

# SEMINAR INVESTMENT AND TOURISM IN AFRICA

## Biographies of the Participants

### OPENING



**Mr. José Manuel Soria López. Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism, Spain**

Born in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, 1958.  
Graduate in Economics and Business Studies.  
Senior qualification in Trade and State Economist (1984).  
Member of Parliament for Las Palmas in the 10th Legislature.  
President of the Partido Popular of the Canary Islands from October 1999 and of the PP parliamentary group in the Canary Islands parliament from 2003.  
Member of the National Executive Committee and the National Governing Board of the Partido Popular.  
Member of the regional parliament since June 2003.  
Vice-president and Treasury minister of the Canary Islands government (July 2007-October 2010).  
President of the Cabildo de Gran Canaria from June 2003 to July 2007.  
Mayor of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria from 1995 to 2003.  
Holder of a senior qualification in Trade and State Economist since 1984.  
Professor of Macroeconomics and International Economics at the Madrid Centre for Trade Studies (1984-89).



**Ambassador Román Oyarzun Marchesi. Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations**

University Degree in Law (Deusto University) and Master in International Relations at the Diplomatic School, Madrid.  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Embassy of Spain in Buenos Aires Buenos Aires, Argentina (2012-2013).  
Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations, New York, United States (2008-2012).  
Deputy General Director for Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Madrid, Spain (2006).  
Minister Counselor Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations, New York, United States (2001).  
Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Spain in Buenos Aires Buenos Aires, Argentina (1998).

Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for International Cooperation and Latin America.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Madrid, Spain (1996).

Deputy General Director for Disarmament and Non Proliferation Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Madrid, Spain (1994).

Counselor Embassy of Spain in Brussels Brussels, Belgium (1991).

Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Spain in Montevideo, Uruguay (1987).

Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Spain in Damascus, Syria (1985).

Director-Chief of the Diplomatic Secretariat of the Minister's Cabinet.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Madrid, Spain (1985).



**Mr. Luis Padrón. Director General, Casa África**

Bachelor's degree in law, University of La Laguna.

He is the Director General of Casa África since February 2014. Casa África is a consortium of Economic and Public Diplomacy that gathers the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands, the Spanish Agency of International Development Cooperation and the Municipal Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Casa África works with the aim of promoting good understanding and trust between Spain and Africa, and strengthening Hispano-African relations through economic, political, educational and cultural activities.

Between 2002 and 2014, he was the Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce of Gran Canaria and was in charge of the internationalization of Canarian companies and relationships with African counterparts. There, he was Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce of Gran Canaria.

2002- 2014 Founder, promoter and Permanent Secretary General of the Atlantic Court of Arbitrage, Counselor of the Canary Islands Special Zone (ZEC) and Delegate of the UN Trade Point (UNCTAD) for the Canary Islands.

## PANEL 1 – MODERATOR



**H.E. Ambassador Jeremiah Nyamane Kingsley Mamabolo. Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations**

Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences, Moscow School of Social Sciences. Diploma in Journalism, Harare Polytechnic.

Masters Degree in Public Administration, University of Pretoria.

Deputy Head of Mission of the African National Congress (ANC) to the United Republic of Tanzania (1983).

Head of Information and Publicity of the ANC Mission in Zimbabwe (1984).

ANC Deputy Head of Mission in Zimbabwe (1985).

ANC Head of Mission in Maputo, Mozambique (1987-1989); Cuba (1989 – 1993) 1993-94 he served as ANC Head of Mission in Zimbabwe.

He returned to South Africa in 1994, thus ending a period of 18 years in exile. High Commissioner of democratic South Africa to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

1999, South Africa's Permanent Representative to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and to the United Nations' Economic Commission for Africa headquartered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

During the same period he served as South Africa's Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia accredited also to the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Djibouti.

2002 special envoy to Sierra Leone and the MANU River Basin, a position he held for two years.

In 2002 appointed Deputy Director-General for African Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Head of the South African contingent within SADC in 2005.

2006 South Africa's Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region.

Subsequently appointed Deputy Facilitator in the Burundi peace process.

In March 2013 he was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations.

