



“Maisha: A New Life Outside the Mines – An empowered community emerging from extreme poverty.”

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**Moderator: Clare Nolan, Good Shepherd International Justice Peace Training Facilitator,
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H.E. Ambassador David Donoghue, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

David Donoghue has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations since 2013. In 2014-15 he served as a co-facilitator (with Kenya) of major UN negotiations which led to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015. Prior to his appointment as Permanent Representative, Ambassador Donoghue held the position of Political Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin from 2009-2013; he previously served as Irish Ambassador to Germany (2006-2009), Irish Ambassador to Austria and the Vienna-based UN agencies (2004-2006), and Irish Ambassador to the Russian Federation, with side accreditations to Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (1999-2001). From 2001 to 2004, Ambassador Donoghue was Director-General of the Irish Government’s development cooperation programme. He also has extensive experience in Anglo-Irish relations, and was involved in the negotiation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the Good Friday Agreement, and served as Irish head of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat in Belfast from 1995-1999. From 1977-1991, he had postings in various Irish Embassies. An Irish national, Ambassador Donoghue holds an MA in German and a BA (Hons) in French and German from the National University of Ireland.

**H.E. Ambassador Ignace Gata Mavita, Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Congo
to the United Nations**

Ignace Gata Mavita Wa Lufuta has been Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo to the United Nations since 2012. Prior to his appointment as Permanent Representative, Ambassador Gata Mavita was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2007-2012. He has had a career in public administration and public service since 1976, beginning as an officer in the Office of Interior, Kinshasa, and including several posts in Katanga and Bandundu provinces, among others throughout the country. He has worked on international research and litigation through membership on Regional Commissions. He is an honorary Officer of King Leopold II and is the Chevalier of The National Order of the Leopard. Born in Popokabaka, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ambassador Ignace Gata Mavita holds a degree in Political Science from the UNAZA, Université Nationale du Zaïre, and a Diploma in Public Management, University Charleroi, Belgium.

Bernhard Warner, film producer, 'Maisha: A New Life Outside the Mines'

Bernhard Warner is a Rome-based journalist. *Maisha* is his second short documentary about conflict minerals and the plight of child miners in the DR Congo. Over a 20-year career in journalism, Bernhard has written for major publications in the United States and Europe including, Bloomberg Businessweek, Wired, Time, The Guardian, Slate.com, Reuters, Inc. and The Times of London. For more information about his journalism, and editorial projects please see: <http://bernhardwarner.net>.

Bhumika Muchhala, Senior Policy Analyst, Third World Network

Bhumika Muchhala is senior policy analyst for the international NGO and network called Third World Network (TWN). She works on development economics, global governance and international political economy issues with the goal of economic and social justice globally. She works in solidarity with global civil society and social movements, conducts advocacy with policymakers and negotiators in the UN and writes articles and briefing papers on finance and development issues, including on UN negotiations and development policy issues. She has been following the post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, Financing for Development, the Rio+20 conference and other Second Committee and ECOSOC processes for over seven years. She reports on the negotiations and speaks in conferences and workshops to both governments and civil society worldwide. Bhumika has a Masters in Development Economics from the London School of Economics, a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies from Carnegie Mellon University in the United States. She was born in Bombay, India, raised in Jakarta, Indonesia and lives in New York. Her articles can be found at: www.twn.my.

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