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**Theodore Ahlers**  
**Director, Africa and the Middle East,**  
**Centennial Group**  
*United States*



Theodore Ahlers is a Senior Advisor of the Emerging Markets Forum. He is an economist with extensive experience in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. He advises numerous countries and institutions on strategic economic issues and edited *Africa Reset: A New Way Forward* (Oxford 2017) and contributed to *Central Asia 2050: Unleashing the Region's Potential* (Sage 2016). Over the previous 25 years, he held economist and senior management positions at the World Bank, including Strategy and Operations Director for Europe & Central Asia (2007-12), Maghreb Department Director (2002-07), Strategy and Operations Director for Africa (2000-02), Country Director for Benin, Niger, and Togo (1996-2000), and Lead Economist in West and Central Africa (1994-96). He holds a PhD in Development Economics from Tufts University, Fletcher School.



**Montek Ahluwalia**  
**Co-Chair, Emerging Markets Forum;**  
**Former Deputy Chairman, the Planning**  
**Commission of India**  
*India*



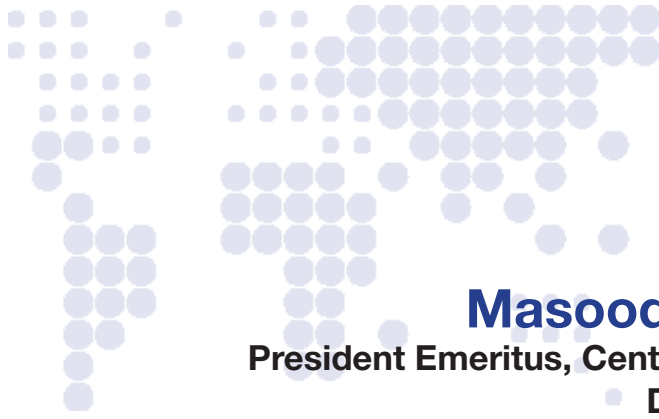
Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia was until recently the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission for India. He has been a key figure in India's economic reforms from the mid 1980s onwards.

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.



**Masood Ahmed**  
**President Emeritus, Center for Global  
Development**  
*United States*



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.



**Alex Aleksishvili**  
**Chairman, Policy and Management  
Consulting Group (PMCG); Former  
Minister of Finance  
Georgia**



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.



**Sihame Arbib**  
**Managing Director and Partner,**  
**Victory Capital & Advisory**  
*France*



Sihame ARBIB studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris where she specialised in international relations. She then joined the French Ministry of Defence as a Chargé de Mission to the Minister of Defence in the Department of Information and Communication Defence (DICOD). Wishing to pass on her know-how to her country of origin, Morocco, she joined in Rabat the Cabinet of the Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs in charge of Moroccans living abroad.

Associated with an experienced lobbyist, she created Apim Consulting, a public relations and strategic consulting firm for European institutions, focusing on the countries of the Middle East NorthAfrica MENA zone. As a MENA expert for the European Commission, she became a political consultant to the WHO and Philippe DOUSTE-BLAZY, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations.

Her expertise in strategic communication and her international network enabled her to join the "Club of Rome"; a prestigious club in which permanent members of the European Council, Heads of State and major business leaders sit.

In 2012, Sihame ARBIB joined forces with a French consulting firm by developing the institutional consulting department and subsequently founded Victory Capital.



**Adrian Armas**  
**Chief Economist, Central Bank of Peru**  
*Peru*



Adrian Armas has been Chief Economist of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru (BCRP) since 2005, except 2017-2018, when he was the Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay at the IMF Board. He has spent most of his career (since 1986) at the BCRP, where he was previously Head of the Monetary Policy Division (1997-2005) and Chief of the Financial Programming Section (1995-1997). He contributed to the design and implementation of Peru's inflation targeting scheme and has written articles on this subject and others on central banking for the IMF, BIS, the LACEA Journal, and several central banks. He participated in IMF technical assistance missions as MCM Advisor in 2007-2017 and India in 2022. He has taught Econometrics, International Economics, Macroeconomics, Monetary Theory and Political Economy at several Peruvian universities. He holds an M.A. degree in Political Economy from Boston University (1992).





**Mahmood Ayub**  
**Former Senior Advisor,**  
**World Bank Group**  
*Pakistan*



Having worked with the World Bank for 30 years, and with over 35 years of experience in Economics, Development and Operations, Dr. Mahmood Ayub has been a senior manager with both the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program at the Director level. He has extensive experience on countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and Central Asia. He also has field experience as Representative of the World Bank and UNDP in Egypt, Turkey and Bolivia. Dr. Ayub is currently a Senior Associate with the Centennial International Group. He also teaches Economics at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Pakistan. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University. He has published widely on economic development issues, macroeconomic policy, poverty and inequality, and capacity development issues.



**Mohamed Beavogui**  
**Former Prime Minister of Guinea; Former  
United Nations Assistant Secretary General  
and Director General, African Risk Capacity  
Guinea**



Mr Mohamed Béavogui, an expert in Agricultural Finance, was elected as the first African General Manager of the African Risk Capacity in January 2015 during the 3rd annual Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In September 2015, he took over from interim Director-General, Dr. Richard Wilcox.

Mr Béavogui has over 25 years of international experience in development, and previous to his appointment with ARC was the Director of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization and Senior Advisor to the President of the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

He joined IFAD in 2001 as Director of Programs for West and Central Africa and was responsible for delivering the lending and grant program, and managing a large portfolio of projects.

Prior to joining IFAD, he worked for 7 years with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in New York as a Senior Project Management Officer and subsequently as Regional Director for West and Central Africa. Earlier, he worked at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Burundi as Chief Technical Adviser and in Rome. Before this, Mr Béavogui worked in the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacturing (ARCEDEM) in Nigeria, and for the Government of Guinea.

He is a member of several panels working on regional and global issues related to food security and rural development, and the recipient of several honours and awards.

Mr Béavogui holds a Master's degree in Engineering from Saint Petersburg Polytechnic, a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from G.A Nasser University, and undertook Executive Management Training at Harvard Kennedy School.



**Baur Bektemirov**  
**Founding Partner & CEO, Markets Mentor**  
*Kazakhstan*



Baur Bektemirov is a seasoned executive and founding partner of Markets Mentor, a boutique strategic consulting and public affairs firm based in Astana, Kazakhstan, as well as the VP of Freedom Horizons, an internal think-tank of Freedom Holding Corp (FRHC).

Over the past decade, he has held leadership roles in prominent institutions, including the Chief Economist at the Astana International Financial Center, where he led the center's development strategy and economic research agenda and advised the governor on key economic matters.

Previously, Baur held management positions at the Research Department of the National Bank of Kazakhstan and the state Economic Research Institute. His expertise lies in development strategy, macroeconomic analysis, economic modeling, public policy, and international development. He played a key role in transitioning the National Bank of Kazakhstan to a new monetary policy regime and designing a long-term development strategy for Kazakhstan's sovereign wealth fund. His academic interests focus on the political economy of privatization and contract theory.

Baur Bektemirov holds an A.B. in Mathematics from Harvard College and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy. He has earned numerous awards, including Kazakhstan's "Qurmet" State Order of Honor and Italy's Knight of the Order of the Star.



**Erik Bethel Gonzalez**  
**General Partner, Mare Liberum Fund;**  
**Former U.S. Alternate Executive**  
**Director, World Bank Group**  
*United States*



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

Mr. Bethel earned a B.S. in Economics and Political Science from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.



**Amar Bhattacharya**  
**Senior Fellow, Center for Sustainable  
Development, Global Economy and  
Development Program,  
Brookings Institution**  
*United States*



Amar is a senior fellow in the Center for Sustainable Development, housed in the Global Economy and Development program at Brookings Institution. From April 2007 until September 2014 he was Director of the Group of 24, an intergovernmental group of developing country Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

Prior to taking up his position with the G24, Amar had a long-standing career in the World Bank. His last position was as Senior Advisor and Head of the International Policy and Partnership Group. In this capacity, he was the focal point for the Bank's engagement with key international groupings and institutions such as the G7/G8, G20, IMF, OECD and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Amar completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Delhi and Brandeis University and his graduate education at Princeton University.



**Manu Bhaskaran**  
**Chief Executive Centennial Asia Advisors Pte**  
**Ltd.**  
*Singapore*



Manu Bhaskaran is a partner of the Centennial Group, a strategic advisory firm headquartered in Washington, DC. As Founding CEO of its Singapore subsidiary Centennial Asia Advisors, he coordinates the Asian business of the Group, which provides independent economic research on Asian political and macroeconomic trends for investment institutions, government agencies, multilateral institutions and companies with interests in Asia, leveraging off 40 years of studying Asia. Bhaskaran is also Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies in Singapore where his main interests are in analyzing macroeconomic policy frameworks in Singapore.

Prior to Centennial, Bhaskaran held senior positions at Société Générale's Asian investment banking division where he supervised Asian economic and investment strategy analysis and was a member of the Executive Committee, in charge of Asian equity research. In 12 years with the firm, Bhaskaran helped to establish its business presence in Southeast Asia and in South Asia, while also helping to develop the firm's highly-rated equity and economic research. Prior to that, Bhaskaran worked for the Singapore government, supervising a team that prepared strategic political and economic assessments of Asia for senior Singapore government officials.

In terms of public service, Bhaskaran has served as Chairman of a high-level government committee reviewing the regulation of moneylenders in Singapore in 2014–2015. He also served as a Member of the Competition Appeals Board, Singapore for several years until August 2023. In addition, he is a member of the Regional Advisory Board for Asia of the International Monetary Fund; Council Member of both the Economic Society of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA); and an advisor to the Asia Foundation.

Bhaskaran also serves on the boards of several companies whose businesses span the ASEAN region including CIMB Investment Bank (a subsidiary of CIMB Bank, Malaysia's second-largest bank and which operates across ASEAN), Japfa Ltd and NIKS Professional (both listed in Singapore) as well as Luminor Capital.

Bhaskaran was educated at Magdalene College, Cambridge University where he earned an MA (Cantab) and at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where he obtained a Masters in Public Administration. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.



**Amadou Biga**  
**President, Alliance for Human Rights and  
Democracy - AFDP**  
*Mali*



Mr. Amadou BiGa was born on October 13, 1994, in Bourem. Businessman, politician, president of the alliance for human rights and democracy in Mali.

QUALIFICATION PROFILE:

- International relations & political science; good governance: consultant, expert in geostrategies and geopolitics, conflict management and good governance, human rights and humanitarian law, specialist in the Sahel and China.
- Project Management: mastery of monitoring and evaluation of the project cycle. Good reporting, supervision and planning skills.
- Leadership and communication: Has great capacity in high-level negotiation and the organization of conferences involving representatives of States or Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations. Able to coordinate missions and activities involving several people and organizations.
  
- MASTER 2 IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, (2018), University of Political Science of Bamako.
- MASTER 2 RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, OPTION: Global governance (2016)
- BACCALAUREATE- LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE (2009) Bourem Gao.
- Certificate in political science and international relations, South Africa, February 2018
- certificate in conflict management, security and good governance, Egypt July 2017
- \_ Certification in global governance of human rights and comprehensive democracy in China. March 2017 China

United Nations multidimensional integrated mission for stability in Mali. Project manager in charge of organizing workshops on security sector reform, disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and violent extremism.

Pan African Institute of Strategies

Head of political department, in charge of policy and institutional reforms.

National Merit

- Knight of National Merit;
- Coordinated the development of the terms of reference for Mali's inclusive dialogue;
- developed the terms of reference for the round table;
- coordinated fundraising missions for basic social services;
- ensured the organization of an international seminar with the government of Mali and the Chinese authorities;
- represented Mali at the South South Forum in Beijing, China.
- organized a reflection workshop with the national DRR commission
- worked closely with the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Territorial Administration, Security, and Refoundation.
- coordinated with the ICRC a workshop on international humanitarian law.
- Intern in charge of governance, peace and security issues at the presidency of Mali 2016;
- Contributed to knowledge of the phenomenon of insecurity in West Africa, particularly the Sahelo-Saharan zone;
- participated in the national meetings of the Refoundation;
- participated in the preparation of numerous workshops, forums and seminars for West African civil society actors.
- worked with the ADB, Ecobank, a world bank on structuring projects.

## Jennifer Blanke

**Vice Chair, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture; Former Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development of the African Development Bank Group (AFDB)**  
*Switzerland*



Jennifer Blanke is an expert on economic development and development finance who holds advisory and non-executive board roles in not-for-profit and development-focused entities. She is former Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development of the African Development Bank Group, based in Cote d'Ivoire, where she was responsible for overseeing the Bank's strategy, lending and programming for a significant share of the Bank's activities including agriculture and agroindustry; water management and sanitation; and education and healthcare, as well as the cross-cutting themes of job creation and gender empowerment. Prior to that she was Chief Economist at the World Economic Forum, in Geneva, overseeing economic research activities and analysis and represented the World Economic Forum externally on key global economic issues, and with a particular focus on economic development and inclusive growth. Before joining the World Economic Forum, she worked as a management consultant in the banking and financial sector for Eurogroup Consulting in Paris. Blanke was until 2019 a member of the Canadian Government's Advisory Council on Economic Growth. She holds a BA in International Relations from Hamilton College; a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University; and a PhD in International Economics from the Geneva Graduate Institute.





**María Fernanda Bozmoski**  
**Deputy Director, Adrienne Arsht Latin America**  
**Center, Atlantic Council**  
*United States*



María Fernanda Bozmoski is deputy director, operations and finance at the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, where she leads the center's work on Mexico and Central America and supports the director with the center's operations. During her time at the Atlantic Council, she has co-led the center's Northern Triangle Task Force, helped shape the center's trade work, and scheduled events in Asia for US policymakers.

Before joining the Atlantic Council, Bozmoski worked at the Cato Institute and the Council of the Americas. She also completed an externship at the Inter-American Dialogue. Bozmoski is fluent in Spanish, English, French, and Italian, and is able to do media in those languages. She is a frequent commentator in several US and regional outlets including Voice of America, El Financiero-Bloomberg, and Univision, among others.

Originally from Costa Rica, Bozmoski earned a BA in European studies from the Sorbonne University in France as well as a MA in Latin American studies and political economy from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a MA in international law and human rights from the United Nations University for Peace.

**María Eugenia Brizuela de Avila**  
**Director, Inversiones Vision; Former President,**  
**Banco Salvadoreño; Former Minister of Foreign**  
**Affairs**  
*El Salvador*

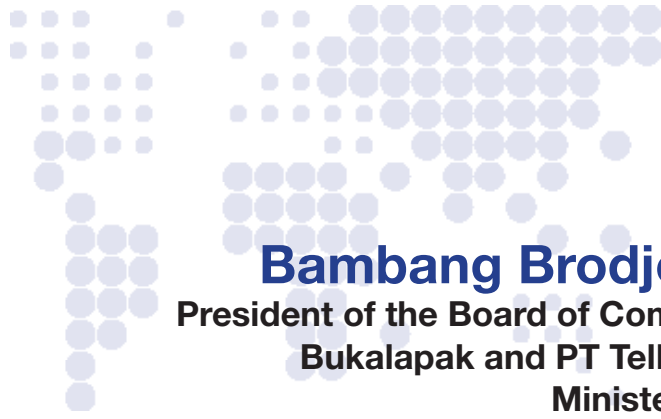


Mayu is a courageous woman breaking down barriers with strong work ethics and spirit of service. Born in El Salvador within a macho culture, life taught her to stay true to her values, bringing her to be the first woman to hold positions in private and public sectors considered as “impossible”.

Mayu began by becoming one of few female law students, paying her studies at Universidad Nacional in El Salvador amidst a civil war, graduating from Universidad Dr. Jose Matias Delgado. She holds additional academic studies in French Civilization (Sorbonne, Paris), Insurance (Zurich), MBA (INCAE), and Sustainable Business (University of Cambridge). She is now also a Certified Executive Coach.

Mayu started with family businesses. Later in 1997 founded Internacional de Seguros becoming first woman President of an insurance company. In 1999 she became first woman Minister of Foreign Affairs of her country serving for 5 years. In 2004 she became first woman President of a private bank. In 2007 after being one of few female CEO’s globally in HSBC, she pioneered Corporate Sustainability in Latin America. She is now involved as Independent Director on Bank and Insurance Companies Boards in El Salvador and Honduras, the Stock Exchange El Salvador, as well as nonprofits globally and locally as Junior Achievement, GWL, Aspen Ministers Forum, Vital Voices and Non Resident Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center.

Married 42 years with three children and three grandchildren.



**Bambang Brodjonegoro**  
**President of the Board of Commissioners,**  
**Bukalapak and PT Telkom; Former**  
**Minister of Finance**  
**Indonesia**



Prof. Bambang P.S Brodjonegoro was born and raised in Jakarta, October 3, 1966. He started his career as an academic, by being lecturer, researcher, and later faculty dean at the University of Indonesia. In many opportunities, he has been appointed Minister in several positions. He is currently holding several strategic positions as Advisor / Commissioner in various companies.

