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Previously, Jim was Vice President and Head of Network, Operations Policy and Country Services, at the World Bank. In this capacity, he was responsible for operational policy development, procurement and financial management activities, relations with United Nations and nongovernmental organizations, and support to Regional staff working in all these areas.

Since joining the Bank in 1974, he has held a variety of operational positions in East Asia, Latin America, and Sub-Saharan Africa, including as Country Director for Tanzania and Uganda, as Director for Operations Policy, and as a Division Chief of several departments.

Before joining the Bank, Jim worked as a loan officer for Merchants Bank, in Syracuse, NY, and with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jim studied at Colgate University, and holds an MPA from Princeton University.
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Taimur Ahmad is the CEO of Latin Finance, the leading source of intelligence on the financial markets and economies of Latin America and the Caribbean. As CEO, he is responsible for the group’s overall operations, including LatinFinance’s flagship magazine, daily news service and global events business. Previously, he served in a number of other media roles, including Editor-in-Chief at LatinFinance, Editor at Emerging Markets, the daily newspaper at the IMF, World Bank and regional development bank meetings as well as G20 summits, as well as positions at EuroWeek, Global Agenda, SDI Magazine, and Project Finance.
Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed took the oath of office as Chief Adviser (Prime Minister) of the Caretaker Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh from January 12, 2007 to January 6, 2009. His administration presided over the holding of parliamentary elections (on 29th December 2008), which were widely hailed both domestically and internationally as the freest and fairest in the history of Bangladesh. Under Dr. Ahmed’s leadership, the Government of Bangladesh enacted numerous policies and reforms aimed at strengthening democracy, including (a) separating the judiciary from the executive; (b) creating an independent Anti-Corruption Commission to serve as an institutional bulwark against corruption throughout society; (c) giving full independence to the Election Commission (EC) to run election affairs in Bangladesh; (d) strengthening local governments; and (e) establishing new institutions such as a National Human Rights Commission, an Information Commission, a Local Government Commission to strengthen good governance. With the full support of Dr. Ahmed’s administration, the EC with the help of the Bangladesh Army created an electronic voters’ list with photographs for over 80 million voters in Bangladesh, a globally unprecedented feat which ensured the integrity of the December 2008 vote and which will serve to ensure that future elections are similarly successful.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Ahmed worked as Managing Director of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) from June 2005 to January 2007. PKSF is the largest apex fund for micro credit in the world, currently providing financial and institution-building assistance to over two hundred micro-finance institutions.

From November 2001 to April 2005, Dr. Ahmed served as Governor of the Bangladesh Bank. While he was Governor, Dr. Ahmed introduced wide-ranging reforms in the conduct of monetary and exchange rate policy, in the development of new financial markets (bond market) and financial instruments (securitization), and in the operation of the financial system. Dr. Ahmed’s major achievements included: (a) floating the exchange rate with minimal volatility, (b) introducing interest rate flexibility and bringing down the interest rate substantially, which in turn contributed to a significant increase in industrial investment, (c) introducing major corporate governance measures for the first time in the Bangladeshi corporate sector, and (d) making the Bangladesh Bank an effective regulator and enforcer. The reforms implemented during Dr. Ahmed’s tenure significantly contributed to macroeconomic and financial sector growth and stability.

Previously, Dr. Ahmed served for over twenty years at the World Bank, where his work focused on macroeconomic issues as well as on other sectoral and policy issues related to development. He worked across a number of countries in South Asia, East Asia and Africa, retiring as a Country Director. His tenure included five years in the World Bank’s resident mission in Kenya as Chief of the World Bank’s Rural Development and environment Operations for Eastern Africa.

Prior to joining the World Bank, he served for over fifteen years in the erstwhile Civil Service of Pakistan and after independence in the Government of Bangladesh, lastly as Joint Secretary of the Economic Relations Division in the Ministry of Finance. Dr. Ahmed began his professional career as a Lecturer in Economics at Dhaka University.

Dr. Ahmed obtained the first position in his class (first class first) in both BA (Hons.) and MA in Economics from Dhaka University. He subsequently received another MA in Development Economics from Williams College, USA, and a PhD in Economics from Princeton University, while on leave from his civil service appointment.

A widely travelled man, Dr. Ahmed is married and has one son.
Jaseem Ahmed assumed the position of the Secretary-General of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) on 1st May 2011. As the SG he is responsible for the formulation, issuance, dissemination and adoption of the IFSB’s standards for the prudential regulation and supervision of Islamic finance covering banking, insurance and capital markets.

He leads the IFSB's coordination and collaboration programs with other global standard setters including the Basel Committee for Banking Supervision, the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS).

He has 25 years experience in financial sector reform issues and in the field of governance.

Prior to his appointment to the IFSB, Mr. Ahmed served as the Director, Financial Sector, Public Management and Trade, Southeast Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In this capacity, he was responsible for managing the ADB’s lending, technical assistance, and capacity building operations in Southeast Asia for the promotion of sound banking and non-banking financial sectors, and for the strengthening of supervision and regulatory capacities. Mr. Ahmed led the ADB response to the global financial crisis in Southeast Asia through the design of a number of macroeconomic and financial sector stabilization reform programs to affected countries.

He was a member of the IFSB High Level Task Force on Liquidity Management, which proposed the establishment of the International Islamic Liquidity Management Corporation.

He is a member of the Consultative Group of the Basel Committee for Bank Supervision (BCBS), and also sits on the Consultative Advisory Group of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA). In addition, Mr. Ahmed is a member of the recently established Advisory Group of the International Monetary Fund which is focusing on Islamic finance. He is a member of the UK governments Global Islamic Finance Investment Group, an advisory body.

Mr. Ahmed is a member of the Governing Council of the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF), the global university for Islamic finance.

He is the co-editor of a book on Islamic Finance, and the editor of a book on Regional Economic Cooperation in South Asia. Mr. Ahmed has a BA in economics from the University of Sussex and also a M.A. (Econ.) and M.Phil (Econ.), both from Yale University.
Masood Ahmed has been Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department since November 1, 2008. He obtained his graduate and post-graduate degrees in Economics from the London School of Economics, where he also served on the economics faculty. He was born and brought up in Pakistan.

Before taking up this position, Mr. Ahmed was the Director of the External Relations Department in the IMF since May 1, 2006. Between 2003-06, Mr. Ahmed served as Director General for Policy and International Development at the UK Government’s Department for International Development (DFID).

Between 2000-03, Mr. Ahmed was Deputy Director in the IMF’s Policy Development and Review Department. In this role, he served as the senior staff focal point for taking forward the IMF’s policy work in support of low income member countries and its relationship with the World Bank and other development agencies.

Between 1979 and 2000, Mr. Ahmed held a number of positions in the World Bank. He worked for about 10 years on country programs and projects in different regions and, for a further 10 years, on international economic policy relating to debt, aid effectiveness, trade and global economic prospects. As Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Mr. Ahmed was the senior World Bank manager responsible for the development of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper approach as well as the HIPC Debt Initiative. He also served concurrently for a year as Acting Vice President for Private Sector Development and Infrastructure.
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 at the National Analytical Centre of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan since June 2012.
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.
Alisher has 20 years of investment management, investment banking and advisory experience in emerging and frontier markets including Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Myanmar and Mozambique. He is Founder of Silk Road Finance, an investment group focused on high growth frontier markets. Through Silk Road Finance, Alisher founded Eurasia Capital, Mandalay Capital, Africa Asia Capital, investment banking & corporate finance advisory firms dedicated to Mongolia, Myanmar and Mozambique respectively. Alisher is Managing Partner of Silk Road Management, the Group’s investment management subsidiary investing in frontier markets globally. He was Vice President of Auerbach Grayson & Co., a brokerage house in New York advising US institutional investors on portfolio investments in emerging and frontier markets in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). He was Head of Corporate Finance in Central Asia and the Caucasus at Ernst & Young as well as investment banker at Renaissance Capital in Moscow and Credit Suisse First Boston in Zurich and London. Alisher received his Master of International Affairs from Columbia University and an MBA from Oxford University.
Mr. Hiroto Arakawa is advisor in Sumitomo Corporation. Prior to this, he was appointed as Senior Special Advisor of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) in October 2008 following distinguished careers at the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF). During Mr. Arakawa’s time at these organizations, he worked in a variety of departments charged with handling ODA loan operations, planning and strategy, and research activities.

