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Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia was until recently the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission for India. He has been a key figure in India's economic reforms from the mid 1980s onwards.

Born on 24th November, 1943, Shri Ahluwalia received his Bachelors degree from St. Stephens College, Delhi University. Later he received an M.A. and an M. Phil degree in economics from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. After completion of studies, he joined the World Bank in 1968 as a Young Professional and then held various positions including Chief of the Income Distribution Division.

He joined the Government of India in 1979 as Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance after which he held a series of positions including Special Secretary to the Prime Minister; Commerce Secretary; Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs; Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; Member of the Planning Commission and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. In 2001, he was appointed as the first Director of the newly created Independent Evaluation Office of the International Monetary Fund. He resigned the position in 2004 to take up the position of Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission which position he holds at present.

Shri Ahluwalia has written on various aspects of development economics, including Indian economic policy and his articles have been published in a number of prominent Indian and international journals and books. He co-authored ‘Re-distribution with Growth: An Approach to Policy’, published in 1975. He also wrote ‘Reforming the Global Financial Architecture’, which was published in 2004 as Economic Paper No. 41 by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

Shri Ahluwalia has received several honorary degrees including an honorary doctorate in Civil Law from the University of Oxford. He is an honorary fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Global Green Growth Institute, South Korea.
Taimur Ahmad is CEO of LatinFinance, the leading source of intelligence on the financial markets and economies of Latin America and the Caribbean. He is also Chairman of LatinFinance’s board, a position he has held since April 2017, when he led a group of investors in the acquisition of LatinFinance from Euromoney Institutional Investor, the global financial media company. Prior to taking over as CEO, Taimur was, until 2014, LatinFinance’s editor-in-chief, with overall responsibility for all editorial content, including the magazine, website and daily news service, as well as regional and international conferences and events.

Previously as a journalist and editor, Taimur had 15 years’ experience covering international economics and finance, with a focus on the global emerging markets. He was, until 2012, editor-in-chief at Emerging Markets, which published the daily newspaper at the IMF, World Bank and regional development bank meetings and G20 summits. He was also an associate editor at EuroWeek (now Global Capital), the newspaper of the global capital markets. Taimur is also a regular speaker on international finance, policy and investment topics at a range of forums worldwide.

He is a graduate of McGill University and did his postgraduate studies at Georgetown University. He is also an alumnus of the United World College of the Atlantic.
Masood Ahmed is president of the Center for Global Development. He joined the Center in January 2017, capping a 35-year career driving economic development policy initiatives relating to debt, aid effectiveness, trade, and global economic prospects at major international institutions including the IMF, World Bank, and DFID.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition, Mr. Aleksishvili was elected as a Chairman of UN Commission for Sustainable development in 2005-2006.
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.
K.Y. Amoako is the President of the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), a nonprofit institution based in Accra, Ghana, promoting high-quality policy analysis and advisory services and driving sustained growth and development in Africa. He led the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) from 1995-2005 at the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Under his leadership, ECA was transformed to more effectively serve African policy makers, to amplify the African voice internationally and to influence African partners. Dr. Amoako has served alongside leading development experts and political leaders on high-level international commissions and task forces, including the Commission for HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa convened by the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the Commission for Africa established and chaired by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health chaired by Professor Jeffrey Sachs. Prior to heading ECA, he was Director of Education and Social Policy at the World Bank.

Dr. Amoako was a Distinguished African Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in 2006. He obtained his PhD in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa, by Addis Ababa University in 2003, and a Doctor of Letters degree, honoris causa, by the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, in 2005, in recognition of his contribution to Africa’s development.
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.
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Political Advisor, World Health Organization, 2009/ Polical advisor of Dominique de Villepin former Prime Minister 2010/2012
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Founder and member, ‘Union for the Mediterranean - training, dialogue of cultures, immigration and economic partnership’ Morocco, 2008;
Education/Training: Masters Degree, Political Science International Relations ‘Conflicts and Security Issues’ - Institute of Political Sciences, Paris, 2003;
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, Côte 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 Côte 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.
She served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Niger from 2015 to 2016 and has been Minister of Planning since 2016. She was the eldest daughter of 16. After her primary education at Mainé-Soroa from 1961 to 1967, she attended the Lycée Mariama in Niamey where she earned a Baccalauréat série D in 1974. She pursued higher education in France at the University of Rennes 1, earning an economics degree in 1979, and later studied at the Pantheon-Sorbonne University, earning a diploma of Specialized Studies. She returned to Niger in 1983 and worked for the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Artisans.

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

She was Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2015 to 2016. She was appointed by the President, Mahamadou Issoufou, to replace Mohamed Bazoum on 25 February 2015.

