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Mr Kitack Lim
Mr Lim (Republic of Korea) is the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Born in Masan, Mr Lim graduated from the Korea Maritime and Ocean University (KMOU), Busan, and worked on ships before joining the Korea Maritime and Port Administration in 1985.

From 1986, Mr. Lim participated in the Republic of Korea delegation to IMO meetings. In 2006, he was appointed as Maritime Attaché, minister-counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in London and served as Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO until August 2009.

Mr Lim was then appointed Director General for Maritime Safety Bureau at the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM). In 2011, Mr. Lim was appointed Commissioner of the Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal (KMST). In 2012, he became President of Busan Port Authority, until January 2016 when he took up his appointment as Secretary-General of IMO. Mr Lim holds master’s degrees from Yonsei University, and the World Maritime University (WMU).

Ms Luiza Carvalho
Ms Carvalho is Regional Director of UN Women for the Americas and the Caribbean. Luiza Carvalho (Brazil) joined UN Women as Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean in November 2014. The promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women has been a guiding principle throughout her extensive career in the United Nations system, in the public sector and academia.
Throughout her tenure as Regional Director, she has led efforts to position critical issues for Latin America and the Caribbean front and center in global normative forums, including femicide, gender and macroeconomics, women’s entrepreneurship, child marriage and the economy of care, among others. She has also spearheaded the strengthening of regional coordination amongst Member States, civil society and UN partners ahead of key intergovernmental processes, including CSW. In a challenging donor landscape, she has surpassed resource mobilization targets for the region and established and invigorated strategic partnerships with a broad range of players, including Governments, traditional donors, the private sector, media and the diversity of women’s organizations and networks.

Ms Carvalho holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Essex (UK) and a Master of Planning and Social Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK). She graduated in Management of Public Policies for Employment Generation, from the University of Campinas (Brazil) and Planning and Administration from the University of Brasilia (Brazil). She is the author of several publications in the areas of employment, gender, female-headed households, social planning and policies.

**HE Ambassador Aly Touré**
Ambassador Touré is the Permanent Representative of Côte d’Ivoire to International Commodity Organizations and is based in London, with fourteen years of experience in the commodity field. He serves as the interface between the Government of Côte d’Ivoire and the International Commodity Bodies (ICBs).

Prior to that position, he was Deputy Permanent Representative from 2004 to 2010. He was chairman of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodity and Chairman of the International Grains Council. He is currently the Chairman-Head of the International Rubber Study Group and its strategic review working group, Chairman of the International Coffee Organization, Spokesman for Cocoa Producing Countries at the International Cocoa Organization, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Finance committee of the Inter-African Coffee Organization and Chairman of the Technical Restructuring Committee for the Cocoa Producers’ Alliance.

Ambassador Touré is a Graduate from the University of Greenwich in London in Pharmaceutical Sciences.
Mr José Sette

Mr Sette is the Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization (ICO). Before rejoining the ICO in May 2017, he was Executive Director of the International Cotton Advisory Council (ICAC) from January 2014 to April 2017. He served previously in the ICO as Executive Director ad interim from November 2010 to November 2011, and Head of Operations from November 2007 to December 2012.

Mr Sette has extensive experience as a consultant to trade associations specializing in international trade matters, and was Superintendent for Development of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of Rio de Janeiro (Fecomércio-RJ) and Secretary General of the Brazilian Association of Coffee Exporters (Abecafé). In the private sector, he worked for ten years at Inter-Continental de Café S.A., a leading Brazilian coffee trading house, where he was a trader and head of the Technical Department. He also worked in the Inter-American Development Bank, in Washington, DC, USA, and began his career with the Brazilian Coffee Institute, the government agency responsible for the regulation of the coffee sector in Brazil.

Mr Sette has a MBA with a major in finance from American University in Washington, DC, and a BA in Administrative Science from Yale University.
PROGRAMME

11:30: Participants seated

11:35: Formal welcome from Mr José Sette - Executive Director, International Coffee Organization

11:40: Statement by Mr Kitack Lim - Secretary General, International Maritime Organization

11:55: Statement by Ms Luiza Carvalho - Regional Director, UN Women - the Americas and the Caribbean

12:10: Statement by HE Ambassador Aly Touré - Chair, International Coffee Council

12:25: Closing remarks by Mr José Sette - Executive Director, International Coffee Organization

12:30: Close and Group photo