As Director General of JBIC’s Development Assistance Strategy Department from 2003 to 2005, he supervised overall operational strategy for the organization’s ODA portfolio. Later, he initiated various joint research projects with the World Bank and Asian Development Bank, first as Executive Director responsible for development partner collaboration at JBIC from 2005 to 2007, then as Executive Director of the JBIC Institute (JBICI) from 2007 to 2008. He has been a member of Global Agenda Council (Poverty and Economic Development), the World Economic Forum.
Cyrus Ardalan was a Vice Chairman of Barclays and Head of EU and UK Public Policy and Government Relations. Previously he was a Vice Chairman of Barclays’ Investment Bank, where he has had a variety of roles, including Head of Public Sector EEMEA; Head of Investment Banking, Middle East, Africa and Emerging Europe; and Head of Investment Banking for Continental Europe.

Mr. Ardalan joined Barclays in 2000 from BNP Paribas, where he held a number of senior positions between 1990 and 2000 in London and New York. These included the Global Head of Bonds, Global Head of Fixed Income Marketing, and President and CEO of Paribas broker dealer in the US. Prior to this, Mr. Ardalan was a Managing Director at Chemical Bank. He joined Chemical Bank from the World Bank, where he spent 12 years in a variety of roles, including Division Chief of Treasury Operations.

Mr. Ardalan is currently Chairman of the Board of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) and Chairman of the British Banking Association Strategy Group. He is also an Honorary Adviser to the National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors (NAFMII) in China, and a Member of the Board of the International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFI).

He has previously served as a member of the board of the Dubai International Financial Centre (Dubai’s onshore banking facility) and on the Federal Reserve of New York Foreign Exchange Committee.

Mr. Ardalan is a graduate of University College London and Balliol College University of Oxford. He is a member of the Campaign Committees of both institutions. He has published a number of articles including co-authoring a book on the principals of workers self-management in Yugoslavia.
Jennifer Arencibia was an economist of the Vice Presidency for Development Strategies and Public Policy at the Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF). Her current role is to analyze the international economy. Previously, she served as a research assistant at CAF.

She holds a Master of Public Policy degree (2008) from the Institute for Administrative Studies (IESA) and graduated from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (Venezuela) with an undergraduate degree in Economics.
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Dr. Muhamad Chatib Basri, is Indonesia’s former Minister of Finance (20 May 2013-20 October 2014). Previously he was the Chairman of Investment Coordinating Board of the Republic of Indonesia (14 June 2012- 1 October 2013. He served as a Vice Chairman of the National Economic Committee of the President of the Republic of Indonesia 2010-2012. He is now the Chairman of Indonesia Infrastructure Finance and an Independent Non-Executive Director for Axiata Group Bhd. Dr Basri teaches at the Department of Economics, University Indonesia. He co-founded CReco Research Institute, a Jakarta based economic consulting firm in 2010. He was a member of the Asia Pacific Regional Advisory Group of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was a member of the High Level Trade Experts Group co-chaired by Jagdish Bhagwati and Peter Sutherland.

His expertise is International Trade, Macroeconomics and Political Economy.

He was also the Independent Commissioner in major public companies in Indonesia including PT Astra International, PT Semen Gresik, Tbk, PT Astra Otoparts and PT Indika Energy. From 2010-1012 Dr Basri was an Independent Non-Executive Director for Axiata Group Bhd. Dr. Basri was also a member of the Regional Advisory Board for Toyota Motor Asia Pacific. He has acted as a consultant for the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the USAID, AUSAID, OECD and UNCTAD. He is the author of a number of papers in international academic journals and actively writes for various leading newspapers and magazines in Indonesia.
C. Fred Bergsten is Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, of which he was Founding Director from its creation in 1981 through 2012. He was the most widely quoted think-tank economist in the world for eight years and was called “one of the ten people who can change your life” by USA Today. Dr. Bergsten was Assistant Secretary for International Affairs of the US Treasury (1977-81), functioned as Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs (1980-81) and was assistant for international economic affairs to Dr. Henry Kissinger at the National Security Council (1969-71). He is in his second term as a member of the President’s Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations. He was chairman of the Competitiveness Policy Council created by the US Congress from 1991 to 1995 and chairman of the APEC Eminent Persons Group from 1993 to 1995. He is the author, coauthor, or editor of 44 books on a wide range of international economic issues, including most recently International Monetary Cooperation: Lessons from the Plaza Accord After Thirty Years (2016), Bridging the Pacific: Toward Free Trade and Investment Between China and the United States (2014) and The Long-Term International Economic Position of the United States (2009). His latest short publications by the Institute include TPP and Exchange Rates (2016), India’s Rise: A Strategy for Trade-Led Growth (2015), Addressing Currency Manipulation Through Trade Agreements (2014), and The Coming Resolution of the European Crisis (2012). Dr. Bergsten has received the Meritorious Honor Award of the Department of State (1965), Exceptional Service Award of the US Treasury Department (1981), the Legion d’Honneur from the Government of France (1985), an honorary fellowship in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (1997), the Distinguished Alumni Leadership Award from the Fletcher School (2010), the Order of the Polar Star from the Government of Sweden (2013), the World Trade Award of the National Foreign Trade Council (2013), the Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (2014), Swedish American of the Year for 2014 and the 1st Class of the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit “Gwanghwa Medal” of the Republic of Korea (2016).
Erik Bethel joined Interval Ventures in 2016 as Managing Director, Latin American Private Equity, based in Miami. Erik Bethel has 22 years of private equity and M&A transaction experience in a broad range of industries in Latin America, China and the US. Prior to joining Interval, Erik was Managing Director at Darby Private Equity, the PE arm of Franklin Templeton. Prior to this, he was Managing Partner and Co-founder of SinoLatin Capital, a PE firm based in Shanghai and focused on transactions and capital flows between Latin America and China. Previously, he was Managing Director of Chinavest Ltd, one of China’s earliest private equity/venture capital firms, and Partner at Compass Point Capital Partners, the private equity arm of a family office. Erik also worked as Director of Mergers and Acquisitions at Granite Construction, Inc., the second largest highway infrastructure and logistics contractor in the United States. Earlier in his career, Erik worked as Private Equity Associate at J.P. Morgan Partners and Financial Analyst in the Latin American Investment Banking group at Morgan Stanley. Erik earned an MBA degree from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a B.S. in Economics and Political Science from the United States Naval Academy. Erik is a former U.S. Naval Officer and speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Mandarin.
Pascal Besençon, a Swiss national, held several positions within the SGS Group for the past 20 years.

Pascal is presently responsible for the development of services to Government and Institutions (GIS) for North and South America. SGS proposes to the Public Sector a range of services to assess compliance with regulatory requirements, enhance government revenue, facilitate trade, support efficiency and promote good governance along with sustainable development. SGS achieve this through e.g. electronic business processing, scanning operations, price verification, and monitoring, as well as validation of declared trade information. SGS’ commitment is to sustain the fair and proper enforcement of legislation, economic growth, market visibility and accountability for our client governments, institutions and partner organizations across the public and private sectors.

Prior to this position and during 14 years, Pascal held several positions in emerging economies, namely Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Mauritius and Madagascar as a Managing Director in charge of the execution and development of SGS activities. One of his most recent project, was the management and development of a suite of solutions to sustain the modernisation of the Customs Administration of Madagascar. The Program is managed under a structure called “GasyNet S.A.” or “Malagasy Community Network Services S.A.”, a Public-Private Partnership created jointly with the Ministry of Finance. It aims at mobilizing the technological and financial resources to pursue the efforts of intensifying the use of information technology, especially in cross-border trade. This project achieved to dematerialize administrative processes, promote the dissemination and use of EDI and resulted in a more efficient border controls for both the Government and the Private Sector.

Pascal was the Managing Director of SGS Cote d’Ivoire where he managed a project of Electronic Single Window with the Port of Abidjan, the Customs Administration and the Port Community, and other programs such as the automotive statutory inspection services or the traditional inspection and testing services on agricultural products, petroleum and minerals commodities as well as services’ of system certification such as ISO 9001.

