

## IMF



### **Prasad ANANTHAKRISHNAN**

*Unit Chief, Climate Finance Policy Unit*

Prasad Ananthakrishnan is the Unit Chief of Climate Finance Policy Unit, in the Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF and research fellow at CEPR. He heads the IMF Task Force on Climate Finance. Prasad has led Financial Sector Assessment Program missions to Germany (2022), Hong Kong SAR (2020) and Peru (2017) and participated in the Indonesia FSAP (2016). He also headed the Strategy and Planning Unit (MCM) between 2018-April 2022. Previously, he worked in the Middle East and Central Asia Department (2007-15), where he led Article IV Consultation Missions to Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar, and participated in missions to Bahrain, Saudi Arabi and the United Arab Emirates. He has written a book on the Macroeconomics of the Arab States of the Gulf, published by Oxford University Press (2013), and has several other publications on macrofinancial and climate finance issues. He has a PhD and a Master of Commerce from the University of Mumbai, and MBA from University of Pittsburg, USA.



### **Guillaume CHABERT**

*Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy, and Review Department*

Guillaume Chabert embarked on his career at the Directorate General for Local Government at the French Ministry of the Interior in 2000, before joining the Directorate General of the Treasury at the French Ministry of Finance in 2004. In 2010, Guillaume Chabert was appointed G20 Project Manager heading up the team coordinating the 2011 French Presidency of the G20 (and G7/G8) at the French Treasury. He was assigned in 2013 Adviser to the French Prime Minister, in charge of the Economy, Finance and Business, and then appointed in 2014 Deputy Chief of Staff of the French Minister of

Finance. He became in 2015 Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Trade and Development Policies at the French Treasury, and co-chair of the Paris Club and G20/G7 Financial Sous-Sherpa (“Deputy’s Deputy”) for France. In 2021, Guillaume Chabert took up his present position as deputy director in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department of the International Monetary Fund. Guillaume Chabert is a graduate from the Ecole Centrale de Paris, the Paris Institute of Political Studies, and the French Senior Civil Service School.



**Stefania FABRIZIO**

*Deputy Chief, Strategy, Policy, and Review Department*

Stefania Fabrizio is Deputy Chief in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department at IMF. Stefania Fabrizio is Deputy. Previously, she worked in the Fiscal Affairs Department, European Department and African Department of the IMF. Prior to joining the IMF, she was a visiting professor at the University of Salamanca, Spain. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy. Her research covers a range of issues in the area of gender economics, development economics, public finance, and macroeconomics.



**Kristalina GEORGIEVA**

*Managing Director*

Kristalina Georgieva currently serves as Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, a position she was selected for on September 25, 2019 and has served as since October 1, 2019.

Before joining the IMF, Ms. Georgieva was CEO of the World Bank from January 2017 to September 2019, during which time she also served as Interim President of the World Bank Group for three months.

Previously, Ms. Georgieva helped shape the agenda of the European Union while serving as European Commission Vice President for Budget and Human Resources. In this capacity she oversaw the EU's €161 billion (US \$175bn) budget and 33,000 staff, as well as the EU's response to the Euro Area debt crisis and the 2015 refugee crisis. Before that, she was Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, managing one of the world's largest humanitarian aid budgets.

Ms. Georgieva began her career in public service at the World Bank as an environmental economist in 1993. After serving for 17 years, and in many senior positions, including Director for Sustainable Development, Director for the Russian Federation, Director for Environment, and Director for Environment and Social Development for the East Asia and Pacific Region, her career culminated in her appointment as Vice President and Corporate Secretary in 2008. In this role, she served as the interlocutor between the World Bank Group's senior management, its Board of Directors, and its shareholder countries.

Ms. Georgieva serves on many international panels including as co-Chair of the Global Commission on Adaptation, and as co-chair of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing. She has authored and co-authored over 100 publications on environmental and economic policy, including textbooks on macro- and microeconomics.

Born in Sofia, Bulgaria, in 1953, Ms. Georgieva holds a Ph.D in Economic Science and a M.A. in Political Economy and Sociology from the University of National and World Economy, Sofia, where she was an Associate Professor between 1977 and 1993. During her academic career, she was visiting fellow at the London School of Economics and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



**Florence JAUMOTTE**

*Division Chief, Structural and Climate Policies Division*

Florence Jaumotte is Division Chief of the Structural and Climate Policies Division in the IMF Research Department and research fellow at CEPR. She has also worked in the Multilateral Surveillance Division and the World Economic Studies Division of the department, on a number of IMF country teams, and at the OECD in Paris. Her research interests include: labor market policies, climate, economic growth, inequality, and open-economy macroeconomics. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University.



**Julie KOZACK**

*Director of the Communications Department*

Ms. Julie Kozack is the head of the Communications Department (COM) at the International Monetary Fund. As Director of the COM, Ms. Kozack is responsible for IMF strategy on external engagements with media and the Fund's key stakeholders, including legislatures and parliaments, labor representatives, civil society groups, and academics, as well as the Fund's internal communications. The Director works closely with the Managing Director and senior IMF management on the communication of the institution's operations, including policy and lending decisions.

Ms. Kozack was previously a Deputy Director in the European Department (EUR), where she oversaw the IMF's work on Ukraine. Prior to that, she was a Deputy Director in the Western Hemisphere Department (WHD) and lead negotiator for Argentina on its program. Ms. Kozack has also worked in the Fund's Research and Strategy and Policy Review Departments. She has been mission chief for Germany, Iceland (during the crisis program period), Lithuania, Poland, and deputy mission chief

for Russia. Ms. Kozack was heavily involved in multilateral surveillance work, particularly on G20 and G7 engagement at the time of the global financial crisis.

