences of programmes that span across nations or international agencies and how these very experiences can push the agenda of SSC. This evaluation process and its learning could be used by the providers from the South to work more closely with each other and of course with their partner countries. Against this backdrop, the session will discuss the following set of questions:

- What cost-effective delivery tools are generally used in SSC? What are the advantages of these tools?
- How best sharing of development cooperation experiences by countries which have traversed the same development path may help in improving evaluation of development programmes?



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Session IV: Institutional Foundation for SSC: Regional, Multilateral Agencies

Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 09.05-10.30

Support from regional and multilateral institutions for SSC needs to be strengthened. They should assume a role in facilitating SSC, including deepening of cooperation. Among the regional institutions and within the UN, more proactive engagement and support of Southern provider countries are critical. In order for agencies to accomplish the objectives, it is pertinent that they complement and facilitate each other. In operational terms, regional and multilateral institutions have shown interest in serving as delivery channels for SSC, but their administrative systems are more influenced by the paradigm emanating from North-South Cooperation. In the similar way, institutional structures are generally not oriented towards this type of cooperation. For example, multilaterals are sometimes seen as too slow, costly and tailored towards the modalities of North-South cooperation and few of them have accorded high priority to understanding and supporting SSC and exchange. Similarly, there are few regional institutions which have promoted deeper SSC.

This session focuses on the interaction of SSC with regional and multilateral agencies and ways and means through which these can be helpful for SSC and lead to an environment which enhances the relationship between southern providers and these institutions. Against this backdrop, the session will discuss the following set of questions:

- How can the existing regional institutions be made effective and can be expanded for facilitating SSC?
- What kind of support for SSC is required from multilateral organizations? Have these expectations been met? What are the weakest areas?
- What changes need to be made by regional and multilateral institutions in terms of strategy, policy, rules/regulations, procedures and practices in order to fulfill their expected role to support SSC?
- What are good practices in cooperation between Southern providers and UN and other international agencies, including regional and multilateral financial institutes, in delivering SSC?



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Session V: South-South Cooperation and the Post-Busan Process

Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 11.00-12.25

The Busan High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness aimed to forge a “new partnership” that is broader and more inclusive than before, founded on shared principles, common goals and differential commitments for effective international development cooperation. To address the gap in response to the current challenges and opportunities, enhanced communication needs to be established among Southern providers.

The post-Busan Interim Group decided to establish the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (BGP) with due provisions for international accountability for implementation. A selective and relevant set of indicators and targets will be used for monitoring progress on a rolling basis, based on information primarily collected at the recipients’ end. The view of South in light of the Busan process becomes important. There are concerns among Southern providers that the indicators and targets of the BGP may gradually become the norm for all development cooperation stakeholders including the issuance of scorecards. Discussing openly the implications of the BGP among Southern providers and formulating coordinated positions will be more beneficial than simply neglecting the BGP.

The post-Busan process brings with itself implications for South-South Cooperation on this issue. This session broadly focuses on the Southern view on the engagement of Southern providers with Busan Global Partnership. The Post-Busan Process has led to rethinking among Southern providers on future strategy for engagement and modalities to consolidate Southern perspectives on this issue in a way that reinforces their ideas and approaches. Against this backdrop, the session will discuss the following set of questions:

- What institutional architecture has emerged after Busan? What are the implications of this architecture for SSC?
- What has been the broad focus of deliberations within the South with regard to the Busan Global Partnership and what has been level of convergence among the providers? What has been the engagement of Southern providers in the Busan Global Partnership to date?
- Do the implications of the post-Busan process require more joint and coordinated action of Southern providers? What could be the future strategy for engagement and modalities to consolidate Southern perspectives on this issue?



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A native of Calcutta, India, Dr. Manmohan Agarwal is currently Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo, Canada. Before joining CIGI, he served as an economist for the World Bank and senior economist with the International Monetary Fund. He has also taught at the Centre for International Trade and Development in the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in India and served as Dean of JNU's School of International Studies. In the late 1980s, Dr. Agarwal spent time at the University of Western Ontario as a visiting professor, researching the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations with John Whalley (now a CIGI distinguished fellow). In 2005, Dr. Agarwal participated in a CIGI conference on economic growth in Brazil, Russia, India, and China. Since joining CIGI, he has focused his research on the growth of emerging economies and their role in the global economy and international development. In 2009, he edited the book: *India's Economic Future*, and has also contributed numerous papers, policy briefs, and commentaries on the role of developing countries within the G20. Dr. Agarwal holds economics degrees from Calcutta University (B.A.), the Delhi School of Economics (M.A.) and MIT (Ph.D.).

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and her development partner countries. In addition, he also engages in the monitoring and evaluation of the Thai international cooperation programme as well as improving the M&E practices.

He has written several books on various topics such as Cross-cultural Negotiation Strategy, Cross-Cultural Management, Marketing Across-Culture, Samurai Strategy, Branding Japan, Thinking School, Critical Thinking, Philosophical Enquiry for Thinking Classroom, and plans to publish another two books in Project Planning and Management, and Managing for Results in 2013.

Mr. Amornchewin received his M.A. in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in the United States. He also holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Project Management from National Institute of Development Administration. He received his first degree from Thammasat University in Thailand.