**Selected Achievements**

2021 - Doctor (HC) from Bandung Technology Institute

2020 - Star of Mahaputera Adipradana from President Joko Widodo

2020 - Madhuri and Jagdish N. Sheth International Alumni Award for Exceptional Achievement from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019 - Star of Bhayangkara Utama from Indonesian National Police

2014 - Star of Mahaputra Utama from President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

2002 - Eisenhower Fellowship Southeast Asia

**Education Background**

1993 – 1997 PhD in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

1991 – 1993 Master of Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

1985 – 1990 Bachelor of Economics, University of Indonesia

**International Role**

- Governor of World Bank (2014-2016)
- Governor & Member of Advisory Council of Asian Development Bank (2014-2016)
- Governor of Islamic Development Bank (2014-2016)
- Director General IRTI International Development Bank (2009-2010)
- Governor of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (2013-2015)
- Chairman of IDB Board of Governors (2016)
- Chairman of Development Committee World Bank (2015-2016)

**Ministerial Role**

- Minister of Research and Technology /Head of Research and Innovation Agency | 2019-2021

Leading development of National Vaccine

Designing the groundwork of National Research and Innovation Agency

- Minister of National Development Planning / National Development Planning Agency | 2016-2019

Designing the Implementation of SDG

Formulating development plan for new capital city of Indonesia

- Minister of Finance | 2014-2016

Initiating World's Most Successful Tax Amnesty

Implementing the Fiscal Decentralization

**Advisory Role**

- Asian Development Bank | 2014-2016; 2021-Present: Member of Advisory Council

ADB Livable Cities Advisory Group

- Monash University Indonesia| 2021-Present: Board of Advisor, Master of Urban Design

- National University of Singapore| Board of Advisor, Green Finance Institute

**Jean-Claude Kassi Brou**  
**Governor, Central Bank of Western African States (BCEAO); Former Minister of Industry and Mining of Cote d'Ivoire; Former President of the Commission, Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS)**  
*Cote d'Ivoire*



On 4 July 2022, Mr Brou took office as Governor of the Central Bank of Western African States (BCEAO). From March 2018 to June 2022, he was President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Prior to his appointment as President of the ECOWAS Commission, Mr. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou was, in turn, Minister of Industry and Mines in Côte d'Ivoire since November 2012 (the Mines portfolio awarded to him in July 2013), Resident Representative of the World Bank for Chad between 2010 and 2012.

In this career at the national level, Mr. Brou occupied between 1990 and 1995 the position of economic and financial adviser to the Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire before being appointed in 1996, Director of Cabinet to the Prime Minister, a position that he will remain until 2000. Alongside this function, he was President of the National Privatization Commission and led, in this capacity, an ambitious program of reforms which enabled the privatization of seventy (70) public companies operating in various economic sectors.

In addition, between 2000 and 2008, Mr. Brou held senior positions at the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO). He successively held (between 2000 and 2003) the position of Director of International Relations, in particular in charge of economic integration policies in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Director of Studies until 2005 then Director of the Economic and Monetary Department between 2006 and 2007 before being appointed in 2007 Principal Advisor and General Comptroller of the Institution.

Mr. Brou began his professional career in 1982 at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as an economist, then as a principal economist before occupying the post of Resident Representative of the IMF in Senegal between 1990 and 1991.



**Isabel Cane**  
**Director, Cane Advisory**  
*France*



As Founder and Director of Cane Advisory, Isabel drives strategic insights and impactful programs across local, national, and international levels, including significant contributions to G7, G20, and ASEAN initiatives.

Isabel is a member of the Critical Minerals Commission at the Krach Institute for Diplomacy, University of Purdue, advising on policies that ensure ethical supply chains crucial for global economic security. She is also a regular contributor to the G20/B20 Compliance and Integrity task force and the Think20 Taskforce on Energy and Infrastructure.

Isabel has led several impactful initiatives in key international organisations. At the OECD, Isabel spearheaded the Blue Dot Network, enhancing G7 infrastructure investments, and launched the 'Galvanising the Private Sector to Combat Corruption (GPS) initiative, a U.S. presidential effort to counter corruption.

Previously, at the World Economic Forum's Partnering Against Corruption Initiative, she managed and expanded a community of over 100 global CEOs, oversaw strategic anti-corruption initiatives in rapidly reforming countries, and curated high-level discussions at the Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters.

Dr. Cane holds a Ph.D. in Sustainability and Anthropology from the University of Queensland and a Bachelor of International Studies (Hons) from the University of Adelaide. As an Industry Fellow, for the UQ Sustainable Minerals Institute, where she has critically shaped gender strategies in development projects for the Australian Government and the World Bank.



**Fernando Jorge Cardoso**  
**Executive Director, Club of Lisbon**  
*Portugal*



**PARTICIPANTS**

Fernando Jorge Cardoso is Co-founder and Executive director of the Club of Lisbon. An invited Full Professor and deputy director of the Observatory of External Relations(Observare) at the Autonomous University of Lisbon, he has a degree in Economics (1976) from the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, a PhD in Economics (1991) with Habilitations (2006) from the Higher Institute of Economics and Management at the University of Lisbon. He has more than a hundred publications on development, geo-economics and security with a focus on Africa. In Mozambique, he was Dean of the Eduardo Mondlane's School of Economics (1978-1983), advisor to the Minister of Planning (1977-1983) and General Manager of the Maragra sugar company (1983-1985). In Portugal, he worked in research, training and management at various universities (1991-2021), was Head of Africa Studies at the Institute for Strategic and International Studies (1991-2012) and Head of Development and Strategic Studies at the Institute Marquês de Valle Flôr, the largest Portuguese NGO (2012-2021). As a consultant, he has prepared and evaluated cooperation programmes in Mozambique, Angola, Cape Verde and the PALOP (Lusophone) group. He is a regular contributor to the National Defence Institute and the Institute of Military Studies.



**Eric Carroll**  
**Project Manager, Homes Not Borders**  
*United States*



Eric Carroll currently assists several organizations helping refugees to resettle in the Washington DC area – Homes Not Borders, Resettling Afghan Families Together and Arlington Neighbors Welcoming Afghans. Eric has had 30 years of US Federal service, the last nineteen of which were as Chief, Compensation Management Division for the Overseas Employment Office within the Human Resource Bureau of Department of State. In this capacity he had to take into account cost of living trends, currency fluctuations/exchange rates and labor laws as they affected pay and benefits and that differed across 170+ countries worldwide. Subsequently Eric served as a Project Manager for the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County and as a consultant to UN Development Programs and various island governments, including the Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan and Palau on behalf of the Pacific Island Training Initiative, Graduate School, US Dept of Agriculture.



**Lourdes Casanova**  
**Senior Lecturer and Academic  
Director, Emerging Markets Institute,  
Cornell S.C. Johnson College of  
Business  
Spain**



Since 2012, she is Director, Emerging Markets Institute and Senior Lecturer at Cornell S.C. Johnson College of Business, Cornell University . Formerly at INSEAD for 23 years. Named one of 50 most influential Iberoamerican intellectuals, one of 30 most influential Iberoamerican women intellectuals by Esglobal. 2024 honorary professor Amity University Dubai. Fulbright Scholar, Masters University of Southern California, PhD University of Barcelona.

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**Jorge Castañeda**  
**Global Distinguished Professor of Politics  
and Latin American Studies, New York  
University; Former Minister of Foreign  
Affairs of Mexico**  
*Mexico*



Jorge Castañeda was Foreign Minister of Mexico from 2000 to 2003. He is a renowned public intellectual, political scientist, and prolific writer, with an interest in Mexican and Latin American politics, comparative politics and US-Mexican and U.S.-Latin American relations.

Born in Mexico City in 1953, Dr. Castañeda received a B. A. from Princeton University and a B. A. from Université de Paris-I (Pantheon-Sorbonne), an M. A. from the École Pratique de Hautes Etudes, and his Ph. D. in Economic History from the University of Paris-I.

He taught at Mexico's National Autonomous University (UNAM) from 1978 through 2004, at Princeton University, and the University of California, Berkeley; since 1997 at NYU, and at Sciences Po in Paris since 2022. Jorge Castañeda was a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1985-87) and was a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research and Writing Grant Recipient (1989-1991).

Among his more than 15 books published in the United States and elsewhere are: *Limits to Friendship: The United States and Mexico* (with Robert Pastor), *Utopia Unarmed: The Latin American Left after the Cold War* (Knopf, 1993), *The Mexican Shock* (New Press, 1995), *Compañero: The Life and Death of Che Guevara* (Knopf, 1997), and *Perpetuating Power: How Mexican Presidents Were Chosen* (New Press, 2000); *Ex-Mex: From Migrants to Immigrants* (The New Press, 2007); *Mañana Forever? Mexico and the Mexicans* (Vintage, Random House, 2012); *America Through Foreign Eyes* (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Jorge Castañeda was appointed Global Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Latin American Studies at New York University. He was a member of the Board of Human Rights Watch from 2003 to 2019. In April 2008, Castañeda was elected Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and International Member of the American Philosophical Society.



**Marco Cavaliere**  
**Deputy Director, Multilateral Cooperation,**  
**Swiss National Bank**  
*Switzerland*



Marco Cavaliere was Head of the Bilateral Cooperation unit of 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 the 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 DC, Senior Economist at the Swiss State Secretariat for International Financial Matters, Deputy Head of the Aggregate Risks and Scenario Analysis unit 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 Centre Gerzensee (a foundation of the SNB). Mr. Cavaliere holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Bern.



## **Suma Chakrabarti**

**Co-Chair, Emerging Markets Forum; Chair of the Board of Trustees, ODI Global; Former President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**  
*United Kingdom*



Sir Suma Chakrabarti, born in 1959 in West Bengal, India, is the sixth President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The EBRD's Board of Governors re-elected Sir Suma as President of the Bank for a second four-year term in 2016. He began his first term in 2012, having replaced Thomas Mirow. Sir Suma has extensive experience in international development economics and policy-making, as well as in designing and implementing wider public service reform. Before arriving at the EBRD, he held the position of Permanent Secretary at the British Ministry of Justice and was its most senior civil servant. Prior to this, from 2002, he headed the UK's Department for International Development (formerly the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) where he worked closely with economies undergoing substantial reform in eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East and North Africa. Sir Suma is notable for playing a key role developing the UK's successful Know-How Fund for Central and Eastern Europe and worked with the European Commission in improving its programmes in the Middle East and North Africa. Sir Suma also worked in the late 1990s in the UK Treasury, where he was responsible for UK public expenditure, and in the early 2000s in the Cabinet Office, where he led on cross-departmental strategic issues and subsequently the management of the Cabinet agenda. After studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the University of Oxford, Sir Suma took a Masters in Development Economics at the University of Sussex. He also holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Sussex and East Anglia and the Bucharest University of Economic Sciences.



**Simon Commander**  
Managing Partner, Altura Partner  
*United Kingdom*



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Current positions

Altura Partners, London, Managing Partner, (2007- )

- Bespoke, independent & evidence-based advisory services to top level policy/decision makers in emerging & advanced economies
- Working with governments, companies, financial entities & international financial institutions

Independent Economics, London, Senior Adviser, (2022- )

- Member of Management Team & Sustainability Practice
- Advising governments, companies, financial institutions, central banks & NGOs on policy-led market solutions for attaining carbon-free and ESG goals

IE Business School, Madrid, Professor of Economics, (2009-2020) & (2020- ), Visiting Professor

- International MBA course on “Emerging Markets & the International Economy”

Other current activities & affiliations

- Contributor to press – broadcast, electronic & print – on wide range of emerging market issues
- Panel member at several financial institutions looking at economic, policy & political risks in the international economy & specific emerging markets
- Expert witness in cases relating to country risk, employment events & personal injury
- Member of main economics professional associations & networks as well as refereeing for leading journals & publishers
- Other affiliations include:
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  - o Research Fellow, IZA, University of Bonn, Germany



## **Ignacio Corlazzoli Hughes**

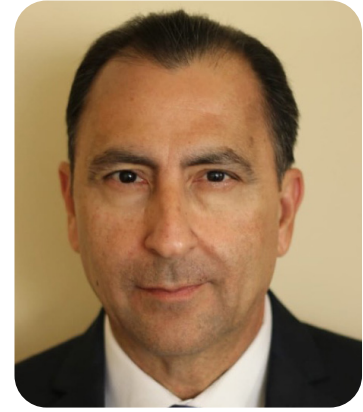
**Manager, Resource Mobilization and Global Partnerships, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*International Organization*



Ignacio Corlazzoli Hughes has had a successful professional career at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). He has served as Country Coordinator for Belize and Haiti; State Modernization Operations Specialist, Counselor for Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia at the Board of Directors; Advisor to the Office of the President; Representative of the IADB Group in Europe and Israel and, lastly in Colombia.

In March 2022, Ignacio was appointed Manager at CAF, Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, leading the European Office and is currently responsible for Resource Mobilization and Global Alliances.

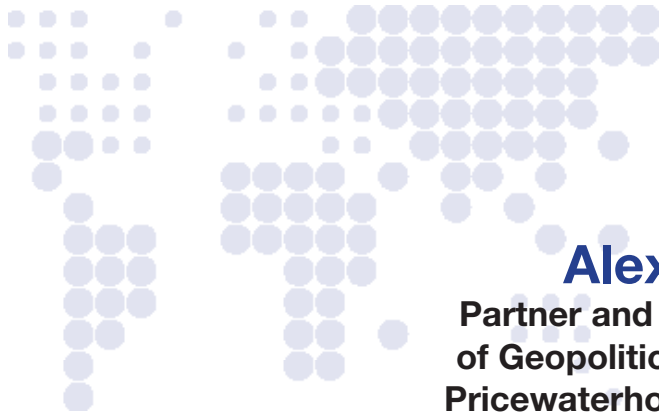
**Oscar Alberto Cortes Reyna**  
**Vice President, International Affairs, FEMCIC-**  
**Mexican Federation of Civil Engineers'**  
**College**  
**Mexico**



Highly Experience International (+35 years) Senior Consultant Charter Civil Engineer, Program-Project Manager/Construction-Engineer, and Public Private Partnerships (PPP) certified expert with history of effective leadership and stewardship of major civil public works for Infrastructure development from screening, economic feasibility, planning, design, and construction. Participated in Development of Sustainable Public Private Partnerships (PPP) of capital projects for Road, Transportation, Water Works /Desalination, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and social projects (Hospitals and Schools) in Mexico, Latin America, and USA.

PPP Contract Manager for consultants and contractors for Greenfield and Brownfield projects, Certified Dispute Resolution Advisor (DRA), Sustainable Infrastructure Certified Envision Verifier at the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI).

VP for International Relations and PPP Chairman at Federación Mexicana de Colegios de Ingenieros Civiles (FEMCIC ), Country representative (Mexico) at the North America Leadership Board Committee at World Association of Public Private Partnerships (WAPPP), Country representative (Mexico) for the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI), Country representative (Mexico) at the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF), International Committee member at American Public Works Association (APWA), Infrastructure Chairman at the Tijuana Economic Development Agency (CDT), Senior Advisor at Institute for Sustainable Resilient Center (ISRC), Senior Advisor for Infrastructure at the United Kingdom Embassy in Mexico, Senior Advisor at Mexico Infrastructure Unit at Secretaria de Hacienda y Crédito Publico (SHCP), Senior Consultant at the North America Development Bank (NadBank), former President at Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG), member and former Chair at the San Diego Engineering Council (SDEC) participation in many international engineering organizations such as American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Public Works Association (APWA), Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), Project Management Institute (PMI), International Federation of Consultant Engineers (FIDIC), American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) among other professional organizations worldwide.



**Alexis Crow**  
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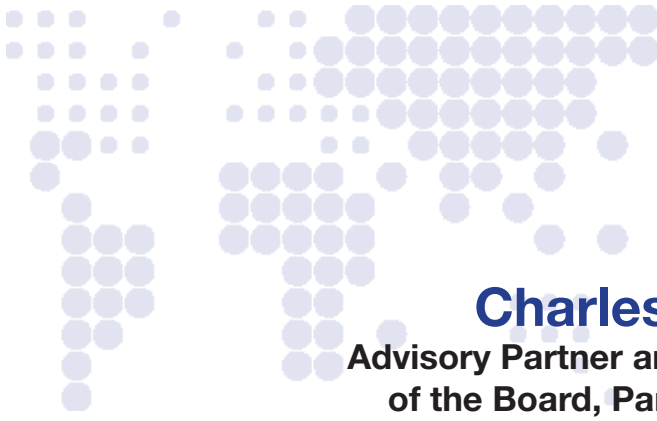


Dr Alexis Crow is Partner and Global Head of PwC's Geopolitical Investing practice. A global economist who focuses on geopolitics and long-term investing, she works with the world's leading companies and private investors to understand and navigate key macroeconomic dynamics impacting their business, strategy, and capital allocation decisions. In her remit, she covers Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and North America. Dr Crow is a public speaker and frequent contributor to leading global financial publications and media outlets, including the Financial Times, the New York Times, Bloomberg, BBC, BBC Arabic, France 24, CNN, and the Washington Post. Her research is focused on topics including financial stability, the future of trade and globalisation, global energy markets, and investing in real assets, technology, and the future of the consumer.

Prior to joining PwC, she taught at the London School of Economics; led a major policy research project at London UK-based think-tank Chatham House; and served as Managing Director at New York-based G2 Investment Group, where she was responsible for developing investment strategies for the firm and for providing counsel on geopolitical issues.

In addition to her role in PwC, Dr Crow is a Senior Fellow at Columbia Business School, and also with Observer Research Foundation in India, She serves as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Futures Council on Geopolitics, and is a Young Global Leader in the World Economic Forum.

She holds an MA Hons First Class from the University of St Andrews, Scotland, and an MSc and a PhD from the London School of Economics, and is fluent in English, French, and Spanish.



**Charles Dallara**  
**Advisory Partner and Chairman**  
**of the Board, Partners Group**  
*United States*



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Charles H. Dallara is an Advisory Partner and Chairman of the Board of Partners Group USA, based in New York. He has 44 years of industry experience. Prior to joining Partners Group, he was the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of International Finance. Previously, he was a Managing Director at J.P. Morgan & Co. In addition, he held the following positions in the George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan administrations: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Policy Development and Senior Advisor for Policy to the Secretary of the Treasury, United States Executive Director of the IMF, and, concurrently, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Economic Policy and US Alternate Executive Director at the IMF. He holds a Master of Arts, a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy and a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA, and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of South Carolina, USA.





**Peixin Dallara**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Polaris**  
**Investments LLC**  
*United States*



Founder and CEO of Polaris Investments LLC, an independent private equity advisory business, providing advice and expertise to asset managers worldwide. In 2019, formed a business partnership with Panthera Solutions of Monaco to market behavioral finance consulting services to the asset management businesses globally.

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 (the NWHM), a board member of the NWHM, and the co-founder and a board member of Harry Dallara Memorial Foundation, a charitable foundation for regional development, a member of the Leadership Board of the 21st Century China Center of the University of California San Diego.