Ms. Kozack further leveraged her leadership and communications expertise in her three-year role as the Director of the Singapore Regional Training Institute, demonstrating her seasoned managerial and leadership skills, running an independent institute away from headquarters with a mix of headquarter, local, and expert staff. She oversaw the delivery of training and capacity development to the Asia-Pacific region and broadened the understanding of the Fund by engaging with parliamentarians in the region through workshops and other training forums, as well as public and press engagements.

Ms. Kozack, a United States national, holds a PhD as well as two master's degrees in economics from Columbia University, New York. She earned a BA from Rutgers University.



**Antonio SPILIMBERGO**

*Deputy Director, Research Department*

Antonio Spilimbergo is Deputy Director in the Research Department at the IMF and research fellow of the CEPR. He studied economics at the University Bocconi of Milan and received his PhD in economics from MIT. He has been IMF mission chief for Brazil, Italy, Russia, Slovenia, and Turkey. He worked at the Inter-American Development Bank. Since July 1997, he has worked in the European, Fiscal, Research, and Western Hemisphere departments at the I.M.F.. His areas of interest are: international trade, development, labor economics, political economy, and macroeconomics. His main publications were published in the *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Carnegie-Rochester*

*Conference Series on Public Policy*. He edited two books on Europe and Brazil and he is author of the book, “SI-Vax”. He has been mission chief for Slovenia, Italy, Russia, Turkey, and Brazil. He is a Research Fellow at the CEPR.



**Rhoda WEEKS-BROWN**  
*General Counsel and Director of the Legal Department*

Rhoda Weeks-Brown is General Counsel and Director of the IMF’s Legal Department. She advises the IMF’s Executive Board, management, staff and country membership on all legal aspects of the IMF’s operations, including its lending, regulatory and advisory functions. Over her career at the IMF, she has led the Legal Department’s work on a wide range of significant policy and country matters. She has also lectured and written articles and many IMF Board papers on all aspects of the law of the IMF.

Ms. Weeks-Brown also served as Deputy Director in the IMF’s Communications Department, where she led IMF communications and outreach in Africa, Asia and Europe; played a key role in the transformation of the IMF’s communications strategy; and led IMF strategic communications on key legal and policy topics.

Ms. Weeks-Brown has a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in Economics (summa cum laude) from Howard University. Before joining the IMF, she worked in a large corporate law firm in Washington DC. She is member of the Bar in New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia and a member of the Supreme Court Bar. She is also a member of the Committee on International Monetary Law of the International Law Association (MOCOMILA), and the Consultative Group for the Sovereign Debt Forum. Ms. Weeks-Brown serves on the Boards of TalentNomics, Inc., a non-profit organization focused on developing women leaders globally, and Results for America, a non-profit

organization working to improve outcomes for communities through results-driven social programs. She was named one of the top 27 Global General Counsels (2020) by the Financial Times, and one of the top 5 General Counsels in the area of Promoting Ethical Standards.

Under her tenure, the IMF Legal Department has been short-listed for two Financial Times Awards, for Innovation in Strategic and Risk Advice and Most Innovative In-House Legal Team in North America.

## WORLD BANK



### **Ajay BANGA**

*President of the World Bank*

Ajay Banga began his five-year term as World Bank Group President on June 2, 2023.

Ajay Banga most recently served as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic. Previously, he was President and CEO of Mastercard, a global organization with nearly 24,000 employees. Under his leadership, MasterCard launched the Center for Inclusive Growth, which advances equitable and sustainable economic growth and financial inclusion around the world. He was Honorary Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, serving as Chairman from 2020-2022. He became an advisor to General Atlantic's climate-focused fund, BeyondNetZero, at its inception in 2021. Banga served as Co-Chair of the Partnership for Central America, a coalition of private organizations that works to advance economic opportunity across underserved populations in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. He was previously on the Boards of the American Red Cross, Kraft Foods, and Dow Inc.

Ajay Banga is a co-founder of The Cyber Readiness Institute and was Vice Chair of the Economic Club of New York. He was awarded the Foreign Policy Association Medal in 2012, the Padma Shri Award by the President of India in 2016, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Business Council for

International Understanding's Global Leadership Award in 2019, and the Distinguished Friends of Singapore Public Service Star in 2021.



**Hana BRIXI**  
*Global Director for Gender*

As Global Director for Gender, Hana BrixI leads a global effort to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. She sets the overall direction for the World Bank Group's Gender knowledge agenda, drives Bank-wide efforts for results in closing gender gaps, and fosters partnerships with public and private sector stakeholders toward innovations at scale.

In her career, Ms. BrixI has contributed to advances in human development, public finance, and governance. As Manager of the Human Capital Project, she led a global effort to protect and invest in people with an emphasis on girls and women empowerment. Prior to this, she held managerial and leadership positions in the Social Protection & Jobs and Governance Global Practices and in the Middle East & North Africa, East Asia & Pacific, and Europe & Central Asia regions. Based in China during 2001-10, she also served as World Health Organization's Manager and UNICEF Chief in China.

Ms. BrixI has published articles in professional journals and written several books on economic development, including *Trust, Voice and Incentives on service delivery* and *Government at Risk on fiscal management*. She holds graduate degrees in physics and economic policy from Masaryk University and Princeton University, respectively.





**James HEIMBACH**

*Vice-President of External Corporate Relations*

James “Jay” Heimbach leads the team which develops and manages stakeholder relations, partnerships, and overall communications across our institution. Jay’s role is to provide strategic guidance on the development of advocacy and communications strategies that clearly communicate the impact of the Bank’s work; inform, persuade, and influence public opinion on priority global development issues; and build support for the World Bank and its mission among key stakeholders.

