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## Agenda

**“The Future is Now:  
Addressing Multidimensional Poverty for Sustainable Development”  
*High-Level Side Meeting on the margins of the UN General Assembly***

**Online | Wednesday 24 September 2025, 8:00-9:30am (New York Time)**

Welcome Remarks: Claver Gatete, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

- Yusuf Murangwa, Minister of Finance, **Rwanda**
- Yorleni León Marchena, Minister of Human Development and Social Inclusion, **Costa Rica**
- Obid Khakimov, Deputy Advisor to the President, Director of Centre for Economic Research and Reforms (CERR), **Uzbekistan**
- Bartholomew Armah, Chief Economist, **AUDA-NEPAD**
- Bjørg Sandkjær, Assistant Secretary General for Policy Coordination, **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)**
- Lin Yang, Deputy Executive Secretary, **UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)**
- Claudia Valenzuela, Vice Minister for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation of the Ministry of Social Development, **Guatemala**
- Claudia Maldonado, Coordinator of Evaluation and Policy, National System of Statistical and Geographical Information, **Mexico**
- Matías Cociña, Acting Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Social Development and Family, **Chile**
- Zuzana Brixiova Schwidrowski, Director of Gender, Poverty, & Social Policy, **ECA**

Moderation: Adriana Conconi, Director, MPPN and Sabina Alkire, Director, OPHI