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Jaseem Ahmed
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Jaseem Ahmed is the former Secretary-General of the Islamic Financial Services Board. He has 25 years experience in financial sector reform issues, and in the fields of public governance and expenditure management. He has extensive experience in macroeconomic and financial sector stabilization programs in Southeast Asia where he supervised financial sector reform programs including during the Global Financial Crisis whilst at the Asian Development Bank. During 2011-2017 he contributed to the development of global standards for ethical conduct and regulation of the financial sector through his participation in international bodies, including the Consultative Group of the Basel Committee for Bank Supervision, as well as the Consultative Advisory Groups of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants. He speaks regularly as a Guest Lecturer at Thammasat University, Bangkok.
Masood Ahmed is president of the Center for Global Development. He joined the Center in January 2017, capping a 35-year career driving economic development policy initiatives relating to debt, aid effectiveness, trade, and global economic prospects at major international institutions including the IMF, World Bank, and DFID.

Ahmed joined CGD from the IMF, where he served for eight years as director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, earning praise from Managing Director Christine Lagarde as a “visionary leader.” In that role, he oversaw the Fund’s operations in 32 countries, and managed relationships with key national and regional policy makers and stakeholders. In previous years, he also served as the IMF’s director of External Relations, and deputy director of the Policy Development and Review Department.

From 2003-2006, Ahmed served as director general, Policy and International at the UK government’s Department for International Development (DFID). In that role, he was responsible for advising UK ministers on development issues and overseeing the UK’s relationship with international development institutions such as the World Bank.

Ahmed also worked at the World Bank from 1979-2000 in various managerial and economist positions, rising to become Vice President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management. In that role he led the HIPC (heavily indebted poor countries) debt relief initiative, which has to date brought relief from debt burdens to 36 of the world’s poorest nations.

Born and raised in Pakistan, Ahmed moved to London in 1971 to study at the LSE where he obtained a BSc Honors as well as an MSc Econ with distinction. He is a UK national.

Ahmed is a leading expert on Middle East economics, having served on the Advisory Board of the LSE Middle East Center, as well as on the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Middle East and North Africa. He has also participated in CGD’s Advisory Board.

He took over as CGD president from Nancy Birdsall, who served as the Center’s founding president for its first 15 years from 2001 and will stay at the Center as a senior fellow.
Aktoty Aitzhanova was born in 1985. A graduate of the Eurasian National University and Exeter University in the United Kingdom, she holds MSc in International Management with specialization in entrepreneurship and innovation. She has also completed studies in Political Science at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Italy. Her main areas of expertise are innovation, entrepreneurship policies review, long-term strategic planning, economic research and corporate governance. She is fluent in English and Italian. Ms. Aitzhanova has served in both the private and government sectors. Among them are LLC Synergy, International Relations and Geopolitical Researches institute, and Statistics Agency. She has served as an advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan. She has been the Deputy Chairperson and Chairperson at the National Analytical Centre of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan since June 2012 and is now Chief Economist.
Mr. Aleksishvili, Chairman of the Board at Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG), has 15 years of working experience in public finance and economic development policy sector as a high level government official and the government adviser responsible for budget and financial policy, tax and customs policy reform, simplification of doing business environment and improving investment climate.

While working as a Minister of Finance of Georgia, successfully conducted series of reforms in Public Finance, Tax and Customs Policy and Administration, Economic Deregulation and Liberalization domains. Georgia was ranked by the World Bank “Doing Business” survey as the world’s #1 reformer country in 2005-10. During this period (2004-2007), Georgia improved from 132nd place to 18th in the ranking of “Ease of Doing Business” by the World Bank.

As a Minister of Finance (2005-2007), conducted Public Finance Management, Tax and Customs reforms. As a result of comprehensive policy reforms, Georgia’s GDP growth rate in 2005-2007 overreached 10% on average (2005 - 9.6%, 2006 - 9.4% and 2007 - 12.3%). FDI has been increased from 250 m USD in 2004 to 2,100 m USD in 2007.

In addition, Mr. Aleksishvili was elected as a Chairman of UN Commission for Sustainable development in 2005-2006.
Abdullatif AlGhaith is an advisor at the Ministry of Economy and planning where he is supporting in the establishment of the newly Nation Development Fund at the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Abdullatif started his career as a Credit Consultant at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) where he was able to be a Credit Division Manager in a couple of years working on evaluating and approving multi-billion dollar loans for strategic projects in the Kingdom within major sectors as Mining, Pharmaceuticals and Energy sectors.

Abdullatif has an Industrial Engineering bachelor degree from King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals. During his work at SIDF, he got his MBA from Queens University (Smith School of Business).
Ziyad Aljebreen
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35 years old, Mr Ziyad Aljebreen got a master’s degree in business administration (MBA) in 2017 from Barry University in Miami, USA.

He has been working at the Saudi Fund for Development since 2010 as a development researcher in the Research & Economic Studies Department.

The Fund’s main objectives are to participate in financing development projects in the developing countries by giving them the necessary loans.
Roberto dos Reis Alvarez is the Executive Director of the Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils (GFCC - www.thegfcc.org), a global multi-stakeholder membership organization represented on the ground in 35 different nations, and a research scholar at Arizona State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and was trained in Quality and Productivity at the Japan Productivity Center and Exponential Technologies at the NASA AMES-based Singularity University. Before joining the GFCC, he was a Senior Manager at the Brazilian Agency for Industrial Development. Roberto also worked as a management and operations consultant, co-founded 3 tech companies and taught graduated courses in different Brazilian universities. He authored books on manufacturing operations and strategy, is a global speaker, an advisor to innovation and policy platforms and has made angel investments in tech companies based in Brazil and the U.S.
Ms. Moe Ando is senior associate of Global Coordination Dept. of Sumitomo Corporation. She is in charge of strategy, planning, and coordination for Sumitomo Corporation Group’s offices/entities in Americas.

From 2016 to 2018, she worked in Sumitomo Corporation Brazil as an Assistant Manager of Corporate Planning Department. Since joining Sumitomo Corporation in 2013, she worked as Corporate Communication Department, Mass Media Team for three years.

She graduated from Waseda University, B.A. in Liberal Studies, majoring in International Relations and Communications. She spent one year as exchange student in UC Berkeley, majoring International Politics (2010-2011).
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- Advisor of Under Secretary General of UN
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Edward Bannerman, Director of the President's Office, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London (2017-). Formerly: Adviser to Mr. Jyrki Katainen, Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission (2014-17); Economic Adviser, Cabinet of High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, Catherine Ashton; Economic and Financial Counsellor, British Embassy, Paris; Head, EU Better Regulation Unit, HM Treasury, London; Team Leader, Prime Minister's Strategy Unit (2002-05); Head of Economics, Centre for European Reform, London.
Thomas Barrett is Chairman of the OECD Infrastructure Governance Forum in Paris; he is a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC, conferring on the public and private financing and development of Strategic Infrastructure globally.

Previously, Mr. Barrett was the Permanent Representative of the EIB (European Investment Bank) and Minister of the European Union Delegation to the United States in Washington, DC.

Thomas Barrett directed the development of EIB’s Structured Finance and Advisory Activities for over a decade; he was concurrently Chairman of EPEC (European PPP Expertise Centre) which advised EU Member States on PPP policy and implementation. He was also, inter alia, the Founder EIB Director of the Marguerite Fund, the Pan-European Eur 1.5 Billion Fund for Strategic Infrastructure and Climate investments and EIB Director for Lending to the UK and Western Europe.
Mr. Oliver Barron is a Senior Executive Officer in the Office of the President, having joined the Bank in March 2016. From 2007 to 2016, he worked for a London-based boutique investment research firm, NSBO, with a focus on analyzing China's economy and financial markets. Mr. Barron held various positions at NSBO, including Financial Analyst, Head of Beijing Office, and Head of Research. In 2013, he co-authored a book, Reading Between the Lines, exploring China’s economic policy and the structure of its government. He was also frequently interviewed by international news media outlets including the Wall Street Journal, CNBC, Reuters, the BBC and others, and contributed numerous op-eds to leading publications. Prior to joining NSBO, Mr. Barron worked as a Research Associate for the Stanford Washington Research Group. He graduated from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, MA Honors Philosophy and Mathematics.
Mr. Mohamed Beavogui, an Expert in Agricultural Finance, was elected as the first Director General of the African Risk Capacity in January 2015, during the 3rd annual Conference of the Parties, which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Mr. Beavogui has over 25 years’ international experience in development. Prior to his appointment with ARC, Mr Beavogui worked as Director of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization and Senior Advisor to the President of the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He joined IFAD in 2001 as Director of Programs for West and Central Africa, and was responsible for delivering the lending and grant program, and managing a large portfolio of projects.

Prior to joining IFAD, Mr. Beavogui worked for 7 years for the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in New York as Senior Project Management Officer, and subsequently as Regional Director for West and Central Africa.

Previously, he worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as Chief Technical Adviser, respectively in Burundi and in Rome, Italy. Before this, Mr Beavogui worked in the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacturing (ARCEDEM) in Nigeria, and for the Government of Guinea.

Mr. Beavogui is a member of several panels focusing on regional and global issues related to food security and rural development. Mr Beavogui is recipient of several awards and distinctions.
Mr. Erik Bethel was nominated to serve as the Alternate Executive Director representing the United States in April 2018. Mr. Bethel has 25 years of financial experience as an investment banker and private equity professional focused on Emerging Markets. Prior to being nominated to serve at the World Bank, Mr. Bethel was a Managing Director at Franklin Templeton Investments where he executed private equity transactions in Latin America. Prior to this, he was based in Shanghai, China as Managing Partner of SinoLatin Capital and Managing Director of ChinaVest. Earlier in his career, Mr. Bethel held a variety of Emerging Markets-focused private equity and investment banking positions at J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley & Co. in both New York and Mexico City.

Mr. Bethel earned a B.S. in Economics and Political Science from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.
James Bond is an independent financial advisor specializing in infrastructure, energy and climate change in emerging economies. He holds several positions in this field including Senior Advisor to Centennial Group International (Washington DC); Senior Advisor to the African Development Bank (Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire); Managing Director of Public Capital Advisors (New York); and Non-Executive Director with Helios SE (London), an investment fund specializing in electricity in Africa. He is also member of the Board of Trustees of the Global Heritage Fund (San Francisco, CA) which conserves and restores heritage sites around the world; and Distinguished Research Associate of the Centennial Group based in Washington DC.

James’s most recent assignment was as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (the major multilateral funding mechanism sponsored by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) from December 2013 until December 2016. He provided support to Executive Director Hela Cheikhrouhou with the launch the Fund, including in particular the design of financial instruments and funding delivery mechanisms; recruitment of managers and staff; back office systems; fund raising with donor countries and financial institutions; and close liaison with the Fund’s Board. In its first financial closing in December 2014 the Fund raised $10.2 billion.

At the African Development Bank James contributed to the launch of the Bank’s partial risk guarantee (PRG) program, which enabled the Bank to close its first guarantees, including for the Lake Turkana Wind Project in Kenya, and a multi-investment guarantee program for the newly created Bulk Electricity Trader in Nigeria.

James served in numerous managerial positions in the World Bank Group. Until August 2011 he was Chief Operating Officer of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). MIGA provides political risk insurance and credit enhancement to investors and banks active in emerging economies. During his tenure at MIGA he oversaw the revision of the Agency’s charter documents and the introduction of a range of new products, leading to a more than doubling of business volume (to $3.2 billion per year).

Prior to joining MIGA in 2008 James was World Bank Country Director for several francophone countries in West Africa. He spearheaded World Bank assistance to countries in the region, including to Cote d’Ivoire to help bring the country’s internal conflict to an end. He financed the demobilization of combatants and led a major sovereign debt workout for the country. He has also been based in Antananarivo, Madagascar, as World Bank Country Director for the Indian Ocean, with a significant lending program in the region.