Jay, a U.S. national, is formerly a Principal at the Tiber Creek Group, a government relations firm. He has worked in in both the non-profit and private sectors as well as government. Jay served as the Special Representative of the World Bank to North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel, where he worked closely with senior leadership in managing relationships with key donor governments.

Prior to his tenure at the World Bank, he was the Senior Director for North American Government Affairs for the ONE Campaign, a global advocacy organization focused on ending extreme poverty. In the Senate, Jay served as Chief of Staff to Senator Sherrod Brown from Ohio. He worked as a Special Assistant to the President in the Obama administration, focusing on energy, environmental, agricultural, and manufacturing issues in the US Senate. He also served President Clinton in the Office of Legislative Affairs and as Senior Policy Advisor for the White House Deputy Chief of Staff.

Jay holds a B.A. from Colby College, and a J.D. from the Boston University School of Law.



**Sukanya KANE**

*Director of Fragility, Conflict and Violence*

Soukeyna Kane is Director of the Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) Group at the World Bank. She is responsible for leading a team of dedicated professionals to deliver strategic, operational, and analytical support to the World Bank Group's work on FCV issues. Ms. Kane also represents the Bank in global fora and manages relationships around the FCV agenda with the donor community and other stakeholders.

Previously, she served as Country Director for Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad, leading the coordination and delivery of WBG strategy and operations in those countries and the Sahel more broadly. Prior to that, Ms. Kane was Practice Manager for Governance in the East and Central Asia region for 5 years.

Ms. Kane, a Senegalese national, joined the Bank in March 2003 as a Senior Financial Management Specialist and also held positions in the Africa Region, Operations Policy and Country Services (OPCS), Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Ms. Kane held several leadership positions at the African Development Bank and in the private sector in Senegal and France. She was the Principal Internal Auditor at the African Development Bank. Her extensive experience in the private sector includes the position of Administrative and Financial Director at the Assurances Générales Sénégalaises (AGS), as well as manager and senior auditor with ERA Audit et Expertise, AEG Paris, and Ernst & Young. Ms. Kane is a Certified Public Accountant and has a master's degree in Accounting and Finance from the Institut Supérieur du Commerce in Paris, France.



**Norman LOAYZA**

*Director of the Global Indicators Group*

Norman Loayza is Director of the Global Indicators Group at the World Bank. He currently supervises the flagship data and reports, "Women, Business and the Law", "Enterprise Surveys", and "Business Ready", the successor to the discontinued "Doing Business".

Previously, he was a Lead Economist in the Development Research Group and managed the Asia hub of the Research Group, based in Malaysia. He was director of the World Development Report 2014, Risk and Opportunity: Managing Risk for Development. His research has dealt with various areas of economic and social development, including macroeconomic management, economic growth, microeconomic flexibility, private and public saving, financial depth and stability, natural disasters, and crime and violence. His advisory experience at the World Bank has also ranged across different topics in various regions and countries. A few examples include business environment and economic performance in Latin America; informal and formal labor markets in the Middle East and Northern Africa; public infrastructure gaps in Pakistan and Egypt; savings for macroeconomic stability and growth in Sri Lanka, Georgia, and Egypt; and pro-poor growth in Indonesia and Peru. On external service from the World Bank, he was a Senior Economist at the Central Bank of Chile (1999-2000), where he advised on financial and monetary policy.

Norman has edited 10 books and published dozens of papers in professional journals and edited volumes. A Peruvian national, he holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University (1994).

**Aki NISHIO**

*Vice President of Development Finance*

Akihiko (Aki) Nishio is the World Bank Vice President of Development Finance (DFi) where he oversees strategic mobilization of Bank resources, including the International Development Association (IDA) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), as well as a diverse trust fund portfolio.

In this role since February 2019, Mr. Nishio focuses on furthering IDA's innovation: leveraging its equity by blending donor contributions with internal resources and funds raised through debt markets, scaling up engagement in fragile countries, and finding new ways to promote private sector development. In 2021, Mr. Nishio led the historic early IDA20 replenishment where development partners agreed to a record package of \$93 billion. He also led the successful IDA19 replenishment in 2019 during which \$82 billion was committed to the world's poorest countries. Mr. Nishio has 30 years of experience in the World Bank combining managerial leadership, technical knowledge, operational experience, and a track record of collaboration with development partners.

Since joining the Bank as a Young Professional in 1988, Mr. Nishio has held diverse positions across the institution. Before assuming his current position, he was acting Vice President of Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions (EFI), while serving as EFI's Director for Strategy and Operations. Prior to this position, he was Director of the IDA Department, Director for Strategy and Operations for the South Asia Region, Director of Operations of the World Bank Institute, Country Program Coordinator for China, and an economist for Indonesia in the rural development sector unit.

Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Nishio worked for the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund

(currently the Japan International Cooperation Agency).

A Japanese national from Yokohama, Mr. Nishio is a British Council scholar, with an M. Phil. in development from Cambridge University, a B.A. in economics from Hitotsubashi University in Japan, and an undergraduate diploma from the Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France.



**Christine Zhenwei QIANG**

*Director of Digital Development Global Practice*

Christine Zhenwei Qiang is the Director of the Digital Development Global Practice under the Infrastructure Practice Group of the World Bank. She heads a team supporting digital transformation in developing countries to drive shared prosperity and reduce poverty. Her team advises policymakers and regulators, works closely with private sector and development partners, and designs investment and technical assistance programs to improve digital connectivity and use of digital technology to address development challenges in client countries. The team collaborates with other Global Practices and across the World Bank Group to expand access to digital infrastructure, boost digital industry and capabilities, ensure the availability and use of digital platforms, and help build the foundations needed for digital economies to thrive. The team also works to strengthen cybersecurity and data protection and leverage the potential of digital technologies to enhance environmental sustainability.