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

On 11 April 2016 she was replaced as foreign minister by Ibrahim Yacouba. She was instead appointed as Minister of Planning and President of the Council of Ministers of AFRISTAT. She is married to Kane Souleymane, a presidential adviser, and has three children.
Fernando Jorge Cardoso is Head of Strategic & Development Studies at the Institute Marquês de Valério, Associate Professor at ISCTE-IUL and member of its Centre for International Studies as well as Executive Chair of the Lisbon Club. He received his PhD (1991) and Habilitation (2006) from ISEG, University of Lisbon. In Mozambique, he was Dean of the School of Economics of the Eduardo Mondlane University (1978-1983), Assistant to the Minister of Planning (1977-1983) and CEO of Maragra, a sugar corporation (1983-1985). In Portugal, He was head of the Africa Programme of the Institute for Strategic and International Studies (1991-2012) and deputy Rector of the Lisbon Modern University (2001-2007). He was consultant on the elaboration/evaluation of aid programmes in Angola, Mozambique and Cape Verde. He was chair of the Steering Committee of EARN, Europe-Africa Policy Research Network, a group of 24 European and African institutions, created in 2007, prior to the Lisbon EU-Africa Summit. He has an extensive list of publications on Africa, Development and International Relations.
Graduated in Economics from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) and in Law from the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), Paulo Rabello de Castro is PhD in Economics by the University of Chicago. Founder of SR Rating, first Brazilian credit risk ranking company, he is also the author of over ten books, solo or in co-authorship. He is ex-president of Lide Economia and coordinated the “Brasil Eficiente” [Efficient Brazil] Movement until June 2016. In July 2016, he assumed the Presidency of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).
Marco Cavaliere is Head of Bilateral Cooperation at the Swiss National Bank (SNB). His main responsibility is the supervision and coordination of (i) the SNB’s official bilateral relationships with other central banks, (ii) monetary and technical assistance to other central banks, and (iii) the preparation of Swiss position on country-specific items discussed at the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Before joining the SNB, Mr. Cavaliere was Senior Advisor of the Swiss Executive Director at the IMF in Washington D.C., Senior Economist at the Swiss State Secretariat for International Financial Matters, Deputy Head of the unit Aggregate Risks and Scenario Analysis in the Risk Management Department of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, and Program Manager for the Central Bankers Courses in Finance and Monetary Economics at the Study Center Gerzensee (a foundation of the SNB). Mr. Cavaliere holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Berne.
Kevin Cleaver was the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)’s Associate Vice-President, in charge of its programmes. He joined IFAD in September 2006.

Before IFAD, he held several key positions in the World Bank, including: Director, Africa Technical Department, Africa Region; Director, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, Europe and Central Asia Region; and, the most recent position, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development for the World Bank Group. He represented the World Bank on the Executive Committee of the CGIAR and participated in mobilizing funds for all of the environmentally and socially sustainable development network’s global programmes.

While at the World Bank, Cleaver was recognized as an outstanding manager and was the recipient of the “Good Manager” award from the World Bank Staff Association in 2001. He helped create an effective system of knowledge sharing, knowledge management, and staff learning in the World Bank’s Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Network.

Cleaver has a long and distinguished career in agriculture and rural development, with many books and articles published on agricultural development. He spent several years working and living in Sub-Sahara and North Africa. He holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, a Master’s degree in International Law and Diplomacy, and a PhD in Economics from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts. He has also completed an Executive Development Management Programme at the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.
Peixin Li Dallara is founder and CEO of Polaris Investments LLC, an independent private equity advisory business, providing advice and expertise to asset managers worldwide.

During the first part of her business career, she served as Associate Client Executive, Senior Portfolio Manager, and a senior member of the Investment Committee for the private equity business of Frank Russell Company, a leading US pension fund consulting firm. She co-founded the company’s customized private equity fund of funds business and managed international pension fund investments worldwide. In the early 90’s, she played a key role in the launching of one of the two largest Asian Infrastructure Funds in the world, as the first group of international investors making critical contributions to the launch pad of China’s tremendous infrastructure developments for the decades to come.

Prior to her career in the U.S., she was a career diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing, China, worked on the initial preparation of the return of Hong Kong, and participated in the negotiations on the World Bank loans for China’s agriculture and infrastructure developments.

She served as advisory board members for various non-profit organizations and portfolio companies. She is a founding member of the 1920 Society, a charity program under the National Women’s History Museum and currently a board member of a charitable foundation for regional development.

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

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

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

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

Dr. de Ocampo had been and is Chairman and/or Board Member of several private companies both in the Philippines and abroad including, among others, the Centennial Group (Washington, D.C.), Centennial Asia Advisors Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), Investment & Capital Corporation of the Philippines (CCP) Group of Companies, Alaska Milk Corporation, United Overseas Bank, ABS- CBN Broadcasting Corporation, Philippine Airlines, Meralco, Globe Telecom Inc., Philam Asset Management Inc., Metrobank, Seaboard Eastern Insurance Co., House of Investments, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, Robinson’s Land Corporation, EEl Corporation, AES Corporation (Philippines) and Phinma Corporation, etc. He is presently Co-Vice Chairman of the Makati Business Club, a Past President of the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) and an Emeritus member of Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) who named its head office in his honor. He was recently elected as Board Director of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).
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.
Bart W. Édes has served as the Asian Development Bank’s (ADB’s) Representative in North America since October 2, 2017. In this capacity, he mobilizes financing for ADB’s developing member countries; shares development knowledge and experience; establishes and deepens partnerships with public, private and nonprofit organizations in North America; and raises public awareness of ADB in Canada and the United States.

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

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

He has a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Government (cum laude) from Georgetown University. Mr. Édes is a dual national of Canada and the United States.
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.
Antoni Estevadeordal is the Manager of the Integration and Trade Sector of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He has expertise in trade policy and economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), Asia-Pacific and Europe. He coordinates IDB’s operational lending program, technical assistance to regional initiatives, policy research, capacity building, public-private policy dialogues as well as several inter-institutional partnerships and collaboration (WTO, WCO, WB, IMF, ADB, EU, UN, OAS, OECD, APEC, WEF, ICTSD, etc.) to promote trade, investment, economic integration and regional cooperation in LAC. Before joining the IDB he taught at the University of Barcelona and Harvard University. He has published widely in major journals such as American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Review of World Economics, Journal of Economic Integration, World Economy. He has co-authored and co-edited several books such as 21st Century Cooperation: Regional Public Goods, Global Governance, and Sustainable Development (Routledge); The Sovereign Remedy: Trade Agreements in a Globalizing World (Oxford), Regional Rules in the Global Trading System (Cambridge), Bridging Trade Agreements in the Americas (IDB), The Emergence of China: Opportunities and Challenges for Latin America (Harvard), The Origin of Goods: Rules of Origin in Preferential Trade Agreements (Oxford), Regional Public Goods: From Theory to Practice (IDB/ADB), Integrating the Americas: FTAA and Beyond (Harvard). He is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution and member of the WEF Experts Group on Trade and Investment and the E-15 ICTSD/WEF initiative. He is a Spanish citizen and holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Barcelona.
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.
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
Leonardo Botelho Ferreira
Head, Institutional Funding and International Relations, BNDES – Brazilian Development Bank
Brazil