His sectorial responsibilities at the World Bank have included those of Global Director of Energy; and Director of Agriculture and Environment for Africa. At the International Finance Corporation (IFC) James was Director of the Mining Department and was on the board of the Escondida copper development in Chile. During his tenure IFC financed several important mining projects including the privatization of the copper state-owned enterprise ZCCM in Zambia.

Before joining the World Bank Group James spent nine years with Total, the French oil and gas company, and has also worked for Gold Fields, a South African mining company. James holds a doctorate in economic analysis from the University of Pantheon-Sorbonne in Paris; an engineering degree in energy economics from the French engineering school ENSPM; and a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. He is recipient of the Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur of France and Commandeur de l’Ordre du Merite of Madagascar.
Jack T. Boorman was the Director of the Policy Development and Review Department of the International Monetary Fund for more than a decade. In the latter years of his career with the Fund, he was Counsellor and Special Advisor to the Managing Director. Before his career in the IMF, Mr. Boorman taught at the University of Southern California, from which he received his Ph.D. in Economics, and at the University of Maryland. Mr. Boorman is the author of a number of books and many papers on diverse topics including development, structural adjustment, and developing country debt; emerging market country issues; international insolvency; governance; and IMF policies and country operations. Mr. Boorman currently serves as member of the Board of Trustees of LeMoyne College, and continues to write on global governance, emerging markets, and other topics.
Mayu’s initial years were with family businesses, such as La Auxiliadora Funeral Home, becoming CEO and President. In 1999 she became the first woman to be designated Minister of Foreign Affairs in her country El Salvador, serving her country for 5 years. She had founded Internacional de Seguros in 1997 becoming the first woman president of an insurance company as well. On August 2004 she was elected first woman President of a private bank in El Salvador. When her Banco Salvadoreño and Banistmo, the biggest regional bank, forged a strategic alliance, she was elected CEO, keeping this position even when HSBC, one of the world’s largest financial conglomerates, acquired a controlling majority in 2006. In 2007 she pioneered a new function in the region becoming Corporate Sustainability Head for HSBC Latin America up to March 2015. Regarding present formal working relations, Mayu is currently engaged with Inversiones Vision, her Coaching and Consulting firm in El Salvador. She serves as Non Executive Director on several Boards, such as ASSA El Salvador, member of the largest insurance group in the region. She is also a Board Member in nonprofits, such as Junior Achievement and Plan at global level.

Mayu has a solid academic background in Art, Insurance (Swiss Insurance Institute Zurich) and Law (Universidad Dr. Jose Matias Delgado), with a Master in Business Administration from INCAE Business School and a Postgraduate in Sustainable Business from the University of Cambridge. She taught at two Universities in El Salvador, and lectured at INCAE Business School in Costa Rica. She served various professional associations: Asociación de Abogados de El Salvador, member since 1985, conferred her “Socia Distinguida” in 1990; Centro de Estudios Jurídicos member since 1989; Instituto Salvadoreño de Derecho Notarial; ASES insurance association; President of AIDA, insurance law association from 1995 to 1998, first woman in Latin America to hold this position. She has actively participated in socially oriented service institution Boards such as Patronato del Hogar del Niño; FUDEM, EMPREPAS and Vital Voices for women development (Incoming President March 2016); FUSADES, the most prestigious private sector think tank; Universidad José Matías Delgado where she is Treasurer; Escuela Agrícola Panamericana Zamorano in Honduras as a Trustee; Instituto Tecnológico Centroamericano; FEPADE foundation of the private sector for education; INCAE Business School, where she was one of the first woman members of its Board; Instituto Salvadoreño del Seguro Social; and Fondo de Inversión Social. When Mayu witnessed the number of elderly clients in the Bank who could not read or write, she helped launch a national literacy campaign and became member of the Consejo Ejecutivo del Trienio de la Alfabetización. She is the first Latin-American member of PLAN’s International Board, and Chair of the Americas Board Junior Achievement covering 31 countries, also serving on their global Board. She is Chapter Chair of WPO El Salvador. Board Member and Founder of the Central American Leadership Initiative; Board Member of IEESFORD Diplomatic Academy of the Chancery; Board Member of the Quality Council of El Salvador; Board Member of CEDES, the El Salvador Chapter of the World Economic Council for Sustainable Development; and various other services.

The Rotary Club Maquilishuat honored her with “Galardón al Orgullo Salvadoreño2005”; Dia a Dia Newspaper in Los Angeles California with “Woman of the year 2005” recognition. Mayu was elected Distinguished Professional 2006 by the Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, Distinguished Graduate 2009 by INCAE and the Most Admired Woman Entrepreneur in Central America 2010. She was the first woman in Central America to be admitted into YPO, Young Presidents Organization. She received, upon her 30 years of entrepreneurial activity, the Palma de Oro in 2007, maximum recognition granted by the private sector in the country, honor presented to her by the President of the Republic.

Mayu has been married for over 37 years and has three children and two granddaughters.
Inés Bustillo is Director of the Washington Office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). She joined ECLAC in 1989 as an Economic Affairs Officer and has worked on topics that include macroeconomic analysis, international trade, and finance. Previously, Bustillo was a Professor of Economics at the Universidad Anáhuac (Mexico City), Visiting Faculty at American University, and a consultant to the World Bank, the Center for Latin American and Monetary Studies (CEMLA), and Operadora de Bolsa in Mexico City. Bustillo, a national of Uruguay, earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from American University.
Luis Miguel Castilla Rubio is the Manager of the Office of Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining the Bank in January 2017, he was a visiting scholar at MIT’s Center of International Studies in Cambridge, MA, and a non-resident senior fellow at the Adrienne Arsht Latin American Center of the Atlantic Council, in Washington, DC. Dr. Castilla served as Peru’s ambassador to the United States in 2015-2016, and before that was Minister of Economy and Finance from 2011-2014. Previously, he was the chief economist for CAF-Latin America Development Bank and worked at the World Bank.

A Peruvian citizen, Dr. Castilla holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, and a B.A. in Economics from McGill University. He is the author of numerous papers and book chapters on subjects including international trade, productivity, development strategies and competitiveness, and U.S.-Latin America relations.
Marco Cavaliere is Head of Bilateral Cooperation at the Swiss National Bank (SNB). His main responsibility is the supervision and coordination of (i) the SNB’s official bilateral relationships with other central banks, (ii) monetary and technical assistance to other central banks, and (iii) the preparation of Swiss position on country-specific items discussed at the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Before joining the SNB, Mr. Cavaliere was Senior Advisor of the Swiss Executive Director at the IMF in Washington D.C., Senior Economist at the Swiss State Secretariat for International Financial Matters, Deputy Head of the unit Aggregate Risks and Scenario Analysis in the Risk Management Department of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, and Program Manager for the Central Bankers Courses in Finance and Monetary Economics at the Study Center Gerzensee (a foundation of the SNB). Mr. Cavaliere holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Berne.
Sir Suma Chakrabarti, born in 1959 in West Bengal, India, is the sixth President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The EBRD’s Board of Governors re-elected Sir Suma as President of the Bank for a second four-year term in 2016. He began his first term in 2012, having replaced Thomas Mirow.

Sir Suma has extensive experience in international development economics and policy-making, as well as in designing and implementing wider public service reform.

Before arriving at the EBRD, he held the position of Permanent Secretary at the British Ministry of Justice and was its most senior civil servant. Prior to this, from 2002, he headed the UK’s Department for International Development (formerly the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) ) where he worked closely with economies undergoing substantial reform in eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East and North Africa. Sir Suma is notable for playing a key role developing the UK’s successful Know-How Fund for Central and Eastern Europe and worked with the European Commission in improving its programmes in the Middle East and North Africa.

Sir Suma also worked in the late 1990s in the UK Treasury, where he was responsible for UK public expenditure, and in the early 2000s in the Cabinet Office, where he led on cross-departmental strategic issues and subsequently the management of the Cabinet agenda.

After studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the University of Oxford, Sir Suma took a Masters in Development Economics at the University of Sussex. He also holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Sussex and East Anglia and the Bucharest University of Economic Sciences.
Mr. Chen Huan is Chief Officer of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. He holds a Bachelor Degree of English Literature and Master Degree of Economics. In 1989, he joined MOF and since then engaged in international financial cooperation in a number of positions in World Bank Department and International Department of MOF. In 1999-2002, he worked in the Office of Executive Director for China in the World Bank, and served as Advisor and Alternate Executive Director. Chen joined China CDM Fund Management Center in August 2007 as Deputy Director General, and has served as Director General since August 2011. In February 2014, Mr. Chen had a new assignment, to work in the Working Group for the Establishment of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank as the Deputy Head. In 16th January, 2016, the Board of Governors declared the Bank open for business. Mr. Chen has been served as Chief Officer of AIIB from its inception.
Mr. Correa is the President of Crival Holdings Ltd., a holding company with investments ranging from industrial materials to software to consumer goods. He is the Founder and Partner of BRICChamber and Chairman of the Board of Segurar Tecnologia S.A., a company selling online insurance in Brazil.

He was Managing Director and Vice President of Brassinter S.A., the largest metallurgy producer in Brazil, from 1985 to 2000; cofounder, director of Sinterex Comercio Internacional S.A., director of Akta Ltd, cofounder of Art Invest Ltd, and a Member of the Board of Christensen Diamond. He was also a Member of the International Advisory Board of SAAB AB Sweden until 2008, and was a Member of the Experts Panel of the World Competitiveness Yearbook.

He has previously served as Deputy Head Director of the International Relations Department (DEREX) of the Industries Federation of the State of Sao Paulo (FIESP), in charge of Trade and Investments Promotion, and as Director of Comdefesa, the Defense Industries Department of FIESP. He cofounded the Innovation Forum of Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), a Brazilian think tank and educational institution, and founded the Entrepreneurship and New Ventures Center (FGV-CENN) at the FGV in 2004.

He specializes in finance, with a graduate degree from the FGV EAESP Business School, where he also taught as a professor from 1998 to 2009. He has also received training in the London Metals Exchange, and graduated with an engineering degree from the Escola Politecnica of the Univerisity of São Paulo.
Will Davis is currently the Head of the OECD's Washington Center where he serves as the organization’s senior representative to the United States and Canada. In this role he leads the OECD’s efforts to deepen understanding of, and appreciation for the work of the organization, focusing on issue areas including market-based economic growth, anti-corruption, fiscal policy, regulatory reform, trade, education and development cooperation. He serves as a liaison with executive branch departments and ministries that drive the work of the OECD through the organization’s committee processes, and acts as a resource to Congressional members and staff, ensuring access to OECD analyses and data. He and his team in the Washington Center work to raise the OECD’s profile across the broader Washington policy community including partners in the private sector, organized labor, academia, think tanks and the media. Mr. Davis’ previous roles with the organization include time as a Senior Advisor in Washington, and as the Deputy Director of Public Affairs at the OECD’s headquarters in Paris. Prior to re-joining the OECD, Mr. Davis served as a consultant for a number of organizations dealing with international development and economic issues, including the ONE Campaign, the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council based in Geneva, Switzerland, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). His experience also includes leadership positions with the U.S. government and the United Nations. During his tenure with the UN, Mr. Davis served as the Director of the UNDP’s Washington Office, and prior to that, Director of the UN Secretariat’s Office in Washington. Mr. Davis also has extensive experience in the U.S. government’s executive branch, serving both with the State Department and on the White House’s National Security Council staff. Mr. Davis began his career as a budget analyst in the Executive Office of the President’s Office of Administration, along with assignments at the Treasury Department and the Department of Defense. He was also on the faculty at George Washington University as a Lecturer in the Elliott School of International Affairs. He graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor’s degree in political science and also earned his Master’s in Public Policy Studies from Duke. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and lives in Bethesda, MD.
Augusto de la Torre is a professional economist that has combined research, writing, policy advice, and policy making throughout a rich career, with a special focus on Latin America.

De la Torre currently works internationally as a senior policy consultant, teaches at Columbia University’s School of Public and International Affairs and directs the Economics Research Center at the Universidad de las Américas (UDLA) in Quito, Ecuador.

