



War: SDGs Under Fire

How Can We Mitigate the Fallout on Sustainability?

Biographies have been provided by the speakers.

Panelists:



Elissa Golberg
Ambassador of Canada to Italy, Albania, Malta and San Marino, and Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN Agencies based in Rome (IFAD, FAO, WFP)

Elissa Golberg is Ambassador of Canada to Italy and Albania, designate to San Marino and Malta, and Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN Agencies in Rome (IFAD, FAO, WFP). Prior to this, she was Assistant Deputy Minister for Strategic Policy at Global Affairs Canada (2017-2021), the department's Champion for Innovation and Experimentation, and Head of Performance Management and Results. Ms. Golberg has held several senior Canadian government roles, including Assistant Deputy Minister – Partnerships for Development Innovation (2015-17); Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Geneva) and to the Conference on Disarmament (2011-15); Director-General of the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (2009-11), and Representative of Canada in Kandahar, Afghanistan (2008-9).

Ms. Golberg is Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, and a member of the UN Central Emergency Revolving Fund Advisory Group. She sits on the Boards of the Centre for Global Governance and Innovation (CIGI), the Lewis Perinbaum Award, and was on the Advisory Board for the 2021 Canada Forum for Impact Investment and Development.

Ms. Golberg holds a master's degree in International Relations. She is a recipient of the NATO ISAF General Service medal, the Queen's Jubilee Medal, the Public Service Award of Excellence, and 3 Ministers' Awards for Foreign Policy Excellence. She has been a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, and published articles on humanitarian, fragile state and public policy related matters.



Anita Bhatia
Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director at UN Women

Anita Bhatia has had a distinguished career at the World Bank (WB), serving in various senior leadership and management positions, both at headquarters and in the field. She brings extensive experience in the areas of strategic partnerships, resource mobilization and management. Ms. Bhatia served for several years as Director of Global Partnerships for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank. She developed and expanded innovative partnerships with public and private sector partners to support IFC strategy in key areas, including fragile and conflict-affected states, gender equality, financial inclusion, support to women-owned businesses and other priorities critical for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition, Ms. Bhatia served as Director of Development Partner Relations for the World Bank, in which she led efforts to ensure strategic alignment between institutional priorities and resource mobilization across the WBG.

Throughout her career Ms. Bhatia has focused on enhancing sustainability, institutional effectiveness, and impact through strategic partnerships. As Head of IFC’s Latin America Advisory Operations, based in Lima and La Paz, she successfully grew the Corporation’s reach and impact in the region. As Director of Partnerships and Advisory Operations, Ms. Bhatia oversaw financial management, risk management, portfolio management, knowledge management and learning for Advisory Services across the globe. She has led diverse teams, including as Global Head of Knowledge Management, Head of Business Process Improvement, and Head of Change Management. In addition to Latin America, Ms. Bhatia has worked in Africa, Europe, Central Asia, and South and East Asia.

Ms. Bhatia holds a BA in History from Calcutta University, an MA in Political Science from Yale University, and a Juris Doctor in Law from Georgetown University.



Dr. Patrick Njoroge
Governor, Central Bank of Kenya

Dr Patrick Njoroge was reappointed Governor of the Central Bank with effect from June 18, 2019. He holds a PhD in Economics from Yale University, USA, and both a BA and an MA degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Prior to joining the Central Bank, Dr Njoroge had a long career, spanning 20 years, at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in Washington, D.C., USA. At the IMF, he was advisor to the IMF Deputy Managing Director from



December 2012. He also served as Deputy Division Chief in the IMF’s Finance Department and IMF Mission Chief for the Commonwealth of Dominica, as well as other capacities beginning in 1995.

Prior to joining the IMF, Dr Njoroge worked in Kenya as an economist at the Ministry of Finance and as a planning officer at the Ministry of Planning. His professional and research interests are in macroeconomics, economic policy, international finance, development economics, econometrics, and monetary policy.

Moderator:



Babak Abbaszadeh
President and CEO, Toronto Centre

Babak Abbaszadeh joined Toronto Centre for Global Leadership in Financial Supervision as President and CEO in June 2010. Babak is responsible for the organization’s strategy, training and capacity building programming, operational activities, and outreach. Babak also oversees the Centre’s collaboration with central banks, supervisory authorities, international development agencies, Financial Stability Board (FSB), international standard setting bodies, international financial institutions, and regional development banks. He has 29 years of experience in public policy and implementation in the public and private sectors. Babak has held leadership roles in highly regulated sectors such as financial services, energy, and natural resources financing including at Sun Life Financial, and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). He was also a former chief of staff to Cabinet Ministers in Ontario, Canada.