

## SUB-SESSION - 9

### Rural and Urban Recovery

#### Importance of the topic:

Although Mongolia is a top 10 ranking country in terms of land area per capita, the capital city Ulaanbaatar, accounting for only 0.3 percent of the country's total land territory, is home to nearly 50 percent of the country's total population. Furthermore, the capital city is also home to 90 percent of all universities, 86 percent of total trade and services, 81 percent of total savings, 76 percent of all registered entities, and nearly 70 percent of the real GDP is produced solely in Ulaanbaatar. Moreover, on average, more than 30,000 people migrate to the capital city from rural areas, and around 80,000 new automobiles receive their license plates from participating in the city's daily traffic.

The continued disparities between rural and city areas result in the intensification of migration from rural areas to city areas. This leads to market shrinkage, which reduces local employment and income reducing the quality of life and accessibility to services in city areas. Thus, it has become necessary to develop aimag centers into independent cities, increase the competitiveness of rural areas, ensure consistent policy support for the agricultural sector, and accelerate development projects in Ulaanbaatar to ensure sustainable development in rural and urban areas.

#### Purpose of the discussion:

The main objectives for the open session "Rural and Urban Recovery" are to decentralize the capital city and reduce traffic congestion by accelerating the development of Ulaanbaatar city's new settlement areas, satellite cities, and economic zones and providing comprehensive policy support for citizens and entities relocation from Ulaanbaatar to rural areas.

Furthermore, within the framework of the regional economic development policy, the discussion is geared toward determining the opportunities and solutions needed to meet domestic food demand and increase exports by supporting sustainable growth within the agricultural and light industry sectors through the participation of both the public-private sectors.

#### Expected outcome of the discussion:

The expected outcomes from this discussion include determining and developing the necessary legal environment to support businesses, attracting investment, enabling economic leverage, implementing a comprehensive policy aimed at ensuring economic independence as provided by the amendments to the Law on the Legal Status of the Capital City of Ulaanbaatar, developing the required infrastructure in rural areas to accelerate production of goods and services based on technology and innovation, and determining the mechanisms for implementing export-oriented policies for agricultural products.

## MODERATOR



### **KHULAN JUGDER**

Deputy director, Unlimited Media Group LLC /'Gereg' magazine/

Khulan Jugder works as a Deputy Director of Unlimited Media Group LLC which runs a leading youth platform Ub.life website and Gereg magazine. The company is also an official affiliate of The New York Times Licensing Group in Mongolia. She also works at TenGer TV as an Executive Producer and a member of the Ethics Committee of the Media Council Mongolia. Also, she works as a host and editor of The Media Show by Khulan Jugder podcast and newsletter on media development issues

As a journalist, Khulan has been working with news throughout her career. During her university times, she worked as a journalist in the "Unuudur" daily newspaper and continued her journey by being in reporting teams from the Reuters, BBC and other international media organizations. When Khulan was teaching at the University of Humanities of Mongolia she had a deep interest in digital journalism and completed her Master's degree in Digital Media at the University of London, in 2014. Afterward, she worked as the Editor-in-Chief of Eagle News TV where she put more emphasis on violence, human rights, and citizen participation issues.

## PANELIST



### **MUNKHBAT JAMIYAN**

Member of Parliament, Chairman  
of the State Structure Standing  
Committee

HE the Member of Parliament, Munkhbat Jamiyan started his career at the Speaker of Parliament's office as an office staff after which he was promoted to assistant to the Speaker. He then worked as a Senior officer at the President's Office, Secretary-General and Vice President at the Mongolian social democratic youth association of Mongolian People's Party, and a President of the Mongolian youth development association. He has also worked as an Editor in chief of the "Mongolian truth" newspaper of the Mongolian People's Party, Secretary, Secretary-general and Board member at the party. In 2016-2020 he served as a Member of Parliament, and during the first year of his term, he was the Chairman of the Cabinet Office. He was elected again as a Member of Parliament in 2020 and has been working as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education, Culture, Science and Sports of the Parliament of Mongolia and Chairman of the Standing Committee on State Structure of the State Great Khural of Mongolia.

HE the MP Mr. Munkhbat has a BA degree in Political Science from the National University of Mongolia.