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, Washington, USA.



**Peixin Dallara**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Polaris**  
**Investments LLC**  
*United States*



Luz Maria de la Mora is the Director of the Division on International Trade and Commodities (DITC) at UNCTAD, where she leads initiatives to promote the development of developing countries through international trade. She oversees a team that supports these countries in trade negotiations, strengthens their service-sector capacities, and integrates trade with environmental and developmental goals.

The division also analyzes issues related to competition law and policy as well as consumer protection, and seeks to enhance the contribution of the commodity sector to development through diversification and risk management.

With over three decades of experience in government, the private sector, civil society and academia, including her tenure as Mexico's Vice-Minister for International Trade, Ms. de la Mora is an expert in international trade policy, negotiations, analysis and promotion.

As Vice-Minister from 2018 to 2022, she was responsible for overseeing Mexico's trade and investment policies and played a leading role in international trade discussions at the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the Pacific Alliance, the G20, and the OECD. She also led policy dialogues, engaged with the private sector, and promoted sustainable and inclusive trade policies.

Previously, she led Mexico's Unit for Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, managing technical cooperation policies and projects. Her government service includes representing Mexico at the European Union in Brussels and the Latin American Integration Association in Montevideo, with further positions in Mexico City and Washington, D.C.

In the private sector, she has worked as a business consultant specializing in international trade, digital trade policies, government relations, sustainability, and inclusion. She also created an NGO to promote women's economic empowerment through capacity building and mentoring programs.

Ms. de la Mora also has a distinguished academic career. She has taught international trade at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE) in Mexico City and conducted research at the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute and the Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies at UC San Diego. She has also served as a Senior Non-resident Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, contributing to the Nearshoring Working Group.

She holds a PhD in Political Science from Yale University, a Master's degree in International Affairs from Carleton University, and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from El Colegio de México.

**Roberto de Ocampo**  
**Member, Trilateral Commission; Chairman**  
**and CEO, Philippine Veterans Bank;**  
**Chairman of the Board of Advisors, RFO**  
**Center for Public Finance and Regional**  
**Economic Cooperation; Former Secretary**  
**of Finance**  
***Philippines***



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

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

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

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

Dr. de Ocampo had been and is Chairman and/or Board Member of several private companies both in the Philippines and abroad including, among others, the Centennial Group (Washington, D.C.), Centennial Asia Advisors Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), Investment & Capital Corporation of the Philippines (ICCP) Group of Companies, Alaska Milk Corporation, United Overseas Bank, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, Philippine Airlines, Meralco, Globe Telecom Inc., Philam Asset Management Inc., Metrobank, Seaboard Eastern Insurance Co., House of Investments, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, Robinson’s Land Corporation, EEI 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).



**Philippe Dessoy**  
**President, Confederation of  
 International Contractors' Associations  
 (CICA)**  
*France*



Graduated in the year 1983 in civil engineering from the University of Brussels, Belgium. The next year he landed a job for CGEE Alstom and Spie Batignolles on the project of the Cairo Metro (phases 1 and 2), and worked there for four years as a Site Engineer.

In 1989, he joined the BESIX Group in the Belgian head office as a civil estimator for the International markets. He moved to Dubai in September 1992 to be in charge of the tender department for the GCC operations of BESIX-Six Construct. From here he was promoted to Deputy General Manager of Six Construct in 2003, and then finally to General Manager in June 2007.

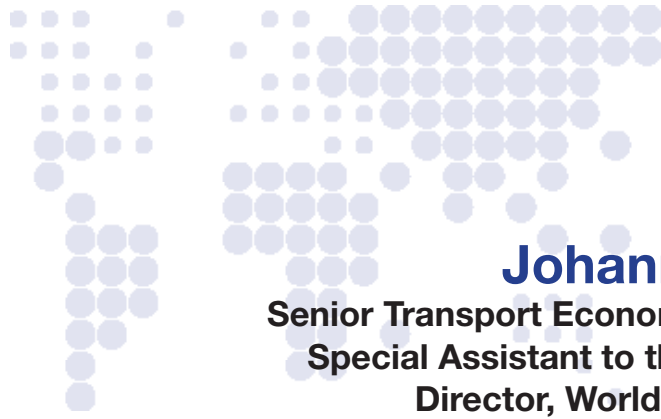
Philippe DESSOY was instrumental in expanding Six Construct's activities in the Gulf area to where it is today. Philippe Dessoy has helped spur Six Construct into becoming one of the most competitive foreign firms in the region. Large contract wins in the last few years has helped grow the firm's reputation, as both a single main contractor and within a joint venture. The latter includes work on the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest structure, and Cleveland Clinic in Abu Dhabi.

As well as having a key part to play in the development of the region's flagship projects, he was also responsible for all the operations of BESIX Group in the GCC, mainly Oman, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Beginning 2014, Philippe Dessoy has been promoted as General Manager of BESIX Group, in the Head Office in Belgium, where he is in charge specifically of all Business Development activities worldwide.

From April 2015, till September 2020, Philippe Dessoy has been President of the European International Contractors (EIC). From April 2019, Philippe Dessoy has been elected as Senior Vice President of CICA (Confederation of International Contractors' Associations) and will take the Presidency end of November 2022 for a term of 2 years.

He so takes part in many meetings with institutions very active in the construction Field (Multilateral Development Banks, World Bank, FIDIC, National and Regional Federations).



**Johann Djedje**  
**Senior Transport Economist; Former**  
**Special Assistant to the Executive**  
**Director, World Bank Group**  
*Cote d'Ivoire*



Johann DJEDJE holds of a Master's degree in Maritime Transport and Port Operations from the Normandy School of Management in Havre (FRANCE), a diploma in International Trade and Finance from the Institut Supérieur d'Enseignement Commercial de Paris (FRANCE) and obtained, an MBA in International Business Management at Laval University in Quebec (CANADA). He has had a rich professional career since 1998 in the maritime transport and port handling sectors, but also in commodities trading and international economics. Since 1998 Johann DJEDJE has had a rich professional career at the international level in maritime transport and port handling, but also in the fields of commodity trading, and international economy.

Indeed, after several practical training courses carried out between 1998 and 2003, within respectively maritime companies such as OT Africa Line in London (UK), Delmas-Bolloré in Puteaux (FRANCE), Maersk Line in Boulogne Billancourt (FRANCE) and DNA MINING (Mining Logistics AngloGold and Randgold,) in South Africa, Johann DJEDJE began his professional career in 2004 as a Fuel Marine Trader Analyst in charge of the port of Houston (USA) and West African ports within the oil group TOTAL, at the headquarters in La Défense, (FRANCE).

In 2005, he was recruited as a Consultant-Economist in charge of investments in transport and trade infrastructure in Africa, at the World Bank headquarters in Washington DC (USA), Us such, he was appointed "Special Assistant" to the Africa Executive Director at the World Bank, successively to Mr. Paulo GOMES (Guinea Bissau) and Mr. Philippe ONG SENG (Mauritius). On behalf of the directors, he was in charge of projects in the transport, energy and trade sectors of 23 African countries.

He then returned to the private sector in 2007; notably to MSC, Mediterranean Shipping Company the Italian-Swiss group, MSC at its headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland), where he was recruited as Senior Port Cost Controller in charge of 9 African ports and 2 French ports, and in 2009 successively as Senior Demurrage Analyst, and Head of Port Cost Studies, this time, within the Directorate General of Maritime Transport and Trading of the TOTAL group, at its headquarters in La Défense, Paris.

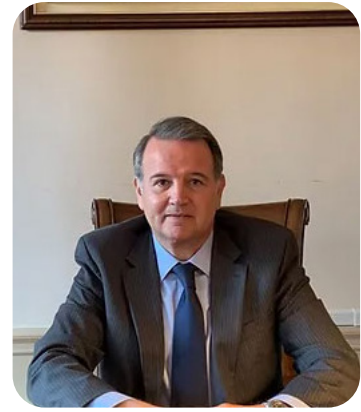
Back in Ivory Coast since 2012, he is appointed as an expert-consultant on several missions of financing multimodal transport activities of national and multinational companies operating in Africa, but also with international banking and financial institutions.

In 2018, he was appointed General Manager of the Ivorian subsidiary of the conglomerate Monaco Resources Group until March 2019, before being recruited by the Belgian group SEA- INVEST to manage the development of its activities in Côte D'ivoire.

The SEA-INVEST group is present in more than 25 ports spread between Europe and Africa.



**Jose Antonio Dos Santos**  
**Ambassador of Paraguay to the United States**  
*Paraguay*



José Antonio Dos Santos is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Paraguay to the United States of America, a post he assumed in August 2021.

Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Dos Santos served as Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Asunción (2019-2021), a position he also held from 2006 to 2009. Abroad, Ambassador Dos Santos has served as Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in New York (2009-2014), as Consul General in Los Angeles (2002-2006), as Minister-Chargé d'Affaires in Ottawa (1997-1998), and as Consul General in New York (1993-1997).

Ambassador Dos Santos has a Law Degree from the National University of Asunción and a Masters in International Law from The American University in Washington, D.C. Ambassador Dos Santos speaks fluent English and Spanish, and was born in Asunción on May 29, 1964.



## **Soumitra Dutta**


**Peter Moores Dean and Professor of  
Management, Saïd Business School;  
Fellow, Balliol College,  
University of Oxford  
*United Kingdom***



Soumitra Dutta is Dean Elect, at the Said School of Business, University of Oxford. He is also a Professor of Management and the former founding Dean of the SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University, New York. He is the co-founder and President of Portulans Institute, a non-profit non-partisan think tank based in Washington DC. Prior to joining Cornell in 2012, he was on the faculty of INSEAD.

Soumitra Dutta is an authority on innovation in the knowledge economy, with a refreshing global perspective. He is the author of the Network Readiness Index and the Global Innovation Index - two influential reports in technology and innovation policy. He is/has been on the board of global firms including Sodexo, Dassault Systemes and ZS Associates. He is currently the Chair of the Board of the Global Business School Network and is on the advisory boards of several business schools, including HEC Montreal and ESADE (Spain).

Dean Dutta received a B. Tech. in electrical engineering and computer science from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, a MS in both business administration and computer science, and a PhD in computer science from the University of California at Berkeley. In 2017, he received the Distinguished Alumnus award from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.



**Antoni Estevadeordal**  
Resident Fellow, Georgetown  
Americas Institute; Former Manager,  
Integration and Trade Sector, Inter-  
American Development Bank  
*Spain*



Antoni Estevadeordal is a Resident Fellow at the Georgetown Americas Institute (Georgetown University), the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI, Barcelona, Spain) and the Emerging Markets Institute (Cornell University). He is a member of the Board of the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP).

He has held several senior executive positions at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), including IDB Representative in Europe, Head of the IDB Migration Initiative and Manager of the IDB Integration and Trade Department. He has published widely in major journals and authored-edited several books. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from Harvard University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Barcelona.





**Jose Fajgenbaum**  
Director, Centennial Group  
*Argentina*



Jose Fajgenbaum is Partner of Centennial Group and Director of Centennial Group Latin America. Prior to joining the Centennial Group, he worked at the IMF for about 30 years, where he advanced from economist to Deputy Director of various departments. In addition to helping define and supervise these departments work He led missions to surveillance countries, such as Brazil, Israel, Russia and South Africa, as well as to countries supported by the IMF, such as Brazil in the early 1990s, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Malawi, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago. His expertise is on a wide range of development and macroeconomic issues. He holds a BA from the National University of Cuyo, an MA in economics from the University of Chicago, and completed his Doctoral studies in economics at the University of Chicago.



**Jonathan Fantini Porter**  
**Executive Director and Co-Founder,**  
**Partnership for Central America**  
*United States*



Jonathan Fantini Porter is the CEO and co-founder of the Partnership for Central America. PCA is the coordinating body of the White House public-private partnership launched by Vice President Harris in May 2021 to mobilize private sector investment for social and economic growth in the frontier and emerging markets of Central America. In its first 18 months, the Partnership mobilized \$4.2 billion in foreign direct investment and launched programs supporting 20 million people, including delivering internet access to 4 million homes with Microsoft, financial inclusion to 5 million with Mastercard, and nearshoring more than \$750 million in manufacturing supply chains to the Americas.

Jonathan previously served as an associate partner at McKinsey & Company; national security aide in the White House; senior congressional aide in both chambers of the U.S. Congress; and as a chief of staff in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where he oversaw management of a \$6 billion budget and 22,000 personnel in 48 countries. Jonathan serves on advisory bodies to the U.N. Refugee Agency's U.S. entity, the World Economic Forum, and Amnesty International. He is a consulting fellow at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, and graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Georgetown University. He was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Jonathan speaks Spanish, French, and German and is the son of a first-generation Latino refugee.



**Gabriel Felpeto**  
**Vice President of Finance, CAF -**  
**Development Bank of**  
**Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*International Organization*



Since joining CAF over 28 years ago, Gabriel Felpeto has successfully held the positions of Senior Executive under the Vice President of Finance, Director of Financial Policies and International Issues and Vice President of Finance.

Before joining CAF, his experience includes notable stints at Banco Unión in Caracas, Venezuela—his country of origin—where he was Manager of Asset and Liability Management, and as Vice President of Finance. He also held the position of Project Engineer at Ingeniería Avellán.

Gabriel has a solid academic background and extensive professional experience of more than 30 years. He graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas, and holds a Master's Degree in Administration, specialized in Finance, from the Institute of Higher Studies in Administration (IESA), Caracas.



**Xiaoming Feng**  
Professor, Institute of World  
Economics and Politics,  
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
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Senior researcher, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
Co-editor, *China & World Economy*, an SSCI journal specializing in Chinese economy and its integration with the world  
Executive director, China Society of World Economics



**Marco Ferroni**  
**Chairman, Vertical Future; Former**  
**Chair, System Management Board**  
**Consultative Group on International**  
**Agricultural Research (CGIAR)**  
*Switzerland*



Dr. Marco Ferroni is Chairman of Vertical Future, a leading UK-based technology, data systems and engineering company for indoor vertical farming. He retired in December 2022 after more than five years as Chair of the System Board of CGIAR, the world's leading publicly funded agri-food, land and water systems research and innovation network. Prior to his time at CGIAR, he served as Executive Director of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture for ten years, a knowledge hub for innovation in agriculture and incubator of technology and support systems for productivity growth and resilience of small farms in low-income countries and Emerging Markets. He held managerial and senior advisory positions in development policy and finance at the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank over the years and worked as a policy analyst and trade diplomat in his native Switzerland at the beginning of his career. He holds a doctorate in agricultural economics from Cornell University and (during his years at Syngenta) served as Adjunct Professor in agriculture and environmental sciences at McGill University.



**Enrique Garcia**  
**Co-Chair, Emerging Markets Forum;**  
**Former President & Chief Executive**  
**Officer, CAF - Development Bank of**  
**Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*Bolivia*



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.



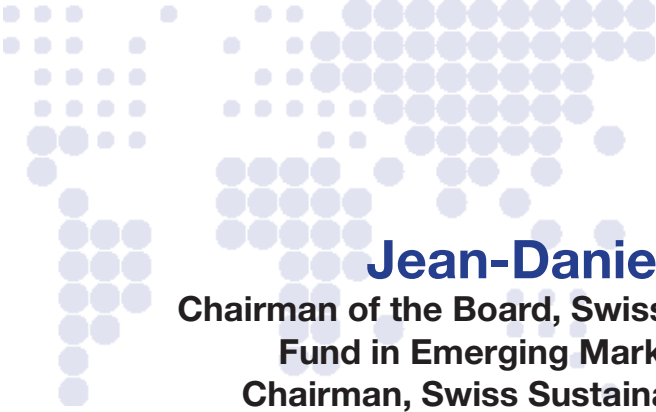
**Gloria Gamero**  
**Director, Mobilization and Financial  
Partnerships, CAF - Development Bank of  
Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*International Organization*



Gloria Gamero is the director of mobilization and financial partnerships of CAF. With an extensive background in multilateral development banking and the oil industry, she specializes in corporate finance, thematic lending, non-reimbursable funds, co-financing, syndications, and A/B loans.

Her expertise includes forging successful global partnerships and negotiations, mobilizing significant financial resources—often in the multimillion-dollar range—from diverse funding sources such as multilateral financial institutions, development banks, export credit agencies, private banks, and philanthropic organizations, consistently aligning her efforts with sustainable development goals.

Over the past five years, she has successfully managed the financing of more than USD 8.8 billion for projects in the region.



**Jean-Daniel Gerber**  
**Chairman of the Board, Swiss Investment  
Fund in Emerging Markets (SIFEM);  
Chairman, Swiss Sustainable Finance  
Switzerland**



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).





**Indermit Gill**  
**Chief Economist and Senior Vice President**  
**for Development Economics,**  
**World Bank Group**  
*International Organization*



Indermit Gill is Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Development Economics. He brings to the role a broad combination of leadership, expertise, and practical experience working with governments on macroeconomic imbalances, growth, poverty, institutions, conflict, and climate change.

Before starting this position on September 1, 2022, Gill served as the World Bank's Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions, where he played a key role in shaping the Bank's response to the extraordinary series of shocks that have hit developing economies since 2020. Between 2016 and 2021, he was a professor of public policy at Duke University and non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Global Economy and Development program.

Gill is widely regarded for his contributions to development economics. He spearheaded the influential 2009 World Development Report on economic geography. His pioneering work includes introducing the concept of the "middle-income trap" to describe how countries stagnate after reaching a certain level of income. He has published extensively on key policy issues facing developing countries—among other things, sovereign debt vulnerabilities, green growth and natural-resource wealth, labor markets, and poverty and inequality.

