



## GENERAL CONFERENCE

### INTERREGIONAL DEBATE 5:

**Economic diversification and industrialization in countries rich in natural resources**



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Ahmad Din has held various positions related to private sector development, entrepreneurship and technology promotion, including Senior Director of the Business as Development Division and Director of Enterprise Development and Entrepreneurship at the SME Corporation, Malaysia. She has led enterprise and entrepreneurship development programmes for SMEs capacity building designed to facilitate market access for SMEs.





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Gylfason has written extensively on economic development and diversification in resource-rich countries. He has held positions at the IMF, the University of Stockholm, and the Central Bank of Iceland. In 2010, Gylfason was elected to Iceland's Constitutional Assembly and in 2011 was appointed to draft a new constitution for Iceland. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University.



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## **Gladys Triveño**

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Triveño is the Minister of Production of Peru and has over 18 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Previously, she was Deputy Minister of Micro and Small Enterprises and Industry, CEO of ADEX, Director and Manager of Institutional Development at INDECOPI, consultant at UNDP, the World Bank, and at the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Triveño holds a Master of Business Administration from ESDEN, Madrid, Spain, and a Diploma in Strategic Finance from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru.





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