Mr. Leonardo Botelho Ferreira is currently the Head of Institutional Funding and International Relations Department, at BNDES Financial Division. In his previous position, he was responsible for the management of the international offices of the Bank and led a team of analysts that study direct investments of Brazilian companies abroad. Prior to this position, Mr. Botelho was the Head of the BNDES office for the Latin America, in Montevideo, Uruguay. Also, he led a team dedicated to the financing of Brazilian goods and services destined to infrastructure projects in South America.

Dr. Luis Foncerrada, a Mexican National, has a valuable experience in the private sector, and also in economic policy, public finances, monetary and central bank policies, debt management and capital market development.

He had been the head of the Monetary Policy Department at the Ministry of Finance of Mexico charged with the main functions of financial programming and the public deficit financing. The well-known CETES (Certificates of the Treasury) which is Mexico’s treasury bills were designed in his office, and he participated in the CETES committee for 6 years. In those years, he implemented schemes to create a market and a steady demand for this and other domestic debt instruments.

Utilizing his experience on developing financial programs he headed Mexico’s economic team for negotiations with economists of foreign banks after the 1982 debt crisis, and became the head of the Office of Foreign Financing at the MOF, where he also designed and negotiated several restructuring and new financing schemes, implemented the Mexican Debt to Equity Swap program, and designed several foreign debt reduction schemes, among others the one that gave place to the Brady Bonds. He was responsible of the Public Sector Financing Policy and also in charge, during several years, of the Financial and Monetary Policy at the Ministry of Finance in Mexico where he developed a domestic market for Government Bonds.

He was the economist and technical support to the Mexican Finance Minister Angel Gurria, who is the head of OECD today. After 10 years in the Mexican MOF, he restructured the Pemex’s foreign debt and he designed and implemented the financing of the Shell-Pemex Joint Venture in Deer Park, Texas. The single Pemex’s joint venture abroad.

After his public sector years he headed a financial engineering firm and funded a private bank when new licenses were granted in Mexico. He ran the bank for a few years and sold it to G.E. Capital, with no past due loans in 1997, two years after the Mexican bank crisis. The only Mexican bank sold above its book value after the privatization.

He then was appointed Mexico’s General Consul at Milan, Italy, to promote Italian investment in Mexico and the new Free Trade Agreement with Europe. After this task was accomplished he returned to teach in several universities in Mexico and worked with UNITAR as a resource person for the World Bank and IMF in the Central Asian Countries, as Director of programs to capacitate high rank officials on monetary and fiscal policy and capital market development. (Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan).

He was the Provost, (Vicerrectoría General), at the Universidad de Las Americas in Cholula, Puebla, in charge of the finances of the University and all academic and research programs.

He has written many articles and lectured on financial development, bank operation and policies, fiscal and debt sustainability, property rights, corporate governance. His Ph. D. dissertation in Economics is on poverty and financial development.

Currently he is a member of the Board of Directors in Financiera del Sector Social S. A., a financial company for rural and urban low income markets, a member of the Board of Directors of CENEGAGE-National Geographich branch for Latin America, a member of the Board of Directors of the Centro Mario Molina (Chemistry Nobel Prize), and has a full time job as the General Director of Centro de Estudios Económicos del Sector Privado (CEESP).

CEESP, the Center he heads, is a Mexican think tank, on public policies and part and support of the Consejo Coordinador Empresarial -The Business Coordinating Council-, which coordinates and represents Mexico’s Business community.

Under his lead, CEESP defends freedom principles, advocates the market economy, the rule of law and democracy, pursues equality of opportunities and sustained economic growth to achieve the common wealth. The Center promotes, as well, business and development strategies. He has been one the main speakers in President’s Peña Nieto meetings on required Reforms and the National Plan of Development PND.

Ph. D. in Economics at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM); Master Degree in Economics at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE); Graduate in Economics with the “Best student of the year” award at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), where he also studied Physics; and a “Parvin” Visiting Fellow at Princeton University.
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.

Previous positions include: Minister of Planning and Coordination and head of the Economic and Social Cabinet of Bolivia (1989–1991). In this capacity, Governor at the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as member of the IMF-IBRD Development Committee representing Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Perú, Uruguay and Paraguay. Senior positions at the Inter-American Development Bank including Treasurer of the Institution, Division Head in the Project Analysis and Finance Departments and Representative in Argentina (1979–1989), Under-Secretary of Planning and Coordination of the Ministry of Planning and Coordination and Board member of the Central Bank of Bolivia (1975–1978), Managing Director of Banco Industrial S.A. (Bolivia, 1973–1975), Senior Operations Officer, Advisor to the President, Area Chief Loan Division, and Loan Officer of the Inter-American Development Bank (1966–1973).

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. Garcia 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.
PABLO GARCIA SILVA is a Board Member of the Central Bank of Chile since January 2014.

Before being appointed Board Member, he served as Executive Director, Southern Cone, of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) since November 2012. Between 2010 and 2012, he was Alternate Executive Director, Southern Cone, of the same organization.