Gill has also taught at Georgetown University and the University of Chicago. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago



**Carlos Giraldo**  
**Chief Economist, Latin America Reserve Fund**  
**(FLAR)**  
*Colombia*



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Carlos Giraldo has been the Chief Economist at the Latin American Reserve Fund -FLAR- since 2015. He leads macro-economic surveillance and economic research activities at FLAR. He has worked at this multilateral organization since 2004, where he has also been Director of Research and Development, Deputy Director of Economic Studies, International Economist, and Economist.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Universidad del Rosario (Colombia), a master's degree in Environmental Economics and Natural Resources from the University of Maryland (USA) and the Universidad de los Andes (Colombia), a master's degree in Economics from the Universidad de los Andes, and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Universidad de Antioquia. He has been a professor at these last two universities. He has several publications in specialized international journals in economics and finance.



**Eduardo Gonzalez Pier**  
**Senior Director, The Palladium Group;**  
**Former Under Secretary of Health**  
*Mexico*



Eduardo González Pier, is currently the team lead for UK Prosperity Fund sponsored Better Health Program in Mexico, non-resident Fellow at the Centre for Global Development in Washington DC and a partner of Blutitude and Innovasalud, a healthcare advisory firm based in Mexico City. Formerly, he held the positions of Undersecretary of Health for the Federal Ministry of Health, Executive President of the Mexican Health Foundation - Funsalud, and CFO of the Mexican Institute of Social Security. He sits in the boards of several companies and foundations. With over 25 years of experience in the health and social security sectors, he has contributed to the development of health policy in Mexico, including major reforms, from varied high-level positions. His work focuses on providing sound evidence and analysis to inform policymaking and promoting mechanisms and tools to improve health system performance. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago.



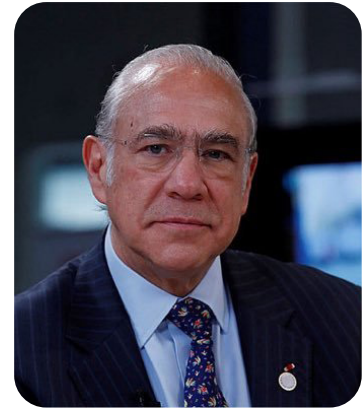
**Jose Antonio Gonzalez Anaya**  
**Former Minister of Finance and Public Credit**  
**of Mexico**  
*Mexico*



José Antonio González Anaya is currently an independent consultant and senior advisor to Lazard. Previously in the private sector he was the CEO of izzi (Telecomm) at Televisa Group. Previously in the public sector he was Minister of Finance of Mexico, CEO of PEMEX (Mexico's National Oil Company), and General Director at the Mexican Social Security Institute (in addition to pensions IMSS provides health to close to 70 million Mexicans). Also at the Ministry of Finance in Mexico he was: Viceminister of Revenue; Chief of Staff of the Minister; Head of the Unit of Coordination with States; Head of the Unit of Pensions, Insurance and Securities among others. He was a Lecturer and Senior Researcher at Stanford University; Senior Economist for Bolivia, Paraguay and Peru at the World Bank. He holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard and a B.A. degree in Economics as well as a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from MIT.



**Angel Gurría**  
**President, Paris Peace Forum; Former**  
**Secretary-General The Organisation for**  
**Economic Co-operation and Development**  
**(OECD)**  
*Mexico*



Born on May 8th, 1950, in Tampico, Mexico, Mr. Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, including positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s. For the first time in a generation, he steered Mexico's economy through a change of Administration without a recurrence of the financial crises that had previously dogged such changes.

Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico) and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He has received Honorary Degrees from the Universidad de Valle de México, Rey Juan Carlos University, European University of Madrid, and the Universities of Leeds, Haifa and Bratislava.

A regular contributor to some of the world's leading newspapers and journals, Mr. Gurría has received several awards and decorations from more than 30 countries, including the titles of Grand officier de la Légion d'honneur and Chevalier dans l'ordre du Mérite agricole, awarded by the French Government. He has also received a Medal from the French Senate and the Ridder Grootkruis in de Orde van Oranje-Naussau awarded by the Netherlands. Most recently, he was distinguished by the President of Korea with the Gwangwha Medal for Diplomatic Service, and also received recognition to his longstanding contribution to the development of public administration in Mexico, the Medalla al Mérito Administrativo Internacional "Gustavo Martínez Cabañas", awarded by the Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública (INAP). In 2007, Mr. Gurría was the first recipient of the Globalist of the Year Award of the Canadian International Council to honour his efforts as a global citizen to promote trans-nationalism, inclusiveness and a global consciousness. His awards include the Ben Gurion Leadership Award, the Award Isidro Fabela by the Mexican Association of International Studies, the Nueva Economía Award, the Orden Bernardo O'Higgins en el Grado de Gran Cruz, and the Medalla Rectoral from the University of Chile.

Mr. Gurría has participated in various international not-for-profit bodies, including the Population Council, based in New York, and the Center for Global Development based in Washington. He chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All and continues to be deeply involved in water issues, being a member of the United Nations Secretary General Advisory Board for Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) and of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Water Security. He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of Governors of the Centre for International Governance Innovation; based in Canada, the Advisory Board for the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF), co-hosted by Korea and Denmark, and the Advisory Board to the International Forum on Genomics, Innovation and Economic Growth, and was recently appointed as a member of the Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences of Spain.

Mr. Gurría is married to Dr. Lulu Quintana, a distinguished ophthalmologist, and they have three adult children.



**Nobumitsu Hayashi**  
**Governor, Japan Bank for International  
Cooperation (JBIC)**  
*Japan*



HAYASHI Nobumitsu is Governor of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), which is a policy-based financial institution wholly owned by the Japanese government. He is in charge of the global lending operations of JBIC. Prior to joining JBIC, he held various senior positions on international finance, economic policy and administration at the Government of Japan, including Commissioner of the National Tax Administration in 2014. He was also Director-General of the Finance Bureau (Ministry of Finance) in 2013, President of the Policy Research Institute (MoF) in 2012, and Executive Director for Japan at the World Bank Group from 2010 to 2012. He was Executive Assistant to Prime Minister in 2007. He holds LLB from University of Tokyo.



**Johanna Hill**  
**Deputy Director General, World Trade  
Organization (WTO)**  
*International Organization*



Ms Johanna Hill (El Salvador) began her role as Deputy Director-General in November 2023. She is a trade expert with more than 25 years' experience in international trade. Previously, she held the position of Managing Partner of the San Salvador Office of CA Trade Consulting Group, where she advised firms and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) on issues relating to international trade and foreign direct investment. Other roles have included Executive Director of El Salvador's Chamber of Telecommunications and member of the Board of Directors of Banco Azul.

Ms Hill has also served as Vice Minister of Economy, where she was responsible for the conduct and implementation of trade policy, negotiations of bilateral free trade agreements and multilateral negotiations. Prior to her appointment as Vice Minister, she occupied different positions within the Ministry of Economy, including Deputy Director and Director for Trade Policy. She holds a master's degree in International Economic Policy from the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, and a Bachelor's degree from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.



**Luis Alberto Ibarra Pardo**  
Partner, SAI Law & Economics  
*Mexico*



Mr. Ibarra is a Mexican economist who has held several high-ranking positions in the Mexican Government. Up to last year, he was CEO of FOCIR, a government agency that promotes investment through private equity funds for agribusiness and rural infrastructure development. Formerly, he served as Commissioner at the Federal Competition Commission and as Technical Secretary of the Infrastructure Cabinet at the Office of the President, in charge of the elaboration of the National Infrastructure Program 2007-2012, which was the first for Mexico with specific, quantifiable and medium-term goals for infrastructure development. Before, he was Head of the Investment Unit at the Ministry of Finance, where he incorporated more rigorous cost-benefit analysis procedures and designed the regulations for the development of public-private partnerships (PPP) in Mexico, helping to launch the first PPP projects for roads, hospitals and university facilities. During President Zedillo's Administration he served as Technical Secretary of the Economic Cabinet, participating in several of the structural reforms implemented at that time by the Mexican Government, including liberalization reforms in transport and natural gas transport and distribution. In the private sector, Mr. Ibarra was an associate at the firm Serra and Associates International (SAI) and has been professor at several Mexican universities, currently at Anahuac University. He has a BA degree from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).





**Jose Miguel Insulza**  
**Senator and President of the External  
Relations Commission of the Senate; Former  
Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister  
of the Interior; Former Secretary-General,  
Organization of American States (OAS)**  
*Chile*



The recognized Chilean politician has an accomplished record of public service in his country. When Mr. Insulza was elected Secretary-General of OAS in 2005, Mr. Insulza pledged to strengthen the Organization’s “political relevance and its capacity for action.”

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

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

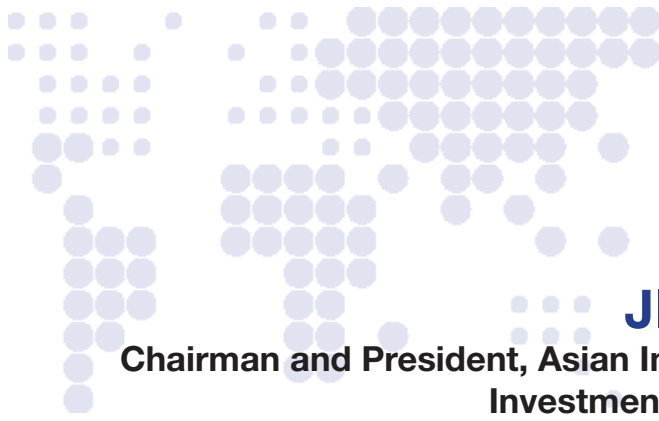
In early 1988, Mr. Insulza returned to his home country and joined the Coalition of Democratic Parties, the coalition that won the plebiscite against the regime of Pinochet in October of that year, and in all democratic elections in the country since 1990. A member of Chile’s Socialist Party, Mr. Insulza has held a number of high-level government posts.



**Fidel Jaramillo**  
**Secretary General, Latin America**  
**Reserve Fund (FLAR)**  
*Colombia*



Fidel Jaramillo is the Secretary General of the Latin American Reserve Fund (FLAR) since 2021 and professor at the UDLA Business School, where he was also its Dean. He was an official at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for 15 years in which he served as Regional Economic Advisor of the Department of Andean Countries (2005-2010), and as Representative in Perú (2010-2015), Panamá (2015-2016) and Costa Rica (2016-2020). Previously, he was Chief Economist and Vice President of Development Strategies of the Andean Development Corporation (CAF) between 1999 and 2005. In addition, he served as General Manager of the Central Bank of Ecuador (1997-1998) and Minister of Economy and Finance of Ecuador (1998-1999). Mr. Jaramillo obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Boston University in 1992 and has worked as professor at various academic institutions. He has also been consultant for several multilateral organizations and directed the consulting company Multiplica in Ecuador, specialized in macroeconomics, economic development and finance.



**JIN Liqun**  
**Chairman and President, Asian Infrastructure  
Investment Bank (AIIB)**  
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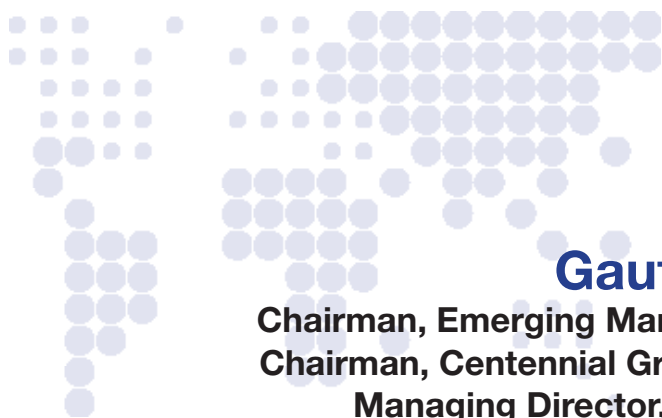


Mr. Jin Liqun is the inaugural President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Before being elected as the Bank's first president, Mr. Jin served as Secretary-General of the Multilateral Interim Secretariat tasked with establishing the Bank.

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

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

Mr. Jin holds an M. A. degree in English Literature from Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages (now Beijing Foreign Studies University). He was also a Hubert Humphrey Fellow in the Economics Graduate Program at Boston University from 1987 to 1988. He is a national of the People's Republic of China.



**Gautam Kaji**  
**Chairman, Emerging Markets Forum;**  
**Chairman, Centennial Group; Former**  
**Managing Director, World Bank**  
*United States*



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.



**Shigeo Katsu**  
**Founding President, Nazarbayev University;**  
**Former Vice President of ECA Region, World**  
**Bank Group**  
*Japan*



Since December 2010 Mr. 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.

Currently Mr. Shigeo Katsu is a member of the Board of Trustees of Nazarbayev University.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Shigeo 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. Shigeo 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), Côte d'Ivoire (as Country Director, 1995-1999), and the Europe and Central Asia Region (Regional Director, Operations and Strategy, 1999-2003) Mr. Katsu 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.



## **Kenan Karaklah**

**Economist, Office of the Chief Economist,  
World Bank Group  
*International Organization***



Kenan Karaklah is an Economist at the Development Economics Development Policy (DECDP) unit. He was a member of core team of 2024 World Development Report. His research interests cover various cross-cutting areas of macroeconomic policy, including economic growth, social protection, and sovereign debt. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked as the Head of Department at the Ministry of Treasury and Finance. Kenan holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Hacettepe University, Trkiye, and a Master of International Development Policy from Duke University.



## **Kairat Kelimbetov**

**Member of the Board of Directors, Freedom  
Holding Corp.  
Kazakhstan**



Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov was the Founding Governor of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC), a key financial hub for a vast region including Central Asia, the Caucasus, the EAEU, the Middle East, West China, Mongolia, and Eastern Europe. His role was pivotal in linking these economies with global financial markets and establishing the AIFC as a platform for significant financial and business services. He established links with other global financial centers, including Chinese and Middle Eastern financial centers and monetary authorities.

With a career spanning more than two decades in high-level governmental and financial roles, Dr. Kelimbetov has driven substantial economic reforms, established and managed major development institutions, and implemented Kazakhstan's national investment strategies and development policies. He played a significant role in the nation's macroeconomic policy overhaul, sovereign wealth fund management, and the execution of key state and corporate financial transactions. Beginning his career as a researcher at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in 1993, Dr. Kelimbetov ascended to prominent roles within Kazakhstan's presidential office, contributing to the pivotal national Kazakhstan 2030 strategy. He served as the First Deputy Minister of Finance and later as the Minister of Economy, leading the merger of Kazyna with Samruk to form the Samruk-Kazyna Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Amidst the financial crisis, he was integral to Kazakhstan's recovery efforts in various capacities, including Chief of Staff of the President's Office, CEO of Samruk-Kazyna Sovereign Wealth Fund, and Deputy Prime Minister. As the governor of the National Bank of Kazakhstan from 2013, he spearheaded critical reforms, notably shifting to an inflation-targeting monetary policy regime.

An international figure, Dr. Kelimbetov has represented Kazakhstan globally, fostering relations with key investment, business, and governmental figures.

His academic credentials include a degree in Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics from Moscow State University, a Ph.D. in Economics, an Honorary Doctorate in International Relations, a Master's from the University of Cambridge, and an Executive Certificate from Harvard Kennedy School.

Dr. Kelimbetov has published extensively, including co-authoring A Perfect Storm book on sustainable development. He is recognized as an honorary professor and council member at prestigious institutions across Eurasia and China.



**Homi Kharas**  
**Senior Fellow, Global Economy and  
 Development, Center for Sustainable  
 Development, Brookings  
 United States**



Homi Kharas is a senior fellow in the Center for Sustainable Development, housed in the Global Economy and Development program at Brookings. In that capacity, he studies policies and trends influencing developing countries, including aid to poor countries, the emergence of the middle class, and global governance and the G-20. He previously served as interim vice president and director of the Global Economy and Development program.

He has served as the lead author and executive secretary of the secretariat supporting the High Level Panel, co-chaired by President Sirleaf, President Yudhoyono and Prime Minister Cameron, advising the U.N. Secretary General on the post-2015 development agenda (2012-2013). The report, “A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development,” was presented on May 30, 2013.

His most recent co-authored/edited books are “Leave No One Behind” (Brookings Press, 2019), “From Summits to Solutions: Innovations in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals” (Brookings Press, 2018), “The Imperative of Development” (Brookings Press, 2017), “The Last Mile in Ending Extreme Poverty” (Brookings Press, 2015), “Getting to Scale: How to Bring Development Solutions to Millions of Poor People” (Brookings Press, 2013), “After the Spring: Economic Transitions in the Arab World” (Oxford University Press, 2012), and “Catalyzing Development: A New Vision for Aid” (Brookings Press, 2011). He has published articles, book chapters, and opinion pieces on global development policy, global trends, the global food crisis, international organizations, the G20, the DAC, and private philanthropy.

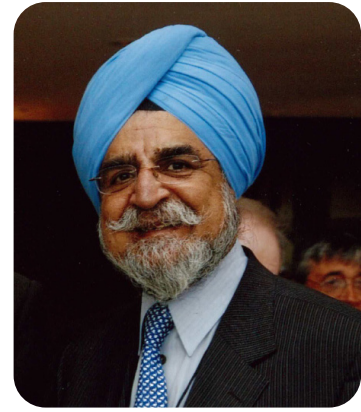
He has served as a member of the High Level Panel on the Reform of the Development Assistance Committee (2017); the International Panel Review Committee on Malaysia’s economic and governance transformation programs (2012); the post-Busan Advisory Group to the DAC co-chairs (2011); the National Economic Advisory Council to the Malaysian Prime Minister (2009-10); and a member of the Working Group for the Commission on Growth and Development, chaired by Professor A. Michael Spence (2007-10). He was a nonresident fellow of the OECD Development Center (2009). He has consulted for various organizations including the government of Sweden; World Bank Group; the United Nations; the International Fund for Agriculture Development; the OECD; the Japan International Cooperation Agency; the Global Fund Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the Qatar National Research Fund; and the Centennial Group. He acts as an adviser to a number of organizations.

Prior to joining Brookings, Dr. Kharas spent 26 years at the World Bank, serving for seven years as Chief Economist for the World Bank’s East Asia and Pacific region and Director for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Finance and Private Sector Development, responsible for the Bank’s advice on structural and economic policies, fiscal issues, debt, trade, governance, and financial markets.