Christine joined the World Bank Group in 1998. Prior to her role as Director, she was the Practice Manager in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation (FCI) Global Practice for West and Central Africa, Practice Manager of the Global Investment Climate unit in FCI, and Practice Manager of the Global Investment and Competition

Unit in the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI) Global Practice. She was also Lead Economist at the Policy Division of the Global ICT Department of the World Bank Group. During her tenure, she edited the first two Global Information and Communications Reports (2006, 2009), and oversaw the publication of the first two Global Investment Competitiveness Reports (2017/18 and 2019/20). She has also published journal articles, book chapters and reports on broadband investment, private sector development, IT-enabled services, trade, foreign direct investment, competition, regulatory reforms, productivity and competitiveness.

Christine holds a Ph.D. in economics and a Master's in computer science and engineering from the Johns Hopkins University.



**Orsolya SZEKELY**  
*Accountability Mechanism Secretary*

Orsolya Szekely was appointed Secretary of the World Bank Accountability Mechanism on May 3, 2021, and began work on July 20, 2021.

A lawyer and senior conflict-resolution professional, Ms. Szekely brings to the job in-depth knowledge of environmental and social issues, and wide-ranging experience in international development. A Hungarian national, Ms. Szekely has more than 20 years' experience working with a broad range of multilateral organizations and the private sector. Immediately before joining the World Bank Accountability Mechanism, she served as the Senior Advisor and Coordinator in the Executive Office of the Secretary General, with responsibility for enhancing good governance, at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Ms. Szekely had previously worked as senior advisor with communities and high-level stakeholders in India, Myanmar, China, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan, and on projects in Bangladesh and Nepal. She also

worked on women’s empowerment and women’s participation in peace processes. Prior to these assignments, she was Head of Operations at the Council of Europe Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina and served as Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in Kosovo. In her managerial roles at the Council of Europe Office in Pristina, she was instrumental in establishing the accountability mechanisms in the United Nations and European Union Missions in Kosovo and facilitated the transition of the Ombudsperson Institution from internationally led to locally led. Prior to joining the Directorate of Political Affairs and Democracy of the Council of Europe, Ms. Szekely was a case lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights.

A recipient of the Women’s Leadership Scholarship from the University of Oxford, she completed the Saïd Business School Global Business Diploma Post-Graduate Program with a focus on multinational companies’ engagement in peace processes and sustainable development. Ms. Székely holds a master’s degree in law from the University of Pécs, Hungary. She is an Accredited Mediator, gaining her Certificate from the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, UK. She also has a Certificate from the Harvard Law School, Program on Negotiation.

**ACTION**



**Xochitl SANCHEZ**  
*Secretariat Director*

Xochitl Sanchez is the Director of the ACTION Secretariat where she has previously worked for several years as the senior advisor for development finance. Prior to joining ACTION, Xochitl was a senior program associate at the Microcredit Summit Campaign, where she co-led the development and research of the agenda focused around innovations and best practices in the microfinance and financial inclusion space, and coordinated stakeholder engagement and partnership building effort for the Summits. She also previously worked with the

Borgen Project as a regional coordinator to expand their poverty-reduction campaigns and with the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation on outreach and communications.

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**



**Peter SCHLOSSER**

*Vice President and Vice Provost of Global Futures*

Peter Schlosser is the Vice President and Vice Provost of Global Futures, the University Global Futures Professor and leads the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory at Arizona State University. He holds joint appointments in the School of Sustainability, the School of Earth and Space Exploration, and the School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment.

Prior to joining ASU in January 2018, Dr. Schlosser spent twenty-eight years at Columbia University, where he was the Maurice Ewing and J. Lamar Worzel Professor of Geophysics and Chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and the deputy director and director of research at the Earth Institute. He also was a member and the founding chair of the Earth Institute faculty and a member of the senior staff at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Before joining Columbia University, he was an Assistant Professor in the Physics Department of the University of Heidelberg.

Schlosser's research focuses on the hydrosphere, primarily the circulation of water in the oceans and groundwater including studies of problems caused by human impact. He is Co-Chair of the Earth League, Chair of the Steering Group of the International Study of Arctic Change, and member of the Boards of the Sustaining Arctic Observing Network and The Sustainability Consortium. He is a member of the German National Academy of Science, and Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the



Explorers Club. He has served on numerous national and international science steering and advisory committees.

**ASU WRIGLEY GLOBAL FUTURES LAB**



**Amanda ELLIS**  
*Executive Director*

Former UN Ambassador Amanda Ellis currently serves as Executive Director, Asia-Pacific for the Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation and Senior Director, Global Partnerships and Networks for the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory at Arizona State University. She is co-chair of the WE Empower UN SDG Challenge, launched by the UN Secretary General, the President of the World Bank and the Council of Women World Leaders in 2018 to promote inclusive entrepreneurship.

