

Speakers' biographies

JUSTIN FORSYTH

Justin is Special Advisor to the UK Prime Minister on international development. He is an expert on issues of poverty and development having been actively involved in campaigning on poverty and injustice for 20 years. Justin was formerly Campaign and Policy Director for Oxfam, one of the largest development organisations in the world. He worked for Oxfam for 13 years in a variety of roles.

HER EXCELLENCY LINDIWE MABUZA

Her Excellency Lindiwe Mabuzza has been High Commissioner for the Republic of South Africa to the UK since 2001. Prior to that she was High Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam as well as Ambassador to the Philippines from 1999-2001. She was Ambassador to Germany from 1995-1999. During the 1980s she represented the African National Congress in Scandinavian countries and facilitated the opening of African National Congress offices in Denmark, Norway and Finland.

OWEN BARDER

Owen is Director of DFID's Global Development Effectiveness Division. Previously he was a Senior Program Associate at the Center for Global Development in Washington DC. He is a former private secretary for economic affairs to the UK Prime Minister, and was Director of Information at the Department for International Development.

LARRY ELLIOT

Larry Elliott is the Economics Editor at The Guardian newspaper.

HUGH BAYLEY

Hugh Bayley is a Labour MP and has been a member of the International Development Select Committee since 2001. He is also a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and chairs the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

CHARLES ABUGRE

Charles is Head of Policy and Advocacy at Christian Aid. He trained as a development economist and taught development studies at the University of Wales, Swansea. Before that he was a development activist in Ghana and many parts of Africa and Asia, co-founding and leading the Africa secretariat of the Third World Network and the Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC). He has worked as a researcher, consultant and campaigner in a wide range of fields including health and reproductive rights, international trade and development aid.

JOHN MUGABE

John Mugabe is an advisor on science and technology to the New Partnership for Africa's Development. He is a former Executive Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), a science policy research think tank based in Nairobi. He has helped to establish the African Forum on Science and Technology for Development (AFSTD), an organisation which provides members of NEPAD and the African Union with science and technology policy advice.