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Jack 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.
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James M. Boughton is a former historian of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), a role he held from 1992 to 2012. From 2001 to 2010, he also served as assistant director in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department at the IMF. From 1981 until he was appointed historian, he held various positions in the IMF’s Research Department. Before joining the IMF, James was an economist in the Monetary Division at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

James is the author of two volumes of IMF history: Silent Revolution, covering 1979-89; and Tearing Down Walls, covering 1990-99. His other publications include a textbook on money and banking, a book on the U.S. Federal funds market, three books on IMF topics that he co-edited, and articles in professional journals on international finance, monetary theory and policy, international policy coordination, and the history of economic thought.
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 non profits, 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, EMPREAS 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”; Día a Día 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.
Economist, he is an associate professor of Economics at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), with a PhD in Economics from Stanford University, a master’s degree in Economics from PUC-Rio and a bachelor’s degree in the same program from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). In 2012, he joined the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, elected as an associate member for the period from 2013 to 2017.

In 2014, he assumed the Vice Presidency of the Advisory Board of PretoRio SA. He has done consulting works for several entities, including the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission, Abrasca (Brazilian Association of Publicly-traded Companies) and ABRADEE (Brazilian Association of Electrical Energy Distributors), and for companies too. He has an extensive academic production and has published articles in major vehicles of the Brazilian press.
Lourdes Casanova, Senior Lecturer and Academic Director of the Emerging Markets Institute at the Johnson School of Business at Cornell University, Faculty Fellow at the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, formerly at INSEAD, specializes in international business with a focus on emerging markets multinationals. One of the 50 most influential Iberoamerican intellectuals by Esglobal in 2014 and 2015. Directed executive programs for senior managers from multinationals including Telefónica, BBVA and Cemex and the Brazilian Confederation of Industries.


Member of Latin America Global Agenda Council and the Competitiveness in Latin America taskforce of the World Economic Forum. Board member of the Boyce Tompson Institute, the start-up Documenta, founding Board Member of the Societé des Amis du Chateau de Fontainebleau and member of the Advisory Council of the Tompkins Public Library.
Dr. Luis Miguel Castilla was appointed Ambassador of Peru to the United States on February 01 2015 by President Ollanta Humala. He had served as Minister of Economy and Finance of Peru from July 2011 to September 2014. During the past 3 years, Peru’s credit ratings were upgraded by all major credit rating agencies (classified as the second highest investment rated country in Latin America). Prior to his appointment, Castilla held several positions at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, including Deputy Finance Minister and Chief of Staff. In addition, he has over fifteen year experience at multilateral development banks, holding senior positions at CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, among others. Dr. Castilla holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University.
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There are different types of courses that Prof.Chen Taotao delivers in School of Economics & Management, Tsinghua University. They are mainly “Management of Global Enterprise”, “International Economics”, “Corporate Finance” for MBA programs, and “Chinese Company investing Abroad”“Business Valuation & Cross-border M&A” etc for Executive Training Programs. Prof.Chen Taotao also taught “Doing Business in China” for FGV Business School in Brazil and Bocconi University in Italy.
Tiena Coulibaly
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Tiéné Coulibaly is the Ambassador of Mali to the United States and to Mexico as well as Mali’s representative to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. He served as Malian Minister of Trade and Industry from June to September 2013 and as Minister of Economy, Finance, and Budget in 2012. Previously, he served as CEO of the Malian Textile Development Company, 2008; Technical Advisor to the Mission Restructuring the Cotton Sector (MSRC), 2001; Minister of Finance and Trade, 1988; Deputy Director General of the Libyan-Malian Society of Livestock Development, 1987–1988; and Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Livestock, 1981–1987.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Laval University in Quebec and a master’s degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University.
Mr. Thierry de Longuemar was the Vice President (Finance and Risk Management) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) between 2013-2016 after having served as Vice President (Finance and Administration), a position he assumed in November 2011.

Mr. de Longuemar has over 28 years of experience in both multilateral financial institutions and private banking.

Mr. de Longuemar served twice as ADB Treasurer (2002-2004 and 2010-2011) and, in between, was Vice President Finance at the African Development Bank (2004-2010), an institution where he had also served as Treasurer (1996-2001).

In investment banks, Mr. de Longuemar held the positions of Global Head of Central Banks and Supranationals at ABN Amro Bank; Head of Capital Markets at Banque de Gestion Privée (Crédit Agricole) and at Banque Régionale de l’Ouest (CIC Group); and several Treasury positions within the Paribas Group.

Mr. de Longuemar is a French national and has an MBA degree from ESSEC in Paris.

He is married with two children and is an active abstract painter.
Shin Donowaki has been the general manager of SCOA’s Washington Office since April of 2012. SCOA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Corporation (SC) headquartered in Japan, which started out as the international trading arm of the Sumitomo family group companies whose history goes back four centuries. Among others, SCOA and its affiliates and subsidiaries engage in the areas of energy, resource, power generation, infrastructure, construction materials, automobiles, transportation systems, chemical, steel, foodstuffs, real estate, and consumer goods businesses in North America.

The SCOA’s Washington Office engages in government affairs and research activities covering the Americas with a mission to advise our top management as well as our various business departments on political, regulatory, economic, trade, security, and cultural issues, etc., affecting our activities.

Since joining SC in 1984, Shin Donowaki has worked in its Grain & Oils business department for the majority of his professional career, and has been responsible for the trading and business development activity of various pieces of food related business and investments in both Japan and overseas countries. In this capacity, he served in SCOA’s New York Head Office from 1997 to 2002, and Sumitomo Corporation of Turkey, Istanbul office from 2005 to 2010.

Shin Donowaki is a graduate of Waseda University, with a BA in Political Science & Economics. During his childhood, he lived in New York (1965-1967) as well as in Washington DC (1973-1975) with his family.

He now also serves as President of Japan Commerce Association of Washington D.C., Inc. from January, 2015.
Go Eguchi currently serves as Senior Vice President and General Manager at Washington DC office of Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), one of the biggest general trading companies in Japan. Since joining Mitsubishi Corporation in 1989, Eguchi has had an extensive experience stationed abroad, including Algeria, Senegal, Germany, New York, and currently in Washington, DC. He was also a senior researcher at the Institute for Policy Research at the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Born in Sydney, Australia, Eguchi graduated from Osaka University of Foreign Studies (Currently, Osaka University) and also completed Executive Development Program at Harvard Business School.
Dr. Antonio Estrany y Gendre is an Argentine economist and diplomat, specialized in international affairs. He is the President of the CICYP (Consejo Interamericano de Comercio y Producción), in Latin America and member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), in Washington. He is too the Co-President of the Mercosur European Union Business Forum (MEBF); previously has been presiding the Working Group on Investments and Services.

Additionally he is member of the Executive Committee of the CARI (Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales), member of the Board of Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, member of the Argentine National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce and member of the Board of “Fundación Teatro Colón”.

In the business activity he is President of TRADCO and member of the Board of Bridas Corporation and other private companies.

During seven years he has been Secretary of State for International Economic Relations and ambassador in Geneva for the GATT negotiations. He became Alternate Governor of the World Bank and has presided on many opportunities over the CECLA (Comisión Especial de Coordinación Latinoamericana).

Dr. Estrany y Gendre is a member of the “Group of Personalities” designed by the Secretary General of the U.N. to study the effects of multinational corporations in World Economic Relations.