**Harinder Kohli**  
**Founding Director and Chief  
Executive, Emerging Markets Forum;  
Founding Director, President and Vice  
Chairman, Centennial Group**  
*United States*



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.



**Harpaul Kohli**  
**Senior Economist, Centennial Group**  
**International and the Emerging**  
**Markets Forum**  
*United States*



Harpaul Alberto Kohli is Senior Economist at Centennial Group International and the Emerging Markets Forum, where he is responsible for all econometrics, economic modeling, and databases. He previously served as Centennial's Manager of Information Resources and as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank. He earned a degree with Honors in Mathematics and Philosophy from Harvard University, where he served as co-president of both the Society of Physics Students and the Math Club and was elected a Class Marshal for life. He earned his MBA with honors from Georgetown University and his Master of Science in Economics from The George Washington University. He is also a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist, and is owner and CEO of the Abora Music Group. Prior to joining Centennial, he served as a teacher in prisons in Ecuador and Massachusetts, a researcher at UBS and in the US Congress, a field organizer for the 2004 American general election, and a communications staffer for the Wesley Clark presidential primary campaign.



## **Manish Kothari**

**President and Chief Executive Officer, Sheladia  
Associates  
United States**



Mr. Manish D. Kothari, is President and CEO of Sheladia Associates, Inc., an international architecture and engineering consulting firm based in Rockville, Maryland. Mr. Kothari became President in 1999 and has led Sheladia in his present role since 2011 and has 30+ years of varied engineering experience on transportation, bridges, highways, and building infrastructure projects involving design, construction support, and management in the USA and internationally. Prior to Sheladia, he worked with Bechtel Corporation, USA as Vice President with D2 Consult GmbH, Austria. Mr. Kothari has a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from India and M.Sc. in Civil Engineering from The University of Michigan.

Mr. Kothari was inducted into the National Academy of Construction (NAC) in 2020. He was recently elected a Fellow of ASCE and is a member of ASCE's Industry Leadership Council (ILC). Since 2022, he has co-chaired its Risk & Resilience subcommittee. In 2022, he was elected to the board of the Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs Conseils (FIDIC), also known as the International Federation of Consulting Engineers, for a four-year term. Prior to that, he was the pioneer Chair for FIDIC's International Financial Institutions Committee (IFIC) and a member of the FIDIC – Risk, Liability, and Quality Committee in 2020.

He served as the National Chair of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the 2018-2019 term and was Chair-Emeritus from 2019 to 2020. He was the Vice Chair on the Executive Committee for ACEC from 2013 to 2015 and led the ACEC International Committee for four years from 2009 to 2013. He has been a member of numerous ACEC committees over the last three decades. He served as a Commissioner for the State of Maryland, Maryland Economic Development Commission from 2013 to 2023 and was a member of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Services and Finance Industries (ITAC 10) with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of the United States Trade Representative. He is currently a Director of The Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology, or PIC MC Foundation Board. He received the 2015 WTCI's Maryland International Business Leadership Award, which was conferred by Governor Larry Hogan. Mr. Kothari also previously served on the Business Advisory Council of the National Education Association (NEA).



**Haruhiko Kuroda**  
**President, Emerging Markets Forum;**  
**Former Governor, Bank of Japan**  
*Japan*



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Date and Place of Birth	October 25, 1944, Fukuoka
Education	1967, B.A. in Law, The University of Tokyo 1971, M.Phil. in Economics, University of Oxford
Present Term of Office	from April 9, 2013 to April 8, 2018
Record	
Apr. 1967	Joined Japan's Ministry of Finance
July 1987	Director, International Organizations Division, International Finance Bureau
Dec. 1988	Secretary to the Minister of Finance
Aug. 1989	Director, International Tax Affairs Division, Tax Bureau
July 1990	Director, Income Tax and Property Tax Policy Division, Tax Bureau
June 1991	Director, Co-ordination Division, Tax Bureau
July 1993	Regional Commissioner, Osaka Regional Taxation Bureau
July 1994	Deputy Director-General, International Finance Bureau
July 1996	President, Institute of Fiscal and Monetary Policy
July 1997	Director-General, International Finance Bureau
June 1998	Director-General, International Bureau
July 1999	Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs
Mar. 2003	Special Advisor to the Cabinet and Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University (July 2003-January 2005)
Feb. 2005	President of the Asian Development Bank
Mar. 2013	Present position
Apr. 9, 2013	Reappointed



**Somik Lall**  
**Senior Adviser to the Chief Economist, World  
Bank Group**  
*International Organization*



Somik Lall is Senior Adviser to the Chief Economist of the World Bank Group.

Lall has recently directed the World Bank's 2024 World Development Report on the "Middle Income Trap" that examines how middle-income countries can break into the ranks of the wealthiest economies.

Previously, he headed the climate economics and policy team in the World Bank's Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions vice presidency, where he developed and supervised policy research programs on resilience and economic development, the macro-criticality of climate change, and innovations for the low-carbon transition.

His other roles include being the Global Lead for territorial development and Lead Economist for the World Bank's Cities Practice where he developed a novel data-driven approach to help city mayors rapidly respond to protect their citizens from the ravages of COVID 19. Listen to his Monocle podcast.

Lall is widely published in academic and policy journals. His 2021 book, *Place, Productivity, and Prosperity*, provides a new analytic framework to discipline policies targeting specific places within countries. His 2017 book, *"Africa's Cities: Opening Doors to the World,"* provides new evidence on institutional and regulatory constraints that hobble urbanization in Africa.

Dr. Lall also teaches at Johns Hopkins University and has been a Visiting Professor at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy in New Delhi.



## **Sofia Lalinde**

**Executive, Global Partnerships, CAF -  
Development Bank of Latin America and the  
Caribbean  
*International Organization***



Sofia Lalinde is currently an Executive in CAF's Office of Global Partnerships, a position she has held since 2022. Before joining CAF, she served in the Office of Special Projects and External Relations at the Inter-American Dialogue, where she managed key institutional initiatives, including annual conferences, the Congressional program, and projects on gender, diversity, and inclusion. Earlier in her career, Sofia worked for the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), an international NGO at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. She holds a Bachelor of Science in international politics from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.



**Hans Peter Lankes**  
**Managing Director and Deputy Chief**  
**Executive, ODI Global**  
*United Kingdom*



Hans Peter Lankes is a visiting senior fellow at ODI, and is a visiting professor in practice at the LSE Grantham Research Institute and a senior fellow at the LSE/Oxford International Growth Centre.

He is a member of the G20 Panel on the Capital Adequacy Frameworks of the Multilateral Development Banks, an Advisor to British International Investment and a member of the Investment Committee of ILX (an SDG impact fund).

Hans Peter's research focuses on climate finance, development economics and sustainable growth, including reports for the G7 Presidency on designing a climate club, and reports for the World Economic Forum and for COP26 on mobilising policy and finance for climate and development.

Until early 2021, Hans Peter was the Vice President, Economics and Private Sector Development at the International Finance Corporation/World Bank Group, having previously served in various roles on the management team of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and as Chief of the Trade Policy Division at the International Monetary Fund. Earlier in his career, Hans Peter had a track record in academia and policy consulting in Central America, West Africa and Southeast Asia.

Hans Peter obtained his PhD from Harvard University with a thesis on the political economy of hyperinflation, an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School, Diplom-Volkswirt from Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg and License en Sc. Economiques from Université de Grenoble.

## Johannes Linn

**Distinguished Resident Scholar, Emerging Markets Forum; Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Senior Fellow, Results for Development Institute; Senior Research Fellow, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation**  
*United States*



Johannes F. Linn is a Distinguished Resident Scholar at the Emerging Markets Forum in Washington, D.C., and a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and currently serves as the chair for the 10th Replenishment Consultations of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. From 2005-2010 he was Director of the Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings. Prior to joining Brookings in 2003, he worked for three decades at the World Bank in various capacities, including as the Bank's Vice President for Financial Policy and Resource Mobilization (1991-1995) and Vice President for Europe and Central Asia (1996-2003). Johannes Linn has published extensively on development and global governance issues, including *Central Asia and the Caucasus: At the Crossroads of Eurasia in the 21st Century* (co-editor; Sage, 2011), *Getting to Scale: How to Bring Development Solutions to Millions of Poor People* (co-editor; Brookings Press 2013) and *Financing Metropolitan Governments in Developing Countries* (co-editor; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy). He was project director and co-editor for the book *Kazakhstan 2050: Toward a Modern Society for All* (Oxford University Press, 2014). His current research interests are in the areas of aid effectiveness (with a special focus on scaling up successful development interventions), on global governance reform, and on regional cooperation (with a special focus on Central Asia). Linn holds a Bachelor degree from Oxford University (1968) and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University (1973).





**Nan Li Collins**  
**Director, Division on Investment  
and Enterprises, United Nations  
Conference on Trade and Development  
(UNCTAD)**  
*International Organization*



Nan has over 25 years' experience in various strategic, management, and advisory roles both with the United Nations and the private sector across Asia, Africa, North America and Europe. She currently leads a global team in providing investment and sustainable finance research, policy analysis and advisory, investment promotion and facilitation, enterprise development, and technical assistance to governments in over 160 countries. She chairs the Governing Board of the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative and coordinates the inter-governmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.

Before joining UNCTAD, she served as the Global Director of Sustainable Investments and Innovation at UNOPS, where she led a team to promote infrastructure investments in many developing countries and co-invest with DFIs and private investors. She served as UNOPS focal point in the UN Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development and worked closely with top leadership in crisis management.

Previously, she served as the Head of UNDP SDG Innovative Finance and as Head of South-South Cooperation and Investment at UNDP's Asia Pacific Center in Bangkok. She led a team to engage public and private investors and developed national policy dialogues and networks on SDG investment, piloted SDG-aligned funds, bonds and projects in multiple countries. She helped to position UNDP as a pioneer in the UN on sustainable investment and innovative finance. She also held positions as Policy Specialist in Capacity Development and Public-Private Partnerships in New York and Johannesburg since 2009, overseeing a regional portfolio in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Before joining UNDP, she spent about 10 years in the private sector in China and the USA, covering market entry and investment strategy, merger and acquisition, business development and sustainability. She holds a master's degree in business administration from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and participated in the Executive Leadership program at IESE, and Finance Executive program at Tsinghua University.



## Yuefen Li

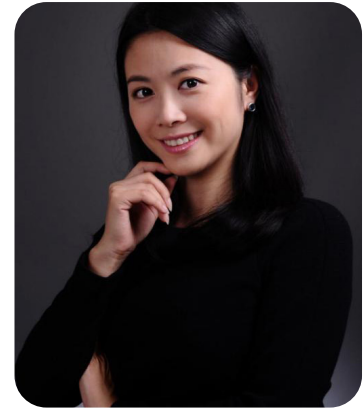
**Senior Adviser, South-South  
Cooperation and Development  
Finance, South Centre  
Switzerland**



Yuefen LI is Senior Advisor on South-South Cooperation and Development Finance at the South Centre. She served as the United Nations Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights between 2020 and 2021. She has contributed to the G20 work via the finance track and G20 think tank mechanism. She is co-Chair of the Debt Relief for Green Recovery initiative. She has worked in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for 24 years, and held various senior positions including Head of Debt and Development Finance and Senior Economic Affairs Officer. Before joining UNCTAD, she was a lecturer at the University of International Business & Economics in Beijing. She was a guest professor of Tsinghua University.



**Qian Liu**  
**Assistant Professor and Vice Dean,**  
**Emerging Markets Institute, Beijing Normal**  
**University**  
*China*

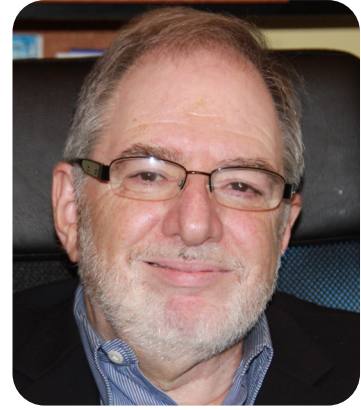


Professor LIU Qian serves as the Vice Dean at both Belt and Road School and Emerging Markets Institute at Beijing Normal University. She earned her Ph.D. from Beijing Normal University and was a visiting graduate student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as a visiting scholar at Harvard University.

As an expert in development economics and international development, with a particular focus on China and other emerging economies, Professor Liu has published extensively in renowned academic journals. Her research, supported by various prestigious grants, has significant policy implications. Additionally, she is an active board member of the Emerging Economies Research Association and serves as chief editor of Global Journal of Emerging Market Economies.



**Claudio Loser**  
**Director, Centennial Group; President,**  
**Centennial Group Latin America**  
*Argentina*



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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.



**Nicolas Mariscal**  
**Chairman of the Board,**  
**Marhnos**  
*Mexico*



Nicolas has a Civil Engineering and MSc in Construction, Stanford University, US. He is Chairman of Marhnos. Vice President of the Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA). Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Mexican Chamber of the Construction Industry. He is board member of Aserta, Aura Solar, Inter American Dialogue, Inter American Foundation, Junior Achievement, National Support Center for Disasters and Outbreaks (CENACED). He is member of the Strategic French-Mexican Council, the US-México CEO Dialogue, the Group of 50, the Latin American Business Council (CEAL), Social Union of Business Leaders in Mexico, and the Partnership Against Corruption Initiative - PACI (a World Economic Forum Initiative). He is Ambassador of the Blue Like an Orange Sustainable Found and member the Blue Dot Network. Nicolas founded the Char for the Common Good and Sustainable Development with the Iberoamerican University (his alma mater).



**Bonaventure Mbida-Essama**  
Chief Executive Officer, Nelson Mandela  
Institution  
*United States*




Mr. Bonaventure Mbida-Essama, a retired World Bank Official, serves currently as the Chief Executive Officer of the Nelson Mandela Institution. He has a long and varied professional experience. From 1972 to 1979, he worked as deputy managing director and managing director of three different private sector companies in Cameroon, his home country. He then joined the World Bank at its Washington DC headquarters as financial analyst and subsequently became senior advisor to an Executive Director at the Board. Later on, he moved to the International Finance Organization as senior investment officer. He voluntarily left the World Bank in 1988 to start and run his own consulting firm in Douala, Cameroun, concurrently with a fertilizer business that he also started. He returned to the World Bank in 1999 as country manager in Cambodia. From there, he moved back to the Washington headquarters in 2003 as manager of Corporate Affairs and Administration before retiring in 2009. On retiring, he founded MADIMBA LLC, a consulting firm and has since done high-level consulting assignments with the private sector, the World Bank and the African Development Bank. Mr. Mbida-Essama holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



**Salaheddine Mezouar**  
**President, Euros Africa Agency;**  
**Former President, General**  
**Confederation of Moroccan**  
**Enterprises (CGEM), Former Minister**  
**of Foreign Affairs**  
*Morocco*



Mr. Mezouar is at present President of the Euros Agency Africa and Ktrium Invest and Advisory; Senior Advisor of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and of Africa 50. He has been involved in business management. From 2004 to 2019, he was successively Minister of Trade, Industry and Economic Upgrading, Minister of Economy and Finance and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. He was President of COP22 and President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM). Since 2020, he is involved in strategic and investment consulting accompanying development projects in public-private partnership focusing on the African continent



**Luis Alberto Moreno**  
**Managing Director, Allen & Co; Former**  
**President, Inter-American Development**  
**Bank (IDB)**  
**Colombia**



A Colombian citizen, joined Allen & Company LLC serving as Managing Director at 2021.

In 2020, Moreno concluded his 15-year tenure as the President of the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB), elected in 2005, and re-elected in 2010 and 2015. There he led a profound transformation of the organization while also chairing the Board of Executive Directors of IDB Invest, the Group's private sector arm, as well as the Donors Committee at IDB Lab, an innovation laboratory for development to test and scale up ideas that improve human lives.

Under Moreno's leadership, the IDB Group -owned by 48 member countries- consolidated its role as the leading and principal source of long-term financing for Latin America and the Caribbean, while providing cutting-edge knowledge and technical advice for social, economic and institutional development.

After taking office, Moreno embarked on a major overhaul of the Bank's organizational structure and operations to make the IDB more flexible and client-focused. He initiated reforms that enhanced its social and environmental safeguards, introduced a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework, reinforced institutional integrity and accountability mechanisms, and instituted a new access to information policy. In addition, the Bank adopted a new capital adequacy model, preserving its AAA credit rating, while optimizing the use of its balance sheet.

Moreno also led a drive to promote more women to leadership roles. As a result, the IDB became the first regional development bank to obtain an EDGE certification, the leading global assessment methodology and business certification standard for gender equality. More importantly, the Bank has mainstreamed gender and diversity objectives into its public and private sector programs.

Milestones during Moreno's tenure include: the approval of \$4.4 billion in debt relief for Bolivia, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua, the most heavily indebted member countries, in 2007; the approval of the 9th General Capital Increase, the largest expansion of resources in the Bank's history, in 2010; the merging and expansion of the Group's private sector operations under IDB Invest (leading organization in private sector development), in 2016; replenishment of IDB Lab (MIF) with historic contributions from Latin American and Caribbean countries, in 2017; the launch of a special grant facility to support operations to help countries integrate migrants into local communities and contribute to their development, in 2019; and; the bold Covid-19 response, in 2020.





**Carlo Monticelli**  
**Governor, Council of Europe Development  
Bank (CEB)**  
*France*



Carlo Monticelli, an Italian national, was elected Governor of the CEB by the Bank's member states on 11 June 2021 after serving for six years as Vice-Governor for Financial Strategy. He began his five-year mandate on 18 December 2021.

Before joining the CEB, Mr Monticelli worked for more than a decade at the Italian Treasury, representing Italy in international fora and institutions, including as EFC member, G7 Deputy, G8 Financial Sous-Sherpa, G20 Deputy, IMFC Deputy, FSB member and OCDE WP3 member.

