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Moderator - Fernando León García, CETYS University (Mexico)

- Lethokwa Mpedi, University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

Lethokwa George Mpedi is a Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Johannesburg. He completed his undergraduate degree from Vista University, Doctor of Laws from University of Johannesburg and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Max Planck Society. He served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Law at the University of Johannesburg. He sits on the board of governors of the International Association of Law Schools. Mpedi publishes in South African newspapers regularly. He is IAUP Vice President for Africa.

- Shawn Chen, SIAS International University (China)

An advocate of lifelong learning, Dr. Shawn Chen's educational career began over 40 years ago and has been continuing ever since. Dr. Shawn Chen is the Chairman of the Sias Group, Inc., and in 1998, he founded Sias University. It is a university that has a unique educational philosophy that combines Chinese and Western education. He has contributed to the development of entrepreneurship and innovation in China, introduced innovation, incubation, and well-known science & technology enterprises from Silicon Valley to China, and has established PnP incubation centers in Beijing, Shanghai, Zhengzhou, Xi'an, Chongqing, Shenzhen, Suzhou, and Hangzhou. He is the current Treasurer and President-Elect of the IAUP.

- Tomás Morales, California State University (USA)

Tomás D. Morales was appointed president of Cal State San Bernardino in May 2012. He is the university's fourth president since it opened in 1965. Previously, Morales had been president of the College of Staten Island, The City University of New York (CUNY), since 2007. His lifelong dedication to improving the access and quality of public higher education has been recognized with numerous awards. He is the IAUP Vice President for USA and Canada.

- Antonio Leño del Castillo, Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (México)

Prominent Mexican entrepreneur and academic, he is the Vice Rector General of the University of Guadalajara.

PANEL 2

Moderator - Fernando Galván, Universidad Alcalá de Henares (Spain)

-Assylbek Kozhakhmetov, Almaty Management University (Kazakhstan)

Dr. Assylbek Kozhakhmetov is the founder of the first privately owned business university in Kazakhstan - AlmaU (previously known as International Business Academy, est. 1988). Dr. Kozhakhmetov built his professional achievements in civic engagement and higher education in alignment with the UN initiatives, such as the SDGs, PRME and Academic Impact. He promotes an open dialogue between interested parties and partners related to the challenges of social responsibility, sustainability and impact on the society.

- Takahiro Ono, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (Japan)

Professor of linguistics: Generative Grammar, Minimalist Approach (Noam Chomsky's most recent theoretical linguistics).

- Xie Hui, Hunan University of Science and Technology (China)

Xie Hui, LL.M is Vice President of Hunan University of Science and Technology, in charge of personnel affairs, mainly responsible for guiding the introduction of high-level academic talents and the training of various talents in the university. In terms of academic research, she has mainly engaged in research in the fields of law and political thought, and published multiple papers in professional journals. Previously served as the Director of the Office of the Education, Science, Culture and Health Committee of the Hunan Provincial People's Congress, and participated in numerous provincial-level legislative work.

- Balvir Tomar, NIMS University (India)

A world-renowned Pediatric Gastroenterologist, and the Founder and Chairman of NIMS University, NIMS Hospital, and Niflux Group of Companies, Prof. (Dr.) Balvir S. Tomar has spent his entire life working towards the betterment of mankind through his knowledge and experience in the medical field. Under the leadership of Dr. Tomar, NIMS University has earned several recognitions and awards to its credit.

PANEL 3

Moderator: Ramu Damodaran (UN)

- Elizabeth Stroble, Webster University (USA)

Elizabeth (Beth) J. Stroble was named the 11th President of Webster University in 2009, and the second Chancellor of Webster University in 2019. During her tenure, Webster University, a global institution with a network of campus locations around the world based in Webster Groves, has solidified its reputation as a truly global university. The University expanded into Africa, Greece and Uzbekistan and built partnerships with communities and institutions around the world. Dr. Stroble has focused attention locally as well, with the opening of the Gateway Campus in the Arcade Building in downtown St. Louis and opening a new Interdisciplinary Science Building on its Webster Groves campus in 2017.

- Carmen Lamagna, American International University (Bangladesh)

Carmen Z. Lamagna is the current vice-chancellor of American International University Bangladesh (AIUB), appointed by the president of Bangladesh. She served as the president of Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) and treasurer of International Association of University Presidents (IAUP). Lamagna won the Presidential Award for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas in 2006 from President of the Philippines Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. In 2012 she was named as one of the top 100 women of the world in the education category by the International Alliance of Women (TIAW).

