

Biographies of Panelists and Moderator

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PANELISTS



Dr. Miao Lu is the Co-founder, Vice President of China Center for Globalization & Secretary General of CCG. She got her PhD degree on Contemporary Chinese Studies from Beijing Normal University and had been a visiting scholar at New York University and Harvard University. She has participated in a number of Chinese government's and Social Science Foundation's research projects and she has published many research papers and books. The latest new well known Chinese Blue Books she has authored and edited are: The Chinese Enterprises Globalization Report 2014/2015; The Chinese Overseas Students Development Report 2013/2014; The Chinese Overseas Returnees Development Report 2013/2014/2015; Chinese Overseas Professionals Report 2014; Chinese Enterprises Globalization Report 2014/2015; Chinese International Migration Report 2015; all published by China Social Science Academy Press, the most prestigious publishing house under China Social Science Academy. Her latest book also includes Global Think tanks, which is the best seller on the subject in China. In another capacity, Dr. Miao is a Deputy Director of International Writing Center of Beijing Normal University, where she assists Mo Yan, the Center Director and the Chinese Nobel Laureate in Literature.



Dr. Nella Hendriyetty is Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Prior to joining ADBI, she served as deputy director for the G20 forum at the Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia, from 2016 to 2019. She also was Senior Compliance Officer in the Indonesia Financial Intelligence Unit (INTRAC/PPATK) from 2005-2010 and Head of the Sub-Division of Accounting Compliance for Securities Institutions in the Indonesian Capital Market Supervisory Agency (now the Financial Service Authority/OJK) from 2004 to 2005. She holds a Ph.D. in economics from Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia, and a MSc in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, United States.



Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri has been heading Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan's premier policy research think-tank, since 2007. He is a member of various policy-making forums and advisory boards, including Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; National Advisory Council of Planning commission of Pakistan; Pakistan Climate Change Council; convenor of Food Security Advisory Group at National Security Division Govt of Pakistan; and member of Agricultural Universities Vice Chancellor's Search Committee, Govt of Punjab. He is also serving on various international policy-making forums, including the advisory board of intergovernmental organization CAREC (Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation) Think-Tanks Network; Member of the permanent organizing committee of South Asia Economic Summit; Co-Chair of the Board of Climate Action Network South Asia; and lead expert for World Economic Forum's "Transformation Mapping" initiative from Pakistan. His current research interests include Sustainable Development Goals, inclusive and sustainable economy; food security; regional trade; and the political economy of development, etc. He is also editor-in-chief of the SDPI peer-reviewed journal, "Journal of Development Policy, Research, and Practice." Dr. Suleri earned his Ph.D. in food security from the University of Greenwich, UK, in May 2000.



Dr. Tuvshintugs Batdelger is the Director of Economic Research Institute (ERI), independent research and policy think tank in Mongolia and an associate professor of economics at the National University of Mongolia. He is actively involved in policy discussions in the country. He successfully led research teams on policy analysis projects such as the impact of the financial crisis on the Mongolian economy, assessment of the impact of big strategic mines on the Mongolian economy and business environment. His research interests are macroeconomics, monetary economics, international finance, and the Mongolian economy. Dr. Tuvshintugs received his Ph.D. in Economics from Boston University, the USA, and MA in Economics from the University of Manchester, UK. He is a member of the Council of Economic Advisers of the Prime Minister's Office of Mongolia and has been a member of Monetary Policy Board of Central Bank of Mongolia.



Dr. Xiaojun Grace Wang is the Deputy Director at the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) (2017- present), overseeing knowledge and advisory services, regional offices, trust fund management and operations. She also provides guidance to SSC programmes on poverty eradication, climate change, peace, gender equality and digital transformation. Ms. Wang has most recently served as the Lead Advisor on South-South and Triangular Cooperation at the United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP)'s Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. In that capacity, she initiated and spearheaded the establishment of the Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks for South-South Cooperation – the South-South Global Thinkers Initiative – to advance thought leadership from developing countries on international cooperation. Between 2002 and 2009, Ms. Wang served in the UNDP Country Office in China where she was Team Leader for Democratic Governance and HIV and AIDS, and managed poverty alleviation and disaster risk reduction programmes. Before joining UNDP in 2002, Ms. Wang worked with governments, international non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and media outlets. She is a Chinese national and holds a PhD in Education and International Development from the University of London.



Dr. Hans Holzacker is Chief Economist at the CAREC Institute (CI) in Urumqi, People's Republic of China. Before joining the CI, he was the lead economist for Central Asia at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans has 30 years of experience as an Economist focusing on transition economies. He was Chief Economist at Golomt Bank in Mongolia and of ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan and Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Senior Economist focused on Russia and Ukraine for Bank Austria, a member of the UniCredit group, and was also in charge of CEE country rating. Hans was Senior

Economist covering the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC, during 1999-2001, Head of Country Risk/Research at GiroCredit Research, Investment bank Austria during 1993-99, and Central European Economist at Nomura Research Institute during 1989-93. Dr.Holzacker holds a Ph.D. from the University of Vienna in Austria



Ms. Narmina Gasimova holds the Grants and Programs Director position at the Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD). She is engaged in the implementation of projects devoted to social and economic issues. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She studied the elements of macroeconomics and political economy along with the basics of political studies. At the same time, she performs as a researcher. The scope of her researches covers social and economic topics. Ms. Gasimova is serving at the Center for Economic and Social Development since 2019. She has studied the topics of diversification and monetary policies in CIS countries, produced some quarterly reports on the economy of Russia, annual reports on the budget of Azerbaijan, and assessed the impact of the oil crisis on

the economies of resource-rich countries. Ms. Gasimova has experience in writing and checking articles and academic papers. She is fluent in English, Russian, Azeri and can also speak some German.

MODERATOR



Mr. Khalid Umar is Chief of Strategic Planning Division (SPD) at the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC Institute), headquartered in Urumqi, China. He is also the coordinator of CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) and the flagship annual Think Tank Development Forum (TTDF). Khalid is a Fulbright Scholar and holds a MA degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA. His professional include the global economic environment, economic policy, regional economic cooperation, strategic alliances, and partnerships. Mr. Khalid Umar was a career civil servant working for the Ministry of Finance,

Government of Pakistan since 2005. Before joining civil service, he has worked in the NGO sector in Pakistan. Prior to his current assignment at the CAREC Institute, he worked as Deputy Secretary (Economic Affairs) at Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad, Pakistan