In his capacity as Head of International Financial Relations, he was for many years Alternate Governor for Italy at the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and served on the Board of Directors of the European Investment Bank and the Italian Export Credit Insurance Agency (SACE).

Before joining the Treasury, his career straddled both private and public sectors, including as Head of European Economics, Global Markets Research, at the Deutsche Bank, London, and Deputy Director in the Research Department of the Bank of Italy.

Mr. Monticelli, holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Ancona, a M.Sc. in Economics from the University of York, and has carried out post graduate studies at Oxford University (Brasenose College). He has been a visiting professor at the International Economics Department of the Graduate Institute in Geneva and a visiting scholar at the Economics Department of the MIT.

Over the years, he has delivered seminars and lectures in various other universities, participated in numerous academic and policy conferences, authored articles in international academic journals, published a book with Oxford University Press and, in 2019, *Reforming Global Economic Governance*, with Routledge. He currently teaches a course at Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA).



**Scott Morris**  
**Vice-President, East and Southeast Asia, and  
the Pacific, Asian Development Bank**  
*International Organization*



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Mr. Scott Morris joined ADB on 1 November 2023 and has significant prior leadership experience in both government and the non-profit sector. He is currently responsible for overseeing ADB's operations in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific.

Mr. Morris is an expert on development finance and debt policy with more than 25 years of experience in international economic policymaking and research. Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Morris was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development (CGD) in Washington, DC. At CGD, he led work on multilateral and bilateral development finance, including the role of concessional finance in supporting low-income and climate-vulnerable countries.

Mr. Morris previously served in senior roles in the US government, including as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Development Finance and Debt in the US Treasury. In this role, he oversaw the participation of the US in multilateral development banks, including ADB, as well as US participation in the Paris Club. Prior to his US Treasury appointment, he managed the international and monetary policy portfolio of the Committee on Financial Services, US House of Representatives.

Mr. Morris holds a master of public policy studies (international economics) from the University of Michigan, Institute for Public Policy Studies, in Michigan, US. He obtained his bachelor of arts degree in government from Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania, US.



**Ignacio Munyo**  
**Executive Director, CERES**  
*Uruguay*



Ignacio Munyo is the Executive Director (CEO) of CERES since June 2020. He is also Professor of Economics at IEEM Business School, University of Montevideo.

Dr. Munyo has 20 years of experience working with Latin America Macroeconomics and data-intensive projects. He was Business Consultant of Grant Thornton, Senior Economist of CERES, Nonresident Fellow at Brookings Institution (US), consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank (US), and Research Assistant at the University of Chicago (US). He received the Raul Trajtenberg National Prize in Economics 2014, the most prestigious award in the field of economics of Uruguay.

He is member of the National Academy of Economics and the National Research System. He has several scientific publications in leading scientific journals such as The Review of Economic Dynamics, The Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization and The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, among others. He is board member of the Montevideo Stock Exchange and the Uruguayan Economic Association. He is columnist of newspaper El País, the main Uruguayan newspaper.

He holds a PhD in Economics from Universidad de San Andrés and a Master in Economics from the University of Chicago, where he also completed the PhD courses. He is Licentiate in Economics and a degree in Management from Universidad de la República (Uruguay). He also graduated from the Think Tank Leadership Program at Atlas Network, in the Senior Management Program at IEEM Business School, University of Montevideo and in the Global Colloquium of Participant-Centered Learning (Executive Education) at Harvard University.



**Megumi Muto**  
**Vice President, Japan International  
 Cooperation Agency (JICA)**  
*Japan*



Ms. Muto was the chief representative of JICA in Paris, Dr Muto represents JICA in OECD meetings, the Paris Club and other bilateral discussions with development partners in Europe. She is also responsible for JICA's portfolio in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. During the five years before transferring to Paris in Oct 2015, she was responsible for JICA's portfolio in the Philippines and the Pacific.

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

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

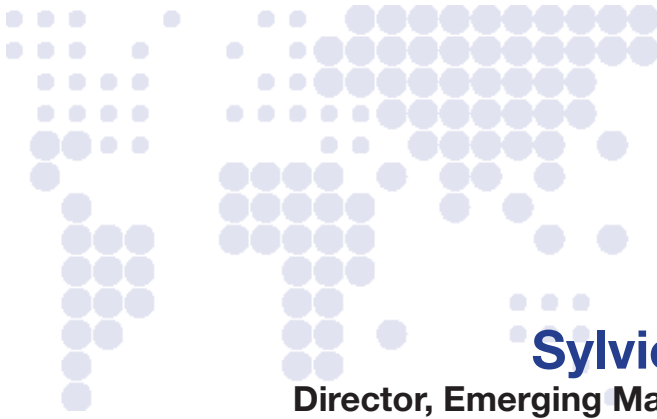
She holds PhD in development economics from GRIPS, Japan, MPA from Princeton University and BA from Keio University, Japan. Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo (Graduate School of Frontier Sciences), FY 2014/2015. Associate member, Science Council of Japan, FY 2014.



**Rakesh Nangia**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Centennial Group  
*India*



Prior to joining Centennial Group, Rakesh Nangia was the Evaluator General for Independent Development Evaluation at the African Development Bank. Before that, he spent 25 years at the World Bank, where he held several positions including Director of Strategy and Operations for the Human Development Network and Acting Vice-President for the World Bank Institute. He attended the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi and Harvard University and holds degrees in business administration and engineering.



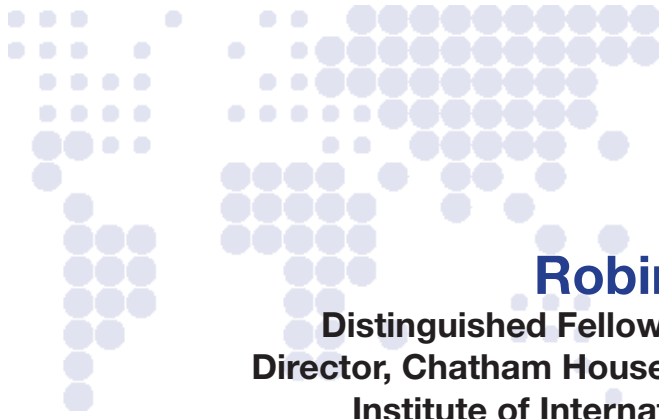
**Sylvie Naville**  
**Director, Emerging Markets Forum**  
*France*



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.



**Robin Niblett**  
**Distinguished Fellow and Former**  
**Director, Chatham House - The Royal**  
**Institute of International Affairs**  
*United Kingdom*



Robin is a Distinguished Fellow with Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs) and Senior Adviser at Hakluyt, the global strategic advisory firm.

He is also Senior Adviser to the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) and Distinguished Fellow with the Asia Society Policy Institute.

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Robin is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Geopolitics and was its Co-Chair (2020-22). He was Chairman of the Experts Group for the 2014 NATO Summit.

Robin is the author of *The New Cold War: How the Contest Between the US and China Will Shape Our Century* (Atlantic Books, 2024) and of numerous Chatham House and CSIS reports on British, European and US foreign policy. His commentary and analysis have appeared in the world's leading journals and newspapers.

Robin was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George in 2022 for services to international relations and British foreign policy. He received his MPhil and DPhil in International Relations from New College, Oxford.

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**Former Argentina G20 Sherpa;  
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Ph.D., specialized in Development, from Johns Hopkins University, Whiting School of Engineering. Founder and CEO of Eco-Axis, an economic research and management consultant firm. Executive Committee Member and Director of US Committee at CARI (Argentina's Council for International Relations), and Fellow at Global Solutions Initiative. She was Argentina's G20 Sherpa in 2016-17, co-chair of T20 Japan 2019 TF 4 and of T20 Saudi Arabia 2020 TF3 on Sustainable Infrastructure Investments. She was Head of Argentina's Investment Agency, Congress Member and Deputy Secretary of Industry and Trade with a leading role in the integration between Argentina and Brazil. In the business sector, she was General Manager and Director of the management consulting firm Arthur D. Little Argentina (1999-2001) and has participated on the board of international companies in Argentina (Director of KPMG 2011-2012, Director of Nobleza Piccardo 2005-2006). She was tenure-track professor at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), visiting professor at Johns Hopkins and Toronto Universities. and professor at Universidad Católica, de Bologna, and ITBA in Buenos Aires. 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. Author of several publications in books, academic journals, specialized magazines and newspapers as well as research and consulting studies





**Georgina Nuñez**  
**Executive Director, Young American  
Business Trust (YABT); Former  
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Since 2015, I am Technical Advisor in the Unit on Investment and Corporate Strategies in charge of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and Corporate Governance related to corporate debt issuance, mergers and acquisitions in Latin America. Currently, I oversee issues on competition policies for a digital economy, data protection and cybersecurity, and Sustainable Developments Goals (SDG), the Agenda 2030. Author of some publications on Corporate Governance topics such as “Corporate Governance and international bond issues by Latin American corporations”, “Corporate governance and foreign direct investment in Latin America: The merger and acquisitions cross border”, “Competition policies for a digital economy”; “Competition policies and convergence of sectors”; and “The concentration of markets in the digital economy”.



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Study of the Economies of Africa  
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Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena is the Executive Director of the Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA). He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Southern Voice, and a member of the African Policy Circle. His research interests include Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Trade, Global Economic Governance, Impact Evaluation, Digital Governance, and Financial Inclusion. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from University of Portsmouth, UK., and Executive Education certificates in Rethinking Financial Inclusion and Evaluating Social Programs from Harvard Kennedy School of Government and JPAL-MIT respectively.



**Aloysius Uche Ordu**  
**Nonresident Senior Fellow – Global  
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United States**



Aloysius Uche Ordu is a nonresident senior fellow with the Africa Growth Initiative in the Global Economy and Development program at Brookings. He previously served as director of the Africa Growth Initiative. Prior to joining Brookings, he was managing partner at Omapu Associates LLC, a boutique advisory services and consulting firm. In that capacity, he was lead adviser of the African Development Fund Policy Innovation Lab, which was created under the Bill & Melinda Gates Trust Fund to support the efforts of the African Development Bank Group for reinvigorating concessional finance to respond to the changing reality of its clients. As lead adviser, he oversaw a policy team that prepared the “Report of the High Level Panel on Transforming Trust in the AfDB Group into Influence.”

Ordu was previously vice president at the African Development Bank. In that capacity he was accountable for the bank’s regional departments, and the policy, fiduciary, partnership, and resource mobilization departments. He oversaw the replenishment of the African Development Fund, led the Bank Group’s decentralization of staff to the country offices across the African continent, chaired the operations committee, played active roles in the senior management coordinating committee, and represented bank management in the committee meetings of the board of executive directors. Before his appointment as vice president, he was regional director for Eastern Africa (covering Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Tanzania, and Uganda). In that capacity, he introduced innovations in country strategy formulation, analytically rigorous economic and sector work, and attention to expeditious portfolio management and quality assurance.

Before joining the African Development Bank, Ordu worked at the World Bank for over two decades and served in various leadership and managerial capacities, including director of operations policy and country services. In that capacity, he represented bank management in the committee meetings of the board of executive directors. He also served as operations director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region; country manager (Manila, Philippines); manager for development effectiveness in the Middle East and North Africa region; and coordinator of the Young Professionals Program—the World Bank Group’s source of talent.

During his long career in international development, Ordu led teams that revamped the World Bank’s lending policy instruments and streamlined its quality assurance processes. He led the design, appraisal and supervision of investment lending projects in Africa, East and South Asia and other world regions in diverse sectors, including urban water and sanitation, agriculture and rural development, energy, and transport infrastructure.

Prior to joining the World Bank Group, he worked as an international economist at the Midland Bank Group, London, covering emerging markets. Before that he worked at The Economist Intelligence Unit, London, covering sovereign risks.

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Ordu holds a Ph.D. in economics from Sussex University, M.Sc. in quantitative economics from Bristol University, and B.Sc. in economics and law from University College, Cardiff, Wales, U.K.



**Ralph Ossa**  
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Ralph Ossa is Chief Economist and Director of the Economic Research and Statistics Division at the World Trade Organization (WTO). He joined the WTO in January 2023 after a distinguished career in academia with appointments at Princeton University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Zurich.

Professor Ossa's research focuses on international economics with a particular emphasis on questions of policy relevance. For example, he has explored the economics of trade wars and trade talks and estimated how much countries gain from international trade.

He holds a PhD in economics from the London School of Economics.



**Alice Ouedraogo**  
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**International Finance**  
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Alice R. Ouedraogo is currently the Country Head for the International Finance Corporation - IFC- (member of the World Bank Group), based in Nouakchott, Mauritania, where her main duties are to oversee IFC's activities and lead business development activities. Her 25 years career at the WBG concentrated in public and private policy reforms, SMEs development, and gender legal reforms, in Africa, the Caribbean, and east and south Asia.



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Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi is Executive Vice-President at the African Center for Economic Transformation. ACET is an African Think Tank focused on supporting countries to develop and implement sustainable growth strategies that benefits its citizens and improves their well-being. Prior to joining ACET, Mavis was Director of Investments at Power of Nutrition where she helped to grow the portfolio from \$40m to over \$500m in Africa and Asia. Her other roles include Director of Programme Policy and Quality for Save the Children UK and twelve years as a private sector specialist at the UK's Department of International Development. Her last role at DFID was as a Deputy Director and Head of Profession for Private Sector Development cadre. Mavis is a Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow with an MPhil from the University of Sussex.



**Zach Pagovski**  
**Director of Strategic Partnerships,**  
**Foreign Policy**  
*United States*



Zach Pagovski is the director of strategic partnerships at Foreign Policy. Before joining FP, he managed external relations at the German Marshall Fund of the United States and led the institutional partnerships division at Center for Civilians in Conflict. Pagovski has also held positions at the United Nations, the NATO Association of Canada, and in the Macedonian government.

In 2010, Pagovski founded the Challenge Future Chapters Network, which activates young leaders on sustainability initiatives. He has held fellowships with the Aspen Institute, Goldman Sachs, the Institute of International Education, the Fund of American Studies, GLOBSEC, the Eurasia Foundation, and the Policy Center for the New South. Pagovski was also a recipient of the Kimberly Miller Award for European Studies from American University and the David Merchant International Student Award for Achievement from Phi Beta Delta Honor Society. He is a graduate of American University's School of International Service.



**Praful Patel**  
**Former Vice President,**  
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A US national, Praful Patel was born in Kenya in 1946. He completed his higher education at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Denmark and later at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the USA. He is also a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Development Program.

A former World Bank Vice President, Praful has had a career spanning 35 years providing strategic leadership in managerial and corporate positions in various parts of the Bank. Among his corporate contributions at the World Bank was his leadership role in the Conflict Resolution System (CRS), the institution's internal process for dealing with conflict. Praful also led the process of designing and establishing the Global Fund's CRS system in 2010 and served as the founding Chair of the Global Fund's Office of Appeal Board since its establishment in 2010. He has also advised several private and public sector entities on internal justice systems.

Praful retired from the World Bank in August 2008 and continues to be based in Washington DC, consulting as a Development Specialist. He has served or currently serves on several boards including the African Center for Economic Transformation, Catalyst Microfinance International, ASA International, and IMAGO. He also served as Leader of the Panel of Experts for the Program of Infrastructure Development in Africa sponsored by the African Development Bank, AU and NEPAD. His roles at Centennial include serving as an advisor and heading its Africa wing.





**Pham Thai Phuong**  
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Mr. Pham Thai Phuong is an experienced career diplomat who currently serves as the Deputy Director General at the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, a position he has held since 2023.

He is an expert of economic diplomacy, currently oversees both the Division of Economic Policy Research and Division of International Economic Frameworks and Fora. Previously, he served as Director General Assistant of the same department since 2020 and led the Division of Policy Research Division from 2012 to 2014, and from 2018 to 2020. He was the Third Secretary then Second Secretary at the Embassy of Viet Nam in Denmark from 2014 to 2018.

He began working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam as an official in 2008. Phuong Thai Pham holds a BA in Business Administration from University of Commerce (Hanoi, Viet Nam) and an MA in Public Policy from KDI School of Public Policy and Management (Seoul, Republic of Korea).



**Matthew Powell**  
**Partner, Schillings**  
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**Annalisa Prizzon**  
**Principal Research Fellow, Development  
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*United Kingdom*



Annalisa Prizzon is Principal Research Fellow at the global affairs think tank ODI. She has more than 15 years of experience researching and advising governments and multilateral agencies on policies for the allocation, effectiveness, and architecture of international public finance. She worked in several countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia, the Pacific, and Latin America.

Before joining ODI, Annalisa was an economist and policy analyst in academic institutions and international organisations (OECD and World Bank Group). She holds a Ph.D. in Economics and Public Finance with a focus on external debt sustainability in low-income countries.

Annalisa is a Council member of the Development Study Association (DSA), lead editor of Development Policy Review and member of the Committee for Development Policy for the 2022-24 term. She also served as a member of the World Economic Forum Global Future Council on Infrastructure in 2019 and 2020.



**Ruben Ramirez Lezcano**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
*Paraguay*



Ambassador Ramírez Lezcano was born in Isla Margarita, Paraguay, on January 11, 1966.

Ramírez Lezcano is an economist from the School of Economic and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires, which he graduated from in 1987. The Ambassador also has a master's degree in International Politics from the Sorbonne University of Paris (1989), and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of California (1998).

Ramírez Lezcano began his diplomatic career on August 8, 1989 and, after an extensive and prolific career (see list of previous positions held below), he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador of the Diplomatic and Consular Rank of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2004.

In 2006 he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs by President Nicanor Duarte Frutos and held the position until the end of the constitutional period in 2008. From this position, he moved to the private sphere where he held various executive positions: he was Director-Representative of the Andean Development Corporation (today CAF-Development Bank of Latin America) in the Argentina office, first, and later in Panama, with responsibilities over Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico. His management in various functions of the CAF was characterized by the promotion of important infrastructure works, the development of projects in the energy, communication and education sectors, as well as social development.

