

Biographical Notes on Panelists

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Munir Akram

H. E. Mr. Munir Akram is the 60th President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He

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Law from Karachi University.

John Logkat Shindai Alkali

John Logkat Shindai Alkali was born on 15th June 1952. He is the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development created by the Nigerian Government in 2003 as the public institution responsible for housing and urban development policies and programmes in the country.

With an educational background both in Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning, and as a seasoned administrator, Mr. Alkali is involved in public policy formulation, implementation and administration in the human settlements sector. He was involved in the development of Abuja, the new Federal Capital City of Nigeria in his capacity as the Director of Public Buildings, and later as the Executive Director of Works and Technical Services in charge of all the professional departments in the Federal Capital Development Authority. He was also instrumental in the review and adoption of the new national policies on Housing and Urban Development for Nigeria; and has been active in moving forward the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, Agenda 21 and the Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria. He is currently involved in slum upgrading and community based urban development initiatives jointly being implemented with UN-HABITAT and the World Bank, including tackling issues of urban land management, infrastructure provision, promoting access to finance for housing ownership and poverty reduction.

Mr. Alkali has extensive experience on development issues and has participated at several national and international review sessions and conferences addressing sustainable development, including the twelfth session of

Adnan Z. Amin

Adnan Z. Amin is the Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) office at United Nations Headquarters in New York responsible for policy coordination, inter agency

Patrizio Civili

Patrizio Civili is the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. Civili joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1969 in the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs and Coordination. He used to serve as Nations Secretary-General overseeing economic and social affairs. He also served as Secret (ACC) which, under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General, comprises the executive heads of all specialized agencies, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and the heads of all United Nations programmes and funds.

Mr. Patrizio Civili, who was awarded a Fullbright Scholarship and a Johns Hopkins University Fellowship, holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Rome, where he specialized with a concentration in political science from the University of Washington in Seattle. In addition, he has attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, Italy.

Richard Cook

In 2003, Richard Cook joined the firm, Richard Cook & Associates, with Robert Fox to form Cook & Fox Architects, a firm devoted to creating environmentally responsible high performance buildings.

In addition to the Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park, Cook & Fox is entering the final design stages of a large preservation project in the South Street Seaport Historic District, which involves eleven existing buildings and the design of three new buildings for a two-block waterfront area. Other projects he has guided are 360 Madison Avenue, for which his firm was named *Architect of the Year* by *Construction News*, the Chelsea Grande, a residential development which was selected by the Congress for New Urbanism for their 2002 Charter Award, and the Caroline, a suite of condominiums with forms echoing its former department-store neighbors along Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Cook received a Bachelor of Architecture degree *cum laude* from Syracuse University. Prior to establishing his own firm, Mr. Cook worked for Fox & Fowle with his current partner, Bob Fox.

Philip Enquist

Philip Enquist leads the urban design and planning of inner cities, their commercial centers and neighborhoods, the strengthening of existing city infrastructure of streets and transit, and the preservation of the natural environment. He collaborates closely with government agencies and community groups to shape the places we live and work. Phil Enquist has directed planning and design on a variety of downtown mixed-use projects, new towns, campus master plans, as well as regional planning initiatives.

Rastam Mohd Isa

H.E. Mr. Rastam Mohd Isa is the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the U.N, and the former ambassador to Indonesia (1999-2003), serving in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1996-1998).

Lars Reuterswärd

Dr. Lars Reuterswärd is the Director of the Shelter and Sustainable Human Settlements Development Division (also known as the Global Division) of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) since 2003. Dr. Reuterswärd was the overall Coordinator of The World Urban Forum, held in September 2004 in Barcelona, Spain, and is undertaking the coordination of The World Urban Forum that will be held in Vancouver in 2006.

Dr. Reuterswärd was a Member of the Swedish Delegation to the Twenty-fifth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), also known as "Istanbul+5", held in New York in June 2001. From 1993 to 1996 he was also an Expert Member of the Swedish Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul, Turkey, in 1996.

Dr. Reuterswärd earned a Ph.D. in Architecture from Lund University in 1984, and actually is Professor and Head of the Department of Architecture and Development Studies at Lund University since 1986, as well as dedicates time to private practice as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sweden Habitat AB, dedicated to architecture and planning. In 1979 Dr. Reuterswärd founded the Lund Committee on Habitat Studies (LTH) at Lund University, and has acted as its director for 17 years. In 1977 he acted as Research Officer of the Swedish Council for Research Co-operation with Developing Countries (SAREC) Stockholm. In 1977 and 1978 he served as Construction Co-ordinator (Vietnam) for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF, Headquarters in New York), and in 1974 acted as Construction Adviser in Vietnam for the International Red Cross (Headquarters in Geneva).

Other works performed, include as Design Advisor to the World Bank and the Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation Housing area (for 4,000 inhabitants) in the Gilgel Gibe Resettlement Project in Ethiopia, several noteworthy architectural competition entries, and he has been elected as Lifetime Member of the Swedish Royal Physiographic Society (Academy for the Natural Sciences, Medicine and Technology, founded in 1772) since 2002. He is also author of dozens of publications and has tuto

Ken Yeang

Dr. Ken Yeang is an architect whose firm Hamzah & Yeang specializes in the design and master planning of 'green' or ecologically-responsive large buildings and sites. The firm has offices in London (UK), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Beijing and Shenzhen (China), associate offices in Singapore, Australia and Germany and has received a number of international awards that include the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects International Award, and others.

His architectural education was at the Architectural Association School in London, followed by a Doctorate in architecture from the University of Cambridge in the UK. Dr. Yeang's PhD dissertation is on ecological design and planning, which has provided the agenda for his firm's design work and R&D. He has lectured on the topic of ecological design theory and practice to audiences in over 30 countries worldwide. His firm's expertise is in the design of high-quality ecologically "sustainable" large buildings led to their pioneering of a new genre of tall buildings, referred to as the "bioclimatic skyscraper".

Dr. Yeang has authored several books and articles on skyscraper design and on ecological design. His latest include, *The Green Skyscraper: The Basis for Designing Sustainable Intensive Buildings* (published by Prestel, Germany in 1999), and *Reinventing the Skyscraper*, (published by John Wiley and Sons/ Academy in 2002). Dr. Yeang has served as the President of the Malaysian Institute of Architects and as the Chairman of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA). He has served on the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Royal Institute of Architects of Scotland (RIAS) and a Professor at Sheffield University (Graham Willis Endowment Chair in Architecture).

Andrew Zumwalt-Hathaway

Andrew Zumwalt-Hathaway is a Sustainable Design Consultant and an Associate at Steven Winter Associates. He was the first person certified in New York State as a LEED Accredited Professional by the US Green Building Council, ~~so~~ ~~ncil,~~ ~~ssor~~ ~~nci~~04 Tc0.2004 Tw chair of the NYC (AI()T