Mr. García graduated as Commercial Engineer in 1992. In 1993, he earned his MA in Economic Sciences from the Catholic University of Chile and, in 1999, his Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Pablo García has served in the academic area by delivering courses on Economics and Macroeconomics at several academic institutions, including the Catholic University, the Center for Applied Economics of the University of Chile, and the Alberto Hurtado University. He is also the author of several publications, chapters of books and working papers on monetary policy and international economics.
Claudio Leite Gastal is the CEO of Movimento Brasil Competitivo (MBC), which challenge is to elevate Brazil’s competitiveness and sustainable development through partnerships and associations among the public and private sectors, and the civil society in Brazil. Among his actions, we may highlight projects in the areas of governance, management, State reform, and digital Economy. Under his leadership, projects with state, municipal governments, Executive and Judiciary agencies have been already developed, which generated an increase of R$ 15.2 billion in the revenues, besides optimized expenses.

Claudio is graduated in Systems Analyses from Universidade Católica de Pelotas/UCPel (State of Rio Grande do Sul), he has a master’s degree in Information Systems from PUC/Campinas, and he acted as deputy professor at UCPel. He worked as a director of the Technical and Administrative areas of MBC from 2002 to 2009, and later, worked as an officer from 2009 to 2010. He acted as executive secretary of the Management, Performance, and Competitiveness Policies Chamber of the President’s Office of Brazil from 2011 to 2015. Currently, he is a member of the Consultative Committee of the Consórcio Interestadual Brasil Central, he works for the executive committee of the Brazilian Council of Debureaucratization of the Federal Government, and he is a member of the RAPS Council (Sustainability Politics Action Group). He coordinates the associations Brasil Digital and Pacto pela Reforma do Estado, among other actions.
Jean-Daniel Gerber was born in 1946.

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 Swiss Federal Office for Migration 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-Foundation. 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).
Nobumitsu Hayashi
Chief Operating Officer, Senior Managing Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
Japan

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

Previously, he held various senior positions on international finance, macro-economic policy and public administration at the Government of Japan, including Commissioner of the National Tax Administration, Director-General of Finance Bureau (Ministry of Finance), President of Policy Research Institute (MoF), as well as Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister. He was Executive Director for Japan at the World Bank Group from 2010 to 2012.
Daniel Heller has been associated with the Peterson Institute for International Economics since January 2017 as a visiting fellow. Before joining the Institute, he was head of financial stability at the Swiss National Bank, head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems at the Bank for International Settlements, and executive director for Switzerland, Poland, Serbia, Azerbaijan, and four Central Asian republics at the International Monetary Fund. He received his PhD from the University of Bern and was a research fellow at Stanford University. His academic publications are on optimal design of bond auctions, demand for central bank money, and collateral requirements for over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives clearing. His current research focuses on the impact of emerging digital technologies such as blockchain on the financial sector, financial stability, and central banking.
Ian began his consulting career with PwC in the U.K. before moving to Central and Eastern Europe and working with multinational investors on M&A and privatisation projects. In 2000 he joined Mmd- then the leading global emerging market public relations and public policy consultancy in the world – where he developed and led offices in seven regional countries before assuming overall responsibility for the Central & Eastern European operations.

During his time with Mmd Ian was responsible for leading corporate reputation and public policy campaigns for some of the top foreign investors in the region, with extensive experience in extractive industries, healthcare and financial services. He also directed pan-European campaigns for Visa, Google, HP, GE and Discovery, working with EMEA communications directors to set strategy and lead international teams in up to 19 countries.

In 2009 after the sale of Mmd to London Listed Huntsworth PLC Ian left and co-founded the Speyside Group with Mmd founder and Chairman Alistair McLeish. www.speyside-group.com

Today, the group operates three businesses:

• A global emerging market corporate communications and public policy consultancy with teams on the ground across Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe and sub-Saharan Africa

• A global political, regulatory and competitive monitoring and analysis services

• A boutique global healthcare market access consultancy

Ian serves as a Member of the Advisory Council for Fight for Peace, a global NGO focused on reducing youth violence in under privileged communities - operating through its London and Rio Academies and a network of 140 partner organizations worldwide.
Werner Hermann was director at the Swiss National Bank (SNB) and in charge of central bank cooperation. Since he joined the SNB over twenty-five years ago, he has been involved in macroeconomic research, banking and financial market issues, and international relations. Mr. Hermann was a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Prior to joining the SNB he taught at the University of Basel and was a member of the Basel Business Cycle Research Group (BAK, now BAK Basel Economics AG). He received a doctorate in economics from the University of Basel.
HU Biliang is now the Dean of Emerging Markets Institute (EMI), as well as the Director of the Belt and Road Research Institute (BRRI) of Beijing Normal University (BNU), also a professor of Economics of the University. Before his professorship, he was the Chief China Economist of SG Securities Asia; He also worked with the World Bank Beijing Office as an economist in 1990s. He used to teach Development Economics in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences as an economics professor of the Academy.