He left the World Bank at the end of 2016, after 20 years of service in various senior roles, including the last 10 years as Chief Economist for Latin America and, prior to that, as Head of the Global Financial Systems Department. Before his World Bank career, he served as the Governor of the Central Bank of Ecuador (1993-1996) and as an economist for the International Monetary Fund (1986-1992).

De la Torre has published extensively on a broad range of financial, macroeconomic, and economic development topics. He is an active participant in Latin American-related policy forums and scholarly endeavors. He was chosen by Euromoney Magazine as the “Best Latin Central Banker” for 1996.

He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics at the University of Notre Dame and holds a Licenciatura in Philosophy from the Catholic University of Ecuador.
Dr. Roberto F. de Ocampo, former Secretary of Finance of the Philippines, became the first Filipino to receive the most internationally prestigious award to Finance Ministers, the “Global Finance Minister of the Year” award from Euromoney in 1995. In 1996, Euromoney named him as Asian Finance Minister of the Year. In 1997, he was again recognized as Asian Finance Minister of the year, this time by Asiamoney. He is known nationally and internationally for public and international finance, having been Chairman of the APEC and ASEAN Finance Ministers (at the onset of the Asian Financial Crisis whose meetings he chaired that resulted in the landmark Manila Framework that prescribed the steps to exit the crisis) as well as member of the Boards of Governors of World Bank, IMF, and the ADB. He was Secretary of Finance (1994-1998) during the presidency of Fidel V. Ramos, and was widely recognized as the principal architect of the resurgence of the Philippine economy whose achievement was hailed by the international finance community. Prior to these posts, he also served as Chairman and CEO of the Development Bank of the Philippines and led its rehabilitation such that it was recognized by the prestigious international Banker Magazine during his tenure as one of the “world's soundest banks.”

He is the past president of the Asian Institute of Management having retired from that position in May 2006 and until recently was a member of the AIM Board of Trustees. At present he is the Chairman of the Philippine Veterans Bank and also Chairman of the Board of Advisers of the RFO Center for Public Finance & Regional Economic Cooperation, which is an ADB Regional Knowledge Hub.

Dr. de Ocampo is a recipient of many international and national honors. In September 2001, he was named to the Ordre National de la Legion d’Honneur by the Republic of France with the rank of Chevalier for his successful efforts and initiatives to promote closer Philippine-France relations. On the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, he was conferred by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his outstanding efforts in promoting Philippine-UK relations during his years in public service and more recently in his capacity as Chairman of the British Alumni Association. He has also been awarded the Philippine Legion of Honor, the highest honor conferred on Filipino civilians by the Republic of the Philippines in 1998 for his outstanding contributions to the country. He is one of the first ASEAN members of the Trilateral Commission, an international think-tank of distinguished global leaders and was also the first recipient of the Man of the Year Award from the Association of Development Finance Institutions of Asia Pacific (ADFIAP). He is a founding Partner of a Global Advisory Group (Centennial Group) based in Washington D.C. and is a Founding Director of a recently established Global Economic Forum: The Emerging Markets Forum. Dr. de Ocampo, who was the 1975 Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) awardee in the field of National Economic Development for pioneering the Philippine rural electrification program, had been cited as one of the 500 Great Asians in 2001 and a recipient of several Baron’s Who’s Who awards. In 2004, he was elected to the Board of Advisors of the Conference Board, one of the world’s leading authorities in international business economics (based in New York). In 2006, Dr. de Ocampo was conferred with the Asian Human Resources Development Award by the Asia HRD Congress.

Dr. de Ocampo is a product of both De La Salle (grade school and high school) and Ateneo Universities. He received his MBA from the University of Michigan, a post-graduate diploma from the London School of Economics and has been conferred four Doctorates (Honoris Causa) by the De La Salle University in Business Administration, by the University of Angeles City in Public Administration, by the Philippine Women’s University in Laws, and by the San Beda College in Humane Letters.

Dr. de Ocampo had been and is Chairman and/or Board Member of several private companies both in the Philippines and abroad including, among others, the Centennial Group (Washington, D.C.), Centennial Asia Advisors Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), Investment & Capital Corporation of the Philippines (ICCP) Group of Companies, Alaska Milk Corporation, United Overseas Bank, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, Philippine Airlines, Meralco, Globe Telecom Inc., Philam Asset Management Inc., Metrobank, Seaboard Eastern Insurance Co., House of Investments, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, Robinson’s Land Corporation, EEL Corporation, AES Corporation (Philippines) and Phinma Corporation, etc. He is presently Co-Vice Chairman of the Makati Business Club, a Past President of the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) and an Emeritus member of Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) who named its head office in his honor. He was recently elected as Board Director of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).
John Didiuk is a Director of International Project Finance at the United States International Development Finance Corporation (formerly, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation), the U.S. Government’s development finance institution. During more than a decade at OPIC, John has underwritten close to a billion dollars of support for highly developmental projects in various emerging markets and across different sectors. He also leads the agency’s task force to expand investment across the larger Eurasia region. John’s professional experience includes work in investment banking in New York and serving abroad with the U.S. State Department. He has degrees from Harvard, the London School of Economics, and Political Science, and Boston College Law School. He speaks conversational Russian.
Soumitra Dutta is a Professor of Management and the former founding Dean of the SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University, New York. Previously, he was the Anne and Elmer Lindseth Dean of the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Prior to joining Cornell in 2012, he was on the faculty of INSEAD, a leading international business school with campuses in France and Singapore.

Soumitra Dutta is an authority on innovation in the knowledge economy, with a refreshing global perspective. Throughout his distinguished career, he has focused on how to drive business innovation and growth through the right combination of innovative people and technology. He is the co-editor and author of the Global Information Technology Report, published by the World Economic Forum and the Global Innovation Index, published by the World Intellectual Property Organization - two influential reports in technology and innovation policy.

Dean Dutta is on the board of two listed firms Sodexo (a food services and facilities management multinational), Dassault Systemes (the world leader in 3D experience systems) and is a member of the Shareholder Council (Board) of ZS Associates (a global management consultancy focused on healthcare). He is currently the Chair of the Board of the Global Business School Network (a Washington DC based not-for-profit focused on building management capacity in Africa and other frontier markets) and is on the advisory boards of several business schools including HEC Montreal and ESADE (Spain). Previously he was the Vice Chair and Chair of AACSB International, the leading accreditation body for business schools worldwide. He is a member of the privileged “Davos Circle” group of participants who have been invited to the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos for more than 10 years. He has co-founded two firms, including Fisheye Analytics which, WPP group acquired.

Dean Dutta received a B. Tech. in electrical engineering and computer science from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, a MS in both business administration and computer science, and a PhD in computer science from the University of California at Berkeley. In 2017, he received the Distinguished Alumnus award from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.
Bart W. Édes has served as the Asian Development Bank’s (ADB’s) Representative in North America since October 2, 2017. In this capacity, he mobilizes financing for ADB’s developing member countries; shares development knowledge and experience; establishes and deepens partnerships with public, private and nonprofit organizations in North America; and raises public awareness of ADB in Canada and the United States.

His earlier ADB experience includes leading teams responsible for knowledge management, social development, gender equity, the social sectors, civil society engagement, ICT for Development, inclusive business, governance, and public sector management. He guided the formulation of ADB’s Public Communications Policy, which set a new global benchmark for transparency and information sharing among the international financial institutions. Mr. Édes has also served as Alternate Chairperson of ADB’s Appeals Committee, and Member of the ADB Integrity Oversight Committee.

Between 1994 and 2000, Mr. Édes managed communications at SIGMA, a joint initiative of the European Union and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development providing support to public governance reform in Central and Eastern European countries. Mr. Édes has also worked as a journalist, researcher, policy analyst, and specialist on international trade and foreign direct investment.

He has a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Government (cum laude) from Georgetown University. Mr. Édes is a dual national of Canada and the United States.
Nino Egriselashvili is a financial professional, currently holding the role of Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers Georgia. She spent her career in banking and auditing sectors.

During her career within the PwC network, she worked for such industries as hospitality, manufacturing, real estate development and transport.

Nino is a profound expert in financial reporting under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, and other financial reporting frameworks and is a lecturer at PwC Academy.

Nino is the Fellow member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA), UK, as well as Professional Accountant certified by the Georgian Federation of Professional Accountants and Auditors (GFPA - full member of IFAC)
Karim El Aynaoui is Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University. He is also President of the Policy Center for the New South, previously known as OCP Policy Center, a think tank based in Rabat and serves as advisor to the CEO and Chairman of OCP Group, a global leader in the phosphate sector. From 2005 to 2012, he worked at Bank Al-Maghrib, the Central Bank of Morocco. He was the Director of Economics and International Relations, where he provided strategic leadership in defining and supporting monetary policy analysis and strategy. He was also in charge of the Statistical and International Relations Divisions of the Central Bank, led the research division and was a member of the Governor’s Cabinet. Before joining Bank Al-Maghrib, Karim El Aynaoui worked for eight years at the World Bank, both in its Middle Eastern and North Africa, and Africa regions as an economist. He has published papers, books and articles in scientific journals on macroeconomic issues in developing countries. Recently, he co-authored a book outlining a growth strategy for Morocco and was the guest editor of a special issue on food price volatility in Oxford Economic Papers.

Karim El Aynaoui is a board member of the OCP Foundation, a member of the Strategic Advisory Board of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) and a member of the COP22 Scientific Committee. He also participates in the Malabo-Montpellier Panel. Karim El Aynaoui holds a PhD in economics from the University of Bordeaux, where he taught for three years courses in statistics and economics.
Jose Fajgenbaum is Partner of Centennial Group and Director of Centennial Group Latin America. Prior to joining the Centennial Group, he worked at the IMF for about 30 years, where he advanced from economist to Deputy Director of various departments. In addition to helping define and supervise these departments work He led missions to surveillance countries, such as Brazil, Israel, Russia and South Africa, as well as to countries supported by the IMF, such as Brazil in the early 1990s, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Malawi, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago. His expertise is on a wide range of development and macroeconomic issues. He holds a BA from the National University of Cuyo, an MA in economics from the University of Chicago, and completed his Doctoral studies in economics at the University of Chicago.
Dr. Louise Fox was USAID’s Chief Economist. In this role, she guided the Agency on economics-based decision making and was responsible for keeping USAID’s economists on the cutting edge of ideas in development economics.

Before joining USAID, Dr. Fox served as a Visiting Professor of Development Economic Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and as a consultant in development economics, specializing in employment, labor markets, gender, social service delivery and poverty reduction. Prior to joining UC Berkeley, Dr. Fox had a distinguished career at the World Bank where she advised governments in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe on how to develop, implement, and evaluate effective policies for employment, social security and poverty reduction.

Her most recent published work has been on the topics of poverty reduction and inclusive growth, the political economy of poverty reduction, and on employment, labor markets, and labor regulation, all with respect to Sub-Saharan Africa. She has also published in the areas of pension reform, reform of child welfare systems, social protection, public expenditures in the social sectors and poverty reduction, female-headed households and child welfare, stabilization policies and poverty reduction, the social costs of adjustment, and the economic history of poverty and inequality in Brazil. Her most recent book is Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa, published by the World Bank in 2014.

Dr. Fox received a bachelor's degree in international relations and affairs from UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. in economics from Vanderbilt University.
Aki Fukuchi is a Senior Economist at the Institute for International Monetary Affairs (IIMA). Prior to joining IIMA, Ms. Fukuchi served as an economist at the MUFG Bank. Since her beginning of her professional career with the MUFG Bank in 2000, she has specialized mainly in Asian economy. During 2010-2013 she also served as the Bank’s senior economist based in Singapore.

Ms. Fukuchi is holding a Master’s Degree in International Economics from the Graduate School of Tohoku University.
L. Enrique García has been President and CEO of CAF since December 1991. CAF is a multilateral financial institution committed to sustainable development and regional integration. Member countries include Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Venezuela, Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Costa Rica, Spain, Jamaica, México, Panamá, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay, as well as 16 private financial institutions.