Previous roles include New Zealand’s Head of Mission and Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, inaugural Ambassador for Women and Girls and Prime Minister’s Special Envoy to Francophone Africa. Ms Ellis played a key role in New Zealand’s successful UN Security Council bid, subsequently serving as co-chair of the UNSC High Level Working Group on Humanitarian Access into Syria. From 2010-13 as Deputy Secretary International Development and the first woman to head the New Zealand Aid Programme, Ms Ellis was responsible for an annual budget of over \$0.6 billion. Prior to this, Ms. Ellis was Lead Specialist in the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Group at the World Bank Group in Washington D.C., where she managed the World Bank President’s Global Private Sector CEO Leaders Forum and led the Doing Business gender research project which created “Women, Business and the Law.” While at the World Bank, she worked with the Economist Intelligence Unit to create the Women’s Economic Opportunity Index. Ms. Ellis also founded the International Finance Corporation’s gender program, where she developed the first lines of credit for women

entrepreneurs in Africa delivered through local banks. In the late 1990s she served in senior executive roles at Westpac Banking Corporation in Australia, including as Head of Women's Markets and National Manager Women in Business, growing a new business rapidly to over half a billion dollars in annual revenues within just three years.

Ms. Ellis is the author of two best-selling Random House books, *Women's Business*, *Women's Wealth* and *Woman 2 Woman*, lead author of five research titles in the World Bank *Directions in Development* series on gender and growth in Africa, the Middle East, East Asia and the Pacific and co-author of the 2020 Gender Equality and Governance Index. A founding member of the Global Banking Alliance for Women, Ms. Ellis is the recipient of the TIAW Lifetime Achievement Award for services to women's economic empowerment, the East-West Center Distinguished Alumni Award, the Columba College Distinguished Alumna Award and NZ Business Hall of Fame.

Ms. Ellis serves on the advisory boards of the Global Governance Forum, UN Target Gender Equality, Blue Planet Alliance, Hawaii Green Growth, Bishop Museum, Institute for Climate and Peace, the East-West Center Board Of Governors and the Council on Foreign Relations Advisory Committee on economic inclusion. She is an adjunct Senior Fellow at the East-West Center in Hawaii and a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science, a member of NZ Global Women and an honorary member of BPW International and Rotary International.

Ms. Ellis holds a BA First Class Honors degree in French and Economics from the University of Otago, New Zealand, an MA degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa which she earned on an East-West Center scholarship, an LTCL from Trinity College of London. She has completed executive education programs at Harvard Business School and the Kennedy School of Government, the Stanford Graduate School of Business and INSEAD, and the

Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies  
Transnational Security Course for two star generals  
and civilian equivalent.

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE**



**Corina REBEGEA**  
*Senior Advisor for Anti-Corruption*

Corina Rebegea is a Senior Advisor for Anti-Corruption with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) where she oversees global projects on accountability, integrity and anti-corruption. She has over 15 years of experience in rule of law, good governance and foreign policy. Prior to joining NDI, Corina was Director for Democratic Resilience at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA), where she led the center’s programming on the future of democratic governance and countering foreign malign influence. She has also worked with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation’s regional Rule of Law Program South East Europe where she managed rule of law, justice reform and anti-corruption focused projects. She has led research and published articles on countering disinformation, rule of law, corruption, and foreign policy.

**STIMSON CENTER**



**Julian MUELLER-KALER,**  
*Director of the Strategic Foresight Hub*

Julian Mueller-Kaler is the Director of the Strategic Foresight Hub in the Executive Office at the Stimson Center and also serves as Chief of Staff to the President and CEO. He coordinates and manages special projects, advises on strategy, and supports institutional advancement. As Director of the Hub, he researches global trends, evaluates the implications of emerging technologies on society and politics, and writes about the rise of populism, US-China

relations, and the future of the liberal international order.

Before joining Stimson, Mueller-Kaler was a resident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council GeoTech Center and the Scowcroft Strategy Initiative where he worked on the geopolitics of technology and lead the GeoTech Center's AI Connect program – a joint work stream with the U.S. Department of State that encouraged the responsible stewardship of AI technologies in the Global South. He also serves as a non-resident fellow at the American-German Institute (AGI) in Washington D.C., as an associate fellow at German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in Berlin, and previously consulted in the office of the German Executive Director at the World Bank Group. Mueller-Kaler graduated as a Fulbright-Schuman scholar (M.A.) from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and holds a degree in International Relations (B.A.) from Zeppelin University in southern Germany.

### TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL



**Nadishani PERERA**

*Executive Director of Transparency International Sri Lanka*

Ms. Nadishani Perera is the Executive Director of Transparency International Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan chapter of Transparency International, the global movement fighting corruption. She is an Attorney-at-Law, with a Degree in Law from the University of Colombo and a Master of Arts Degree on Development Studies and Public Policy from the Open University of Sri Lanka. She has also completed Post Graduate Diplomas in Marketing (CIM) and Management Accounting (CIMA).

Prior to joining TISL, Ms. Perera was involved in project implementation and advocacy with humanitarian, development and advocacy based non-

Governmental organizations. She has also developed National Guidelines and National Policies for National Child Protection Authority and the Sri Lanka Police and facilitated strategic planning, capacity building and rights-based analysis for the non-state sector. Nadishani is currently a leading advocate of anti-corruption and democratic governance in Sri Lanka, who also leads civil society collective action for advocacy.

**UNITE**



**Ricardo B. LEITE**

*Founder and President of UNITE*

Dr. Ricardo Baptista-Leite is a medical doctor and a former Member of the Portuguese Parliament, where he sat on the Health and Foreign Affairs Committees. He is the Founding President of UNITE – Parliamentarians Network to End HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis, a global platform of policy makers.

Dr. Baptista-Leite is also Head of Public Health at the Institute of Health Sciences of the Catolica University of Portugal, Coordinator of the Sustainable Healthcare Unit at the NOVA Information Management School, and Guest Lecturer at NOVA Medical School. Dr. Baptista-Leite is the founder of CREATING HEALTH – Research and Innovation funding and Co-founder of the Estoril Conferences.