## PANEL 1 - PANELISTS



**Mr. Carl Schlettwein. Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Namibia (Ministry of Trade and Industry)**

### **Public Appointments**

2005 - 2010 Member: Fisheries Advisory Council.

2005 - 2010 Member: Namibia Regional Trust Fund.

2004 - 2010 Council Member: University of Namibia.

2004 - 2010 Senate Member: University of Namibia.

2004 - 2010 Member: National Council for Higher Education.

2004 - 2006 Chairman: Lüderitz Waterfront Development Company.  
2004 - 2005 Chairman: Namibia Sports Commission.  
2003 - 2010 Chairman: Namibian Tender Board.  
2003 - 2010 Member: Diamond Board of Namibia.  
2003 - 2010 Member: Namibia Development Corporation Board of Directors.  
2003 - 2010 Member: Board of Directors of Bank of Namibia.

### **International Institutions**

2004 - 2005 Co-chaired SACU Commission Meetings.  
2003 - 2011 Alternate Governor- African Development Bank.  
2003 - 2010 Alternate Governor – World Bank.  
2003 - 2010 Member of the Common Monetary Area (CMA) Commission.  
2003 - 2010 Members of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU).  
2001 Chairperson of the Government Group of the High Level Tripartite Working Group on Maritime Labour Standards.  
2000 Chairperson of the ILC Sectoral Meeting on Sustainable Agricultural Development in a Globalized World, Geneva, Switzerland.  
1998 - 2002 Namibian Government Delegate at the ILC's.  
1996 - 2001 Namibian Government Representative in the ILO-Governing Body.

### **Related Experience**

1999 - 2000 Chaired the Senior Official Meeting of the OAU Labour and Social Affairs Commission.  
2001 Co-chaired the Senior Officials Meeting of the SADC Sector for Labour and Employment.  
1997 - 2000 Namibian Delegate at the Senior Official's OAU Labour and Social Affairs Commission Sessions.  
1997 - 2001 Namibian Delegate at the Senior Official's SADC Labour and Employment Sector Meetings.  
2003 - 2008 Member of the SACU negotiation team for the SACU/USA Free Trade Agreement.  
2003 - 2010 Member of the SACU negotiation team for the SACU/European Free Trade Agreement.  
2003 - 2009 Member of the SACU negotiation team for the SACU/Mercusor Free Trade Agreement.  
2005 – 2010 Member of the SADC Senior Official Task Force for Regional Economic Integration



**Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya. High Representative of the Secretary-General for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States**

Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya, of Nepal, was appointed to the position of Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) on 5 September 2012.

Mr. Acharya as Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, contributed since 2009 as Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Group of Least Developed Countries, to the successful conclusion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the follow-up process. He was also closely involved in the 2010 Millennium Development Goals mid-term review process and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held recently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He was also a member of the Bureau of Landlocked Developing Countries and was elected Chair of the Commission on Social Development. From 2010 to 2011 he served as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission's Working Group on Lessons Learned.

Mr. Acharya brings to the position some 29 years' experience in diplomatic service involving the articulation and promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. Over the last several years he has been consistently highlighting, advocating for and projecting the interests and concerns of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.

Prior to that, Ambassador Acharya was Foreign Secretary with the Government of Nepal (2007-2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva (2003-2007), Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry (1999-2002) and Joint Secretary (Director-General) responsible for South Asia, Europe and the Americas and Regional Organizations, Economic Relations and Coordination Divisions (1998-2003).

A strong advocate of the issues affecting LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, Ambassador Acharya has stressed that "LDC, LLDC and SIDS issues are livelihood issues requiring urgent global attention and support" and continues to call for the pro-active role of all the stakeholders in galvanising international support in a spirit of global partnership.



**Mr. Federico Steinberg. Senior Analyst at the Elcano Royal Institute**

Ph.D. in Economics from the Universidad Autónoma, an MSc in Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics and a Master in International Affairs from Columbia University.

Consultant for the World Bank and United Nations.

Teacher in a number of Master's degrees, including IE business school and ICADE.

Frequent contributor to Spanish media.

Research areas: expert in international political economy with a strong background and interest in international trade, finance, development and European economic and monetary union.

