

[Moderator's Opening Remarks]

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Distinguished guests, colleagues, brothers and sisters, it is quite dangerous to moderate a panel discussion in the late afternoon like this but in any case we hope that you will excuse us since it is not our fault to be presenting at this time of the afternoon which normally puts people to sleep sitting before lectures.

Professor Seddoh said something this morning and I think we will keep this in mind as we discuss governance and the roles of international cooperation. He said there are many problems and challenges facing us and that every problem is a priority. So please don't ask us to prioritize the things we are going to talk about today.

I am honored to be monitoring this panel, which has two key points: that of governance, and the role of international cooperation. We will attempt to address both of them. Two of our panelists are specializing in education at the national level, and the other at the international level. So I would like to begin this afternoon's session with Mark Bray, the Director of UNESCO's International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP). Following him I will turn to my long time colleague from Uganda, Albert Byamugisha, and wrap up with Joseph Chimombo from Malawi.