He taught at the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés and Catholic University in Bolivia (1973–1978). Mr. García is a Preferred Member of the Academy of Economic Sciences and Council of Science and Technology of the National Academy of Sciences of Bolivia. Author of several publications.

He is Vice President of Canning House, member of the Inter-American Dialogue, the Group of 50, the Council on American Politics of George Washington University, the Advisory Boards of the CID at Harvard University, the Florida International University’s Latin American and Caribbean Center, and the Institute for Advanced Studies in Administration (IESA, Caracas).

Mr. García has received doctoral and other honorary degrees from several universities and has been decorated by the Governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Venezuela and the Sovereign Order of Malta. In 2001 he received the Latin American Regional Integration Award by the Consejo Empresario de América Latina-CEAL and in 2004 the Regional Integration Award by América Economía. Mr. Garcia was elected Man of the Year 2005 by Latin Finance Magazine.

Mr. García holds a B.S. and an M.A. in Economics and Finance from St. Louis University and doctoral studies at American University.
Rebeca Grynspan was born in San José, Costa Rica. She was unanimously elected as Ibero-American Secretary-General at the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Ciudad de Mexico, on 24th February 2014. She took office on 1st April 2014 and in 2018 her mandate was renewed for a further four-year term.

In 2010 she was named Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). From 2006 to 2010, she was UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms Grynspan served as Vice-President of Costa Rica from 1994 to 1998. She was also Minister of Housing, Minister Coordinator of Economic and Social Affairs, and Deputy Minister of Finance.

In addition, she has been a member of the High-Level Panel on Financing for Development, convened by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2001.

She is a renowned advocate of human development, who has helped to focus the world's attention, and also that of Latin America, on relevant issues such as the reduction of inequality and poverty, gender equality, South-South cooperation as a tool for development, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among others.

She was also a delegate to the United Nations Commission for the Reconstruction of Haiti, a group consisting of the Haitian government, the former President of the United States Bill Clinton, and other prominent international partners.

In June 2014 she was appointed as chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), one of the most influential organisations worldwide in the field of policy research, devoted to the study of the interface between development and the environment.

Ms Grynspan is a member of the steering committee of the UNICEF Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement; member of the Governing Council of the Society for International Development (SID), a global network of individuals and professionals at the forefront of development; and member of the ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work, among others.

In addition to her experience as a conference lecturer and advisor to a number of international organisations and institutions, she has been actively involved in key United Nations initiatives, such as the Millennium Project’s Task Force on Poverty and Economic Development and the High-level Panel on Financing for Development.

In 2014 and 2015, she was recognized as one of the 50 leading intellectuals of Latin America. Since 2016 she serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Complutense Institute for International Studies (ICEI), which forms part of the Universidad Complutense, Madrid. In 2017 she received the Forbes Award for Excellence and the Spanish government awarded her the Gran Cruz de la Orden Civil de Alfonso X El Sabio.

Ms Grynspan holds a degree in Economics by the University of Costa Rica and a MSc in Economics by the University of Sussex. She has been awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa by the University of Salamanca, the University of Extremadura and the European University of Madrid in recognition of her professional career.
Stephen P. Groff is an economist and Governor of the National Development Fund of Saudi Arabia.

Groff was appointed as Governor of the National Development Fund (NDF) in February, 2019. NDF is tasked with enhancing economic diversification and increasing the sustainability of development financing across Saudi Arabia. NDF supports public sector spending by maximizing impact and socio-economic development. In support of Vision 2030, NDF envisions a diverse and sustainable Saudi economy, an enabled and ambitious Saudi society and a prosperous and financially secure Saudi citizen.

He was previously ranking vice-president of the Asian Development Bank. At ADB he was responsible for operations in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific, amounting to over $6 billion in new lending every year and an existing portfolio of $38 billion. Groff also served as Deputy Director for Development Cooperation at the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and as Deputy Vice-President for Operations at the Washington-based Millennium Challenge Corporation. He has also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Refugee Program and as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer.

Groff serves on a number of advisory boards, including the Millennium Challenge Corporation, World Learning, Bretton Woods Committee, Marine Stewardship Council, Institute for Sustainable Communities, and the Global Footprint Network. He also writes regularly on a variety of climate change and development-related issues, including for Project Syndicate, The Wall Street Journal, The Guardian and The Huffington Post.

Groff is a graduate of Yale University and the Kennedy School at Harvard University. He is currently a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Environmental Management at Erasmus University in the Netherlands.
Mr. Jorge Guzman is an economist with over 30 years of practical experience in macroeconomic analysis and policy making. Throughout his career, the focus of his work has been on assisting distressed countries achieve fiscal and public debt sustainability, and durable economic growth. He served for 27 years in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) working mainly on countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, including by leading mission teams that negotiated and helped implement economic reform programs. In recent years, he has worked as a consultant doing macroeconomic policy analysis on several emerging market countries.
On March 28, 2018, H.E. Mr. Mamadou Haidara took office as Ambassador of Côte d’Ivoire to the United States. Ambassador Haïdara held various positions in private sector as well as public sector. In private sector, he successively held the following positions:

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of SONITRA (SOCIETE NATIONALE IVOIRIENNE DE TRAVAUX);
- CEO of GSC, the West African Leader in Tank Level Monitoring Technologies;
- Africa Director of AFIMEX, Lyon, France;
- Financial Analyst at T & B Investments, Dakar, Sénégal. In this capacity he identified opportunities, audited and analyzed investment targets and followed up performances of portfolios.

In the public sector, Ambassador Haidara led the Economic and Commercial Bureau as Commercial Counselor at the Ivorian Embassy to Washington, DC. As such, he:

- represented Côte d’Ivoire on the Washington, DC Cotton Advisory Council;
- planned and managed investment promotion to Côte d’Ivoire;
- followed up trade agreements and treaties as well as World Bank and IMF programs with Côte d’Ivoire.

He is a graduate from University of Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire and post-graduate from Strayer University in Washington, D.C and from University of California, Los Angeles. He is fluent in French and English.
Nobumitsu Hayashi
Chief Operating Officer, Senior Managing Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
Japan

Nobumitsu Hayashi overseas global financing operations of JBIC, Japan Bank for International Cooperation as COO and Senior Managing Director.

Previously, he held various senior positions on international finance, macro-economic policy and public administration at the Government of Japan, including Commissioner of the National Tax Administration, Director-General of Finance Bureau (Ministry of Finance), President of Policy Research Institute (MoF), as well as Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister. He was Executive Director for Japan at the World Bank Group from 2010 to 2012.
Werner Hermann was director at the Swiss National Bank (SNB) and in charge of central bank cooperation. Since he joined the SNB over twenty-five years ago, he has been involved in macroeconomic research, banking and financial market issues, and international relations. Mr. Hermann was a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Prior to joining the SNB he taught at the University of Basel and was a member of the Basel Business Cycle Research Group (BAK, now BAK Basel Economics AG). He received a doctorate in economics from the University of Basel.
Jon Eric Hilsenrath is the chief economics correspondent for The Wall Street Journal and is based in Washington. He is responsible for covering the Federal Reserve. In cooperation with reporters in the economics and other bureaus, he also covers major developments in the U.S. and global economies for all print and on-line editions of The Wall Street Journal and contributes to WSJ.com’s Real Time Economics site.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Hilsenrath was Markets Editor, overseeing global coverage of stock, bond and currency markets.

Mr. Hilsenrath has been a member of the global Wall Street Journal team since 1997. During the past decade he’s helped to lead coverage of the late 1990s Asian financial crisis, the 2001 U.S. recession, the tech boom, Sept. 11 terror attacks and the recent crisis in global debt markets. Before becoming an editor in 2006, he covered economics from New York and Hong Kong for six years. He also wrote the “Heard on the Street” column on stocks and markets for The Asian Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong. Prior to joining the Journal, Mr. Hilsenrath was a freelance reporter for The New York Times and Time Magazine in New York and Hong Kong and an economics and finance reporter for Knight-Ridder Financial News in Washington D.C.

In 2009, Mr. Hilsenrath and a team of reporters won an award for distinguished business reporting from the New York Newspaper Publishers Association for their article: “Lehman’s demise: The shock heard round the world.” In 2003, he received the Best of Knight-Bagehot Award for excellence in economics writing, for a package of stories on the global economy. Mr. Hilsenrath contributed first-hand accounts and reporting from near the World Trade Center as part of The Wall Street Journal’s Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Sept. 11, 2001 World Trade Center attacks. His personal account of the attacks was published in the book, The Best Newspaper Writing in 2002. In addition, he was part of a team of reporters that received the Excellence in Business Reporting award from the Society of Publishers in Asia in 2000.

He has been a contributor to several books, including, Emerging Financial Markets, by David Beim and Charles Calomiris, and Trading the Fundamentals, by Michael Niemira. He is also a regular guest on CNBC, the cable news television channel, with a featured segment on Monday mornings called “Five for Five,” that highlights stocks that will be in the news in the days ahead.

Born in New York, Mr. Hilsenrath received his bachelor’s degree from Duke University. He was a summer fellow at the University of Wisconsin and an M.B.A. exchange student at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Mr. Hilsenrath received an M.B.A. and a master’s degree in journalism from Columbia University. At Columbia, he was a Knight-Bagehot fellow in 1995/1996.
HU Biliang is now the Dean of Emerging Markets Institute (EMI), as well as the Director of the Belt and Road Research Institute (BRRI) of Beijing Normal University (BNU), also a professor of Economics of the University. Before his professorship, he was the Chief China Economist of SG Securities Asia; He also worked with the World Bank Beijing Office as an economist in 1990s. He used to teach Development Economics in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences as an economics professor of the Academy.


His works won twice (in 1994 and 2006 respectively) Sun Yefang Economic Prize which is the highest economics research award in China, and he also won Zhang Peigang Development Economics Award in 2009.

He received his Doctorate of Economics from the School of Economics and Management, Witten/Herdecke University in Germany, Master of Science degree jointly by University of Dortmund in Germany and Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok Thailand, and he also conducted a two and half year post-doc research program in the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.
Jingdong Hua is Vice President and Treasurer of the World Bank. He is responsible for the World Bank’s US$200 billion debt portfolio and an asset portfolio of nearly US$200 billion managed for the World Bank Group and 69 clients including central banks, pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds. He oversees US$600 billion transactions used for hedging and risk management, and payments and annual cashflows of over US$7 trillion equivalent.

Mr. Hua is also responsible for the debt issuance of the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) and the International Development Association (IDA) and oversees capital markets operations for the International Finance Facility for Immunization (IFFm) for which the World Bank Treasury is the Treasury Manager. He leads the World Bank Treasury’s capacity building and advisory services in financial analytics, debt management, asset management, and financial solutions for its clients.

Mr. Hua was previously Vice President and Treasurer of International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group. In that capacity, he was responsible for managing IFC’s financial position, safeguarding its international triple-A rating and overseeing its debt issuance program. Under his leadership, IFC established a global treasury, focused on the development of local currency debt capital markets and innovative financial products & solutions. During his tenure, IFC has significantly increased its local currency financing capacity to benefit private sector clients. He led market-opening and innovative bond issuances and structured financial products in emerging markets including Rwanda, Nigeria, Indonesia, Colombia, Uzbekistan, India and many other countries. He was also responsible for IFC’s loan syndications and co-investment program, which has mobilized over US$60 billion for private sector development.