Selected publications: Is the Dollar Becoming a Negotiated Currency? Evidence from the Emerging Markets (with M. Otero-Iglesias. *New Political Economy*, Volume 18, Issue 3, 2013); Towards a common external representation for the eurozone? (with D. Schwarzer and D. Valiante, TGAE-Elcano 3/2013, Elcano Royal Institute, 2013); Reframing the euro vs. dollar debate through the perceptions of financial elites in key dollar-holding countries (with M. Otero-Iglesias. *Review of International Political Economy and New Political Economy*, March 2012); El euro al rescate de Europa (Coordinator. Real Instituto Elcano y Marcial Pons, 2010).

## PANEL 2 - MODERATOR



**Vandi Chidi Minah. Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations**

Bachelor of Laws from London University and master's degree in public international law.

Minister for Transport and Aviation since December 2010-2013.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2008- 2010).

Legal Adviser to the United Nations Integrated Office for Sierra Leone (2006- 2008).

Legal Officer in the Administrative Unit of the Office for Human Resources Management (OHRM) at Headquarters (2005 - June 2006),

First Officer in the Office of the OHRM Assistant Secretary-General (2002- 2005).

Legal Adviser in the Office of the Director of Administration for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor in Dili (2001 to 2002),

Legal Officer in the Office of the mission's Principal Legal Adviser (2000- 2001), Legal Affairs Officer in the Office of the Chief Legal Officer/Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1996-1999).

## PANEL 2 - PANELISTS



**Hon. Jean Kapata, MP. Minister of Tourism and Arts**

Honourable Jean Kapata MP, currently serving as Minister of Tourism and Arts is an elected Member of Parliament for Mandevu Constituency in Lusaka the capital city of Zambia. She was appointed Minister of Tourism and Arts on 26th March, 2014.

Hon. Jean Kapata MP was first elected as Member of Parliament in 2006 the ticket of the Patriotic Front Party.

In October, 2011, her party won the Presidential and General Elections and she was appointed Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Mother and Child Health.

Before her appointment to the current portfolio as Minister of Tourism and Arts, she served as Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Mother and Child Health.

Hon. Jean Kapata has a health sector background where she worked as a registered nurse until when she joined politics and subsequently elected as Member of Parliament. She has over 20 years of professional experience in the health sector.



**Hon. Engineer Walter Mzembi (MP). Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe**

Bachelor and Masters Business degrees from **Azteca University** in Mexico, Honorary Doctorate for his services in the National and global tourism sector.

Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Northern Technical College in Ndola, Zambia.

In 2004 Mzembi was nominated for, and won, the British American Tobacco (BAT) and the Zimbabwe Public Relations Institute (ZPRI) Communicator of the Year Award, as second runner-up.

In 2004 he was elected ZANU PF Member of Parliament for Masvingo South Constituency

Member on several parliamentary committees (Lands and Rural Settlement Committee and Zimbabwe's permanent delegation to the ACP/EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels.

Head of ACP/EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels.

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water Resources Development and Management (2006), he holds which has also awarded him an Honorary Doctorate for his services in the National and global tourism sector.

He is currently working on his doctoral thesis entitled "Conservation Management in Zimbabwe: The Governance Perspective".



**Mr. Carlos Vogeler. Director – Executive Secretary for Member Relations, UN World Tourism Organization**

Degree in Tourism Business Administration by "Escuela Oficial de Turismo de Madrid" (now University Rey Juan Carlos) and post-graduate by the IESE Business School, of the University of Navarra – Spain.

Regional Director for the Americas at UNWTO.

Professor at University "Rey Juan Carlos", Madrid, at the Dpt. of Business Economics and is the author of various university text books on international tourism structure.

(1974-1990) Deputy Managing Director, Pullmantur.

(1991 to 2008) various senior management positions at Group RCI and later Vice president of Global Account Strategy & Industry Relations.

(2005- 2008) Chairman of the Affiliate Members of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Since 1997 Vice President of the board of the Affiliate Members and Chairman of the Business Council and member of the UNWTO Strategic Group.

Founding member of the Spanish Association of Experts in Tourism (AECIT) and was a member of the International Association of Experts in Tourism (AIEST).