Among these initiatives, Ambassador Ramirez overviewed the structuring of financing for the expansion of the Panama Canal, the first metro in Panama City, the development of bioceanic corridors in Argentina, the development of 500 kv high voltage lines, of the Argentine Geostationary Telecommunications Satellite System (sbgAT), the development of social infrastructure, productive support programs and port development, among others.

After some years working in the private banking and financial sector of Paraguay, on August 15, 2023, Ambassador Ramírez Lezcano was reappointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay, this time by President Santiago Peña, a position he holds to this day.

Ambassador Ramírez Lezcano is married to Adriana Cabelluzzi and has two children: MartínDarío Ramírez Cabelluzzi and Santiago Andrés Ramírez Cabelluzzi. He speaks fluent Guaraní, Spanish, English, French and Portuguese.



**Jacques Rogozinski**  
**Former Director General, Nacional Financiera**  
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Dr. Jacques Rogozinski is the General Director of Nacional Financiera ( NAFIN ) Development Bank Institution , which promote savings and investment, and to channel financial and technical support to industrial development mainly Small and Medium Enterprises.

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

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

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

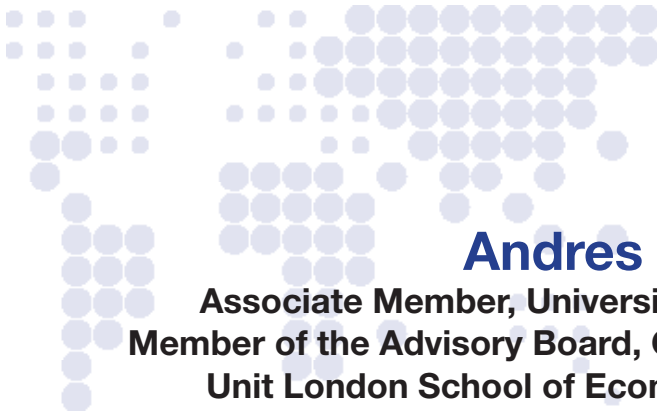
In India 2012, Mr. Rogozinski was recognized with the Global Award of the Priyadarshni Academy, to contribute to the economic development.

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

Mr. Rogozinski is the author of various books: Mitos y Mentadas de la Economía Mexicana; La Privatización en México: Razones e Impactos; La Privatización de Empresas Paraestatales: Una Visión de la Modernización de México, and High Price for Change – Privatization in Mexico. He has had many articles printed in key publications such as "A Plan to Resuscitate Mexico's Entrepreneurs" and "Learning the ABCs of Mexico Privatization Process" in the Wall Street Journal, and "Too Much Vodka!" in The International Economy.

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

Mr. Rogozinski holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), and a Master's Degree and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado.



## **Andres Rugeles**

**Associate Member, University of Oxford;  
Member of the Advisory Board, Global South  
Unit London School of Economics (LSE)  
Colombia**



Andres Rugeles is a visiting fellow at Oxford University, St Antony's College. He has had extensive experience in the field of foreign policy, as well as in multilateral banking and Latin American regional integration.

Previously, he served as Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations in New York; Secretary of Transparency of Colombia; Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia; Chief of Cabinet and General Advisor of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America; Secretary General of CAF; Representative of CAF in Argentina; Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Andean Community; among others. He is an alumnus of LSE and was a member of the Editorial Committee of "Millennium: Journal of International Studies".



**Andres Rugeles**  
**Director General, Operational Partnerships,**  
**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**  
*International Organization*



Rodrigo Salvado is Director General of the Operational Partnership Department, which administers AIIB's Special Funds resources. He also manages AIIB's engagement with global and regional coordination mechanisms and partners to build relationships and mobilize additional resources for the Bank's investment operations. Before joining AIIB in August 2022, he was Deputy Director, International Development Finance for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he was in charge of building strategic partnerships and setting up innovative financing mechanisms to mobilize public and private resources toward the Sustainable Development Goals. Previously, he worked for the African Development Bank Group where he was in charge of the Performance Based Allocation System of the African Development Fund and the coordination of the Annual Country Policy and Institutional Assessment. He also worked as a policy analyst for the Center for International Development at Harvard University and as a senior financial officer at the Central American Bank for Economic Integration in Honduras. Rodrigo holds a master's degree in public administration in International Development from Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a master's degree in economics from the Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros in Madrid, and a bachelor's degree of Science in Economics from the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina. He is from Italy and Argentina.



**Amelia Santos Paulino**  
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Dr. Amelia U. Santos-Paulino currently serves as the Chief of the Investment Research Section at UNCTAD's Investment and Enterprise Division and Editor of the Transnational Corporations Journal. Before her current roles, she held various positions, including Research Fellow and Project Director at the United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) in Helsinki, and Research Fellow (tenure track) at the University of Sussex's Institute of Development Studies. She was a Senior Research Economist at the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic and served as Senior Adviser for the negotiations of the US-DR-CAFTA Free Trade Agreement. Dr. Santos-Paulino has held visiting posts at institutions such as the University of California Davis, Geneva's Graduate Institute, Fudan University, and the Asian Development Bank Institute in Tokyo. Her research has been published in journals including the Economic Journal, Cambridge Journal of Economics, and World Development, and has edited books published by Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press. She holds a Ph.D. and MA degrees in Economics from the University of Kent in the UK.





**Jean-Louis Sarbib**  
**Director, Africa and Middle East,**  
**Centennial Group; Former Senior Vice**  
**President, World Bank**  
*France*



Mr. Sarbib was senior vice president at the World Bank from 1980 to 2006. Upon leaving the Bank, Mr. Sarbib joined Wolfensohn & Company as a managing director from 2006 to 2009. A French national, Mr. Sarbib serves on the boards of World Links for Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The International Center for Conciliation, and FXB International. He served on the board of GAVI from 2003 to 2009, the board of UNESCO's International Institute for Education Planning from 2003 to 2006, chaired the governing board of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (2004-2006), and represented the World Bank at Head of Agency level at the UN-AIDS Committee of Co-Sponsoring Agencies. He has taught at Georgetown University (2008-2010), and served as senior non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution (2006-2010) and adviser to James Wolfensohn (2006-2010).

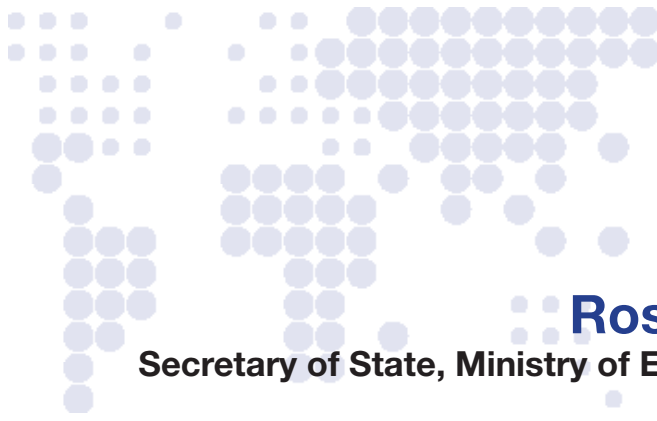


**Ludger Schuknecht**  
**Vice President and Corporate Secretary,**  
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Ludger Schuknecht is Vice President and Corporate Secretary. He is responsible for AIIB's relations with its Members, the Board of Governors, the Board of Directors, other aspects of governance including the admission of new Members and the integrity of the Bank's governance. He also oversees how the Bank communicates with key external stakeholders and has supervision over its awareness-building and brand and reputation management efforts to promote understanding of the Bank's operations and mission among internal and external audiences. Before joining AIIB in August 2021, he held important leadership posts at the national and international levels. Most recently, he was a Visiting Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore. Prior to this role, he was Deputy Secretary-General at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and was previously Chief Economist and Director General of Germany's Federal Finance Ministry. In this position, he served as the G20 Finance Deputy for Germany and Co-chair of the Infrastructure Investment Working Group of the G20. Schuknecht has extensive experience working with international financial institutions, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Central Bank and the World Trade Organization. He also acted as the Chief Negotiator for Germany in the founding of AIIB, making him one of the architects of AIIB and one of the drafters of its Articles of Agreement. He holds a Vordiplom in Economics from Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany; an MA in Economics from George Mason University, USA; and a Ph.D in Economics and a Habilitation in Economics from Universität Konstanz, Germany. Schuknecht is from Germany.



**Ros Seilava**  
**Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and  
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H.E. Ros Seilava, is currently a Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the PFMRP Steering Committee and also Member of the Supreme National Economic Council (SNEC). He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Agricultural and Rural Development Bank of Cambodia.

He worked as Mechanical Technician and Laboratory at Power Plant under the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, before joining the Ministry of Economy and Finance as Financial Controller. He was promoted to be deputy director of Economic and Financial Policy Planning and Monitoring Unit and as Director of Department of Economy and Public Finance Policy.

Later, He was appointed as Deputy Secretary General up on his return from the World Bank where he serves as an Advisor to the Executive Director during 2006-2008.

He received his BA in Social Science from Penza's Institute of the Pedagogy, the former USSR, in 1987-1992. In 2002, he obtained his Master of International Affairs (MIA) in Economic Policy Management from Columbia University, New York, USA.



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Minouche Shafik is an economist, policymaker, and higher education leader who has spent over three decades in leadership roles across a range of prominent international and academic institutions. She was most recently President of Columbia University and of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) where she drove academic excellence and improved student experience. Before that, Shafik served as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, where she led work on fighting misconduct in financial markets and managed a balance sheet of about \$600 billion; Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, navigating turbulence surrounding the European debt crisis and the Arab Spring; Permanent Secretary of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development, where she helped secure the UK's commitment to giving 0.7% of GDP in aid and focused on fighting poverty in the poorest countries in the world; and the youngest-ever Vice President of the World Bank, where she worked on the institution's first-ever report on the environment, led work on infrastructure and private sector investment, and advised governments in post-communist Eastern Europe. She is a trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Shafik received her BA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, MSc from LSE, and DPhil from St Antony's College, Oxford. She holds a life peerage and membership of the House of Lords, a damehood for services to the global economy, an honorary fellowship of the British Academy, and several honorary degrees. She is currently chairing a review of international development for the UK government.



**Andrew Sheng**  
**Distinguished Fellow of Asia Global  
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Andrew Sheng is well known in global financial circles as a former central banker and financial regulator in Asia and a commentator on global finance. He is Distinguished Fellow of Asia Global Institute, the University of Hong Kong. Andrew is the Chief Adviser to the China Banking Regulatory Commission, a Board Member of Khazanah Nasional Berhad, the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia, a member of the international advisory council of the China Investment Corporation, the China Development Bank, China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Securities and Exchange Board of India. He is also an advisor to the United Nations Environment Program Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System.

Andrew served as Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong from 1998 to 2005, having previously been a central banker with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and Bank Negara Malaysia. He also worked with the World Bank from 1989 to 1993. From 2003 to 2005, he chaired the Technical Committee of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

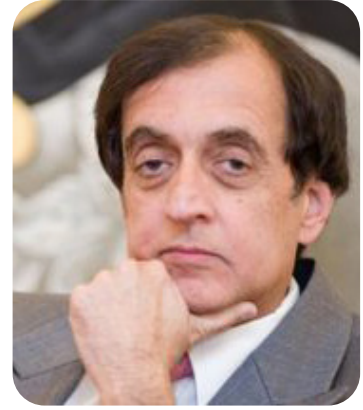
He has published widely on monetary, economics and financial issues. His 2009 book entitled, "From Asian to global financial crisis: an Asian regulator's view of unfettered finance in the 1990s and 2000s", was published by Cambridge University Press. His forthcoming book is "Shadow Banking in China: An Opportunity for Financial Reform", with Ng Chow Soon (John Wiley).

He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing and the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. In 2009, he became the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak.

He writes regularly on international finance and monetary economics, financial regulation and global governance for Project Syndicate, AsiaNewsNet and leading economic magazines and newspapers in China and Asia. A chartered accountant by training, he has a BSc in Economics and Honorary Doctorates from the University of Bristol and University of Malaya. In April 2013, Andrew was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. He also appeared in the Oscar-winning film "Inside Job" in 2011.

## Anoop Singh

**Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), Former Member, 15th Finance Commission of India; Former Director, Western Hemisphere and Asia Pacific, International Monetary Fund (IMF)**  
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Anoop Singh has been Member, 15th Finance Commission of India, in the rank of Union Minister of State. The Finance Commission is a constitutional body that recommended tax sharing and grant transfers between the Union and the States for the period 2021-2026.

He is Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP, the Brookings India successor) in New Delhi, and has recently been adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, Washington DC.

Before that, at the International Monetary Fund, he was Director of the Asia and Pacific Department, Director of the Western Hemisphere Department, and Director of Special Operations.

His additional work experience includes being Special Advisor to the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. He has also been Managing Director and Head of Regulatory Affairs, Asia Pacific, for JP Morgan.

Mr. Singh holds degrees from the universities of Bombay, Cambridge, and the London School of Economics.



**Nand Kishore Singh**  
**Chairman, Fifteenth Finance**  
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Nand Kishore Singh is a prominent Indian economist, academician, and policymaker. He is currently Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission. Prior to this position, he presided as Chairman of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Review Committee (FRBM). He also served as a member of the Upper House of the Parliament, the Rajya Sabha, from 2008 to 2014, during which time he contributed to several prominent Parliamentary Standing Committees including the Public Accounts Committee, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Human Resource Development. Mr. Singh had a long and distinguished career as a member of the Indian Administrative Services before his entry into politics and fiscal policy leadership. He served as Expenditure Secretary; Revenue Secretary and Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, among other senior leadership roles. As a member of the erstwhile Planning Commission, he was heading the Expert Committee on Power Sector Reforms. He was part of the core group of advisors and strategists during India's economic reforms of 1991.



**Bernard Snoy**  
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Belgium 1974 - Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University, USA

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July 2005 - October 2008: Co-ordinator of the Economic and Environmental Activities, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna

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, Kazakstan, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey

1988-1991: Chief of Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Finance

1986-1988: Economic Adviser, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels

1980-1986: Head, Financial Relations, European Office of the World Bank, Paris

1979-1980: Assistant Manager, Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise, Luxembourg

1974-1979: World Bank, Washington D.C ("West Africa" then "Europe, Middle-East and North Africa" region)





## Vera Songwe

**Chair and Founder, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility; Former Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa-ECA, Cameroon  
Cameroon**




Vera Songwe is Chair of the Liquidity and Sustainability Facility. Songwe is co-chair of the High Level Panel on Finance for Climate Action. She is member of the Global Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ). She is a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Songwe was previously Under-Secretary-General at the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Songwe has been recognized as one of Africa's 100 most influential people in 2022 and was a recipient of the All Africa Continental Leadership Award, Songwe was named one of the nominees for Forbes Africa 50 Top Women in 2023. She recently co-authored a book entitled " Régional Integration in West Africa: Is There a Role for a Single Currency? "

She has spent the last three years championing the cause for additional liquidity for emerging markets and the need for a new global financial architecture fit for the 21st century's development challenges.

She has held a number of senior positions at the World Bank, and the International Finance Corporation. Her main areas of interest are financial stability, macro-prudential policy, fiscal and monetary policy, innovative financing mechanisms for development, climate finance, agriculture, energy, and economic governance. She has extensive experience working in Africa, East Asia, Europe and Central Asia and South Asia regions.

Prior to joining the Bank, Dr. Songwe was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Southern California and at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Dr. Songwe holds a PhD. in Mathematical Economics from the Center for Operations Research & Econometrics from the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium. She holds a BA in Economics and a BA in Political Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



**Anil Sood**  
**Senior Advisor, Emerging Markets  
Forum; Former Vice President,  
Strategy and Resource Management,  
World Bank**  
*India*



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.

Mr. Sood now focuses on issues of growth and global competitiveness, and on development evaluation. He has an MBA from Harvard Business School (Baker Scholar) and BSc in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (Distinguished Alumni).



## **Siddharth Tiwari**

**Member, Advisory Council, Bretton Woods  
Committee; Fellow, Chatham House; Vice  
President, International Finance Forum (IFF)  
*India***



Siddharth has served as head of the BIS Office for Asia in Hong Kong; as Executive Secretary of the G20 Eminent Persons Group in Singapore; and in senior management positions in the IMF including as Director of Strategy Policy and Review, Secretary of the IMF, Chief of Staff for the Managing Director, and Head of Country Operations in Africa.

His areas of expertise include the international financial system, IMF, G7 and G20, technology and finance, digital public infrastructure and data governance. He has extensive experience working in BRICs economies, south and southeast Asia as well as Africa.

At present, Siddharth is advising the Indian Sherpa for India's G20 Presidency in 2023, the International Finance Forum in Beijing, and is an active member of The Trilateral Commission and the Bretton Woods Committee. Siddharth holds a doctorate in Economics from the University of Chicago and a Masters from the London School of Economics.

### Past experience

2018-22 Head of the Asian Office, Bank for International Settlements, Hong Kong

2017-18 Executive Secretary, G20 Eminent Persons Group, Singapore

2011-17 Director of Strategy, Policy and Review Department, IMF

2009-11 Secretary of the International Monetary Fund

2004-07 Head of Country Operations, African Department, IMF



**Boubacar Sidiki Traoré**  
**Chairman Ecobank Mali; President  
and Co-Founder Matokora Doutigui  
SA; Former Resident Representative in  
Gabon Equatorial Guinea and Algeria  
African Development Bank (AfDB)**  
*Mali*



Mr. Boubacar S. TRAORE is an Economist by training, Expert in strategic planning and resource mobilization. He has worked since 1988 in the areas of strategic planning and economic and social development policies. With more than 30 years of experience, he has held very senior positions in the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and the World Bank in Washington DC. USA. He has served as Resident Representative of the AfDB in Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Algeria. He also served as Head of the AfDB Strategy Planning Division, and Senior Advisor to the Vice President, Strategy, Programming, Budget, Cooperation and Partnership.