Dr. Baptista-Leite has completed post-graduate studies at multiple universities, including Johns Hopkins, Harvard Kennedy School, and Harvard Medical School.

## BURUNDI



### **Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA**

*Senator and Speaker of the Senate, Burundi*

H.E. Emmanuel Sinzohagera serves as Senator and Speaker of the Senate for the Republic of Burundi. He has previously worked for the Burundi chapter of the World Bank, for the National Roads Agency, and has acted as the head of a privately owned business.

His Excellency holds, among other degrees, a Doctorate in Business Administration at the University of Nicosia, a Master's degree in religious studies from Africa University and a Master's degree in Economics from Atlantic International University.

## CAMEROON



### **Aliyoum FADIL**

*Member of Parliament, Committee on Finance and the Budget, Cameroon*

Hon. Aliyoum Fadil serves as a Member of the National Assembly of Cameroon, where he contributes to the Committee on Finance and the Budget. Additionally, he chairs the Cameroon Chapter of the Parliamentary Network and actively supports the World Bank, participating in global engagements like the 2023 field visit to Morocco.

## CANADA



### **Rosa GALVEZ**

*Senator, President of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Canada*

Hon. Rosa Galvez, originally from Peru, is one of Canada's leading experts in pollution control and its effect on human health. Senator Galvez was appointed to the Senate on December 6, 2016, representing Québec (Bedford).

Throughout her career, she has been requested by private, governmental and community organizations to offer expert advice. She has also advised a number of international organizations including on Canada-US and Quebec-Vermont agreements regarding the protection of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. She also conducted an important study on the catastrophic oil spill at Lac-Mégantic.

Senator Galvez is a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and Engineers Without Borders. Her research has led her around the world to countries such as France, Italy, Belgium, Japan and China.

She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from McGill University and has been a professor at Université Laval à Québec since 1994, heading the Civil and Water Engineering Department from 2010 to 2016. She specializes in water and soil decontamination, waste management and residues, and environmental impact and risk assessment.



**Tony LOFFREDA**

*Senator, Deputy Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade, and the Economy, Canada*

Hon. Tony Loffreda was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 2019 by the Governor General of Canada on the advice of the Prime Minister.

He currently sits on the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance and the Standing Senate Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. He also serves as Deputy Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade, and the Economy. Senator Loffreda also serves on several Senate Working Groups. He is a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups, including serving as Vice-Chair of the Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group and Chair of the Canadian Chapter of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. He is a member of the Independent Senators Group.

Prior to his appointment, Senator Loffreda was a Vice Chairman and Executive at RBC. He has also served on various boards and committees including, but not limited to, the Concordia University Board of Governors; the Integrated Health and Social Services University Network for West-Central Montréal; Montréal International; the Italian-Canadian Community Foundation; the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada; and the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montréal.

He is a leading philanthropist, active in service to many communities, having chaired fundraising activities across the province for various causes such as the Giant Steps School; the Montréal Jewish General Hospital; McGill University Goodman Research Centre; the Montréal Cancer Institute and many more. He is also a frequent and sought-after speaker on economic and community issues.



Among his many awards and distinctions, he is a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor of Québec's Gold Medal for Exceptional Merit; the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; the Governor General of Canada Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers; the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association's Person of the Year Award; the Philhellene of the Year Award by the Hellenic Community of Greater Montréal; and the Senate of Canada 150th Anniversary Medal which he received prior to his appointment. He was also inducted as an administrator into the Montréal-Concordia Soccer Hall of Fame.

Senator Loffreda passed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Final Exam and earned a USA - Certified Public Accountant designation through the University of Illinois. Senator Loffreda also holds a Chartered Global Management Accountant international designation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree with a major in accounting from the University of Concordia.

## CÔTE D'IVOIRE



### **Kandia CAMARA**

*Senator and Speaker of the Senate, Côte d'Ivoire*

H.E. Kandia Camara serves as a Senator and Speaker of the Senate of Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. In 2003, she was appointed Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of the National Reconciliation and Transition Government, a position she held until 2010. She became Minister of National Education, Technical Education and Vocational Training in 2011. She held this position until April 6, 2021, when she was appointed Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, African Integration, and the Diaspora in Prime Minister Patrick Achi's government, becoming the first female Minister of State in Côte d'Ivoire.

Camara has been deputy mayor of Abobo since 2001 and deputy for the commune since 2011.

Her Excellency holds a BA in English from the University of Abidjan and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Education from Lancaster University in England. She taught English at the Collège Moderne de Cocody from 1983 to 1984, then at the Collège Treich-la-Plène in Treichville from 1984 to 1986, and at the Lycée Professionnel Hôtelier in Abidjan from 1986 to 2002.



**Madjara Tiegbana COULIBALY**  
*Member of Parliament, Côte d'Ivoire; Board Member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF*

Hon. Madjara Tiegbana Coulibaly was elected Member of the Côte d'Ivoire National Assembly on March 2021. Prior to that, she was executive at the Central Bank of West African States for 35 years. Hon. Coulibaly is also Chair of Bâton du pèlerin, an NGO dedicated to help women and children getting out of poverty.

**DENMARK**



**Karen MELCHIOR**  
*Member of European Parliament, Committees on Legal Affairs and Women's Rights and Gender Equality*

Hon. Karen Melchior is a Danish member of the European Parliament. Her parliamentary activities include coordinating the Renew Europe members of the Committee on Legal Affairs. She is also member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and Substitute Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

She holds an MA in Law as well as a Master of Public Administration from the French School of

Administration (ENA) and has worked for more than 10 years in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a diplomat. As an MEP, Hon. Melchior is invested in the regulation of digitalisation, platforms, and AI. She is an advocate for digital rights and consumer protection in the era of digitalisation.