Prior to IFC, Mr. Hua served as Deputy Treasurer at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila. He previously held a number of positions in the treasury departments of ADB, the United Nations Development Program in New York, and the African Development Bank in Abidjan. A Chinese national, he started his career in 1983 with China National Chemical Construction Corporation. He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Qingdao University of Science and Technology, an MBA Finance from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Columbia University.
Ishrat Husain
Advisor to the Prime Minister and Member of the Cabinet; Former Governor, State Bank of Pakistan
Pakistan

Dr. Ishrat Husain is also Professor Emeritus at IBA and Chairman, Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (CEIF). He served as Dean & Director of Institute of Business Administration, Karachi - the oldest graduate business school in Pakistan established in 1955-- between 2008 and 2016. During his term of office he was actively engaged in the transformation of the Institute to become one of the ranking Global Business schools. He served as the Chairman, National Commission for Government Reforms for two years from 2006 to 2008 with the status of Federal Minister reporting directly to the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. The Commission produced a two volume report on governance reforms in Pakistan. He was appointed the Governor of Pakistan’s Central Bank in December 1999. During the next six years, he implemented a major program of restructuring of the Central Bank and steered the reforms of the banking sector. As a member of the economic management team of the Government, he played a key role in the impressive economic turnaround of Pakistan. In recognition of his meritorious services he was conferred the prestigious award of “Hilal-e-Imtiaz” by the President of Pakistan in 2003. The Banker Magazine of London declared him as the Central Bank Governor of the year for Asia in 2005. He received the Asian Banker Lifetime achievement award in 2006. The President of Pakistan conferred upon him the highest civilian award of Nishan e Pakistan in 2016 for his outstanding public service.

Dr. Husain had a distinguished career at the World Bank for over two decades 1979-1999. Among the key positions he held at the Bank were Resident Representative to Nigeria, head of the Bank’s Debt and International Finance Division, Chief Economist for Africa between 1991-94 and later as Chief Economist for East Asia and Pacific Region. He became the Bank’s Director Poverty and Social Department and in 1997 he was named the Country Director for Central Asian Republics.

Since his retirement as the Governor he has been actively involved in many national and international assignments. During 2005-06 he was appointed by the Board of IMF as a member of a three person panel to evaluate the IEO. He was a member of the Mahathir Commission 2020 vision for the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). He also advised the IDB for creating its poverty reduction fund. He was appointed by the Board of Asian Development Bank to a two member independent panel to restructure the Accountability Mechanism. He is currently a member of Middle East Advisory Group of the IMF, a member of the President Advisory Council of IDB and was Chairman World Economic Forum Global Advisory Council on Pakistan until June 2014.

During 2009-10 he was appointed by the Government of Pakistan to chair the Pay and Pension Commission. Between 2011-14 he served as an independent Director on the Board of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)-- the largest Social safety net and conditional cash transfer program targeted at the poor households of Pakistan. He is currently Convener, Economic Advisory Council, Ministry of Finance; Member, Monetary and Fiscal Coordination Board , Government of Pakistan; and Member, Advisory Council to the Minister of Planning, Development and Reforms.

Mr. Husain has maintained an active scholarly interest in development issues. He has authored 18 books and monographs and contributed more than three dozen articles in refereed journals and 27 chapters in books. His book “Pakistan: The Economy of the Elitist State” published by Oxford University Press is widely read in Pakistan and outside. His most recent contribution is the book “GLOBALIZATION, GOVERNANCE AND GROWTH” published in 2015. He is regularly invited as a speaker to international conferences and seminars and has attended more than 100 such events all over the world since 2006. He is the Distinguished National Professor of Economics and Public Policy and chairs/ serves on the Boards of several research institutes, philanthropic and cultural organizations.

Ishrat Husain obtained Master’s degree in Development Economics from Williams College and Doctorate in Economics from Boston University in 1978. He is a graduate of Executive Development program jointly sponsored by Harvard, Stanford and INSEAD.
Mr. Ibarra is a Mexican economist who has held several high-ranking positions in the Mexican Government. Up to last year, he was CEO of FOCIR, a government agency that promotes investment through private equity funds for agribusiness and rural infrastructure development. Formerly, he served as Commissioner at the Federal Competition Commission and as Technical Secretary of the Infrastructure Cabinet at the Office of the President, in charge of the elaboration of the National Infrastructure Program 2007-2012, which was the first for Mexico with specific, quantifiable and medium-term goals for infrastructure development. Before, he was Head of the Investment Unit at the Ministry of Finance, where he incorporated more rigorous cost-benefit analysis procedures and designed the regulations for the development of public-private partnerships (PPP) in Mexico, helping to launch the first PPP projects for roads, hospitals and university facilities. During President Zedillo’s Administration he served as Technical Secretary of the Economic Cabinet, participating in several of the structural reforms implemented at that time by the Mexican Government, including liberalization reforms in transport and natural gas transport and distribution. In the private sector, Mr. Ibarra was an associate at the firm Serra and Associates International (SAI) and has been professor at several Mexican universities, currently at Anahuac University. He has a BA degree from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).
Yoichiro Ikeda is Chief Advisor to the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Having assumed office in July 2017, Mr. Ikeda works directly with the ADB President to help achieve ADB's strategic and operational objectives. He is responsible for overseeing all activities involving the ADB President including missions, policy dialogues, and speaking engagements, as well as liaising with senior staff and stakeholders within and outside the organization.

Before joining ADB, Mr. Ikeda held various positions at Japan’s Ministry of Finance (MOF) for more than 15 years. He was most recently Senior Deputy Director of the International Tax Division in the MOF’s Tax Bureau and has also worked for its International and Budget Bureaus. In addition, Mr. Ikeda has served as a section chief in Japan’s Financial Services Agency and a tax examiner in the National Tax Agency.

Mr. Ikeda has rich experience in international development and civil society organizations. From 2011 to 2014, he served as Operations Officer at the World Bank, where he led the process of formulating the organization’s scorecard and results management system at its Washington, DC headquarters and helped reinforce a results-based approach in the Bangladesh Country Team. In 2002, he co-founded and remains Chief of Staff for Crossover, a civil society network to promote public–private partnerships.

Mr. Ikeda has published books and articles on Bangladesh’s development, the role of public–private partnerships in addressing social issues, and the World Bank’s results management system, among others.

Mr. Ikeda holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Waseda University and a master’s degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.
Gregory Ingram was President and CEO of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy from June 2005 through June 2014 and formerly Director-General, Operations Evaluation at the World Bank. At the World Bank, he also held positions as Director of the Development Research Department, Staff Director for the World Development Report 1994, Infrastructure for Development, and Economic Adviser in the Urban Projects Department. Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Ingram was Associate Professor of Economics at Harvard University. Mr. Ingram holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University; a B.A. and M.A. in philosophy, politics, and economics from Oxford University; and a B.S. in civil engineering from Swarthmore College.
The recognized Chilean politician has an accomplished record of public service in his country. When Mr. Insulza was elected Secretary-General of OAS in 2005, Mr. Insulza pledged to strengthen the Organization’s “political relevance and its capacity for action.”

A lawyer by training – Insulza has a law degree from the University of Chile, did postgraduate studies at the Latin American Social Sciences Faculty (FLACSO) and has a master’s in political science from the University of Michigan. He was Professor of Political Theory at the University of Chile and of Political Science at Chile’s Catholic University until 1973. In the same year, he also served as Political Advisor to the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile.

In the early 1970’s, Mr. Insulza actively participated in the Popular Unity Government of Salvador Allende. Following the coup that brought General Augusto Pinochet into power, Mr. Insulza went into exile for 15 years, first in Rome (1974-1980) and later in Mexico (1981-1988). In Mexico City, he served as Director of the United States Studies Institute in the Center for Economic Research and Teaching. He also taught at Mexico’s National Autonomous University, the Ibero-American University and the Institute for Diplomatic Studies.

In early 1988, Mr. Insulza returned to his home country and joined the Coalition of Democratic Parties, the coalition that won the plebiscite against the regime of Pinochet in October of that year, and in all democratic elections in the country since 1990. A member of Chile’s Socialist Party, Mr. Insulza has held a number of high-level government posts.
Mikheil Janelidze has a demonstrated history of successful work in the international affairs and economic development field with an excellent mix of public and private sector experience.

As a Vice Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Georgia (2015-2018), Mikheil helped Georgia to become a leader of the EU’s Eastern Partnership program and to strengthen trade and security ties with the US and NATO, in line with the Euro-Atlantic integration agenda of the country. As a Vice Minister of Economy and Chief Trade Negotiator of Georgia (2011-2015) he worked on implementation of the trade-related reforms and negotiated Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the EU.

Prior to joining the public service Janelidze worked for the private sector in the area of international trade and investment, business development and management consulting.

In 2018, Mikheil has established an advisory firm EGE and its non-profit initiative, Center for European Governance and Economy (CEGE), with the focus on the relations between the European Union and its eastern neighborhood, and development of digital governance and economy.

Mikheil earned his bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Tbilisi State University in 2002 and MBA in Global Management from the Grenoble Graduate School of Business in 2011, as well as completed Executive Program of MIT Sloan School of Management in Artificial Intelligence in 2018. Mikheil speaks Georgian, English, Russian and German.
Dr. Jeker is a former Senior Executive Vice President and member of the Executive Board of Societe Generale de Surveillance and Under Secretary for Foreign Economic Relations, Switzerland. He is Chairman of the Swiss Export Promotion Board, former President of Swiss Chamber of Commerce, member of numerous public-private committees in Switzerland, and Board member of a number of private companies. He has worked in over 90 countries and has a PhD in Economics and Business Management from University of St. Gallen.
Mr. Jin Liqun is the inaugural President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Before being elected as the Bank’s first president, Mr. Jin served as Secretary-General of the Multilateral Interim Secretariat tasked with establishing the Bank.

Mr. Jin has rich experience across the private and public sectors, as well as with MDBs. He served as Chairman of China International Capital Corporation Limited, China’s first joint-venture investment bank, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of China Investment Corporation, and as Chairman of the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds.

Mr. Jin previously served as Vice President, and then Ranking Vice President, of the Asian Development Bank. He was Alternate Executive Director for China at the World Bank and at the Global Environment Facility. He spent nearly two decades at the Chinese Ministry of Finance, reaching the rank of Vice Minister.

Mr. Jin holds an M. A. degree in English Literature from Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages (now Beijing Foreign Studies University). He was also a Hubert Humphrey Fellow in the Economics Graduate Program at Boston University from 1987 to 1988. He is a national of the People’s Republic of China.
Mr. Kaji is the Chairman of the Centennial Group, a strategic advisory firm created by internationally recognized figures from the public and private sectors. The firm provides high-level policy and strategic advice to top business executives and senior public officials on how to derive maximum benefits while minimizing risks from opportunities in today’s global economy.

Mr. Kaji currently serves on the Board of Directors of listed and privately held companies including: The Cabot Corp., Boston MA; The Infrastructure Development Finance Co. Ltd., India; HCL Perot Systems, Inc., Netherlands; Synergy Power Co. Ltd., Hong Kong; and Washington Asset Management, Inc., Washington, D.C. In addition, he has provided services to a number of private institutions such as J.P. Morgan since leaving the World Bank. In a career spanning almost 30 years in economic and development policy formulation and implementation with the World Bank, Gautam S. Kaji played a key role in helping the institution meet the development needs of its more than 180 member nations. In the process, he earned a worldwide reputation as a leading expert on global economic and financial issues.

When he retired from the World Bank in November 1997, Mr. Kaji was Managing Director for Operations, with specific responsibility for the institution’s programs in Asia and Africa. He also chaired the Operations Committee, which reviews all projects put forward for Bank support and served as co-chair of the Private Sector Development Group, which encompasses the work of the Bank’s private-sector affiliates, IFC and MIGA, as well as the IBRD itself. In addition, he was a member of the Bank’s Executive Committee, the core senior management team guiding the strategic direction of the institution. Earlier, Mr. Kaji served in various operational positions with the Bank—including in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and as Director for Human Resources.