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

He received his Doctorate of Economics from the School of Economics and Management, Witten/Herdecke University in Germany, Master of Science degree jointly by University of Dortmund in Germany and Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok Thailand, and he also conducted a two and half year post-doc research program in the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.
Tariq Husain is a Senior Associate with multi-sectoral professional expertise and a proven ability to combine these perspectives into practical strategies. During his thirty year career at the World Bank in public policy formulation and implementation, he held many senior positions, including Head of the World Bank Resident Mission in Nigeria Head of the Learning and Leadership Center—the internal University of the World Bank. After taking early retirement from the Bank he has continued to apply his expertise in Pakistan and other countries. He is currently actively involved in Organizational Reforms of Universities in Pakistan. As Advisor to the Chairman of Pakistan’s National Revenue Service, he contributed to its restructuring to become a world class institution. As Dean of the Think Tank on Poverty reduction he led and authored two books on Pakistan’s Human Condition covering the major dimensions of Poverty. He has an M.Sc. in Physics (first in class) from Karachi University; an MBA (with Distinction) from McGill University and an MIPP (with Honors) from John Hopkins University.
Mr. Ikeda worked in Japanese Government Ministry of Finance from 2014 to June 2017 in the tax bureau. Before that he worked in the World Bank between 2013 and 2014. Prior to this, he worked in the Ministry of Finance of Japan, National Tax Agency, Financial Services Agency of Japan. He has a bachelor’s degree in political science from Waseda University and a master’s degree in public policy from Harvard Kennedy School.
Gregory Ingram was President and CEO of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy from June 2005 through June 2014 and formerly Director-General, Operations Evaluation at the World Bank. At the World Bank, he also held positions as Director of the Development Research Department, Staff Director for the World Development Report 1994, Infrastructure for Development, and Economic Adviser in the Urban Projects Department. Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Ingram was Associate Professor of Economics at Harvard University. Mr. Ingram holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University; a B.A. and M.A. in philosophy, politics, and economics from Oxford University; and a B.S. in civil engineering from Swarthmore College.
Yoshinori Ito
Team Leader, The Americas Team, Global Strategy & Coordination Dept, Mitsubishi Corporation
Japan

2017 - The Americas Team, Global Strategy and Coordination Dept., Mitsubishi Corp.
2014 - Director, Senior Vice President, Mitsubishi (Shanghai) Co.
2011 - GM, Corporate Planning and Coordination, Mitsubishi (Shanghai) Co.
2002 – Manager, Mitsubishi International Corp. (New York, USA)
1998 - Industrial Innovation Partners Inc.
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.
Alejandro Jara was born in 1949 in Santiago, Chile. He studied high school in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Santiago, Chile. In 1973 he obtained his law degree from the Universidad de Chile. With the support of a Fulbright scholarship he pursued graduate studies at the Law School, University of California at Berkeley (1975-1976).

In 1976 he joined the Foreign Service of Chile where he has specialized in international economic relations. He served in the Delegation of Chile to the GATT in Geneva (1979-1984) and was seconded to the Economic System for Latin America (SELA) in Caracas as Coordinator for Trade Policy Affairs. He was appointed Director for Bilateral Economic Affairs (1993-1994), Director for Multilateral Economic Affairs (1994-1999). During 1996 — 1997 he also served as Chile’s Senior Official to APEC. At the same period he was deputy Chief negotiator for the Chile — Canada Free Trade Agreement and in 1997-1998 he was Chief negotiator for the Chile — Mexico Free Trade Agreement. In July 1999 he was designated Director General for International Economic Relations.

In June 2000 he was appointed as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the World Trade Organization in Geneva. During 2001 he served as Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Environment of the WTO. In February 2002 he was elected as Chairman of the Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services, which is in charge of the negotiations mandated by Ministers in Doha. He is author of numerous articles and papers on international trade.

Mr. Jara is married to Daniela Benavente and has three children, Rafael Alejandro (1986), Octavia Verónica (2003) and Matilde (2007).
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.
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 mainstreaming of the Youth Agenda in national development strategies mainly in the African continent. He still is member of the board.
Sevil Khidirova
Senior Expert, PR Relations, Lukoil, Uzbekistan Operating Company
Uzbekistan

Employment Experience
LUKOIL Uzbekistan Operating Company (Russian Oil and Gas Company) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Leading Specialist Oct.2014-till now PR and Protocol Department

Central Bank of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Head of Division International Relations 2010-2014
Foreign Exchange Regulation and International Relations Department Head of Unit
International Protocol 2002-2010
Foreign Exchange Regulation and International Relations Department
Junior Expert Foreign Exchange Regulation and International Relations Department 2001-2002
“UZVOD Construction and Trade” Foreign Economical Company Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Russian-English Interpreter 1998-2001

Education and Qualification
World Trade Institute, University of Bern Bern, Switzerland
Master of International Law and Economics 2003-2004
Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Master of International Relations 2000-2002
Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Bachelor of International Relations, (Diploma with honors) 1996-2000
Mr. Kiyoshi Kodera is currently Corporate Auditor to Sompo-Japan-Nipponkoa DC Securities. Sompo-Japan is the second largest non-life insurance company in Japan. He also works on development finance as Senior Research Associate of the Overseas Development Institute, UK.

Throughout his professional career in the Ministry of Finance of Japan, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Investment Corporation, Mr. Kodera has accumulated broad and in-depth knowledge and experience on international economics, finance and development issues. He was Deputy Vice-Minister for international finance in Japan in 2005. He is one of the few officials who have experience not only as IDA deputy (2001-2005), but also as the World Bank’s Country Director for Central Asia (1997-2001). He also served as Executive Secretary of the Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (2006-2010). Until March 2016, he was Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
Harinder S. Kohli is the Founding Director and Chief Executive of Emerging Markets Forum as well as Founding Director, President, and CEO of Centennial Group International, both based in Washington, D.C. He is the Editor of Global Journal of Emerging Markets Economies. Prior to starting his current ventures, he served over 25 years in various senior managerial positions at the World Bank and before then in the private sector in India and France. He has written extensively on the emergence of Asia, Latin America, Africa and other emerging market economies; financial development; and infrastructure. He is a co-author and co-editor of India 2039—An affluent society in one generation (2010), Latin America 2040—Breaking away from complacency: An agenda for resurgence (2010), A resilient Asia amidst global financial crisis (2010), and Islamic Finance (2011), Asia 2050—Realizing the Asian century (2011), A new vision for Mexico 2042—Achieving prosperity for all (2012), Africa 2050—Realizing the continent’s full potential (2014), and Central Asia 2050: Unleashing the region’s potential (2016). He led Centennial Group teams that helped ADB and CAF develop their long term corporate strategies. Mr. Kohli is the editor and co-author of the latest book *The world in 2050: Striving for a just, prosperous and harmonious global community* which was released in Paris on April 12, 2016.
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.
Hidehiro Konno
Member of the Board, Mitsubishi Corporation; Former Vice Minister of Trade and Industry
Japan

