Details of the speakers and moderators

SESSION 1

Presentation and moderated panel discussion

**Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta** is Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Cambridge. Professor Dasgupta taught at the London School of Economics (Lecturer 1971–1975; Reader 1975–1978; Professor of Economics 1978–1984). He moved to the University of Cambridge in January 1985 as Professor of Economics, serving as Chairman of the Faculty of Economics from 1997 to 2001. In 2002, Professor Dasgupta was named Knight Bachelor by the Queen for services to economics. Professor Dasgupta’s research interests have covered welfare and development economics, the economics of technological change, population, environmental and resource economics, the theory of games, the economics of undernutrition, and the economics of social capital.

**Dr. Julius Muia, (PhD.), CBS,** is the Principal Secretary at The National Treasury. Prior to this, he was the Principal Secretary at the State Department for Planning - The National Treasury and Planning. Before his appointment as PS Planning, he was the Director General, Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat which operated under the Office of the President, Republic of Kenya to facilitate the implementation of Vision 2030. This is Kenya’s long-term policy framework that is premised on making Kenya a globally competitive, rapidly industrializing and upper middle income economy by 2030.

Between April 2008 and October 2016, Dr. Muia served as the Secretary, National Economic and Social Council, Office of the President. This is a top advisory government think tank whose flagship project was formulating Vision 2030.

An alumnus of the University of Nairobi’s School of Business, Dr Julius Muia graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Accounting; Masters Degree and PhD in Finance from the same university. His professional qualifications include: Certified Public Accountant (CPA-K); Certified Public Secretary (CPS-K), Associate Kenya Institute of Bankers; Associate Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; and Certified Coach.

Dr. Muia has over 25 years experience in leadership in the private sector in Kenya and UK. He started his career as an auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers in mid 1980’s, and later worked as Head of Finance and Company Secretary in the hotel, manufacturing and banking sector. His other engagements include an adjunct faculty at Strathmore Business School; adviser on strategy and trainer on leadership.
Ms. Alice Ruhweza joined WWF International as the Africa Region Director in July 2019. Her role is to develop and lead WWF in Africa so that it is highly influential and able to shape the sustainability agenda of Africa domestically and globally.

Prior to joining WWF, Alice worked for Conservation International (CI), first as Executive Director of the Vital Signs Programme, where she championed data-driven policy making in four countries and helped expand to 12 additional countries. She later served as Interim Vice President of Sustainable Production, where she engaged across sectors to co-design a program to support African governments and businesses to adopt sustainable pathways for production sectors including agriculture, mining, oil and gas, fisheries, and renewable energy. In her last year at CI, she was promoted to Vice President of Programs and Partnerships, where she brought together science, strategy, and fundraising to build stronger programs and align regional-level and interrelated country-level work across the continent. Prior to CI, Alice served as the Team Leader of the UN Development Program’s Global Environment Finance Unit in Africa where she and her team supported over 44 Countries in Africa to leverage environmental finance for their sustainable development priorities. Before joining UNDP, Alice worked for the National Environment Management Authority in Uganda, Forest Trends (USA), Sprint Corporation (USA), and as a consultant for the World Bank, the UNFCCC Secretariat, the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development, and the Institute for European Environmental Policy on a wide range of issues.

Alice is a contributing author for The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB) Report for Policy Makers, and for Local Governments. She is also an Aspen New Voices Senior Fellow, an Arnold Conservation Fellow and a Fellow of the Salzburg Global.

Mr. Ruud Jansen joined Conservation International in October 2015 as the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa. Ruud has worked in the field of nature conservation and sustainable development in Africa for over 30 years. After obtaining his MSc in Social and Economic Geography from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, he moved to Botswana in 1983 where he has worked in various management, research and advisory positions for the Government of Botswana and for such organisations as the Netherlands Development Organisation, the University of Utrecht (Netherlands), IUCN – The World Conservation Union, and the United Nations. Since 2005, he has worked for UNDP Botswana as Chief Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Environment Wildlife and Tourism and the Office of the President.

Ms. Wanjira Mathai is the Vice President and Regional Director for Africa at WRI. She formerly served as Co-chair of WRI’s Global Restoration Council and a Senior Advisor to the Global Restoration Initiative. She is the current Chair of the Wangari Maathai Foundation and the former Chair of the Green Belt Movement in Kenya.

An inspiring leader, Wanjira has over 20 years of experience advocating for social and environmental change on both local and international platforms. Over the years, Wanjira has also served important strategic and advocacy roles raising the prominence and visibility of global issues such as climate change, youth leadership, sustainable energy, and landscape restoration, at Women Entrepreneurs in Renewables (wPOWER) and the Green Belt Movement the organization her mother (2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate) founded in 1977.

Wanjira currently serves on the Board of the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) and as an advisory council member of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves. Wanjira is one of a few Six Seconds EQ Practitioners in Kenya and was one of the 100 Most Influential Africans in 2018. Wanjira has a master’s degree in Public Health and Business from Emory University, USA.
Mr. Richard Ngatia was elected the President of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KNCCI) on June 8th 2019 and also serves as a member of the East African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EACCIA) Board. Prior to being elected as the President, Mr. Ngatia was the Chairman of KNCCI Nairobi County Branch.

Mr. Ngatia also serves as the Managing Director and CEO of Megascope Healthcare, a major corporate player in the healthcare industry in Kenya and across the entire continent. Megascope is a key provider for the healthcare equipment leasing scheme for County Governments in Kenya and in recent years the company has received many local and international awards in recognition of its work in the healthcare sector.

Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel is the FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa. A national of Ethiopia, Haile-Gabriel has more than 30 years of extensive experience in strategic leadership and management in complex environments at national, sub regional and regional levels, focused on agricultural and rural development in Africa.

Haile-Gabriel’s career began in 1986 as a faculty member of the then Alemaya (now Haramaya) University in Ethiopia, and he rose through the ranks until 2005, assuming progressive senior leadership positions as educationalist, researcher and manager contributing to design and delivery of capacity-building interventions in support of reforms and strategies on governance and agricultural transformation. Between 2005 and 2015, Haile-Gabriel served the African Union, first as Director of Semi-Arid Food Grains Research and Development, based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, then as Head of Rural Economy Division and finally as Director of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. Some of the hallmarks of his achievements include the successful rolling out of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) at country and regional levels, the elaboration and subsequent adoption of the 2014 Malabo Declaration on Agriculture, and the effective coordination of the African Common Position on Climate Change.

Haile-Gabriel joined FAO in 2015 to serve as Deputy Regional Representative for Africa and Representative to Ghana, and since 2017 as the Regional Programme Leader for Africa, during which time he played lead role in refocusing and aligning FAO’s regional initiatives and strategic programmes in Africa with the priorities espoused by key national and regional partners for improved programme delivery.

Haile-Gabriel holds a Doctorate and a Masters’ degree in Agricultural and Rural Development from the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, the Netherlands, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the Alemaya University in Ethiopia.

Dr. Philip Osano is the Acting Centre Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Africa. He is an environmental policy expert with diverse research experience in biodiversity and ecosystem governance; land use change; pastoral and rangeland management; climate change adaptation; agricultural policy; water and land management; and integrated environmental planning. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the United Nations University –Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) in Japan.

A Jean Sauvé Fellow in Public Leadership, he holds a PhD in Geography from McGill University, Canada, an MSc (Conservation Biology) from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and a BSc (Environmental Science) from Egerton University in Kenya.
Ms. Sandy Sheard is a Deputy Director with HM Treasury, the UK’s economic and finance ministry. She leads the Dasgupta Review team. Previously, Sandy led the UK’s collaboration with India on energy and climate change at the British High Commission in New Delhi, and before that was Deputy Director for electricity network policy and smart grid deployment with the UK’s energy ministry. Before entering government, Sandy worked in the private sector as a project manager and an engineer. She has master’s degrees in engineering, political science and international development.

Peter Odhengo is the Head, Climate Finance and Green Economy Unit, The National Treasury, Kenya and the founding Director of Greening Kenya Initiative Trust—a Public-Private-Partnership initiative whose mission is to promote green consumerism through diffusion of green technologies for the advancement of green economy in Kenya. He is a Climate Change and Natural Resource management specialist, with multidisciplinary background and experience over 15 years in development and policy analysis with a focus on impact evaluation in inclusive green growth: agriculture, social and economic development, and environment and natural resources, climate change mitigation & adaptation. He holds Master of Science Degree in Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Bachelor Science in Ecology, Post graduate Certificates: in Wind Energy Management, Sustainable Water Resources Management, Energy and Technology Life Cycle Assessment.

Mr. Odhengo is a fellow of Salzburg on sustainability and has been actively involve on the development and review of the several policies and strategies; including the National Climate Finance Policy for Kenya, the National Climate Change Action Plan-Kenya, and the Green Economy and Implementation plan (GESIP) for Kenya.

Mr. Joe Ageyo is the Editorial Director at Royal Media Services where he oversees news and current affairs across two tv channels and 14 radio stations. Joe has a wide experience in television journalism spanning a period of 20 years. During this period he has also held various positions at the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), the Nation Media Group as well as the Standard Group Ltd, where he was the founding Managing Editor of KTN News, the only 24-hour news channel in Eastern Africa.

Joe has co-moderated two presidential debates in Kenya; the inaugural one in 2013 as well as the second one in 2017. He has also served in the Steering Committee of the Presidential Debates in Kenya and as a trustee of the Kenya Editor’s Guild.

As an editor, he has presided over the coverage of three General Elections and two national referenda in Kenya. Joe who is a well-rounded journalist has excelled both in general news reporting as well in specialised areas such as science and environmental journalism.

Joe is a fellow at the Center for Governance and Sustainability at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies (MGS), University of Massachusetts and a Catto Fellow at the Aspen Institute.

He holds an MSc in Environmental Governance from the University of Manchester, a Post Graduate Diploma in Mass Communication from The University of Nairobi, Kenya, a Bachelor of Agribusiness Management from Egerton University, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy from the University of Switzerland.

SESSION 2

Interactive Question and Answer (Q&A) Session
Hon. Francis Gatate is CEO of the Rwanda Mines, Petroleum & Gas Board (RMB), and member of the Cabinet. He previously served as CEO for Rwanda Development Board (RDB). He previously served as the Principal Private Secretary to H.E the President of the Republic of Rwanda, as well as Chief Economist and Deputy Head of Policy and Strategy in the Office of the President of Rwanda. He was also the Representative of Rwanda, to the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD). Mr. Gatate is an Economist, and graduate of Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Hon. Kemi Badenoch was appointed Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury on 13 February 2020 and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Equalities) in the Government Equalities Office on 14 February 2020. She was previously Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education from 27 July 2019 to 13 February 2020.