Prior to his appointment as Managing Director in 1994, he was the Bank’s Vice President for operations in East Asia and the Pacific – a region with which he was closely involved for well over a decade. This involvement has allowed him to develop a keen insight into the social, institutional and political considerations that influence practical policy formulation and implementation throughout Asia. He continues to maintain close personal contact with the senior policy makers and business leaders within and outside the region. Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Kaji worked for a number of years in the commercial banking sector in India, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, and the United States. He has an MBA from the Wharton School of Finance.
Since December 2010 Shigeo Katsu has served as President of the Nazarbayev University in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, a national university founded in June of the same year, designed to serve as the country’s flagship academic institution with aspirations to become a global level research university.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Katsu worked for three decades at the World Bank: he joined the World Bank as a Young Professional in 1979, and soon was assigned to the West Africa Region as an infrastructure economist, then in 1985, as the Bank’s Resident Representative in Benin. Between fall 1989 and end 1991, Mr. Katsu was seconded to the Export-Import Bank of Japan as Deputy Director, Country Economic Policy Analysis Department. Following successive assignments in the China Department (responsible for enterprise and financial sector reforms, 1992 - 1995), Cote d’Ivoire (as Country Director, 1995-1999), and the Europe and Central Asia Region (Regional Director, Operations and Strategy, 1999-2003) he became Vice President of the ECA Region, in which position he served for six years followed by a short stint as Special Advisor to the Managing Directors before retirement in December 2009.

In addition to the above, during 2010 - 2011, Mr. Katsu consulted with the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, advised governments, and collaborated with think tanks and not-for-profit organizations. During 2011-2012 Mr. Katsu served as the chair of the US Board of Restless Development, an international NGO that focuses on Youth development and mainstreaming of the Youth Agenda in national development strategies mainly in the African continent. He still is member of the board.
Faisal Kattan
Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Planning
Saudi Arabia

Faisal is a Senior Economist at the Ministry of Economy and Planning and Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Planning. Faisal focuses on a portfolio of projects ranging from Social Protection, Pension Reform, Population Dynamics and Development, Behavioral Economics, National Youth Program as well as all topics related to poverty, inequality, and human capital.

Faisal is co-founder of Flat6Labs Cairo, the Middle East’s first business accelerator, as well as the co-founder of Shamsina, a solar technology startup that targets marginalized communities in Egypt. Prior to his joining the Ministry of Economy and Planning, Faisal worked for the Brookings Institution, the OECD, the League of Arab States, and the Saudi Embassy in Egypt. Faisal holds a Masters degree in Economics and Public Policy from the London School of Economics; a Masters degree in the Political Economy of the Arab world from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service; and a BA in Economics, Finance, and History from the American University in Cairo.
Soumaya Keynes
Trade & Globalisation Editor,
The Economist
United States

Soumaya Keynes is the Trade & Globalisation Editor for The Economist based in Washington DC. She also co-hosts the podcast Trade Talks, a weekly discussion of the economics of trade policy, with Chad Bown of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Prior to her posting she was The Economist’s US Economics Editor also based in Washington DC, and the Economics Correspondent, based in London. Prior to joining The Economist she was an economic researcher at the Institute for Fiscal Studies, doing policy-relevant economic research on the British state pension system and public finances, and before that worked as a policy adviser at HM Treasury.
Mr. Kodera was elected as Chair of the board of trustees, WaterAid Japan, non-profit organization for water and sanitation in June 2018, and serves as associate board member of WaterAid International. His work base is in Tokyo, Japan.

Throughout his professional career in the Ministry of Finance, the World Bank and other development finance institutions, Mr. Kodera has accumulated broad and in-depth knowledge and experience on international finance and development issues. His latest article on MDBs was on the December 2017 issue of ‘Development Finance’. He was Deputy Vice-Minister for international finance in Japan in 2005. His development professional career includes MDB deputy for Japan (2001-2005), the World Bank’s Country Director for Central Asia (1997-2001), Executive Secretary of the Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (2006-2010), and Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (2010-2016). He also served as Executive Director for the African Development Bank (1980-1982), and the Inter-American Investment Corporation (1992-1994).
Harinder S. Kohli is the Founding Director and Chief Executive of Emerging Markets Forum as well as Founding Director, President, and CEO of Centennial Group International, both based in Washington, D.C. He is the Editor of Global Journal of Emerging Markets Economies. Prior to starting his current ventures, he served over 25 years in various senior managerial positions at the World Bank and before then in the private sector in India and France. He has written extensively on the emergence of Asia, Latin America, Africa and other emerging market economies; financial development; and infrastructure. He is a co-author and co-editor of India 2039—An affluent society in one generation (2010), Latin America 2040—Breaking away from complacency: An agenda for resurgence (2010), A resilient Asia amidst global financial crisis (2010), and Islamic Finance (2011), Asia 2050—Realizing the Asian century (2011), A new vision for Mexico 2042—Achieving prosperity for all (2012), Africa 2050—Realizing the continent’s full potential (2014), and Central Asia 2050: Unleashing the region’s potential (2016). He led Centennial Group teams that helped ADB and CAF develop their long term corporate strategies. Mr. Kohli is the editor and co-author of the latest book *The world in 2050: Striving for a just, prosperous and harmonious global community* which was released in Paris on April 12, 2016.
Monica Kohli  
Associate Director, Strategy and Foresight, Kantar  
United States

Fall 2012 – KANTAR CONSULTING Washington, DC  
Present Associate Director, present  
• Translate research and insights into actions clients can take to achieve long term growth  
• Lead projects by managing teams, vendors, timelines, budgets, content, client relationships  
• Deliver executive-level presentations; develop and facilitate high profile client workshops  
Secondment (temporary assignment) at UCB Pharmaceuticals; Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2018  
• Assigned as team member to lend expertise to Marketing and Patient Access division of UCB  
• Identified and prioritized the key eight 10yr emerging shifts impacting the industry. Work presented during Executive Committee’s annual strategic planning and global board meetings  
Senior Consultant (promoted from Consultant); Fall 2012 – Dec. 2017  
• Project examples include:  
  o Financial Services: Developed strategy to increase engagement with Millennials overseeing custom market research, trend forecasting, concept development and testing. Built business case for priority concepts including digital product concept around student debt launched in 2017  
  o Tax Preparation: Collaborated with client’s CEO and Chairman of the board to reinvent company’s business, brand, and category strategy. Presented recommendations alongside President of Consulting at client’s annual Board of Directors meeting  
• 3 time Creative Intelligence Award Recipient; Co-created Diversity Committee

Summer 2011 COCA-COLA COMPANY Atlanta, Georgia  
Summer MBA Intern, Office of Corporate Social Responsibility  
• Developed integrated sustainability framework and directed benchmarking project of nine CPGs to educate organizational changes of Company’s sustainability office

2009-2010 ORGANIC BOUQUET Quito, Ecuador  
Project Manager  
• Collaborated with Company president to develop CSR projects including microcredit loans and community development projects for small-scale flower farmers.

2006-2009 CENTER FOR STRATEGIC & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS) Washington, DC  
Program Manager, Abshire-Inamori Leadership Academy  
• Managed Academy’s P&L and identified cost savings of $90K (20% of budget)  
• Designed annual global Executive Education program for emerging leaders. Grew participation in program and revenue for Academy by 50% by identifying new donors  
• Developed and executed new project idea to provide free consulting to local charities  
• Other: Managed 8 annual interns; selected by CEO to interview General Colin Powell

EDUCATION  
2010-2012 COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL New York, NY  
MBA, Marketing & General Management  
Elected: Peer Advisor; President, International Development Club  
2001-2005 DUKE UNIVERSITY Durham, North Carolina  
AB, Political Science, May 2005; Markets & Management Certificate
She served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Niger from 2015 to 2016 and has been Minister of Planning since 2016. She was the eldest daughter of 16. After her primary education at Mainé-Soroa from 1961 to 1967, she attended the Lycée Mariama in Niamey where she earned a Baccalauréat série D in 1974. She pursued higher education in France at the University of Rennes 1, earning an economics degree in 1979, and later studied at the Pantheon-Sorbonne University, earning a diploma of Specialized Studies. She returned to Niger in 1983 and worked for the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Artisans.

She led an important march protesting against the low representation of women in the National Conference, for which May 13th is celebrated as Nigerien Women Day. In 1991, she was elected to the National Sovereign Conference as a member of the Nigerien Party for Democracy and Socialism. She was named Secretary of State for Planning in 1993, and fought for the upwards mobility of African women. In particular, she promoted female empowerment through the development of its activities, including crafts. Her appointment as Coordinator of the International Exhibition of Crafts for Women (SAFEM) in 2000 illustrated her efforts in women's crafts. It became a government agency in 2005 but has been independent since 2007. She was appointed Governor of Niamey by the Council of Ministers in 2011. She served in this position for two years before joining the Prime Minister Cabinet as Chief of Staff.

She was Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2015 to 2016. She was appointed by the President, Mahamadou Issoufou, to replace Mohamed Bazoum on 25 February 2015. As foreign minister, she gave a speech to the United Nations supporting the two-state solution in Israel and Palestine and thanked the coalition involved in fighting the terrorist group Boko Haram. She supported Niger being involved in the UN sanctioned peace process in Libya, making a speech on the topic in an international conference in December 2015. In February 2016, she helped secure the release of Jocelyn Elliott, an Australian woman who, along with her husband Ken, was kidnapped by Islamic militants in Burkina Faso.

On 11 April 2016 she was replaced as foreign minister by Ibrahim Yacouba. She was instead appointed as Minister of Planning and President of the Council of Ministers of AFRISTAT. She is married to Kane Souleymane, a presidential adviser, and has three children.
Date and Place of Birth  
October 25, 1944, Fukuoka

Education  
1967, B.A. in Law, The University of Tokyo  
1971, M.Phil. in Economics, University of Oxford

Present Term of Office  
from April 9, 2013 to April 8, 2018

Record  
Apr. 1967   Joined Japan’s Ministry of Finance  
July 1987   Director, International Organizations Division, International Finance Bureau  
Dec. 1988  Secretary to the Minister of Finance  
Aug. 1989  Director, International Tax Affairs Division, Tax Bureau  
July 1990  Director, Income Tax and Property Tax Policy Division, Tax Bureau  
June 1991  Director, Co-ordination Division, Tax Bureau  
July 1993  Regional Commissioner, Osaka Regional Taxation Bureau  
July 1994  Deputy Director-General, International Finance Bureau  
July 1996  President, Institute of Fiscal and Monetary Policy  
July 1997  Director-General, International Finance Bureau  
June 1998  Director-General, International Bureau  
July 1999  Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs  
Mar. 2003  Special Advisor to the Cabinet and Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University (July 2003-January 2005)  
Feb. 2005  President of the Asian Development Bank  
Mar. 2013  Present position  
Apr. 9, 2013  Reappointed
Santiago Levy is a nonresident senior fellow with the Global Economy and Development Program at Brookings and president of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association. From 2008 to 2018 he was the vice president for sectors and knowledge at the Inter-American Development Bank. From 1994 to 2000, he served as the deputy minister at the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico.


At the Ministry of Finance, he was the main architect of Progresa-Oportunidades, Mexico’s incentive-based health, nutrition, and education program for the poor; managed the transition from generalized to targeted subsidies; promoted legal reforms to decentralize resources to states and municipalities; participated in the change of the pay-as-you-go to the capitalized pension system; promoted a regional plan to develop Mexico’s southern region; and drafted and negotiated six budgets with the Federal Congress. At the Social Security Institute, he promoted legal changes to reform pensions and extend coverage to rural workers; was responsible for the provision of health services to 45 million people, introducing preventive health programs and electronic medical records; managed pensions for 2.5 million people and day care centers for 230,000 children; managed $8 billion in reserves; and collected annually $20 billion in social security contributions. In 1993, he led the work to draft Mexico’s first antitrust legislation to regulate mergers and punish anticompetitive business practices, and served as the first president of the Federal Competition Commission.