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.
Former Minister Hedi Larbi is currently an Associate Senior Scholar at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA, and professor at Sciences Politiques in Paris, France. His most recent positions were Advisor to the MENA Vice President at the World Bank (2012-2013), and Minister of Economic Infrastructure and Sustainable Development in Tunisia (Jan 2014-Feb 2015) in the last transition government. Mr. Larbi has over 38 years of professional experience in economic and social development as both a policy advisor and policy maker, with more than two decades of high level position in the World Bank Group. Mr. Larbi also has substantial expertise in the areas of public policy, economic and sectoral development strategies, private sector development, infrastructure services, social policies and human capital development, public finance and macroeconomic management, infrastructure (transport, water, energy, and urban services) and environment and social protection.

He has developed, negotiated and supervised major economic and institutional development programs in more than 15 developing countries, and public and private investment operations in various social and economic sectors including major infrastructure projects and economic reforms. Mr. Larbi has an excellent knowledge of the economic, institutional, political and social challenges of the MENA region as well as of many Sub-Saharan countries. His regional experience extends to East and Central European Countries in the context of policy advice to governments and World Bank teams. Mr. Larbi holds an MSc in Civil Engineering from the Ecole des Mines de Paris, and an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School.
Johannes F. Linn is a Distinguished Resident Fellow 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.
Nora Lustig is Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics and Director of the Commitment to Equity Institute (CEQ) at Tulane University. Professor Lustig’s research focuses on economic development, poverty and inequality, and social policies in developing countries. She has published more than seventy articles and fifteen edited volumes and books. Her current research is centered on assessing the impact of taxation and social spending on inequality and poverty in low and middle income countries, and on the determinants of income distribution in Latin America.

Professor Lustig is a founding member and past president of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and was a co-director of the World Bank’s World Development Report 2000/1, Attacking Poverty. She is the editor of the Journal of Economic Inequality Forum and a member of the Inter-American Dialogue, the Center of Global Development’s Advisory Board, ECINEQ’s Executive Council, PEP’s Board of Directors, and the World Economic Forum’s Economic Growth and Social Inclusion Stewardship Board. She is also a Nonresident Fellow at the Center for Global Development and the Inter-American Dialogue. Professor Lustig has served on the Atkinson Commission on Poverty and on the Stiglitz et al. Commission on Measuring Economic Performance and Social Progress.

She received her doctorate in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.
Anara Makatova was deputy CEO of the National Analytical Center (NAC), a think tank based in Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan. Anara Makatova coordinates the work on strategic planning and international cooperation. Starting from September 2015 she was seconded to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) headquarters in Paris, France to coordinate the OECD Country Programme for Kazakhstan. The Country programme includes 19 large-scale projects, as well as adherence of the country to the OECD legal instruments and cooperation with the OECD Committees on various topics.

As a member of the NAC team from early 2008, Anara participated in development of several strategic documents and initiatives of the Government of Kazakhstan, including Strategic Plan 2020. Her project portfolio includes significant number of projects implemented for the public sector in Kazakhstan, such as Functional Reviews of the government agencies in 2010-2011. Anara participated in preparation of the book “Kazakhstan 2050: toward a modern society for all” (2014) based on the research done by Centennial Group in cooperation with Nazarbayev University and the NAC.

Anara Makatova also has experience in vocational education and training field, since in 2011-2013 she worked in Kasipkor Holding in Astana, being responsible for establishing relations with the international partners for VET colleges in Kazakhstan. Anara started her career as a journalist in the newspaper, later working in the independent analytical NGO Public Policy Research Center in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

She holds MA degree in Public Policy/Decentralization from Central European University and BA degree in Political Science from Karaganda State University.
John joined RWC in March 2015 to manage the RWC Emerging Markets Equity strategies. He manages a 15 person investment team located in Miami, Singapore and London. The team manages approximately $3.2 billion in emerging and frontier market strategies for pensions, endowments, sovereign wealth funds and wealthy individuals. Earlier this year the team launched the RWC Global Emerging Equity Fund (RWCEX) which an open-end fund in the USA. Based on eVestment database, John’s strategy ranks as one of the best emerging market strategies since inception in August 2012.

He has 25 years of experience in international investment management. John previously held the position of Senior Managing Director, Director of Investments at Everest Capital. Prior to this he was an investment manager at Baring Asset Management focused on Latin American and US high yield markets. John holds a BS in Management from Norwich University and an MBA from the Boston University Questrom School of Business.

John lives with his wife and four children in Miami, Florida. He’s a member of the Board of Trustees for the Chapman Partnership, an organization empowering the homeless in Miami, and is a member of the investment committee. John is also the Chairman of the Saint Thomas Episcopal Church and School Endowment in Coral Gables, Florida.
Mustapha Nabli currently works as an independent consultant and acts as chairman of the Global Agenda Council on the Arab World at the World Economic Forum, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Global Development Network, member of the Editorial Board of the Middle East Development Journal, member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Development and Economic Policies, and a senior research fellow of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran.

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

Previously, Mr. Nabli served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) for the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran from 1996 to 2006, an advisor and member of the executive committee of the International Economic Association from 1995 to 2002, and a member of the editorial board of the World Bank Economic Review from 2000 to 2004.
Rajat Nag
Distinguished Fellow, Emerging Markets Forum; Former Managing Director-General, Asian Development
India

Rajat M. Nag is concurrently a Distinguished Fellow both at India’s National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi and at the Emerging Markets Forum, a think tank based in Washington DC. He was a Visiting Professor at the Stephen Zuellig Graduate School of Development Management, Asian Institute of Management in Manila (2014-15) and currently is position at the Emerging Markets Institute at the Beijing Normal University, China. In addition, he serves as an Advisor and Board Member of several organizations.