- Devorah Lieberman, University of Laverne (USA)

Dr. Devorah Lieberman, President Emerita-University of La Verne, is a distinguished executive, scholar, and changemaker with a passion for leadership and service. A dedicated advocate for inclusivity and diversity, Lieberman broke barriers as the first female president of the 132-year-old University of La Verne.

- Eun-jo Lee, Seoul Cyber University (Korea)

An expert on social welfare, she is currently the university's ninth president. Lee served as a full-time faculty member at SCU for a long time and held a number of posts including dean of admissions, head of the department of student affairs and as Vice President.

PANEL 4

Moderator - Gerald Reisinger, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (Austria)

- Ichiro Tanioka, Tanioka Gakuin Educational Foundation (Japan)

Dr. Ichiro Tanioka is a Professor and the President of Osaka University of Commerce in Osaka, Japan. He received his BA (Law) from Keio University in 1980, and then received MPA and Ph. D in Criminology from the University of Southern California in 1983 and 1989 respectively. He was an associate professor of Osaka University of Commerce from 1990-1995, and has been the professor since 1995, and the President since 1997. He has been a member of the International Association of University Presidents since 1987. He has served as the Assistant Secretary General (1993-1996) and Vice President (1999-2011), and most recently the member of the Board of Directors (2011-2021), as Treasurer-elect (2011-2014), Treasurer (2014-2017), and Treasurer-emeritus (2017-2021).

- Sabur Khan, Daffodil International University (Bangladesh)

Md. Sabur Khan, the Chairman of Daffodil International University (DIU) & Daffodil Family strives to be one of the leading ICT & Education providers in Bangladesh. Md. Sabur Khan was elected as the incoming President of the Association of Universities of Asia & the Pacific (AUAP) for the tenure of 2023-2024.

- Sandeep Pachpande, ASM Group of Institutes (India)

Dr. Sandeep Pachpande is the Chairman at ASM Group of Institutes. With a vision to provide global standards of education combined with the strength of industry exposure, he has guided and mentored careers of thousands of students. Dr. Sandeep is frequently invited by universities from around the world to deliver keynote addresses, chair sessions and to share his vision on education. He is a Ph.D. research guide and has presented papers in a number of international and national conferences.

- Stephen Williams, Nottingham Trent University (UK)

As Director of NTU Global, Stephen is responsible for embedding internationalization at Nottingham Trent University in line with the University's Connecting Globally strategy theme. This includes oversight and development of strategic international partnerships, student and staff mobility, summer schools, internationalization at home and the global student experience. To ensure coordination across NTU, Stephen sits on a number of internal bodies. Stephen is committed to promoting best practice in the internationalization of higher education.

PANEL 5

Moderator - Noé Chirino, CETYS University (Mexico)

- Randy Frisch, City University of Seattle (USA)

Randy C. Frisch is president of City University of Seattle. Prior to his appointment, he was National University System CFO and in-house counsel. The National University System includes National University, the second-largest non-profit, private University in California, John F. Kennedy University in the East Bay of California, and City University.

- Thandwa Mthembu, Durban University of Technology (South Africa)

Professor Thandwa Zizwe Mthembu is an experienced academic and leader who joined the Durban University of Technology Community in October 2016 as Vice-Chancellor and Principal. He has been in university leadership in South Africa for about 21 years. He served as Regional Chair: Central-Eastern-Southern Africa of the IAUP.

- Abubokor Hanip, Washington University of Science and Technology (USA)

Abubokor Hanip is the Founder and CEO of PeopleNTech Institute of Information Technology. He previously worked at IGlobal University as a Chairman & Chancellor. Abubokor Hanip attended New York Institute of Technology.

- Ylva Rodny-Gumede, University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

Professor Ylva Rodny-Gumede is the Head of the Division for Internationalisation and a Professor in the School of Communication at the University of Johannesburg. She is also a Senior Associate Researcher with the Stanhope Centre for International Communications Policy Research at the London School of Economics and the Senior Leader for the University at Universitas 21. She holds a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London University as well as an MA degree in Politics from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa and an MA in Journalism from Cardiff University in the U.K. She also holds a diploma in Marketing and Business Communication from the Institute of International Education in Stockholm.