Mr. Levy has received the following awards: first place, National Research Prize in Economics, granted by Banco Nacional de México for his article “Poverty in Mexico;” first place, Latin American Economics Prize, granted by El Trimestre Económico for his article “Multiple Exchange Rates and Foreign Exchange Rationing.” Mr. Levy has published six books, 24 articles in academic journals, and 20 book chapters on economic growth and productivity, social policy, informality, education, budgetary and tax policy, trade policy reform, rural and regional development, competition policy, labor markets, and policies for poverty alleviation. His latest book on economic growth in Mexico, “Under-Rewarded Efforts, The Elusive Quest for Prosperity in Mexico,” was published in 2018 by the Inter-American Development Bank.
Johannes F. Linn is a Distinguished Resident Scholar at the Emerging Markets Forum in Washington, D.C., and a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and currently serves as the chair for the 10th Replenishment Consultations of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. From 2005-2010 he was Director of the Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings. Prior to joining Brookings in 2003, he worked for three decades at the World Bank in various capacities, including as the Bank's Vice President for Financial Policy and Resource Mobilization (1991-1995) and Vice President for Europe and Central Asia (1996-2003). Johannes Linn has published extensively on development and global governance issues, including Central Asia and the Caucasus: At the Crossroads of Eurasia in the 21st Century (co-editor; Sage, 2011), Getting to Scale: How to Bring Development Solutions to Millions of Poor People (co-editor; Brookings Press 2013) and Financing Metropolitan Governments in Developing Countries (co-editor; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy). He was project director and co-editor for the book Kazakhstan 2050: Toward a Modern Society for All (Oxford University Press, 2014). His current research interests are in the areas of aid effectiveness (with a special focus on scaling up successful development interventions), on global governance reform, and on regional cooperation (with a special focus on Central Asia). Linn holds a Bachelor degree from Oxford University (1968) and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University (1973).
Claudio Loser is Founding Director and Chief Executive Officer of Centennial Latin America. He is a well-known authority on Latin American economies and institutions. During his career at the International Monetary Fund he held many senior positions, including Director of the Western Hemisphere Department. Under his leadership, the Department was actively involved in a wide range of surveillance, technical assistance, and research activities. Recently he has worked closely with Latin American Development Bank (CAF), Asian Development Bank, JICA, JBIC, and with a number of other financial corporations, dealing with developments in Latin America and the evolving relations between these countries and the IMF. He is a Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based forum for opinion leaders and policymakers on Western Hemisphere affairs. He teaches Latin American Development issues and finance at the George Washington University. He has published in many journals, mostly on Latin American economic issues. He graduated from the University of Cuyo, Argentina and received his Masters of Arts and PhD from the University of Chicago in 1967 and 1971, respectively.
Dr. Monga has held various board and senior executive positions in academia, financial services and international development institutions. He graduated with a Master’s degree from the University of Sorbonne in Paris, was a Mason Fellow at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, followed by additional graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management, and completed his PhD in France at the University of Pau, France.

At UNIDO, he has served as Vice Chair of the Strategy Committee and helped reposition the Organization as an indispensable stakeholder in the implementation of the 2030 Global Agenda.

Monga joined the World Bank in 1997 where he held positions in both the operations and research departments, including as Lead Economist in Europe and Central Asia, and as Manager of the policy review team in the Development Economics Vice Presidency. He has served as Senior Economic Advisor (Director-level) to the World Bank Senior Vice President and Chief Economist. He was also the Senior Advisor (Director-level) for structural transformation in the offices of the Vice President for Africa and Senior Vice President and Chief Economist.

During his 17-year career at the World Bank, Monga pioneered several policy initiatives, including the very first debt relief operation to the executive boards of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the initiative for Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) and the first Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) in 1997. He also led the team that designed the first Deferred Drawdown Option, a convenient financial instrument that many middle-income countries now use to hedge against macro-financial external shocks.

Monga is a world-renowned economist and acclaimed author, scholar and innovator. He was named as one of Africa’s top five economists by Jeune Afrique weekly news magazine in 2012. He has published cutting-edge analytical and policy-oriented economic work with some of the world’s most renowned economists, including Nobel Prize winners in economics, amongst other leading economists.

His latest book is the two-volume Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics (2015), co-edited with Justin Yifu Lin, former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank. He is currently co-Director of the forthcoming Oxford University Press Handbook of Structural Transformation. Monga was the Economics editor for the five-volume New Encyclopedia of Africa (Charles Scribner’s, 2007). His books, which cover various dimensions of economic and political development, have been translated into several languages and are widely used as teaching tools by academic institutions around the world.

Monga has worked effectively with African government leaders, international and other corporate entities to design and implement practical and realistic policy reforms. He has a strong record of intellectual leadership and has demonstrated the ability to provide senior management and client countries with integrated, innovative approaches to resolving complex and sensitive economic policy, strategy and development issues.

Currently Chief of Staff of Ibero-American Secretary-General, Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, since 2014 (Madrid, Spain)

From 2011 to 2014 he served as Special and Political Advisor to the U.N. Under-Secretary-General and UNDP Associate Administrator (New York, USA)

From 2008 to 2011 he was Programme Manager on Poverty, MDGs and Human Development at UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (New York, USA)

From 2006 to 2008 he was appointed Policy Advisor on Advocacy and Outreach at UNDP’s Human Development Report Office (New York, USA)

From 2004 to 2006 he developed his first field position at the United Nations office in Ecuador, serving as U.N. Coordination Officer and U.N. System Communications Coordinator (Quito, Ecuador).

Prior to 2004, he served at UNESCO HQ in Paris and at the UNESCO National Commission in Spain, as well as a research fellow at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

He has a Master’s Degree with honors (MPhil at the École Doctorale) on Public Policy and Political Sociology from Sciences Po Paris (Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris, 2002-2004), a Master’s Degree with honors on International Cooperation and Project Management from the Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset (Madrid, 2001-2002), and a Bachelor’s Degree on International and Political Communication and Media Studies (National Prize and University Award) from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Madrid, 1997-2002), among other trainings and studies in Germany and the U.S.A.

He speaks fluently Spanish (native), English, French and Italian, and has working knowledge of Portuguese and German.

He was awarded Spain’s National University Prize by the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Education based on merit upon completion of degree, as well as the Extraordinary Complutense University Prize.
W. Gyude Moore is a visiting fellow at the Center for Global Development. He previously served as Liberia’s Minister of Public Works with oversight over the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure from December 2014 to January 2018.

Prior to that role, Moore served as Deputy Chief of Staff to President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and Head of the President’s Delivery Unit (PDU). As Head of the PDU, his team monitored progress and drove delivery of the Public Sector Investment Program of Liberia—a program of over $1 billion in road, power, port infrastructure, and social programs in Liberia after the civil war. As one of the President’s trusted advisors, he also played a crucial role in supporting President Sirleaf as Liberia responded to the West Africa Ebola outbreak and shaped its post-Ebola outlook.

At CGD, Moore’s research focus is around financing infrastructure in Africa and the changing landscape of development finance on the continent. His research tracks the channels of private sources of finance, the rise of China and its expanding role in Africa, and Africa’s response to these changes. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the Master of Science in Foreign Service Program at Georgetown University. He holds a BS in Political Science from Berea College and an MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.
Megumi Muto
Director General, Global Environment Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Japan

Prior to her appointment as the Director General of the Global Environment Department in April 2018, Ms. Muto was the chief representative of JICA in Paris and represented JICA in OECD meetings, the Paris Club and other bilateral discussions with development partners in Europe. She was also responsible for JICA’s portfolio in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. During 2010-2015, she was responsible for JICA’s portfolio in the Philippines and the Pacific.

For the Philippines, she authored the Country Strategy in fall 2010, which coincided with the start of the Ninoy Aquino Administration. New areas of business included Public-Private Participation in Infrastructure, inclusive job creation, post conflict management in Muslim Mindanao and climate change finance. She fundamentally shifted the approach and the allocation of resources, which led to an expanding portfolio exceeding 250 billion yen in FY 2015. In parallel, Dr Muto set up a framework of public policy dialogue with the Philippines with key government institutions, ex-Ministers, and academe from both Japan and the Philippines. Topics covered in this policy dialogue included the role of government in the market, job creation through SME agricultural value chain, regulatory reform in energy/infrastructure, urban planning, and mobilizing capital for development through the market. For climate change, finance, she introduced a credit line with a drawdown option for Typhoon risks in the Philippines and co-reviewed with the World Bank the catastrophic risk pool for the Pacific.

Dr. Muto has also written extensively in the area of impact evaluation focusing on the effect of infrastructure at household levels, which were published in academic journals such as World Development and Journal of African Economies. While in the research arm of JBIC and JICA, she co-authored books with the World Bank and/or the Asian Development Bank on topics such as the impact of climate change on Asian coastal mega cities, industrial clusters and SMEs in Africa.

She holds PhD in development economics from GRIPS, Japan, MPA from Princeton University and BA from Keio University, Japan. Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo (Graduate School of Frontier Sciences), FY 2014/2015. Associate member, Science Council of Japan, FY 2014.
Mustapha Nabli currently works as an independent consultant and acts as chairman of the Global Agenda Council on the Arab World at the World Economic Forum, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Global Development Network, member of the Editorial Board of the Middle East Development Journal, member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Development and Economic Policies, and a senior research fellow of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran.

From January 2011 to July 2012, Mr. Nabli was a governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia, a governor of the International Monetary Fund, and a governor of the Arab Monetary Fund. From 1997 to 2010, he worked at the World Bank as a senior advisor in the Development Economics Vice Presidency and the chief economist and director of the social and economic development group of the Middle East and North Africa region.

Previously, Mr. Nabli served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) for the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran from 1996 to 2006, an advisor and member of the executive committee of the International Economic Association from 1995 to 2002, and a member of the editorial board of the World Bank Economic Review from 2000 to 2004.
Rajat M. Nag is concurrently a Distinguished Fellow both at India’s National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi and at the Emerging Markets Forum, a think tank based in Washington DC. He was a Visiting Professor at the Stephen Zuellig Graduate School of Development Management, Asian Institute of Management in Manila (2014-15) and currently is position at the Emerging Markets Institute at the Beijing Normal University, China. In addition, he serves as an Advisor and Board Member of several organizations.

Mr. Nag was the Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) during 2006-2013.

Mr. Nag’s work has given him wide-ranging insight into several issues and challenges relevant to Asia. His particular interest is in working to enhance regional cooperation and integration in Asia and beyond and bridging the gap between the region’s thriving economies and the millions of poor people being left behind.

He holds engineering degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. He also has a MBA from the University of Saskatchewan and a M.Sc (Econ) from the London School of Economics.

Mr. Nag was awarded Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) by the University of Saskatchewan, Canada in May, 2016.
Omana Nair is a communications leader with more than 25 years experience managing complex communication operations and leading global teams. She has experience working with a broad range of partners globally in implementing a range of media, outreach, and external relations initiatives. She has a strong international development, private sector, and journalism background. Previously Director of Media and External Relations at the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB), the largest funder of development work in the Asia Pacific region, Ms. Nair was responsible for ADB’s global media operations and external relations engagement. She has previously held communications leadership roles including in MNC, oil and gas industry and global-scale property development companies. A Malaysian national, she holds a Master of Science degree in Corporate Communications.
Takehiko Nakao is the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Chairperson of ADB’s Board of Directors. He was elected President by ADB’s Board of Governors and assumed office in April 2013. Before joining ADB, Mr. Nakao was the Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance of Japan.

In a career spanning more than three decades, Mr. Nakao has gained extensive experience in international finance and development. He has held senior positions in the Ministry of Finance in Japan, which he joined in 1978, including Director General of the International Bureau, where he fostered close ties with leading figures in the Asia-Pacific region, and G20 nations.

He was assigned as Minister at the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C., between 2005 and 2007, and from 1994 to 1997 served as economist and advisor at the International Monetary Fund.

He has published books and numerous papers on financial and economic issues, and in 2010 and 2011 was a Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo. Mr. Nakao holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Tokyo and a Master of Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley.
Prior to joining Centennial Group, Rakesh Nangia was the Evaluator General for Independent Development Evaluation at the African Development Bank. Before that, he spent 25 years at the World Bank, where he held several positions including Director of Strategy and Operations for the Human Development Network and Acting Vice-President for the World Bank Institute. He attended the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi and Harvard University and holds degrees in business administration and engineering.
Specialized in strategic communication and project management, Sylvie Naville joined the Emerging Markets Forum in February 2007 to lead the management of the Forum’s activities. Former Associate Director for Latin America at the World Economic Forum, she was responsible for strategy, activities and community building in the region. She worked for more than 15 years with this international organization, involved in the Mercosur Economic Summit and other business activity in Latin America.