Mr. Traoré has also played a central role in the successive replenishment operations of the African Development Fund (ADF) concessional resources, and in the mobilization of resources under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC). By way of illustration, in 2005 the HIPC was able to mobilize a G7 commitment of US \$ 100 billion in nominal terms, for the World Bank, the IMF and the ADB, for nearly 60 eligible countries, three quarters of which are in the Africa Region. In addition, Mr. Traoré has for many years led the ADF performance-based resource allocation process, built on the assessment of the macroeconomic and governance performance of eligible regional member countries. During his mandate in Algeria, the ADB has granted to this country a record and historic envelope of US\$1.0 billion, the equivalent of 900 million Euros, under the Support Program for Industrial and Energy Competitiveness (PACIE) in 2016. An operation exceptionally disbursed in one installment the same year.

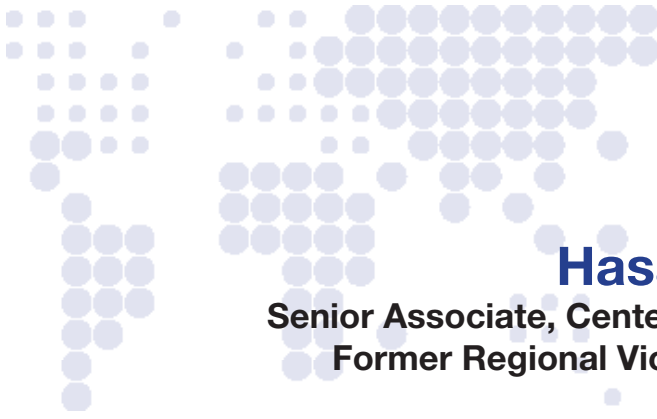
Mr. Traoré spearheaded the preparation of the first Strategic Plan of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) for the 2003-2007 period. He also led the preparation of five consecutive Bank Group Annual Reports from 2004 to 2008, for the Ministers of Economy and Finance of all its 78 member country shareholders. These include all the member countries of the African Union, the OECD countries, together with other countries in the Middle East, Asia and Latin America. He also has a rich civil society and non-governmental associative experience, particularly in Mali and within the ADB Group, where he earned high level distinctions all along his long standing professional and managerial track record.



**Marcus Svedberg**  
Chief Economist, Folksam  
*Sweden*



Marcus Svedberg was until recently, the Investment Strategist at Swedish pension fund AP4 focusing on macro, emerging markets and sustainable investments. He was previously an adviser on sustainable finance and the Swedish adviser in the World Bank Board in Washington DC. Before that he was Chief Economist at East Capital for a decade and has also worked at a number of research institutes across Europe. He has a master's degree in political economy from the London School of Economics.



**Hasan Tuluy**  
**Senior Associate, Centennial Group;**  
**Former Regional Vice President,**  
**World Bank**  
*Turkey*



Hasan Tuluy was the World Bank Regional Vice President for Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) from 2012. Mr. Tuluy's career at the World Bank for over twenty years has focused on promoting the Bank's role as a reliable partner in finding development solutions for member states through financial, knowledge, and technical assistance services. He joined the Bank in 1987 as an economist and has since served in various positions of responsibility including: Country Director in the Africa Region, Director of World Bank Corporate Strategy, Director of Strategy & Operations, Middle East and North Africa Region, Chief Operating Officer for the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), Vice President of Human Resources. Before joining the Bank, Mr. Tuluy worked as a consultant and advisor to governments in the developing world. He holds a Ph.D. in Development Economics and Trade from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA.




**Claudia Umaña Araujo**  
**Former President, FUSADES;**  
**Executive Coach**  
*El Salvador*



Throughout her career, Claudia has been the first woman President of FUSADES, a think tank ranked among the top 12 in Latin America, where she promoted transparency and the rule of law as keystones of prosperity and peace. She founded the NGO Democracy - Transparency - Justice (DTJ), advocating for transparency, women's rights, and youth engagement. As the former Director of Trade/Commercial Policy at the Ministry of Economy of El Salvador, she played a pivotal role in negotiating significant trade treaties, including WTO agreements and CAFTA-DR, and led the Central American Economic Integration process.

Claudia was awarded the "Order of Bernardo O'Higgins" by the Government of Chile. She is a Fellow of the Central America Leadership Initiative (CALI) and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

In 2022, Claudia obtained her certification as an Executive Coach from INCAE, accredited ACSTH by ICF, under the mentorship of Alfonso Medina (MCC by ICF). She holds an ACTP Level 2 accreditation from Success Unlimited Network® and is a coach under the International Coaching Federation. Claudia is deeply committed to empowering professionals, especially women, to realize their full potential.



**Jose Dario Uribe Escobar**  
Former Governor, Central Bank of  
Colombia; Executive President, Latin  
America Reserve Fund (FLAR)  
*Colombia*



Executive President of the Latin American Reserve Fund; he was the General Manager (Governor) of the Banco de la República (Colombia's central bank) for twelve years, after serving as the central bank's Deputy Governor and Deputy Manager of Economic Studies. He has been a professor at several universities and has received national and international recognition.





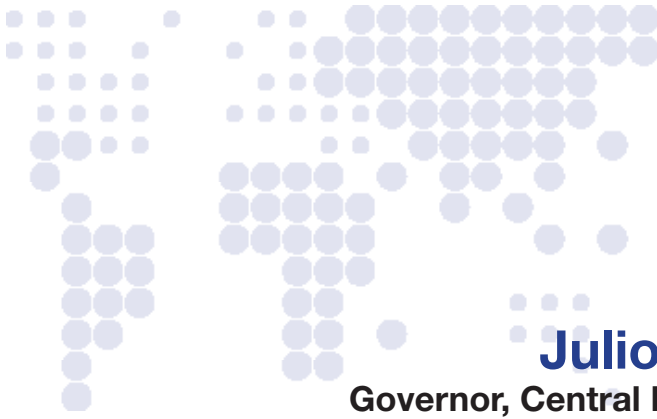
## **Andres Valenciano**

**Former Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica; Director, Washington Office, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)  
Costa Rica**



Andres Valenciano was sworn in as Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica on November 24th, 2020. He is responsible for Costa Rican foreign trade policies and attraction of foreign investment, as well as the representation before several multilateral organizations, such as SIECA, the WTO, and the OECD.

Minister Valenciano Yamuni has over 15 years of professional experience. He is an Industrial Engineer graduated from the University of Costa Rica, with a Master degree in International Business from The Fletcher School - Tufts University in the United States of America, and he's a Lee Kuan Yew School Senior Fellow from the National University of Singapore. He has led research studies and projects related to social and economic development in over 12 countries in three continents. Before becoming Minister, he was the Executive President of the Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje, where he was in charge of technical and vocational education in the country. Mr. Valenciano Yamuni was awarded as one of the "40 under 40" for contributions to Costa Rican society in 2013 and is part of the Advisory Council of the "State of the Nation" program.



**Julio Velarde**  
Governor, Central Bank of Peru  
*Peru*



JULIO VELARDE has been Chairman of the Board of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru since October 2006. In October 2021 he was ratified to continue presiding over the BCRP Board for a fourth consecutive term, until 2026.

He has a Master's and PhD studies in Economics from Brown University, United States, Advanced Studies in Economics at the Institute of World Economy in Kiel, Germany, and completed his undergraduate studies in Economics at the Universidad del Pacífico.

He was President of the Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-four Countries for International Monetary Affairs and Development (G24) in the period 2018/2019 and Executive President of the Latin American Reserve Fund (FLAR) from 2004 to October 2006. He also held the positions of Director of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru, from 1990 to 1992 and from 2001 to 2003; and Dean of the Faculty of Economics of the Universidad del Pacífico, 2003.

He has received numerous international awards for his management at the head of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru. Among the various recognitions he has received are that of the international magazine *The Banker*, of the *Financial Times* publishing group, which distinguished him as Central Banker of the Americas of the Year 2020 and as Central Banker of the Year globally in 2015. In 2021 he also received the highest rating as a central banker according to *Global Finance* magazine.

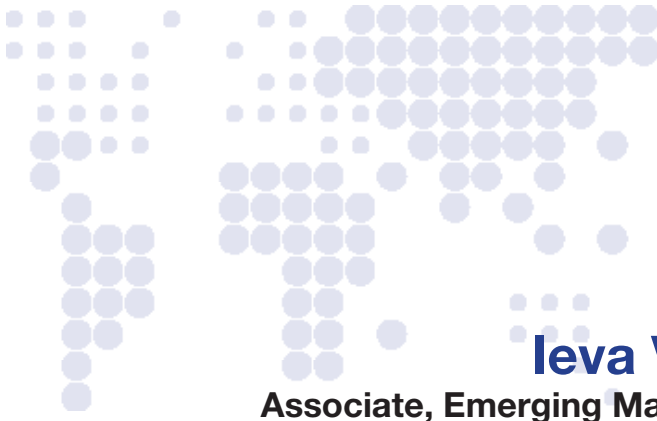


**Carole Versteeg**  
**Deputy Managing Director, CEPICI -**  
**Center for Promotion of Investments**  
*Côte d'Ivoire*



Carole Ouedraogo-Versteeg is Deputy CEO of the Center of Investment Promotion of Côte d'Ivoire (CEPICI). She played significant role in the development and implementation of strategic attraction of private investment in Côte d'Ivoire. Prior to her work with CEPICI, Carole worked at Olam Côte d'Ivoire SA as Project Director. Preceding this position, she worked at NIKE European Headquarters as Credit Business Analyst.

Carole holds a Master's Degree in Social Sciences from the University of Hitotsubahsi in Tokyo and a D.E.A in Literature from the University of Paris IV Sorbonne.



**Ieva Vilkelyte**  
**Associate, Emerging Markets Forum**  
*United States*



Ms. Ieva Vilkelyte, currently, is an Associate with the Emerging Markets Forum and Centennial Group. She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from Georgetown University. Ms. Vilkelyte contributes to a range of projects, reports, and books, ranging from economic analysis to organizational strategy evaluations. Ms. Vilkelyte has contributed to reports on terms of trade and regional long-term growth analyses such as *The impact of commodity terms of trade in Africa: Curse, blessing, or manageable reality?* (2016) and *Alternative long-term scenarios in The World in 2050: Striving for a more just, prosperous and harmonious global community* (2016), and *How Aging Societies May Affect Global Growth Prospects* (2018).



**Hiroshi Wago Rojas**  
**Director, Global Partnerships, CAF -**  
**Development Bank of Latin America**  
**and the Caribbean**  
*International Organization*



Hiroshi Wago Rojas leads the Global Partnerships Division at CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, responsible for the global alliances and positioning of CAF as the green and blue bank of the region and serving as a catalyst for sustainable and inclusive economic growth. From February 2023 to February 2024, as Consultant for Asia at CAF, he was responsible for strengthening and generating new relationships with government allies, private banks, and academia.

Previously, from 2020 to 2022, he led the International Strategy and Innovation Vice Presidency of ProColombia - the international promotion agency for non-mining exports, foreign direct investment, and international tourism. And for almost ten years, he was responsible for consolidating ProColombia's presence in Asia as Regional Director (South Korea, China, United Arab Emirates, India, Indonesia, Japan, and Singapore).

He has previous experience in the private sector and the academia. He holds a Master's in International Relations from Waseda University (2013, Tokyo, Japan) and a Bachelor's in Finance and International Relations from Universidad Externado de Colombia (2006, Bogotá, Colombia). He completed an exchange program in Economics and Politics at the University of Montreal (2004-2005, Montreal, Canada).



## **Ludger Wocken**

**Alternate Executive Director, International  
Monetary Fund (IMF)**  
*Germany*



**Hiroshi Watanabe**  
**Co-Chair, Emerging Markets  
Forum; President of the Institute for  
International Monetary Affairs  
*Japan***



Hiroshi Watanabe served as CEO and Governor of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). Previously, Mr. Watanabe served as Special Advisor to the President at the Japan Center for International Finance, having stepped down as Japan's Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs in July 2007. In his previous role as Vice Minister, Mr. Watanabe was responsible for overseeing international affairs at the Ministry of Finance, with oversight for foreign exchange stabilization, foreign development assistance and Japan's involvement in the international monetary system. In this role, he acted as Japan's representative at international conferences all over the world such as the G7, World Bank, IMF, ASEAN+3, ASEM and APEC, where he was tasked with raising awareness of the recent Japanese economic recovery and structural reform. Since beginning his professional career with the Ministry of Finance in 1972, he has specialized mainly in taxation and international affairs. After serving as chief economist within the Japan Center for International Finance, he went on to support Minister of Finance, Kiichi Miyazawa as personal secretary between 1998-2001. During his time in the International Bureau, he played an instrumental role in the enhancement of Asian monetary co-operation and bilateral assistance as Deputy Director-General and Director-General. He became Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs in 2004. He also serves as Senior Visiting Fellow at Harvard University in February 2008 and as Professor at Graduate School of commerce and Management, Hitotsubashi University in April 2008. Mr. Watanabe holds an LLB from the University of Tokyo, and an MA in Economics from Brown University.

**Alejandro Werner**  
**Funding Director, Georgetown Americas**  
**Institute, Former Director, Western Hemisphere**  
**Department, International Monetary Fund; Former**  
**Undersecretary of Finance and Public Credit**  
*Mexico*



Alejandro Werner joined the Georgetown Americas Institute as founding director in March 2022. His expertise is in economic outlook, emerging markets, monetary policy, currency, financial crises, and fiscal policy in Latin America.

International activities include:

Served as director of the Western Hemisphere Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from January 2013 to August 2021.

Taught at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Instituto de Empresa, and Yale University.

Authored multiple articles and *Peru: Staying the Course of Economic Success* (2015).

Served as undersecretary of finance and public credit, director of economic policy and chief of staff at the Finance Ministry of Mexico, as well as director of economic studies at the Bank of Mexico and head of corporate and investment banking at BBVA-Bancomer.

Named Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2007.

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**Simon Winter**  
**Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation**  
*Switzerland*



Simon Winter became SFSA Executive Director in 2017. He joined from TechnoServe, where he had been SVP, development in Washington, D.C, and previously led operations in sub-Saharan Africa. From 2015-2017, Simon was also a Senior Fellow of the Mossavar-Rahmani Center at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is a member of the Griffith Foods Sustainability Advisory Council, the Dalberg Trust Board, the ACRE Africa Board, and, the TechnoServe, South Africa Board. He is an adviser to the World Economic Forum's food and agriculture work, including co-chairing the Ambassadors for the Food Innovation Hubs. He is an adviser to the Steering Committee of the Farm to Market Alliance, where he served as Chair from 2019 to 2023. Past board roles include: Root Capital and a founding member of the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs Steering Committee. His earlier career included management positions at McKinsey & Co, development consulting, economic planning for a Ministry in Botswana, and roles on three continents with Barclay's Bank. A UK citizen, Simon holds a PhD in Economics from SOAS, London.



**Martin Wolf**  
**Chief Economics Commentator,**  
**Financial Times**  
*United Kingdom*



Martin Wolf is Associate Editor and Chief Economics Commentator at the Financial Times, London. He was awarded the CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in 2000 for services to financial journalism. He was a member of the UK government's Independent Commission on Banking between June 2010 and September 2011.

Mr Wolf has honorary doctorates from the London School of Economics, Nottingham University, Warwick University and Kingston University, in the UK, Macquarie University, in Australia and KU Leuven, in Belgium. He is an honorary fellow of Corpus Christ College and Nuffield College, Oxford University, and of King's College, London.

Mr Wolf was joint winner of the Wincott Foundation senior prize for excellence in financial journalism for 1989 and 1997. He won the "Accenture Decade of Excellence" at the Business Journalist of the Year Awards of 2003, "Commentator of the Year" award at the Business Journalist of the Year Awards of 2008, the Ludwig Erhard Prize for economic commentary for 2009 and "Commentariat of the Year 2009" at the Comment Awards, sponsored by Editorial Intelligence. He was placed in Foreign Policy's list of the "Top 100 Global Thinkers" in 2009, 2010 and 2011. He was joint winner of the 2009 award for columns in "giant newspapers" at the 15th annual Best in Business Journalism competition of The Society of American Business Editors and Writers. He won the 33rd Ischia International Journalism Prize in 2012, the Overseas Press Club of America's prize for "best commentary on international news in any medium" for 2013 and the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award at the Gerald Loeb Awards.

Mr Wolf's most recent publication is *The Crisis of Democratic Capitalism* (London and New York: Allen Lane, 2023).



**George Chunhui Yang**  
**CEO, Shanghai GoldenRidge CleanTech**  
*China*



George(Chunhui) Yang has over 20 years of experiences running global business development and investment in the renewable energy and power transmission sector. He started his career in public service and then moved to private sector to pursue his personal interests. He worked for both American and Chinese companies including AOSmith from Wisconsin, TIMKEN from Ohio and Trina Solar from China. He made intensive travels to emerging markets when working for LianLian Group where he tried to help Southeast Asian economies to build up their electronic payment systems. From 2013 to 2020 he was a member the board of directors of Risen Energy, a Chinese public company that provides solar power solutions in such areas including Central Asia and Africa. In 2020, he set up GoldenRidge CleanTech, which aims at promoting and facilitating the use of clean energy worldwide. He holds a master's degree in global finance from HKUST-NYU and he is also an expert on battery storage technologies, investment and application.



**Yong Zhou**  
**Chief Officer, Asian Infrastructure Investment  
Bank (AIIB)**  
*International Organization*



As Chief Officer, Yong Zhou acts as the Chief Advisor to the President. His main responsibilities are to assist the President in managing and overseeing AIIB's key day-to-day operations and activities and coordinating across functions, while ensuring the optimization of decision-making and alignment with AIIB's overall vision, goals and Corporate Strategy. Zhou also manages the Office of the President. Zhou joined AIIB in February 2016 as Senior Advisor to the President. Prior to joining AIIB, Zhou held a variety of leadership roles at China's Ministry of Finance, overseeing a large portfolio of multilateral development banks' financing projects in China, leading policy support for high-level dialogue and financial cooperation with major economies. He also served on the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. He holds an M.S. in Finance from the PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University. Zhou is from the People's Republic of China.

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