## EGYPT



### **Sahar ALBAZAR**

*Member of Parliament, Deputy Chair of Committee for Foreign Relations, Egypt*

Hon. Sahar Albazar has been a Member of Parliament since 2020 and is the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She has also been the President of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians since 2021.

Hon. Albazar has extensive experience in development and civil society in Egypt, Somalia and Kenya addressing women's empowerment, education and youth employment, and health care. She has concrete experience in proposing and communicating policy recommendations to diverse audiences ranging from clients to key stakeholders and high-level government officials.

Prior to her role in parliament, Hon. Albazar was Minister's Advisor to the Ministry of Social Solidarity where she led the CSR and Public Private Partnerships unit at the Ministry from 2016 to 2020. Hon. Albazar also served as a Social Protection and Impact Assessment Consultant at the World Bank in Egypt from 2016 to 2017.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ain Shams University in Cairo and a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Harvard University.



**Amira SABER**

*Member of Parliament, Secretary General of the Foreign Relations Committee, Egypt*

Hon. Amira Saber Alsayed Mohamad is a member of the Egyptian Parliament and the secretary general of the foreign relations committee. Hon. Amira holds an Master’s degree in development studies from the University of Sussex, which is ranked first worldwide in the field of development studies where she received the distinguished Chevening Scholarship. She is an MBA holder who graduated from ESLSCA Business school majoring in International Marketing. Amira is a member of the Egyptian social democratic party and the Coordination committee of parties youth leaders and politicians, she had both PCT (professional Certified Trainer) certificate and public policy analysis certificate from the American University in Cairo.

**FRANCE**



**Eléonore CAROIT**

*Member of Parliament, Vice-Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, France*

Hon. Eléonore Caroit is a member of the French National Assembly, representing the second constituency of the French abroad since 2022. She is Vice-Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the Advisory Board of the French Development Agency.

Eléonore Caroit is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po). She holds a master's degree in international business law from the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne and Sciences-Po Paris. She also holds an LL.M. from Columbia University in New York, where she was recognized as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and received recognition from the Parker School of International and Comparative Law. Eléonore is bilingual in Spanish and French, fluent in English and Italian, and has a working knowledge of

Portuguese. She is admitted to the New York and Paris bars and is a member of the Geneva Bar.



**Estelle YOUSOUFFA**  
*Member of Parliament, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, France*

Member of the French National Assembly since her election in June 2022 and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Hon. Estelle Youssouffa represents the first constituency of Mayotte, her native island and a French overseas department in the eastern Mozambique Channel. Estelle is a member of the center-right political group "Libertés, Indépendants, Outre-mer et Territoires".

Her commitment to leading the Collectif des Citoyens de Mayotte and her election follow a 20-year career as a TV journalist and consultant in communications and international affairs. After working as a journalist for France 2, TV5 Monde, Al Jazeera English and LCI, Estelle worked for a number of international companies and institutions, including the World Bank and the African Development Bank, as a consultant. She created the conference called Leaders' Seminar, which brought together 60 Western, Arab and African leaders in Marrakech in 2014, Abidjan in 2016 and Kigali in 2017. She is a member of the Africa Leadership Network, an alumna of the French-American Foundation's Young Leaders program (2011-2012) and the German Marshall Fund's Atlantic Dialogues Young Leaders program (2013). Hon. Youssouffa graduated in journalism in Tours, France, before studying international relations and political science at the Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada.



**Volkmar KLEIN**

*Member of Parliament, Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany*

Hon. Volkmar Klein is a German Member of the Bundestag for the constituency 148 Siegen-Wittgenstein for the CDU party. He was born in Siegen on 3 January 1960. Klein studied economics in Bonn and from 1979 held various positions in the Junge Union (JU), the youth organisation of the CDU, and as a local politician and mayor in Burbach. In 1995, he moved into the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) as a member of parliament. From 2001-2018 he was a member of the CDU state executive committee, since 2003 CDU district chairman in Siegen-Wittgenstein, and from 2004-2016 state chairman of the Evangelical Working Group of the CDU in NRW.

Klein has been a member of the Bundestag since 2009. He has been a member of the working groups on foreign affairs and budget of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group and of the parliamentary committees on foreign affairs and budget and is currently a member of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development.

**GHANA**



**Collins ADOMAKO-MENSAH**

*Member of Parliament, Member of Committees on Finance and Health, Ghana; Treasurer of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF*

Hon. Adomako-Mensah graduated from the University of Ghana in 2007 with a first class in banking and finance. He also holds a master's degree in finance from the University of Ghana. He is chartered member of the Chartered Institute of Banking. He was elected member of the Ghanaian Parliament for Afigya Kwabre North Constituency in the 8th Parliament of Ghana. He is member of

both the finance and health committees of parliament. Prior to that, he served as staff of Fidelity Bank and GCB Bank Ghana Limited, between 2011-2019.

## ITALY



### **Giulio CENTEMERO**

*Member of Parliament, Co-Chair of the Panel on Trade and Investments, representative to the World Bank and IMF, and member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Italy*

Hon. Giulio Centemero is a member of the Chamber of Deputies at the VI Finance Committee, coordinator of the financial markets unit of the Economics Department of the Lega and Treasurer of the party since 2014. He is a member of the Italian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

He is a Chartered Accountant and Statutory Auditor, with a degree in economics and commerce from the University of Bergamo and an executive Master in PA management from SDA Bocconi as well as a graduate certificate in Project management from Boston University.

Hon. Centemero trained professionally in tax M&A and at the same time consolidated his political experience in the European parliament together with Matteo Salvini. He is also co-chairman of the economic panel of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, a member of the executive board of the International Parliamentary Network for Education and president of the parliamentary intergroup of Friendship Italy - Armenia.