From 2001, in addition to the involvement of business, academia, media and political leaders, she took the initiative of enlarging the participation of civil society in the Latin America Summits. Before that, she was in charge of institutional relations in Spain and Southern/Eastern Europe, and responsible for the Engineering and Construction Industries.

She graduated in Philosophy and Literature and has a Master’s Degree in Foreign Languages Applied to Business and Commerce from the University Jean Moulin Lyon III, together with Diplomas from the Spanish Chamber of Commerce and the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Paris. She is certified in English by Cambridge University.
Brian currently serves as the Chief Investment Officer of Cedarside Holdings Corporation. He is responsible for overall fund strategy overseeing the investment pipeline and asset allocation with a focus on Emerging Markets in Asia. Prior to this role, he assumed top strategy roles in Coca-cola and DB Schenker and was a senior research analyst at ATR Asset Management. He holds a masters in finance from New York Stern School of Business and HKUST Business School and holds a Bioengineering (Honours) degree from the National University of Singapore as a full scholar from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.
Beatriz Nofal
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Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University specialized in Development Economics, with Post-Graduate Diplomas from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and the University of Paris.

During the first semester of 2017, she held the position of Argentina’s G20 Sherpa, Special Representative for G20 Affairs, with the rank of Secretary of State, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship. She fulfilled this responsibility during the three Sherpa meetings under Germany’s G20 Presidency in 2017, until the Hamburg Summit, and collaborated closely with the engagement groups (W20, B20 and T20), contributing also to the definition of the priorities for the future agenda of G20 in 2018 under the presidency of Argentina.

Previously, in government, Dr. Nofal was, since 2006 until 2010, Head of Argentina’s National Investment Development Agency, with rank of Secretary of State. She was also Member of the House of Representatives (1999-2001) and Deputy Secretary of Industry and Foreign Trade (1986-88), with a leading role in the negotiation of the integration programs between Argentina and Brazil and Uruguay, which constitute the founding pillars of Mercosur.

In the academic sector, Dr. Nofal has been tenure-track professor at MIT, visiting professor at Johns Hopkins and Toronto Universities and in the country in Universidad Católica and Universidad de Bologna. She was also, from October 2013 to March 2016, Professor of Economics of Innovation at the Masters Business and Technology Executive Program, at Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA).

She has been consultant at the World Bank and Interamerican Development Bank and she was recently leading a research project for INTAL (www.iadb.org/intal) on “Technological change and the future of work: its impact on Productive development and Integration in the World Economy.” She also sits, ad-honorem, on the academic consulting board of Argencon (www.argencon.org/consejo/consultivo), an institution integrated by the largest knowledge based technology and professional service companies.

In the business sector she has been a leading economic consultant (on investment and trade), has participated on the board of international companies and was General Manager and Director of Arthur D. Little in Argentina.

She was Board Member of the International Women’s Forum (www.iwforum.org) during 2011-2013, having been President of the Argentina’s Chapter of IWF in 2008-12.

Dr. Nofal was distinguished by the French Republic with the Order of the Legion of Honor, by the Federal Republic of Brazil with the Order of Rio Branco with and by the Republic of Chile with Great Order of Merit. She has authored several publications, books and consultancy studies.
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SERVED AT THE BOARD OF ARTEBA, INSTITUTION THAT ORGANIZES AN ANNUAL CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR IN BUENOS AIRES AND PARTICIPATED IN OTHER NON-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING THE ASOCIACION DE AMIGOS DEL MUSEO DE ARTE MODERNO DE LA CIUDAD DE BUENOS AIRES.

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The Vice President of the Republic of Colombia, H.E. Marta-Lucía Ramírez, has over 35 years of experience in the fields of business development, commerce, international negotiations, foreign investment, security, democracy, governability and regional development. Ms. Ramírez is mainly concerned with women empowerment, the fight against corruption, security, the creation of jobs, competitiveness and the strengthening of the Judiciary. She has promoted and implemented public policies for women political, social and economic empowerment throughout the country.

Ms. Ramírez was the Conservative Party’s presidential candidate for the 2014 Presidential Elections, obtaining the third largest share of the vote.

Since August 7, 2018 she became the first woman to hold the position of Vice President in the history of Colombia. In her capacity and based on the priorities of the Government of Colombia, Mrs. Ramirez leads matters related with transparency, the fight against corruption and gender equality and supervises the infrastructure and transport agenda. She is in charge of promoting science, technology and innovation and advising the President on issues of competitiveness and business development. Likewise, the Vice President chairs the Colombian Ocean Commission and the Colombian Space Commission, as well as the coordination of the High Level Inter-Institutional Commission that will have the function of organizing and implementing measures for Afro-descendant communities and Indigenous peoples.

Her public career began at the Banking Superintendence and subsequently at the Colombian Institute of Foreign Trade -INCOMEX-. She was the Colombian Minister of Commerce in 1998, where she began the ‘Colombia Digital’ Foundation, and led two major initiatives: the Colombia Competes Network and the Young Exporting Entrepreneurs Group.

2002, she was Colombia’s Ambassador to the French Republic and was subsequently appointed Minister of Defense; the first and only woman to have held that position in Colombia, where she created the first human rights school of the Armed Forces and promoted women in service, allowing them to become Generals.

In 2006 she was elected to the Senate with almost 70,000 votes and was President of the Senate’s Second Committee in charge of foreign relations, where she created the Committee on Frontiers, in order to develop, promote and supervise Colombia’s frontier zones.

Ms. Ramírez studied Law at Javeriana University, specializing in commercial and financial law. She also holds a master’s degree in High Business Management from La Sabana University and was an International Relations Fellow at Harvard University. She was a law professor at Los Andes and Javeriana Universities.
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In Mexico, she was an advisor and lecturer on FinTech and sharing economy to the General Director of Nacional Financiera (2016-2018). Founding partner of two startups, Clever an innovative education model and Neurobics a consultancy firm specialized in studying the potential of disruption in the future of industries. She is a founding member of the Global Shapers Community of the World Economic Forum and mentor for social enterprises at the accelerators Unreasonable and Mass Challenge.

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Josh Riley has worked on precedent-setting matters in which he has formulated legal and political strategies, drafted case-critical briefs, taken and defended depositions, argued in federal court, and prepared witnesses to testify before Congress.

Josh rejoined the firm in 2014 after serving as General Counsel to a member of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, where Josh led negotiations over legislative text, organized committee hearings and investigations, and provided advice on matters pending before the committee and the full Senate. Josh’s portfolio covered a wide range of issues, from mergers and acquisitions and federal arbitration law to criminal justice and campaign finance reform. Josh’s Capitol Hill experience also includes his time as a law clerk on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee and as a staff assistant in the House of Representatives. Josh also has worked on successful political campaigns, and he spent a year as a policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Labor before attending law school.

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Prior Mr. Jacques Rogozinski was the General Manager of the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC).

In mid-1993 he became President and CEO of Mexico’s national public works bank Banco Nacional de Obras Públicas (BANOBRA). He later served as President and CEO of Mexico’s national trust fund for tourism development Fondo Nacional de Turismo (FONATUR).

Among his previous positions, he served as Director-in-Chief of the Office of Privatization of State Industries in Mexico. In this capacity, he was in charge of divesting state-owned enterprises, including TELMEX, the Steel Industry (AHMSA and SICARSA) and Mexicana de Aviación.

In India 2012, Mr. Rogozinski was recognized with the Global Award of the Priyadarshni Academy, to contribute to the economic development.

In 1992, Mr. Rogozinski was named Global Leader of Tomorrow at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland.

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He has also spoken at conferences in many international forums on economic and business issues and has served on the boards of directors of major businesses.

Mr. Rogozinski holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), and a Master’s Degree and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado.
Francisco Santos
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Former Vice President of Colombia (2002-2010); journalist, political and citizen participation activist.

Head of national debate of the Democratic Center Party in 2017. He ran for Mayor of Bogota on the Democratic Center Party ticket in 2015. He created the Fundación Confianza Colombia, promoting democracy and citizen participation in public affairs, as well as developing ideas in the political, economic and social spheres.

As Vice President during the Uribe administration, his policy priorities were the fight against corruption, extortion and kidnapping and ridding the country of anti-personnel mines. In that role, he also led Colombia’s international promotion of trade, investment and tourism.

Due to threats from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), he was exiled in Madrid, Spain, for two years (2000-2002). Previous to that, in 1990 Santos was kidnapped for eight months on orders from drug trafficker Pablo Escobar. He founded the world’s first NGO against kidnapping, Fundación País Libre and promoted the Anti-Kidnapping Statute, the first and, to date, only law proposed and tabled by public petition via signature collection in Colombia. He held several editorial positions the newspaper El Tiempo throughout the 1980s including night Editor-in-Chief. In the late 1980s, Santos also taught journalism and international relations at, among others, Universidad Central, Universidad Javeriana and Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano.

Born on October 14, 1961 in Bogota; married to Maria Victoria Garcia, they have four children: Benjamin, Gabriel, Carmen and Pedro. He completed his studies in the United States at the University of Kansas and the University of Texas, earning degrees in Journalism and Latin-American Studies, respectively. He was awarded the Neiman Fellowship at Harvard University and the Paul Harris Medal in 1993, the highest distinction given by Rotary International.
Mr. Sarbib was senior vice president at the World Bank from 1980 to 2006. Upon leaving the Bank, Mr. Sarbib joined Wolfensohn & Company as a managing director from 2006 to 2009. A French national, Mr. Sarbib serves on the boards of World Links for Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The International Center for Conciliation, and FXB International. He served on the board of GAVI from 2003 to 2009, the board of UNESCO’s International Institute for Education Planning from 2003 to 2006, chaired the governing board of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (2004-2006), and represented the World Bank at Head of Agency level at the UN-AIDS Committee of Co-Sponsoring Agencies. He has taught at Georgetown University (2008-2010), and served as senior non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution (2006-2010) and adviser to James Wolfensohn (2006-2010).
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Mr. Selman began his career as an entrepreneur in 1980, launching companies focused on business intelligence and research on the Latin American market. He is the founder of Time Ibope Group, a media research company that for over 25 years has been the sole provider of TV audience measurements in 13 Latin American countries. It was acquired by WPP-owned Kantar Media in 2015.

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He has successfully experienced and applied Corporate Governance and Strategy along his entire career.

Juan has been chairman, board member and consultant of prestigious companies in Ecuador, the Quito’s Chamber of Commerce, AEMIP (National Prepaid’s Medicine Association) and a permanent guest at the Emerging Markets Forum.

He also teaches family business management at the USFQ (Universidad San Francisco de Quito) Ecuador’s best ranked university and one of top in LA.
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Before joining Tata Sons, Kapil was the vice president for Madison Government Affairs – a boutique government relations firm – representing non-U.S. clients and U.S. public entities before the U.S. Congress, Administration, and federal agencies.

From 2000 to 2001, Kapil served as senior counsel and legislative director to U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli (NJ) where he managed Senator Torricelli’s legislative, policy, and correspondence staff. From 1998 to 2000, He was a legislative consultant to the law firm of Verner Liipfert Bernhard McPherson and Hand where he assisted in the management and representation of non-US clients before Congress, the Administration and Congress. From 1996 to 1998, Kapil served as a legislative assistant to Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ). While working for Congressman Pallone, among other duties, he assisted in the management of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans.

Kapil also has extensive political and grassroots experience having consulted on numerous federal, state and local campaigns. He had managed an e-newsletter that provided daily coverage of US media on South Asia and South Asian Americans. Prior to leaving for India, Kapil served on several community advocacy and civil rights organizations, as well as student mentoring programs.

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1991-1994: Executive Director of the World Bank and Affiliates, for Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey
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