## PANELIST



### **AMARSAIKHAN SAINBUYAN**

Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia

Amarsaikhan Sainbuyan, Member of the Parliament of Mongolia and Cabinet, Deputy Prime Minister, worked as the Chairman and member of the Ulaanbaatar City Council, Mayor of Ulaanbaatar City, and attaché and consular officer at the Mongolian Embassy to the People's Republic of China.

He also worked as an officer at Mongolian Science and Innovation Center, foreign trade manager for the American Trade and Development LLC, and Chairman and CEO of the "Oyuny Undraa Group."

He has a master's degree in law from the University of the Southwest in the USA and graduated from the Fresno City Institute of California, USA. He speaks fluently in English, Chinese, and Russian.

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### **SUMIYABAZAR DOLGORSUREN**

Mayor of Ulaanbaatar and  
Governor of the Capital City

HE the Mayor and Governor, Sumiyabazar Dolgorsuren has been appointed as the Governor of the Capital City and Mayor of Ulaanbaatar since October 2020. He served as a Representative to the City Council during 2008-2012 and a Member of Parliament from 2012-2016. He was then elected as a Member of Parliament from Songinokhairkhan District for the second time from 2016 to 2022 during which he also served as the Minister of Mining and Heavy Industry of Mongolia from 2017 to 2022. Also, he is a Chairman of Mongolian People's Party Committee of Capital City since 2018.

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### **VICTOR LUTENCO** Programme Manager, International Organization for Migration (IOM) – UN Migration

Mr. Victor Lutenco is currently the Programme Manager with International Organization for Migration (IOM) – the UN Migration Agency in Mongolia. He has 15 years of experience in design, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programs with a special focus on migration. He has worked with Government entities, international organizations and NGOs in Moldova, his home country, as well as in the U.S., Russian Federation, Italy, Armenia, Belarus, in Central Asia. Mr. Lutenco started his career by developing and implementing programs to prevent human trafficking with civil society and IOM in Moldova. He then took over management of the population and development portfolio of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Country Office in Moldova. Mr. Lutenco had advised two Prime-Ministers of Moldova on social and development policies. He has also founded and led the Diaspora Relations Bureau as the central agency within the Government of Moldova to support Moldovan migrants abroad and leverage their contribution to the development of their home country. He was among the founders of the Institute for European Policies and Reforms, which rapidly became one of most influential think-tanks in Moldova. While serving in the municipal council of the capital city of Moldova – Chisinau – Mr. Lutenco worked on implementing participatory budgeting, developed public-private partnerships and strategies in the fields of education, social protection and economic development. Along his career Mr. Lutenco also delivered consultancies for IOM, UNDP, UN Women, UNFPA, ICMPD.

Mr. Lutenco speaks fluently in English, Russian, Italian, and Romanian, has master's degrees from the Harvard Kennedy School and Moldova State University, and was a Fulbright/Humphrey fellow at the University of Minnesota. In July 2021 Mr. Lutenco was awarded by the President of Mongolia with the Order of the Polar Star for supporting the return of over 1,000 vulnerable Mongolian migrants stranded abroad due to COVID-19.

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### **ADILBISH GANKHUYAG**

President, Ulaanbaatar Chamber of Commerce

Gankhuyag Adilbish is the founder of Premium Group LLC, the Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Premium Group LLC and Central Express CVS JSC. He is also the President of Ulaanbaatar Chamber of Commerce.

He has 20 years of experience in working at the most influential and largest companies in Mongolia, namely working as a Vice President at MCS Group, the Chairman of MCS Coca-Cola LLC and Unitel LLC. He has also worked as a Chairman of the Board and a Chief Financial Officer at Mongolian Mining Corporation (HKEX: 975). He has made a valuable contribution bringing the activities of companies to the international level and has successfully led many large-scale foreign investment projects in the fields of energy, mining, light industry, infrastructure, construction and trade.

Mr. Gankhuyag graduated from the National University of Mongolia with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics.

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### **OYUNKHOROL DULAMSUREN**

Plenipotentiary Representative of  
the Government, Head of  
Administration - Khushig  
Valley Development

HE the Plenipotentiary Representative of the Government Oyunkhorol D. has her career as a mathematics teacher and was elected to Parliament four times, twice as Chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Accounting and Auditing, and twice as a Member of the Government. She was appointed as the Plenipotentiary Representative of the Government in charge of the Khushig Valley Development in 2021.

Mrs. Oyunkhorol is an Honored Teacher of Mongolia and holds a PhD in Education.