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PANEL 2: Industrial Development as a Sustainable Development Goal



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Todd is an award-winning journalist, well known to television audiences across the globe. For 26 years he worked as an anchor, correspondent, and financial editor for CNN. During this time he was based in Washington DC, New York, Tokyo, and London.





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Minister of Industry of Ethiopia

Abtew served as Vice-President and Head of the Industry and Urban Development Bureau of Amhara Regional State until his appointment as State Minister of Industry of Ethiopia in July 2013.





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Prior to his designation as Director General in February 2012, Calleja was Deputy Director General of DG Enterprise and Industry in charge of internal markets for goods, competitiveness and innovation, SMEs and entrepreneurship, international negotiations and tourism. He is the Special Envoy for SMEs. He was also Director for Air Transport at the EU (2004-2011) on behalf of which he successfully negotiated the EU-US Open Skies Agreement.





Ken Kanda

Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations

Kanda's tours of duty in the Ghana Foreign Service took him to the Embassies of Ghana in Germany as First Secretary, Denmark as Counselor, as Minister Counselor in the Ghana High Commission in Harare, Zimbabwe, and as Minister Plenipotentiary in Berlin. He was Director of State Protocol for a year prior his designation as Ghana's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in January 2011.





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Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

Prior to his appointment as Permanent Representative in September 2009, Kohona served as Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Special Adviser to the President on the Peace Process and as Secretary-General of the Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP). He was also elected Chair of the Sixth Committee (Legal) of the UN General Assembly on 1 October 2013.





Betty Maina

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Maina is the Chief Executive of Kenya's Association of Manufacturers, one of the country's leading business associations with some 700 members. She was previously at the Institute of Economic Affairs, the Center for International Private Enterprise, and the Kenya Leadership Institute, among others. She also served as a member of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.





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