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with application to the textile industry in Egypt), as well as the research and development with application to the pharmaceutical industry in Egypt. Her research interests include international economics, industrial organization, and economic development. She was awarded her doctoral degree in economics from Cairo University.

Cristián BARROS

Ambassador of Chile to India



Ambassador Cristián Barros studied at the Law School of Universidad de Chile and graduated from the Andres Bello Diplomatic Academy. He joined the Foreign Service, Consular Division in 1974. Since then, he has held prominent positions, which include Consul of Chile in Bariloche, Argentina; Consul and Consul-General in Chicago, U.S.; Ambassador, Director General for Administrative Affairs; Ambassador of Chile to Denmark; Presidential delegate in the Council of the Chilean International Cooperation Agency; Director General for Foreign Policy; Ambassador of Chile to the United Kingdom, concurrent to Ireland; Undersecretary (Vice Minister) for Foreign Affairs; Acting President of the Council of the Chilean International Cooperation Agency; Ambassador to Peru; Ambassador to Italy, concurrent to Malta. Presently, he is Ambassador to India, concurrent to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal. He has also received many awards of Honour.

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Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, presently Joint Secretary (MER), joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1992. Since then he has served both at the Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions abroad. He was Counsellor/Cd'A of India in Kuwait from 2007-2010. He was Third Secretary (LT)/Second Secretary (Pol & HOC) of India in Madrid. He was Second Secretary/First Secretary (Commerce & HOC) of India in Kathmandu. He was Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary of India in Bhutan. He has also served as Deputy Secretary (External Relations) on deputation to Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai. From 2004 to 2005 he was Private Secretary to Minister of Tourism, Government of India, New Delhi. He was also Director (External Publicity) – Deputy Spokesperson & Director (Latin America & Caribbean). He was Director/Deputy Chief of Protocol before he was appointed to his present position.

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Dr. Carpizo graduated from the Faculty of Economics, National Autonomous University of Mexico and persuaded his postgraduate studies at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, England. He did PhD in Economic History from Oxford University, England.



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Mr. Shoayb Casoo joined the Department of International Relations and Cooperation in 1995 after the first democratic elections in South Africa. He was deployed in the corporate services division and worked on the integration process of creating a new department that included the African National Congress diplomats, diplomats from the former South African Ministry, and those from the independent homelands. In 1998, he was appointed as Director to the Office of the Director General. He was also tasked with facilitating the transformation programme of the department. In 2004 he was appointed as Head of the Mediterranean Europe section where he served until his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary at the South African Embassy in Paris, working mainly on bilateral relations and South Africa's engagement with the OECD. On his return to South Africa in 2011, he was again assigned to the Office of the Director-General, and now works exclusively on the programme for the establishment of the South African Development Partnership Agency (SADPA).

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Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Indo-US civil nuclear issues and later as Special Envoy and Chief Negotiator on Climate Change. He has now concluded his assignment in Government and returned to being a private citizen. During his last two assignments, Ambassador Saran served as Prime Minister's personal representative or "Sherpa" at the Gleneagles and St. Petersburg G8+G5 summits and was present at the Toyako and L' Aquila Summits as an advisor on Climate Change issues. He also attended the Pittsburg G-20 summit as a member of the Indian delegation.

Currently, Ambassador Saran is Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board under the National Security Council. He serves as Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, which is an autonomous think tank specializing in studies on economic and trade related issues. He is also Senior Fellow with the Centre for Policy Research, a prestigious think tank which covers a wide range of political, social and economic issues, including foreign policy related issues. He speaks and writes regularly on a variety of subjects.

Ambassador Saran is Co-Chair on the Indian side on the India-Asean Eminent Persons' Group. He is currently serving as an Independent Director on the Boards of Wipro, ONGC (Videsh) and Indian Oil respectively. He is a member, Board of Trustees of World Wildlife Fund (India). He has recently been appointed as Chancellor of the Garhwal Central University.

On January 26, 2011, Ambassador Saran was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India for his contribution to Civil Service. The Padma Bhushan is the third highest national award in the country.

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Ambassador Wu Hongbo was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 August 2012. A career diplomat, Mr. Wu had been serving, since 2009, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Germany. His prior diplomatic postings also included New Zealand, and the Philippines, where he served as China's Ambassador. In November 2012, Mr. Wu was appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations Third International Conference on Small Island Development States. The Conference will be convened in Apia, Samoa, in 2014. From 2006 to 2009, he served as Director-General and later Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. He worked with the Chinese inter-agency coordination mechanism for the Boao Forum for Asia in 2006, the Chinese working group for the implementation mechanism of the UN conventions on environment and development, and the Chinese inter-ministry coordination mechanism for the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions in 2007.

Years of engagement in issues related to Hong Kong, including as Director and Director-General of the Department of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, and Counsellor and later Chief Representative of Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, deepened further Mr. Wu's substantial experience in dealing with social and economic issues. In Hong Kong, one of the world's leading international financial centers, Mr. Wu was extensively involved in multilateral consultations, negotiations and conferences on a range of economic and social issues. He was a leading official responsible for handling Hong Kong SAR's ties with over 30 international organizations and the continued application of over 200 international conventions to Hong Kong SAR.

Mr. Wu graduated from Beijing Foreign Studies University and pursued his postgraduate studies at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. He was born in May 1952 in Shandong, China.

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