He has directed the UNDP PROGRAM to advise the Latin-American countries regarding the GATT negotiations in Geneva and has written two books as UNDP Counsel: “Reciprocity in International Economic Relations” and “Safeguard Clauses”, among many other publications.
Jose Fajgenbaum
Director, Centennial Group
Argentina

Employment

International Monetary Fund
Served at the IMF for some 30 years, progressing from economist to Deputy Director. Key roles included leading missions to surveillance countries, such as Brazil, Israel, Russia, and South Africa, as well as to countries with economic programs supported by the IMF, such as Brazil (early 1990s), the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Malawi, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere Department (WHD), 2004–2009
Deputy Director, European Department, 2003–2004
Assistant Director and Deputy Director, African Department, 1995–2002
Advisor, Division Chief and Assistant Director, WHD, 1989–1995
Deputy Division Chief, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, 1987–1988
Economist, Senior Economist, and Deputy Division Chief, WHD, 1982–1986
Assistant and Advisor to an Executive Director, 1979–1980

World Bank
Economist/lecturer in the Economic Development Institute, 1981

National University of Cuyo, Argentina
Researcher and Professor, Economics Department, 1972–1976

Education
University of Chicago, completed studies for PhD in economics, 1979
University of Chicago, MA in economics, 1978
National University of Cuyo, Licenciado en Economia, 1972
Marco Ferroni is Executive Director of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture. The Foundation’s mission is to modernize agriculture and small-scale farming by route of sustainable intensification, diversification and links to markets. Scalable solutions for farmers is the motto in six work thrusts: R&D, market-led extension, seed systems incubation, risk management, policy development and outreach. Before joining the Foundation in 2008, Dr. Ferroni held executive and advisory positions at the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank in Washington, DC. Earlier in his career, he worked as a finance and trade diplomat in his native Switzerland. Mr. Ferroni holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University.
Mr. Frank is Darby’s President and Chief Executive Officer, responsible for management of firm-wide activities and Chairman on the firm’s Private Equity, Mezzanine Finance and Venture Capital Investment Committees. Mr. Frank joined Darby in July 1997 after a long and distinguished career at the World Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Washington, D.C. In his last assignment he chaired the Private Sector Group, coordinating the private sector activities of the World Bank, IFC, and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

During his career at the World Bank Group as Managing Director, Mr. Frank oversaw the South Asia and Latin America operations and chaired the Banks Finance Committee. At the IFC, Mr. Frank served as CFO leading the Corporation to become an AAA borrower and securing two capital increases. Earlier in his Bank Group career, he was active in project and investment work throughout Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Frank is a Director of Templeton International Funds and member of the Board of Franklin Templeton Alternative Strategies, Inc. as well as on the Boards of several Latin American companies and banks. Mr. Frank serves on the Board of Georgetown University; the International Strategic Board of Banco Finantia, S.A. (Portugal); Inter-American Dialogue; Institute of International Finance; Bretton Woods Committee and former Chairman of the Latin American Venture Capital Association.

He earned a Bronze Star for his service as Captain in Vietnam. Mr. Frank holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the S D School of Mines and Technology and an MS from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Caleb Fundanga has since July, 2014 been the Executive Director of the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute (MEFMI) for Eastern and Southern Africa. MEFMI is a regional capacity building institution in the areas of Macroeconomic and Financial Management based in Harare, Zimbabwe. Its main Clients are central banks and ministries of finance and planning.

Prior to joining MEFMI, he worked as Governor of the Bank of Zambia. He has previously worked as Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank (1995-1998) and as Executive Director of the African Development Bank (1998-2002).
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.
Jean-Daniel Gerber was born in 1946. He is married to Elisabeth Gerber-Graber, with whom he has two grown-up children. After studying economics at the University of Berne, he embarked upon a long career in government service, during the course of which he held key positions in the spheres of trade, development co-operation, diplomacy, finance, migration and economics.

In the late 1970s, Jean-Daniel Gerber was a Swiss delegate to the World Trade Organization (WTO). He subsequently headed up the Developing Countries Section at Switzerland’s then Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs. He then moved to the Swiss Embassy in Washington as head of the Finance, Economics and Trade Division.

In the mid-1990s, Jean-Daniel Gerber spent five years as an Executive Director and as Dean of the World Bank Board, before being appointed Director of the Federal Office for Migration at Switzerland’s Federal Department of Justice and Police in November 1997. In April 2004, he became State Secretary and Director of Switzerland’s State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), retiring from this post in March 2011.

Jean-Daniel Gerber currently holds various positions: He chairs the Board of SIFEM (Swiss Investment fund for Emerging Markets) and is a Board member of Lonza Group AG. He is chairman of the Swiss Society for Public Good and the association “Swiss Sustainable Finance” and a member of AOAF-Fundation. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Berne. The maxim of Jean-Daniel Gerber is “Ut melius fiat” (turn it to the better).
Gerardo Gil-Valdivia
President, Club of Rome Mexican Chapter;
Member of COMEXI- Mexican Council for International Affairs
Mexico

Gerardo Gil-Valdivia is a Lawyer. He studied at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and Harvard University.

Mr. Gil-Valdivia has been a Full Time Professor and Researcher at the University of Mexico, and lecturer in other universities throughout Mexico and abroad.

He also has been an officer in the development bank system in Mexico, and Chairman of MEXPETROL, an international oil corporation.

Among other positions he was Executive Secretary of the Mexican National Institution for Human Rights. Now he is the Secretary of the National Institute of Public Administration.

He published several books and articles about the energy, sustainable development and human rights topics.

Gerardo Gil-Valdivia is an active member of the Club of Rome and Chairman of the Mexican Chapter for the Club of Rome.

He is married and has two children.
Diwakar Gupta is the Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) Vice-President for Private Sector and Cofinancing Operations. He assumed office in August 2015.

Mr. Gupta oversees ADB’s assistance to private sector projects with a clear development impact but limited access to capital. He is also responsible for building and maintaining cofinancing partnerships with various organizations and financial institutions. Under ADB’s long-term Strategy 2020 framework, ADB is scaling up its support in these two areas of activities.

Mr. Gupta was Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of the State Bank of India, where he was responsible for setting strategies and direction alongside other members of the State Bank’s Central Management Committee. He joined the State Bank of India in 1974 and held several positions at its various units and subsidiaries.

Mr. Gupta also worked as Independent Director on the boards of various business councils, financial services companies and other private organizations in India.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Physics from the University of Delhi, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics (with Honors) from St. Stephen’s College in Delhi.
After graduated from the University of Tokyo, Mr. Gyohten joined the Ministry of Finance (MOF) in 1955. Before he was appointed to Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs in 1986, he occupied various senior positions including Director-General of International Finance Bureau at the Ministry of Finance and also served for the IMF and the ADB on lease. After his retirement in 1989 he was a visiting professor at Harvard University, Princeton University and the University of St. Gallen. In 1992 he became the Chairman of the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd (currently the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.). Since 1995, he has been President of the IIIMA and concurrently serves as Senior Advisor to the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

In the meantime, Mr. Gyohten also chaired Working Party of the OECD (1988-90) and the Institute of International Finance (1994-97). He was appointed to a special advisor to P.M. Obuchi in 1998 and more recently was an advisor to the Cabinet Secretariat (special envoy to P.M.). He now serves as Special Advisor to the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Gyohten is co-author of the book "Changing Fortunes" with Mr. Paul Volcker.
Biliang Hu is Professor of Economics at Beijing Normal University and was the Dean of School of Economics and Resource Management of the University in China. Before his professorship, he cofounded a Delaware-based IT offshore outsourcing company – DoubleBridge Technologies Inc.; Before that, he was the chief China economist of SG Securities Asia, as well as the chief representative of the company in Beijing for four years. Before his investment bank experience, he worked with the World Bank Beijing Office as an economist for three years. He also taught Economics of Development in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences for some years.

His latest publications include Informal Institutions and Rural Development in China (London and New York: Routledge, 2007) and A Village Economy in Central Thailand: Testing Chayanov’s Model (Bangkok: Thai Watana Panich Press, 2007). His works twice won the Sun Yefang Economic Prize which is the highest economics research award in China. 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, and he conducted a two and half year post-doc research program at Harvard Kennedy School. His main academic interests are development economics, institutional economics and Chinese macroeconomic analysis.
Dr. Ishrat Husain is currently Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC. He 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. Emin Huseynov is a professional economist having been involved in economic policymaking in Azerbaijan for over 15 years. Mr. Huseynov started his professional career at International Organizations, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, and the IMF. From September 2005, he joined the Central Bank of Azerbaijan (CBA) to head the newly established Research Department. In 2010, a new Center for Research and Development was established on the basis of the Research Department within the CBA and Mr. Huseynov was appointed a Director of the Center while simultaneously serving as Executive Director of the CBA. In 2013, Mr. Huseynov has joined ADA as a Vice Rector of Strategy and Development, and later as Vice Rector of Academic Affairs and Strategy. Mr. Huseynov was appointed a Deputy Minister of Finance on June 24th, 2016.

Mr. Huseynov holds two Master degrees, in Economics from Florida State University (1998) and in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School (HKS, 2009). In 2014, he completed his PhD in Econometrics from Baku State University. He is a recipient of Edmund S. Muskie and Presidential scholarships for graduate studies in the US, as well as Edward S. Mason fellowship to pursue a Program on Public Sector Management and Policy at HKS.
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.
Former United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (2005-2012), Mr. Abdoulie Janneh is currently a Board Member/Executive Director at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in Dakar, Senegal. He had earlier served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Regional Director for Africa from June 2000 to October 2005.

Mr. Janneh is an active participant on the Boards/Advisory Panels of several organizations involved in Africa’s development, notably the Africa Forum of Former Heads of State and is the President of the Governing Board of the Africa Governance Institute.

He is the author of the book “Integrating Africa” and recipient of various honors/awards including the “Distinguished Africa Economic Icon of the Year Award 2011” and an honorary doctorate degree from the Lead City University (LCU), Ibadan, Nigeria.
Naoya Jinda is a national of Japan. He obtained his Master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University, USA in 2000 and his Bachelor’s degree in Law from The University of Tokyo, Japan in 1996.

Prior to joining ADB, he was a Deputy Director of the International Tax Policy Division of Tax Bureau, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Japan. He was responsible for the international financial and taxation policies of the Ministry including fight against tax evasion and avoidance.

He also carried out positions of increasing responsibility in various capacities in International Finance Bureau of the MOF related to development issues as well as multilateral and bilateral financial cooperation in the Asia and Pacific Region.
Mr. Donald Kaberuka served twice five-year term as President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). He was first elected in 2005, becoming the seventh president of the Bank Group since its establishment in 1963.

He was re-elected in May 2010 at the AfDB’s headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, for a second five-year term. He took the oath for his second term in September of that year in Tunis, the Bank’s current temporary relocation city. The Bank moved temporarily from Abidjan in 2003 due to the security situation there.

Before joining the African Development Bank, Mr. Kaberuka, 61, had a distinguished career in banking, international trade and development and government service. A national of Rwanda, he was the country’s Minister of Finance and Economic Planning between 1997 and 2005. During this period, he oversaw Rwanda’s successful economic reconstruction after the end of the civil war there.

He initiated and implemented major economic reforms and introduced new systems of structural, monetary and fiscal governance, laying special emphasis on the independence of Rwanda’s central bank.

These reforms led to the widely-recognized revival of Rwanda’s economy, and to the sustained economic growth that enabled Rwanda to obtain debt cancellation under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries initiative in April 2005.

During his service at the AfDB, Mr. Kaberuka has presided over a major redirection in its strategy for development and poverty reduction in Africa. To that end, the AfDB has placed increased emphasis on the private sector, and on the importance of major infrastructure developments in areas such as road, railways, power plants and communications, especially in their role in promoting regional integration in Africa.

During Mr. Kaberuka’s period of office, the AfDB has become Africa’s premier financial institution. In 2009, in response to the global financial crisis, the African Development Bank Group made record approvals of loans and grants totaling more than USD 12.6 billion.

Donald Kaberuka was educated at universities in Tanzania and Scotland. He holds a PhD in Economics from Glasgow University.
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.
Professor Eliane Karp-Toledo is Visiting Scholar at the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), Stanford University 2013-2014. She was also Visiting Scholar in the Graduate School of Education, Stanford University, 2012-2013. Her other current academic experience include her role as Director of Projects and Policies of Social Inclusion at the Global Center for Development and Democracy (CGDD) and Visiting Professor Member of the Indigenist Chair “Jose Maria Arguedas” at the Ibero-American Institute, University of Salamanca, Spain.

Professor Karp-Toledo is currently engaged in a book project related to Indigenous Peoples’ Empowerment: The New Challenges for Latin American Democracies. This project is to be conducted jointly with the School of Education of Stanford University, the University of Salamanca, Spain, and CGDD, with the support of the Andean Financial Corporation. This study will lead to the publication of a new book which focuses on Indigenous Movements and their claims to improve public and private policies in favor of increased social inclusion and equal citizenship. This project is part of the implementation of the 20-year Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America. The Social Agenda is a policy-oriented research initiative of the CGDD, which was founded by the former President of Peru, Alejandro Toledo, in 2006.

Professor Karp-Toledo was First Lady of the Republic of Peru from 2001 to 2006. As First Lady, her main goal was to design a public agenda leading to promoting the social and economic empowerment of people living in extreme poverty and people facing ethnic discrimination. Key areas such as constitutional and territorial rights, the exploitation of natural resources, royalties for the Indigenous Peoples, rights to patents and ownership of collective knowledge, cultural heritage, biodiversity and alternative sources of income, were all reviewed and promoted during that period.

Professor Karp-Toledo also served as Honorary President of the National Commission for the Andean, Amazonian and Afro-Peruvian Peoples (2001-2003), which was created as an ad-hoc institution in 2001. The commission called on elected representatives from most ethnic populations, ministries, Congress people, and academicians who participated in formal meetings to discuss grievances, claims, participation and rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the democratic process. This commission was then institutionalized and acquired ministerial rank in 2005, with the creation of the National Institute for the Development of Andean, Amazonian and Afro-Peruvian Peoples (INDEPA).
Hiroshi Kato is Vice-President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Since joining JICA in 1978, he has served at various positions, including the General Affairs Department, the Planning Department, and the Southeast Asia Department. He also has an experience working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (in Tokyo and in the Ivory Coast). He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1978 majoring in Asian History. He later earned his master's degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1988. He is Visiting Lecturer and Professor at Kobe University (Graduate School of International Studies) since 2003. He has been on the board of directors of the Japan Society for International Development since 2002.
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 mainstreaimg of the Youth Agenda in national development strategies mainly in the African continent. He still is member of the board.
Lesetja Kganyago was appointed Governor of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) with effect from 9 November 2014.

Lesetja Kganyago was born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1965. He holds a MSc in Economics from SOAS London University and a BCom degree in Economics and Accounting from UNISA. He also received various training in Finance, Economics and Management.

Prior to his elevation as Governor, Lesetja Kganyago served as Deputy Governor of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) with effect from 16 May 2011. In that role, he was responsible for prudential regulation and supervision, which encompasses Financial Regulatory Reform; Banking Supervision and the Financial Surveillance Department. He was the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on the Revision of the Banks Act and was a member of the Board, the Board Risk and Ethics Committee (BREC), the Governor’s Executive Committee (GEC), the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) and the Financial Stability Committee (FSC). He was also a member of the Financial Stability Board Standing Committee on Standards Implementation (SCSI) and Co-Chair of the Financial Stability Board Regional Consultative Group for Sub-Saharan Africa. He was the Director-General of the National Treasury from 2004 until his appointment at the SARB. He represented South Africa in international organisations such as the World Bank, the IMF, the G20 and the African Development Bank. In this role he served as the Chair of the Development Committee Deputies and also co-chaired a G20 Working Group on the reform of the IMF.
Mr. Caio Koch-Weser is Chairman of the Board of the European Climate Foundation.

From 2006 – 2016 Mr. Koch-Weser was Vice Chairman of Deutsche Bank Group, with global responsibilities for strategy; government, regulatory and corporate advisory; and coordination and implementation of group-wide business initiatives. He also served as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of BG Group (2010-2016).

From 1999-2005, he was German Deputy Minister of Finance (State Secretary). His responsibilities included international finance (G-7 Deputy), European economic and financial affairs, as well as capital markets, banking and insurance. From 2003-2005, Mr. Koch-Weser held the position of Chairman of the EU’s Economic and Financial Committee, a committee of treasury directors and deputy central bankers that prepares EU ministerial meetings (EURO Group and ECOFIN). He was also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of BaFin (German Banking and Securities Supervisory Agency).

From 1973 until 1999, Mr. Koch-Weser held a number of high-level positions in the World Bank in Washington, notably as Division Chief for the China Program (1980-86), Director for West Africa (1986-90), Deputy Treasurer and Director Treasury Operations (1990-91), Regional Vice President for Middle East and North Africa (1991-95), and Managing Director Operations and Member of the Executive Committee (1996-99).

Other current activities include Member of the Board at the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Washington; a Member of the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate (NCE); and a Member of the Board of the Centre for European Reform (CER) in London.

Mr. Koch-Weser studied economics in Germany. He is a German and Brazilian national, born in Brazil. He is married with three children.
Maritta Koch-Weser has a distinguished career spanning four decades in international development, as anthropologist, environmentalist, and social entrepreneur. She has field experience in Latin America, South & East Asia, and in parts of Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Koch-Weser worked as social scientist and in managerial positions for some 20 years at the World Bank, in Washington DC., and subsequently as Director General of IUCN -The World Conservation Union. Maritta Koch-Weser is Founder and President of Earth3000, a non-profit organization supporting strategic innovations in governance for environment and development (www.earth3000.org). In this context she shares responsibilities in a number of Supervisory and Advisory Boards of NGOs, Companies, and Academia. She is Vice Chair of the WWF Supervisory Board, Germany.
Mr. Kiyoshi Kodera is an Advisor to Sompo-Japan-Nipponkoa Insurance Inc., the second largest insurance company in Japan since June 2016.

Mr. Kodera has accumulated broad and in-depth knowledge and experience on international economics, finance and development issues from his World Bank positions and his various assignments at the Ministry of Finance of Japan. The Japanese media called him ‘Mr. Development’. He is one of the few officials who has experience not only as a key shareholder (IDA deputy for Japan, 2001-2005), but also as an operational manager of the World Bank (Country Director for Central Asia, 1997-2001), as well as a corporate manager of the Bank (Executive Secretary of the Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, 2006-2010). As Executive Secretary, Mr. Kodera steered the Development Committee and effectively assisted the Chairmen, former Finance Ministers of Mexico and Colombia, Finance Minister of Bahrain, World Bank President, and IMF Managing Director. One noteworthy result was change of voting shares in the World Bank in 2010. He also served as board member of the World Bank, Inter-American Investment Corporation, and the African Development Bank. From 2010 to 2016, he was Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), one of the largest bilateral aid institutions (2010-2016). During his days in JICA, he has been invited to many events as a panelist by UN organizations, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the African Development Bank on various subjects ranging from global health, disaster risk management, and climate change to infrastructure. He also contributed to strengthening partnerships between JICA, and the MDBs and the IMF.

Mr. Kodera started his professional career in the Ministry of Finance of Japan in 1974 and has assumed various posts, including Deputy Vice-Minister for international finance and First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in the U.S. Mr. Kodera graduated from the University of Tokyo, Japan. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Law and a Master’s degree in Economics from Tsukuba University.
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.
Côte d'Ivoire

Tiemoko Kone
Governor, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)

Senegal

Born in 1949, Tiémoko Meyliet Koné, is married with five children. A veteran of the BCEAO, he has worked as an associate of Alassane Ouattara, when he was governor of the central bank. An economist by training, Koné was competitively recruited after graduate school, and has spent most of his career at the BCEAO. Previous positions include, Deputy National Director of the BCEAO for Côte d’Ivoire and Central Director of program and financial operations at BCEAO headquarters in Dakar. He was also the National Director of the BCEAO for Côte d’Ivoire and the International Monetary Fund Deputy Governor from 1991 to 1998. From 2007-2010, Mr. Koné successively served as the Minister of Construction, Urbanization and Housing, and finally, since December 2010, has served as the Special Advisor to the President of the Republic, in charge of Economic and Monetary Affairs.
Born in 1944, Hidehiro Konno holds M.P.A. from Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University and B.A. in international relations from the University of Tokyo.


In January 2001 when MITI was reorganized as the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), he was appointed Vice-Minister for International Affairs.

While in public service, he represented the Japanese government in various international meetings under GATT/WTO, United Nations, APEC and other institutions. He served as chairman of the APEC Senior Officials Meeting in 1995, in which year Japan hosted the APEC summit.

He retired from the government service in July 2002.

February 2003 through July 2009, Hidehiro Konno served as Chairman and CEO of Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI), an independent administrative institution. In that capacity he was elected President of the Berne Union, the International Union of Credit and Investment Insurers in 2007 and 2008.

He lectured on Japan's trade policy at Graduate School of Waseda University as visiting professor in 2002 through 2008. He was also invited to give lectures at various academic institutions including Tokyo University, National Graduate School of Policy Studies, Tsinghua University, UC San Diego, Princeton University, and University of British Columbia.

In 2010, he was appointed to the board of the Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan’s leading trading and investment firm.

He is married to Junko with a daughter.
Manmohan Singh Kumar is the Chief Economist Growth Markets at Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, one of the largest institutional fund managers in Canada and North America. He was previously at the IMF where he held a variety of senior positions over many years, including Chief of the General Resources and SDR Division and Assistant Director in the Finance Department, and Chief of the Fiscal Policy and Surveillance Division and Assistant Director in the Fiscal Department. A bulk of his time was spent in the Research Department where as an advisor to several Economic Counsellors, he was responsible for the work on multilateral Surveillance issues including preparation of material for the G7 and G20 Ministerial meetings. He also headed the Fund’s taskforce on global deflation.

While on leave from the IMF, Mr. Kumar worked at Credit Suisse for several years where he was responsible for research and strategy for emerging markets. He has also been a visiting professor at the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, and a visiting Fellow at the Kennedy School, Harvard University. Prior to joining the IMF, he taught at Cambridge University for five years and was a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College. He has been a Consultant to the World Bank, ILO and NERA.

Mr. Kumar studied at the London School of Economics and obtained a Ph.D. from Trinity College, Cambridge University. He has published a number of books and papers in a broad range of areas including economic growth, financial market performance and volatility, emerging market risks, international policy coordination, fiscal policy, and corporate mergers and investment.
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).
Dr. Bindu N. Lohani was Ranking Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development. He was responsible for the ADB’s Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (Office of the Chief Economist), Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, and Office of Information Systems and Technology.

Prior to the above position, Dr. Lohani was Vice-President (Finance and Administration) of ADB. Dr. Lohani served as Chair of Investment Committee of the Pension Fund (more than $2 billion); Chair of Asset Liability Management Committee; and Chair of Crisis Management Committee.

In his almost 30 years in ADB, he has held several positions, including Director General and Chief Compliance Officer of the Regional and Sustainable Development Department (responsible for sectoral and thematic areas like energy, transport, water, urban development, education, environment, gender and governance, and knowledge management), and Special Advisor to the President on Clean Energy, Climate Change and Environment. He had worked in various capacities, mostly infrastructure and sustainable development. Before joining ADB, he worked for the Government of Nepal (relating to the infrastructure departments) and was Associate Professor and Division Chairman of the Environmental Engineering Program at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), an independent post-graduate institution located at Bangkok.

Dr. Lohani holds Doctoral degree in Environmental Engineering. Dr. Lohani has been conferred with several Honorary Doctoral Degrees including the Degree of Doctor of University by the Griffith University, Australia in recognition of his distinguished contributions to environment.

He has also completed several management development programs, including the Executive Program conducted by the Business School of the University of Chicago, Management Development Program by Cornell University; and programs by Arthur D. Little School of Management, and Corporate Leadership program at Yale University.

Dr. Lohani is Visiting Professor of Tsinghua University, Beijing (China) and Professor (Research) of Tongji University, Shanghai (China) and Distinguished Adjunct Faculty of Asian Institute of Technology. He is a member of several international advisory bodies such as Environmental Impact Assessment Review Journal (United Kingdom), Advisory Panel; Journal of Urban Solutions, Centre for Livable Cities (Singapore); International Advisory Panel for the Institute of Water Policies, Lee Kwan Yew, School of Public Policy (Singapore); and Council member, China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (China). He has published eight books and more than 250 publications.

Dr. Lohani is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) of United States – the highest professional distinction accorded to an engineer – for his work on economic-cum-environment approach to sustainable development. He is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers (awarded for excellence in the practice of environmental engineering) and is a licensed professional engineer. Dr. Lohani was elected to the rank of AAAS Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Council for world leadership in development country planning for integrated economic-cum- environmental sustainable development through protection of natural/social resources.
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 Rakesh Mohan is Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University and Distinguished Fellow at Brookings India.

He is also a Senior Adviser to the McKinsey Global Institute and a Non Resident Senior Research Fellow of Stanford University. He was until recently Executive Director on the Board of the International Monetary Fund representing Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Sri Lanka.

He was Chairman of the National Transport Development Policy Committee of the Government of India, with rank of Minister of State 2010-2014. He was Secretary, of the Indian Ministry of Finance, and also Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India between 2002 and 2009. In this capacity he co-chaired the G20 Working Group “Enhancing Sound Regulation and Strengthening Transparency” (2009), and the CGFS Working Group on Capital Flows (2008-09).


He is a Yale 1971 graduate and a Princeton Ph.D. in economics.
Linah Mohohlo has been the Governor of the Bank of Botswana since 1999, following a 23-year career with the Bank, during which she worked in operational and policy areas (e.g., Board Secretariat, Human Resources, Research and Financial Markets Departments); in the latter Department, she was responsible for, among others, reserves management and was instrumental in establishing the Pula Fund and developing a template for fund manager appointment and monitoring, in the context of diversified fixed income and equity mandates. She has also worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a Special Appointee. In her capacity as Governor of the IMF for Botswana, she has been a member of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC: 2000-02), representing the Africa Group 1 Constituency comprising 21 Sub-Saharan African countries.

In addition to having been a member of the inaugural Botswana Economic and Advisory Council, Mrs Mohohlo serves on boards of major corporations in Botswana and abroad. Among her several international engagements, she was appointed Eminent Person in 2002 by the former Secretary General of the United Nations (Kofi Annan), charged with the responsibility of overseeing the evaluation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s. She also served as a member of the Commission for Africa that was chaired by the former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair; the Commission’s Report, “Our Common Interest”, was published in 2005. Mrs Mohohlo is currently a member of the Africa Progress Panel, Gates Foundation Financial Services for the Poor Advisory Board; she is also Trustee of the Investment Climate Facility for Africa. She sits on the Investment Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, is a member of UN High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing. Mohohlo has co-chaired the meeting of the World Economic Forum for Africa in Cape Town in May 2011. Having chaired the Global Agenda Council on Poverty and Development Finance and the Regional agenda Council for Africa, she continues to be actively engaged in other World Economic Forum activities as they relate to Agenda Councils.

Mrs Mohohlo is a recipient of a number of national and international awards, among which is Botswana’s highest public service award for efficient and devoted service, the Presidential Order of Honour. Both the Financial Times Magazine (the Banker) and Euromoney bestowed on her the Central Bank Governor of the Year for Africa Award in 2001 and 2003 & 2008, respectively. In 2011, she received the Lifetime Leadership Award from the Official Monetary and Financial institutions Forum (OMFIF). She is ranked among the 10 Most Powerful Women in Africa for 2011 by Forbes Africa. She was honoured with the Africa Banker Award in 2014.

Mrs Mohohlo has read accounting and business, economics, finance and investments at the University of Botswana, The George Washington University and University of Exeter, respectively, and has received executive management training from Yale University. She has authored and/or published several papers and book chapters in economics, finance, investments, reserves management and governance.
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.
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.
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.
Dr. Beatriz Nofal was, since October 2006 until the end of August 2010, Head of Argentina’s National Investment Development Agency, with rank of Secretary of State. Under her leadership, The Agency ProsperAr was built, showing important results in terms of investment attraction and generation and private sector development. The work done won wide international recognition among the private sector, multilateral organizations (OECD, World Bank, UNCTAD), the Interamerican Development Bank, and her peers in other investment agencies, being elected and re-elected as regional Director for South America in the Directive Committee of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA).

She is at present President of Eco Axis, Director of Bodega Nofal, Director of the International Women’s Forum, and President of Argentina’s Chapter of the International Women Forum (IWF). She was elected Board member of the IWF’s Council globally, position which she assumed after October 2011, for a two year term.

Dr. Nofal received her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1983 with specialization in development and planning. She received postgraduate diplomas in development planning from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, University of Paris, France (1977) and the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands (1978). Presently, Dr. Nofal is considered to be one of the main experts on Mercosur, investment, trade, private sector development and development issues in general.

She is the founding partner of Eco-Axis S.A., a consulting firm specialized in economic analysis, investment, trade, and business strategy in Argentina and MERCOSUR. She has been the President of the co. during 1991-1999 and she was appointed again in the same position between March 2002 and October 2006 and reappointed in September 2010. Dr. Nofal also became the editor of a quarterly publication called “MERCOSUR JOURNAL” during 1995-2000.

From May 1999 up to December 2000, she also was Managing Director of Arthur D. Little in Argentina. Since 1991, Dr. Nofal has been an external consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

Dr. Nofal has authored several publications (including books) in Argentina, Brazil, and USA.

Among the international honors awarded, Dr. Nofal received in 1989, from the Republic of Brazil a Decoration of the Order of Rio Branco with the rank of “Knight Commander” (Presidential Decree, April 14/89). These honors were granted by Brazil “in recognition of her excellent performance in the Argentine-Brazilian Integration Program”. In 1999 she was also granted the Annual Award of Brazil’s Investors Group for her academic and institutional contribution to the consolidation of MERCOSUR.

In April 2003 she received from the Republic of Chile a Decoration of the Great Order of Merit in recognition for her contribution to the bilateral relations and to economic development in the region.

In October 2008 the French Republic conferred Dr. Nofal the insignia of Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honor.

Dr. Nofal is also a member of the Inter-American Dialogue and counselor of the Centro Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI).
Djomart Otorbaev is a former Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic (April 2014 – May 2015). Between 2011 and 2014 he worked as a Deputy Prime Minister, and a First Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mr. Otorbaev has been graduated with honors from the Leningrad University (1978), received his Ph. D. from Lebedev Physical Institute (Moscow) (1981), and his Research Professorship in Moscow (1989). He worked in few research institutions, including visiting professor position at the Eindhoven University (The Netherlands) (1992-1996). From 1996 he is the CEO of Philips Electronics Representative office, the Vice-president of Philips Electronics in Central Asia. In 2001 he was appointed as a Special representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on Foreign Investments, and at the same time he founded, and became the first Executive Director of the Public Association “Investment Round Table”, the NGO which is known for its contribution to the economic reform progress in the country. Between 2002 and 2005 he worked as a Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic. After that he worked as a Senior Adviser in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), based in London (2006-2011).

In addition to his involvement in government and business, Mr. Otorbaev is the founding member of the Board of Trustees of the American University in Central Asia, the only self-governing liberal arts university in the region since its inception in 1997. Mr. Otorbaev has been honorary member and invited speaker at numerous boards and forums on emerging markets development and investment.
Prof. David Qingzhong Pan is the Executive Dean of Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University, where he not only oversees all the daily operations of the college, but is also responsible for organizing an innovative course that will invite industry leaders to have intimate interactions with students.

He worked in the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University (2004-2014), serving as the Director of the Development Office. He coordinated activities of School’s Advisory Board, and also taught Managerial Economics, Corporate Governance, FDI and MIS, and conducted research in the areas of corporate governance, corporate development, and Chinese economic history.

Alejandro Pardo joined Proexport-Colombia’s Washington bureau in 2013 as the head for the Mid Atlantic Region, after over fifteen years in the private sector. A graduate of Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia, Alejandro has worked in Andersen Consulting, Nestlé and Knoll systems in Colombia, as well as being Programs Director at Proexport Colombia’s headquarters in Bogotá from 1995 to 1999.

In 2000, Alejandro moved to South Florida, where he joined Yanbal LLC, an international cosmetics and jewelry company, as project manager. After this experience, he spent 8 years as U.S. General Manager of G&S Jewelry Manufacturers, Inc. a Colombian company specialized in wholesale gold pieces. During this time, he opened markets in New York, Florida, Texas and California, for sales totaling 8 Million per year.

His multicultural and wide ranging industry experience allow him a keen understanding of business goals and challenges.

Alejandro is married with two young children, and lives in Bethesda with his family.
Britta Rendlen joined WWF Switzerland in March 2015 as Head, Sustainable Finance. Before that, she served in various positions with Swiss Re in both asset and risk management, the last one being Head, Sustainability and Political Risks. In this function she was part of the UNEP FI Insurance Initiative that drafted the Principles for Sustainable Insurance. Prior to this, she was Manager, Member Relations with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. The 8 years before, she lived in Chicago, where she worked as a fundraiser for the Chicago and St. Louis Symphony Orchestras. She also followed the passion of arts management in 2014 when she served as festival director of the first Swiss Theatre Encounter.

Ms. Rendlen holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. She is further certified as an international investment analyst (CIIA) and a fellow of the Aspen Institute First Movers Program.
Changyong Rhee
Director, Asia and Pacific Department,
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
United States

Changyong Rhee assumed his current position as Director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in February 2014. Prior to coming to the Fund Dr. Rhee was chief economist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He was the chief spokesperson for ADB on economic and development trends, and oversaw the Economics and Research Department. Dr. Rhee was the secretary-general of the G20 summit’s Presidential Committee in the Republic of Korea. Prior to his appointment at the FSC, Dr. Rhee was a Professor of Economics at Seoul National University and Assistant Professor at University of Rochester. He was also a frequent and active policy advisor to the Government of Korea, including in the Office of the President, the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the Bank of Korea, the Korea Securities Depository, and the Korea Development Institute. His key research interests include macroeconomics, financial economics, and the Korean economy. He has published many papers in these fields. Dr. Rhee obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University, and his Bachelor degree in Economics from Seoul National University.
Andres Rugeles is the Corporate Secretary of CAF - Development Bank of Latin America.

Previously, he served as Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary-General of the Andean Community, Alternate Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomat in the Embassy of Colombia in the Netherlands.

He did his MSc in international political economy at the London School of Economics (LSE) and his undergraduate studies in political science, majoring in economics and Latin American Studies, at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia.
Jean-Louis Sarbib is currently Chief Executive Officer at Development Gateway, an international nonprofit social enterprise with the mission to reduce poverty in developing nations by improving aid effectiveness, governance, and transparency through information technology. He continues to advise James Wolfensohn, the former President of the World Bank.

From 1980 to 2006, Mr. Sarbib was at the World Bank where he occupied a number of senior positions. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Sarbib was the World Bank’s Vice President for Africa and from 2000 to 2003, the Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). His last position (2003 – 2006) was as Senior Vice President for human development, with global responsibilities for the World Bank activities in education, health, social protection, and HIV/AIDS.

Upon leaving the Bank, Mr. Sarbib joined Wolfensohn & Company as a managing director from October 2006 to March 2009. He was a non-resident senior fellow at The Brookings Institution (2006-2011) and taught at Georgetown University (2009-2010). He serves on numerous non-profit boards and is a member of the board of governors of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and the boards of the African University of Science and Technology and the Nelson Mandela Institution.

In 2006, Mr. Sarbib was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, and received a Lifetime Award for Diversity and Inclusion by the World Bank. He received numerous honors from the countries where he worked.
Michael Shifter was named president of the Inter-American Dialogue in April 2010. He was previously vice president for policy. Since 1994, Shifter has played a major role in shaping the Dialogue’s agenda, commissioning policy-relevant articles and reports as well as implementing the organization’s program strategy in relation to the Andean countries. Since 1993, he has also been adjunct professor at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, where he teaches Latin American politics.

Shifter writes and talks widely on US-Latin American relations and hemispheric affairs. His recent articles have appeared in The New York Times, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Current History, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, Journal of Democracy, Harvard International Review and other publications. His writings on democratic governance, multilateralism, drug policy, security issues, and politics in the Andean countries have also been published in many Latin American newspapers and magazines in Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Guatemala, Panama, and Jamaica. He is co-editor, along with Jorge Domínguez, of Constructing Democratic Governance in Latin America, published by Johns Hopkins University Press. Shifter has lectured about hemispheric policy at leading universities in Latin America and Europe.

Shifter has consulted for the Ford Foundation, Kellogg Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank, World Bank, Agency for International Development, Oxfam America, and the Swedish International Development Agency. In 2000, he directed an independent task force on US policy towards Colombia, organized by the Dialogue and the Council on Foreign Relations and co-chaired by Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) and former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft. Shifter is regularly interviewed by a variety of both US and Latin American media, and often appears on CNN and BBC. Since 1996, he has testified regularly before Congress about US policy towards Latin America.

Prior to joining the Dialogue, Shifter directed the Latin American and Caribbean program at the National Endowment for Democracy and, before that, the Ford Foundation’s governance and human rights program in the Andean region and Southern Cone, where he was based, first, in Lima, Peru and then in Santiago, Chile. In the mid-1980s, he was a representative in Brazil with the Inter-American Foundation, where he also worked in the Office of Research and Evaluation.

Shifter is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Latin American Studies Association and is a contributing editor to Current History. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Washington Office on Latin America and on the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch/Americas Division, and the Social Science Foundation of the Graduate School of International Relations at the University of Denver.

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The IIMA was established in 1995, as a non-profit research organization, with a basic capital from the Bank of Tokyo (currently the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ) on the occasion of the Bank of Tokyo’s merger to form a commercial bank. The Bank of Tokyo had accumulated knowledge and experience in the field of international finance and currencies and the purposes of setting-up the IIMA were to pass on to future generations and to utilize such expertise of the Bank of Tokyo in the public interest through research in the international monetary field.
Alfredo Thorne Vetter was appointed Minister of Economy and Finance by the President of the Republic of Peru, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, on July 2016. He is also the current Governor of Peru in the World Bank Group and the Inter-American Development Bank. Before taking office, he was an Independent Director of the Lima Stock Exchange and member of InPeru’s Committee of Consultants. In addition, he is founder of “Thorne & Associates”, an economic, financial, mergers and acquisitions consulting firm with operations in Latin America.

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Dr. Alejandro Toledo was democratically elected President of Peru in 2001. During his five-year term, the central aim of Toledo’s presidency was the fight against poverty through investment in healthcare and education. As a result of sustained economic growth and deliberate social policies directed to the poorest of the poor, extreme poverty was reduced by 25 percent in five years, and employment rose at an average rate of 6 percent from 2004-2006. From 2001-2006, the Peruvian economy grew at an average rate of 6 percent, making it one of the fastest growing economies in Latin America.

Before becoming President, Dr. Toledo worked for the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations in New York. He first appeared on the international political scene in 1996 when he formed and led a broad democratic coalition that eventually brought down in 2000 the autocratic regime of Alberto Fujimori.

Toledo was born in a small and remote village in the Peruvian Andes, 12,000 feet above sea level. He grew up in extreme poverty in a family of sixteen siblings. Thanks to a series of accidental opportunities, he was able to escape from extreme poverty and attended the most prestigious academic centers of the world, later becoming one of the most prominent democratic leaders of Latin America. Dr. Toledo is the first Peruvian president of indigenous descent to be elected in five hundred years.

Toledo received a BA in Economics and Business Administration from the University of San Francisco. He has an MA in Economics, and an MA and Ph.D. in the Economics of Human Resources from the School Education, Stanford University. During his academic career, Dr. Toledo was a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University and a Research Associate at Waseda University in Tokyo.

After finishing his term as President, Toledo returned to Stanford for three years, where he was a Distinguished Fellow in Residence at the University’s Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and also a Payne Distinguished Visiting Lecturer at the Freeman Spogli Institute’s Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. Simultaneously, Dr. Toledo founded and continues to serve as the President of the Global Center for Development and Democracy (www.cgced.org), which is based in Latin America, the United States, and the European Union. In 2009-2010 Dr. Toledo was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., and also a Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution.

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He has a outstanding career path of more than 10 years in international cooperation. Since 2005, He has helped to build an Ibero-American space and to enhance the youth position in the political agenda of the region. From 2007 to 2012, he was Advisor of the Ibero-American Secretary General, Enrique Iglesias.

Furthermore, he has extensive experience in areas related to the youth. He is part of different social networks of youth leadership in Latin America. He was awarded the National Prize of the Mexican Youth in 2009. Entrepreneur by nature with diplomatic skills, his political vocation and engagement have allowed him to plan and implement remedies against political, economic and social challenges facing the youth at regional level, which are based on social equity, leadership, adaptability and innovation.
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