

## Biographies of Speakers

### Risk Informed Private and Public Investments

#### Panelists

#### **Isidoro Santana López, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic.**



Mr. Isidoro Santana López is the current Minister of Economy, Planning and Development in Dominican Republic. Mr. Santana is the former coordinator of the board of economic advisers for the Ministry of Presidency of Dominican Republic. He served as expert in Internal Taxation and as General Coordinator of the Project for Strengthening the Tax Sector for the Dominican Republic. Mr. Santana is founder member of the civic movement “*Participación Ciudadana*”, that is a non-partisan civic movement which is interested in achieving respect for the popular will in electoral processes, face floating corruption and strengthen the political institutions of the country. Mr. Santana is also a Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Dominican Republic and has experience as college professor in Macroeconomics, Public Finances and National Accounts. As a researcher, he has published a variety of books, essays and articles about poverty, distribution of income and public policies.

#### **Ms. Sandra Wu, Member, UN Global Compact Board**



Ms. Sandra Wu is member of the United Nations Global Compact Board, the Chairperson and CEO of Kokusai Kogyo since 2013, and Co-Founder and Director of Japan Asia Group, of which Kokusai Kogyo is a wholly-owned subsidiary, since 1998.

Ms. Wu is a board member of UNISDR Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE). She was Chair of UNISDR's private sector stakeholder group from 2013 to 2015, and was named DRR Champion at the UN Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015.

With the World Economic Forum, Ms. Wu is member of the Alliance of Climate CEO Leaders and Disaster Resource Partnership, and has served as Co-Chair of the Infrastructure and Urban Development (I&U) Industry Group in 2017 and as advisory board member for Global Risk Report 2016 and 2017, among other roles. In Japan, Ms. Wu is a member of the national Advisory Committee on National Resilience (Disaster Reduction and Mitigation). Ms. Wu is a graduate from the Department of Chinese Literature, National Taiwan University and the Advanced Management Program, Harvard Business School.

## **Hiroshi YAMAKAWA**



Dr. Hiroshi Yamakawa is the President of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). His previous work experience includes Member of Committee on National Space Policy, Cabinet Office; Secretary General, Secretariat of Strategic Headquarters for Space Policy, Cabinet Secretariat; Professor, Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere, Kyoto University; JAXA Project Manager, Mercury Exploration Mission “BepiColombo”; Visiting Scientist of the European Space Research and Technology Centre, European Space Agency (ESA); Visiting Scientist of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); and Associate Professor, Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS). He earned his PhD (Engineering) from the Department of Aeronautics, School of Engineering at the University of Tokyo.



## **Hans Sy**

Chairman, Executive Committee of SM Prime Holdings, Inc. Hans Sy is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (SMPH) and Adviser to the Board of SM Investments Corporation. SM Prime, which was incorporated in the Philippines in 1994, is one of the largest integrated property developers in Southeast Asia. Under Hans Sy’s leadership as its President till September 2016, SM Prime grew exponentially through offering of innovative and sustainable lifestyle cities integrating malls, residences, offices, hotels and convention centers. Hans is also engaged in the management of some of the oldest institutions in the country. He is the Chairman of China Banking Corporation, which turns 100 years old by 2020, and of the National University founded in 1900. He is actively pushing for Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) through collaborative efforts on Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) in the Philippines. Currently, he sits in the Global Board of ARISE Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies. He is the Co-Chairman of the National Resilience Council (NRC), a private-public sector initiative whose goal is to strengthen resilience of Local Government Units (LGUs) towards disaster-resilient Philippines. Mr. Sy holds a B.S. Mechanical Engineering degree from De La Salle University.



### **Minister Musa Ecbreeru**

Minister MUSA has served as a Minister of State for Relief, Disaster Management and Refugees in the Government of the Republic of Uganda for more than 12 years. Over this period, he has continuously provided political leadership and effective coordination for humanitarian response to numerous disasters and emergencies like floods, landslides, drought, human induced conflicts, refugee influxes .internally displaced persons, among others.

Currently, Musa is coordinating the implementation of a model resettlement project for persons at high risk of landslides which will build resilience of affected persons for many years to come. Prior to his current ministerial role, Musa served as a Field Administrator (Resident District Commissioner) in Uganda for 13 years, handling the Rural people and Communities. He was elected a Member of Parliament in 2006 and appointed Minister of State for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees in the same year and has maintained both portfolios to-date. Musa holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy, holds an Associate Bachelors Degree in Democracy and Development Studies.

### **Moderator**

**David Eades** , Chief Presenter BBC World News



David has spent three decades as a news broadcaster for the BBC. He was Europe correspondent, Ireland Correspondent and Senior Sports News Corr before becoming an anchor for BBC World News. He has also covered major UN events from SIDS in Samoa to the UNISDR in Sendai, Japan. His areas of particular interest include disaster prevention, sustainability and sport.