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

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

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

Mr. Nag was awarded Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) by the University of Saskatchewan, Canada in May, 2016.
Cecilia Nahón is Executive Director of the Model G20 Initiative at the School of International Service (SIS) at American University, and teaches undergraduate and graduate-level courses at that University. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Sciences from the Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO), a Master of Science in Development Studies from the London School of Economics (LSE) and a Bachelor in Economics from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA).

Ms. Nahón’s experience extends across the public, academic and private sectors. She served as Ambassador of Argentina to the United States (2013-2015) and as G20 Sherpa of Argentina (2012-2015). Previously, Ms. Nahón served as Secretary of International Economic Relations (2012) and Undersecretary of Investment Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina (2011). She acted as National Coordinator of MERCOSUR and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Argentine export promotion agency (Fundación Exportar). She was also responsible for the Investment Strategy Department of Argentina’s National Agency for Investment Development (2008-2010).

Between 2004 and 2008, Ms. Nahón was a Researcher at the Department of Economy and Technology of FLACSO, where she conducted research on Argentina’s economic development process and the analysis of external debt and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Argentina vis-à-vis Mexico during the 1990s. Previously, she was Administration and Finance Manager of IRSA Telecommunications and Strategic Planning Analyst for IRSA and Alto Palermo.

Ms. Nahón has extensive experience teaching undergraduate and graduate-level courses at American University, the University of Buenos Aires, the National University of Quilmes, and FLACSO and has published numerous academic articles and opinion pieces in Argentina, Europe and the US. In her role as Ambassador as well as throughout her career she had the opportunity to deliver speeches and give presentations in many universities, business and workers’ organizations, think tanks and international institutions, among others. She is a frequent contributor to media outlets in Argentina and the US, including CSN, CNN, CGTN, RT, among others.
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.
Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University specialized in Development Economics, with Post-Graduate Diplomas from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and the University of Paris.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Nofal was distinguished by the French Republic with the Order of the Legion of Honor, by the Federal Republic of Brazil with the Order of Rio Branco with and by the Republic of Chile with Great Order of Merit. She has authored several publications, books and consultancy studies.
Dr. Okonjo-Iweala has twice served as Nigeria's Finance Minister, most recently between 2011 and 2015 – a role that encompassed the expanded portfolio of the Coordinating Minister for the Economy. In 2006 she served as Foreign Affairs Minister. She has also held several key positions at the World Bank, including several years as one of its Managing Directors (October 2007 – July 2011). She is also the chair of African Risk Capacity, a specialized agency of the African Union to help member states prepare for and respond to extreme weather events and natural disasters. She was named by Fortune magazine as one of the 50 greatest world leaders in 2015, and by Forbes for five consecutive years as one of the 100 most powerful women in the world. She is also a recipient of numerous honorary degrees including from Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Brown and Trinity College, Dublin.

She is the author of several books including Reforming the Unreformable: Lessons from Nigeria, published in 2012. Dr. Okonjo-Iweala graduated with an A.B. magna cum laude in Economics from Harvard University, and holds a PhD in Regional Economics and Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Mr. Orynbayev received LL.B from Moscow State University in 1993 and MA in International Development Policy from Duke University in 2002.

From 1996 Mr. Orynbayev held various positions with the Kazakhstani civil service. These positions included, among others, Deputy Akim (Governor) of South Kazakhstan region, Head of division at the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms, Department Director of the Agency for Civil Service, Vice-Minister of Economy and Budget Planning, Head of the Prime Minister’s Office.


From November 2013 till August 2015 - Assistant to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Since February 2017 till present day - Chairman of the Board of the JSC “National Analytical Center”.

Chairman of the Board, National Analytical Center; Former Deputy Prime Minister

Kazakhstan
Djoomart 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.
Anthony Pellegrini is a Director and Member of the Board of Centennial Group and the head of the Group’s Infrastructure and Urban Development Practice. He is an internationally recognized authority on urban development and municipal finance, with extensive work experience in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. In his distinguished career at the World Bank, he held many senior positions, among others Director of Transportation, Water and Sanitation and Urban Development. Mr. Pellegrini was responsible for the oversight of operational programs, development of global sector policy, the development of partnerships with other institutions, the provision of operational project support to regional sector units, the identification of cross-regional best practice, research, knowledge transfer and the development of training programs. He chaired the Transportation, Water and Sanitation and Urban Development Sector Boards of the World Bank, which brought together all regional sector managers in the Bank responsible for operational programs in these sectors. He was Chairman of the International Advisory Board of Paranacidade, a Brazilian development fund that lends to local governments; and co-founder of the International Association of Municipal Development Funds, a non-profit association of municipal lending institutions around the world. Mr. Pellegrini received his doctorate from Stanford University and is currently based in Connecticut.
Britta Rendlen joined WWF Switzerland in March 2015 as Head, Sustainable Finance. Before that, over 7 years, she held various positions in Swiss Re's asset and risk management and headed the global function of Sustainability and Political Risks. 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. Ms. Rendlen holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University and a BA in Performing Arts Management. She is further certified as an international investment analyst (CIIA).
Changyong Rhee
Director, Asia and Pacific Department,
International Monetary Fund (IMF)

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

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

Josh is a member of the Leadership Council of Gifts for the Homeless, and he has been a guest instructor at his undergraduate alma mater.
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.
Rajith Sebastian has 12 years of investment banking and PE experience across mainly Sub-Saharan Africa and China, and has closed over $8bn in transactions in these markets. He graduated from the Wharton School with an MBA, in 2017, during which time he was President of Wharton Africa and developed a middle market focused private credit fund concept, together with a large global bank. Before business school, Rajith was Regional Coverage Executive, East Africa for Nedbank Group, where he was responsible for developing the strategy, originating clients and transactions, and overseeing execution of deals across 5 countries in East Africa.

Prior to Nedbank, Rajith was a Director in Standard Chartered Bank’s Client Coverage team, and helped originate and execute corporate and investment banking transactions across Sub Saharan Africa – deals included cross border M&A and leverage finance deals, assisting Temasek structure its first Africa fund, trade finance deals across the continent (including the most innovative Trade Finance deal for Standard Chartered in 2012), and complex structured and project finance transactions. Rajith joined Standard Chartered from Chinavest (based out of Shanghai), a private equity firm focused on mainland China investments. He spent the early part of his career in Project Financing across Africa with Macquarie Bank, and as a management consultant at the Monitor Group.

In addition to his MBA at Wharton (Finance and Management), Rajith qualified with a Business Science (Finance) degree from the University of Cape Town, and is a CFA Charterholder. He spent the early part of his life in Kenya, and moved to South Africa when he was 8 years old. He is married with two sons, who happily take up the majority of his quality time.
Anoop Singh was Managing Director and Head of Regulatory Affairs, Asia Pacific, for JP Morgan during 2014-2015. Before that, at the International Monetary Fund, he was Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (2008-13) and Director of the Western Hemisphere Department (2002-08). His other appointments at the IMF have included: Director, Special Operations in the Office of the Managing Director; Senior Advisor, Policy Development and Review Department; and Assistant Director, European Department.

Mr. Singh, an Indian national, holds degrees from the universities of Bombay, Cambridge, and the London School of Economics. His additional work experience includes: Special Advisor to the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; and Senior Economic Advisor to the Vice President, Asia Region, the World Bank.

Mr. Singh has worked and written on macroeconomic, surveillance, and crisis management issues, helping design IMF-supported programs in emerging market, transition, and developing countries in South and South-East Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. He led missions to Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia during the Asian crisis, to Vietnam, Bulgaria, and Albania during their early transition experiences, and to a number of other countries in Asia and in the Americas, including the Philippines, India, Australia, China, Japan, and Argentina.

M.K. Sinha is an investment professional with over 26 years of experience. He is currently the Managing Partner & CEO, IDFC Alternatives Limited, one of the largest multi-asset class fund managers in India with ~USD 3.6 billion under management. Earlier, MK was the President & CEO of IDFC Project Equity (2007 - 2012), and was responsible for setting up and managing the Infrastructure asset class.

MK joined IDFC Limited in 2005 as an Executive Director and was responsible for Project Finance & Business Development.

Prior to joining IDFC, MK worked with the General Electric Company in the Structured Finance Group for over 10 years in various locations – Stamford (USA), London, Hong Kong and Singapore. Before that, MK worked with Bank of America and SBI Capital Markets in the Corporate Finance and Investment Banking areas respectively.

MK holds a Masters in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and a B.Tech (Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
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Ophain-Bois-Seigneur-Isaac (B) - March 11th, 1945

Academic background
1964 - B.A. in Philosophy, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium 
1967 - Doctorate in Law, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium 
1974 - Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University, USA

Previous positions
July 2002 - June 2005: Director, Working Table II (Economic Reconstruction, Development and Co-operation), Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Brussels 
1994 - 2002: Member of the Board of Directors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London, representing Belgium, Luxembourg and Slovenia 
1991-1994: Executive Director of the World Bank and Affiliates, for Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey 
1988-1991: Chief of Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Finance 
1979-1980: Assistant Manager, Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise, Luxembourg 
Anil Sood is a Principal and Chief Operating Officer of Centennial Group International. Prior to joining the Centennial Group, he held many senior positions at the World Bank, including Vice President responsible for Strategy, Change and Resource Management. His expertise is on a wide range of development issues, strategy and institutional effectiveness. He has advised chief executives and senior management of a large number of multilateral and UN development organizations.

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Axel van Trotsenburg assumed the role of Vice President of Development Finance (DFi) on March 1, 2016. In this role, he oversees the strategic mobilization of resources, helping to align the needs of clients, donors and World Bank Group institutional priorities through a variety of funding instruments.

Mr. van Trotsenburg is responsible for the replenishment and stewardship of the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank’s fund for the poorest, as well as for trust fund and partnership operations, including the trusteeship of financial intermediary funds. He oversees the department responsible for monitoring IBRD’s financial sustainability and ensuring the effective utilization and prudent management of financial resources. He also oversees the World Bank Group’s Secretariat on Financing for Development (FfD), which is working, in partnership with the UN and other multilateral development banks, to identify ways to scale up the resources needed to finance the 2030 Agenda.

Prior to his role as Vice President of DFi, Mr. van Trotsenburg served as Vice President for East Asia and Pacific Region from 2013-2016. There he oversaw a portfolio of over $30 billion in loans, grants, credits and trust funds, coordinating and supervising the activities of more than 1,000 staff.

Before this, Mr. van Trotsenburg served as the World Bank’s Vice-President for DFi’s precursor, the Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships vice presidency, from 2009-2013. During his tenure, he led the IDA policy negotiations and replenishment process, including the record 16th replenishment of $49.3 billion in December 2010. He also co-chaired the replenishment process for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and managed the largest replenishment increase ever, under GEF 5, with pledges of $4.25 billion. He had policy oversight of the World Bank’s trust fund portfolio, and oversaw a wide range of global initiatives and innovative financing including: the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), the International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm), and the pilot Advance Market Commitment (AMC) for pneumococcal vaccines.

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