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Ministerial round tables Monday, 14 March, 3:00 - 6:00 pm **MODERATORS BIOS**

Ms. Geraldine Joslyn Fraser-Moleketi is the Special Envoy on Gender of the African Development Bank. Previously, Ms. Fraser-Moleketi occupied the position of the Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Democratic Governance Group, overseeing the organization's related strategic and policy work. Prior to joining UNDP, Ms. Fraser-Moleketi served successive terms as Minister for Public Service and Administration in South Africa (1999 to 2008) and as Minister for Welfare and Population Development (1996-1999). She also served as National Deputy Elections Coordinator for the African National Congress from 1993/1994 in the lead up to South Africa's first democratic elections of April 1994.

Dr. David Nabarro serves as Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change. He also oversees the Secretary-General's special initiatives, including Every Woman Every Child, Global Pulse and Zero Hunger Challenge, and the UN Office for Partnerships. He is also the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition. David Nabarro has more than 30 years' experience of public health, nutrition and development at country, regional and global levels, and has held positions in non-governmental organizations, universities, national Governments and the United Nations system.

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan is the Secretary General of the Ibero American Conference, an international multilateral institution which brings together the 19 Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries of Latin America plus Spain, Andorra and Portugal. Prior to this appointment, she was Assistant Secretary General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She served as Vice President of Costa Rica from 1994 to 1998. She was Minister of Housing, Minister Coordinator of Economic and Social Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance. Ms. Grynspan was a member of the High Level Panel on Financing for Development convened by the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in 2001. In 2014 and 2015 she was recognized as one of the 50 leading intellectuals of Latin America.

Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales is the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority. Ms. Bersales has more than 30 years of experience as an academic, researcher, and statistics development partner of the public and private sectors. Ms. Bersales recently restructured the Philippines Statistical System - redefining roles in response to new challenges, development of statistical standards, methodologies, and sectoral statistics. She was the Vice President for Planning and Finance of the University of the Philippines System and served as Dean and Director for Graduate Studies. Ms. Bersales currently serves as Co-chair of the Interagency Expert and Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and Vice-Chair of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific.