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Dr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Namibia to the United Nations. He is the Vice-Chairman representing Africa on the Bureau of the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Dr. Mbuende has had distinguished longstanding academic, political, business and diplomatic careers. He was a Member of Parliament from 2000 to 2005 and a member of the Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly from 2000 to 2002. During this period Dr. Mbuende was also Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Economics and Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Public Audit Committee. He was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2000 to 2004. He was Co-Chairman of the Southern African Economic Forum during 1996-1999 and Executive Secretary, Southern African Development Community from 1994 to 1999. He was Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development from 1990 to 1993 and a Member of Parliament. From 1989 to 1990, Dr. Mbuende was a Member of the Constituent Assembly that drafted and adopted the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia and Head of SWAPO Regional Election Directorate, Gobabis (Omaheke Region).

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Dr. Mbuende has served on various Boards and Committees in both public and private sector at national and international levels. He has been involved in the review and monitoring of activities of the various organizations. Born on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1953 in Windhoek, he is married with five children. He is proficient in many languages, including English, Afrikaans, Herero, Swahili, Ovambo, Swedish, Danish and German.

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