



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The “Cercle de Coopération” and its working group “Forum Politique” would like to better understand the relationship between development aid and the private sector, especially when it comes to achieving human rights and development objectives in the context of the Agenda 2030’s ambition to LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND.

This online dialogue aims to creating a space for reflection and discussion and addresses professionals and stakeholders from the development cooperation sector in Luxemburg.

### OBJECTIVES

- Engage all development cooperation stakeholders in a dialogue around the ambition of LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND and the role of the private sector in achieving the SDGs
- Broaden knowledge and understanding of current development issues and new thinking concerning pro poor programming and financing for development

### PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2021, 19H00 – 21h00

#### **Opening: Cuentos del Rio, Julie Schroell and Yemn (2018)**

During the summer break, the fortress ruins overlooking the village of El Castillo on San Juan River, Nicaragua, turn into a stage for a local theatre group. The river is part of a natural passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. It tells the story of 500 years of colonization, exploitation of resources, trade and transportation and over 70 failed canal projects. The group works on a play about the history of the river and the numerous travelers that tried to control it. Pirates meet conquerors, engineers fight against indigenous chiefs. Around the play, the young actors reflect on their own identity and the future of the country in the context of the new Chinese canal project.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009366909?pwd=a2JybGtGbi9VRUJlQW1vOWIMQ1Vtdz09>

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WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021, 9h00 – 10h30

## **Session 1: LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND – Concept and expectations**

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83845301363?pwd=SVBVa2l5NlhWOG5wSUIDdkxMdEo1QT09>

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This session will deep dive into the potential and challenges of the concept of LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND for development and what “private sector for development” implies by discussing the emergence of the concept, related definitions and topics like inequalities, poverty targeting and human rights.

### **Speakers**

[Dr. James G. Bennett – Presentation “Leave no one Behind: from principle to practice”](#)

James G. Bennett is a senior lecturer at the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (FSFM), special advisor to the African Solidarity Fund (a regional investment guarantee institution), and independent development policy advisor, researcher and trainer based in Cologne, Germany. He is the author of “Leave No One Behind - Guidelines for Project Planners and Practitioners” (GIZ 2020).

Find out more: [Leave No One Behind - Guidelines for Project Planners and Practitioners](#)

[Jeroen Kwakkenbos – Understanding the private-sector partnerships and instruments in development cooperation:](#)

Jeroen Kwakkenbos is a Senior Aid Policy and Development Finance Advisor at Oxfam International working on European Union (EU) and multilateral development finance. Jeroen has extensive experience in global debates concerning development finance and, among others, leads Oxfam’s work on the intersection between aid and private finance. Previously he worked for seven years as a Policy and Advocacy Manager at the European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) leading the work on aid quality and quantity.

Find out more: [Faith is not enough Ensuring that aid donor-private sector partnerships contribute to sustainable development](#)

### **Moderator**

[Françoise Binsfeld, AEIN](#)

Françoise Binsfeld has an extensive experience in both the Luxembourg investment fund industry and the development cooperation sector. She was first involved with AEIN on a voluntary basis as president before becoming its executive director in 2016. She has more than 14 years’ experience in monitoring development programs in India and Nepal in the fields of livelihood, sustainable agriculture, health, education, and rights.

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021, 11h00 – 12h30

## **Session 2: The development finance landscape and LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND: One agenda?**

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89651956246?pwd=WXkyQ3ZlZHNmMCtXNGN5MDh2SkpzZz09>

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This session aims to explore if the ambition From Millions to Trillions from 2015 is on track and if there are first lessons to be learnt by looking at the current state of affairs on the international and on a local level.

### **Speakers**

Dr. Jose Manuel Roche – ‘Leave no one behind’ – five years into Agenda 2030: An overview

José Manuel Roche is Independent Consultant and Research Associate at the Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford. Formerly Head of Research at Save the Children UK, he has held various research and advisory roles for international agencies, international NGOs and national governments. He has published widely including co-authoring the book "Multidimensional Poverty Measurement and Analysis" published by the Oxford University Press and a series of articles in international peer reviewed journals. His publications include a recently published report: ‘Leave no one behind’ – five years into Agenda 2030, published by the Overseas Development Institute, a peer reviewed article “Leaving No One Behind under the Post-2015 Framework” published in the journal Development, and a series of policy reports on the same subject published by Save the Children.

Find out more: [‘Leave no one behind’ – five years into Agenda 2030: guidelines for turning the concept into action](#)

Maria José Romero – LNOB, are private-public partnership delivering?

María José Romero is Policy and Advocacy Manager for Eurodad's work on publicly backed private finance and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs). Her role involves research and analysis, advocacy, and monitoring policy developments. She joined Eurodad in 2012 and before that she worked at the secretariat of the Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights (LATINDADD), based in Peru, on tax justice and development finance.

Find out more: [Time for action: How private sector instruments are undermining aid budgets Reclaiming Public Development Banks to finance a sustainable and equitable recovery post Covid-19 ‘Rebuilding better’, but better for whom?](#)

### **Moderator**

Luc Caregari, WOXX

Luc Caregari is a journalist and works for the Luxembourg weekly magazine “woxx”. He started working with the ICIJ (International Consortium of Investigative Journalists) on the Panama Papers campaign. He followed that up with work on the ICIJ's Paradise Papers and Luanda Leaks investigations. Caregari is the vice-president of the Luxembourg journalists' union, “Association Luxembourgeoise des Journalistes Professionnels” (ALJP) and member of the executive bureau of the Press Council.

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021, 15h00 – 17h00

**Finissage: Different perspectives from Luxembourg and what's next**

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84564502728?pwd=UytGS2R4TXFaNjFIOVhrSmdTSmZGZz09>

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Share their conclusions of the previous sessions and their experience and discuss with the participants about the conditions for the private sector to contribute to the LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND agenda.

- Presentation of key messages and conclusions from the morning sessions: Magali Paulus (Project manager for Latin America and development education, Frères des Hommes)

- What do we need to do to move forward and what conditions do we need for the private sector to engage with the LNOB pledge?

- Marguy Kohnen (Advisor at the department of Environment within the Luxembourg Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development): PNDD process and how to move forward so that all stakeholders, incl. private sector, will take their responsibilities for the Agenda 2030 and LNOB
- Nicole Ikuku (Director, Cercle de Coopération): Private sector and NGOs
- Thomas Lammar (Attaché de Légation within the Luxembourg Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs): Strategy for financial inclusion and private sector
- Estelle Lyon-Chaudron (Manager of the Business Partnership Facility, LuxDev): Business Partnership Facility
- Antoniya Argirova (Advocacy Manager, ASTM): Initiative pour un Devoir de Vigilance
- Jean-Louis Zeien (President, Fairtrade Lëtzebuerg): Fair trade (commerce équitable)
- Thierry Défense (Director, SOS Faim): Rural finance and agricultural development

- Wrap up and outlook

Moderator: Véronique Faber (Advocacy project manager, Cercle de Coopération)



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