

Expert Committee on Youth Employment & Migration

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Selim Jahan is the Cluster Leader for Strategies and Policies in Poverty Reduction for the Poverty Group, Bureau for Development Policy (BDP). He is also the Senior Adviser on Employment for Poverty Reduction in the Bureau. During the period 1992-2001, Mr. Jahan served as the Deputy Director and one of the core authors of UNDP's flagship publication - the Human Development Report. Prior to joining UNDP in 1992, he has been a Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and the Economic Adviser to the Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh. Mr. Jahan has served as a Consultant to various multilateral and bilateral organizations including ADB, CIDA, ILO, the World Bank, UNESCO, and USAID. He has a Ph.D in Economics from McGill University, Canada and his research interests include human development, employment and labour market, gender equality. Mr. Jahan, a macroeconomist by training, is the author of six books and more than 150 articles published in academic journals.

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Prior to joining the ILO in 2005, José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs was Chief Trade Adviser and Director of the Trade Unit at the Organization of American States (OAS) supporting member States in matters related to trade policy and economic integration, in particular, negotiating a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). He served as Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica, as Executive Director of the Federation of Private Entities of Central America and Panama (FEDEPRICAP), and as the Federation's Chief Economist. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Costa Rica and Executive President of the Costa Rican Development Corporation. He is the author of numerous publications on development, trade and competitiveness policies, and has edited two books.

Giovanna Rossignotti, Coordinator, Youth Employment Programme, ILO

Ms. Giovanna Rossignotti is the Coordinator of the Youth Employment Programme, at the headquarters of the International Labour Office in Geneva. She joined ILO in 1995 and has since held several positions, first in the Bureau for Workers' Activities in Côte d'Ivoire and then in the Programme Boosting Employment through Small Enterprise Development at HQ. Prior to joining the ILO, she worked at the European Commission in the Trade Union Information Unit in Brussels. She has published several papers and articles on employment-related topics, particularly on youth employment and trade union strategies in the informal economy.

Jean Fares, Co-author World Development Report 2007 on youth and Economist, Human Development Network, World Bank

Since joining the Bank in 2003, Jean Fares' work has focused on labour market research and operational support activities, particularly in the area of child labour and youth employment. He

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Independent Expert:

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