He has published interviews and articles in generalist and financial sector magazines and channels. His greatest interest lies in fintech and alternative capital markets.

## JAMAICA



**Marlene FORTE**

*Member of Parliament, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs*

Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, KC, MP was appointed Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs in January 2022. Prior to that appointment, she became the Honourable Attorney General of Jamaica, when the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) Andrew Holness-led Cabinet was sworn into office on 2016 March 7. She is a third term legislator who has served in both Houses of Parliament of Jamaica. She is now the elected Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Saint James West Central and has previously served as Opposition Senator and Shadow Minister of Health between 2012 January and 2016 February. Before this, she was Government Senator and State Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade between 2009 July and 2011 December.

**KOSOVO**



**Jeta STATOVCI**

*Member of Parliament, Vice Chair of the Economy Committee and Budget Committee, Kosovo*

Hon. Statovci is one of the youngest members of the parliament of Kosovo and has been in office since March 2021. She serves as Deputy Chair of the Committee on Economy, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade and is a member of the Committee on Budget, Labor and Transfer. Furthermore, she participated in the Inquiry Committee on Energy Crises Management and Parliamentary Committee on



Stabilization Association Agreement at the Parliament of Europe. During her time at the parliament, she has paid vast focus towards economic developments in the country, in relation to labor market – with focus on woman and youth, energy sector, and entrepreneurship.

Previously, she served as Health and Social Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the Assembly of Kosovo, who is currently the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Vjosa Osmani. During that time Hon. Statovci was actively involved in proposing steps to combat COVID-19 and was part of the team drafting an anti-COVID law. She also has experience working as a health management lecturer and consultant for several institutions.

Jeta Statovci holds a Masters's degree from the London School of Economics (LSE) in International Health Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT Kosovo).

## LUXEMBOURG



### **Sven CLEMENT**

*Member of Parliament, Justice Committee,  
Luxembourg*

Hon. Sven Clement is a Member of Parliament from Luxembourg and co-founder and honorary president of the Pirate Party Lëtzebuerg. He is a member of the Justice Committee, of the Committee on Health and Social Security, of the Commission on the Economy, SMEs, Energy, Space, and Tourism, and of the Subcommittee on European Affairs.

Clement studied business informatics at Saarland University, where he also represented the Pirate Party in the university's student parliament. Together with his party colleague Jerry Weyer, he runs a digital communications consultancy company. Following the general election on 14 October 2018, Sven Clement was elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the central constituency on 30 October 2018. Since 14 September 2020, he has also been CEO of AccountTech SARL bringing together several products in FinTech and RegTech.

**MOROCCO**



**Neila TAZI**

*Senator; Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chamber of Councilors, Morocco*

Hon. Neila Tazi has been a Senator in the Moroccan House of Counselors since 2015, where she was the first woman Vice-President of the Senate from 2016 to 2018, and the first to chair plenary sessions. She also serves as the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Chamber of Councilors.

She was born in Washington DC where her father was an Executive Director at the World Bank in the late 1960s, giving her a life-long connection to the World Bank. She is the Chair of the Moroccan Chapter of the Parliamentary Network (PN) and frequently plays an active role in PN global and regional activities. Ms. Tazi was elected as President of the Federation of Cultural and Creative Industries in February 2019. In 1998 she founded the Essaouira Gnaoua and World Music Festival.

**SPAIN**



**Esther DEL BRÍO**

*Senator, Spain; Board Member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF*

Hon. Esther del Brío is Professor of Financial Economics at the University of Salamanca (Spain), although she also trained at the University of Cambridge and has traveled the world, both in person and through her publications: dozens of scientific articles on finance, financial markets, corporate governance and financial education and inclusion. She has also been spokesperson for economics and public service in the Spanish Senate.

Among others, Hon. Del Brío has served as a member on the Economy and Business Commission, the Labor, Migration, and Social Security Committee as well as the Civil Service Committee.

**TANZANIA**



**Neema LUGANGIRA**

*Member of Parliament, Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence & Security, Tanzania; Board Member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF*

Hon. Neema Lugangira is the Member of Parliament representing NGOs in the Parliament of Tanzania. She is Chair of the Parliamentary Caucus on Food Safety and a member of the Committee on HIV, TB and Drugs, as well as the Committee on Social Services and Community Development.

She is a champion of education with Haki Elimu, the national education coalition in Tanzania, and a member of the International Parliamentary Network for Education. She is also a National Food Systems Champion for the Ministry of Agriculture, and a National Non-Communicable Diseases Champion for the Ministry of Health.

She has significant experience in leading national and international development projects, including overseeing the administration of agricultural and social-economic programs and initiatives across Tanzania.



**Tulia ACKSON**  
*Member of Parliament, Speaker of the National Assembly, Tanzania; IPU President*

Hon. Tulia Ackson has been the Speaker of the National Assembly since 2022 and a Member of the Tanzanian parliament since 2015. She has also served as President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) since October 2023. She previously served as Deputy Speaker and Deputy Attorney General in 2015.

**UKRAINE**



**Iaroslav ZHELEZNYAK**  
*Member of Parliament; First Deputy Head, Committee for Finance, Tax and Custom Policy, Ukraine*

Hon. Iaroslav Zhelezniak is head of the 20-member Holos faction in the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine’s parliament. He is the first deputy head of the parliamentary committee for finance, tax and custom policy. Previously, Zhelezniak worked as advisor to the prime minister on parliamentary relations (2017-2019) and advisor to the minister of economic development and trade for government affairs and parliamentary relations (2015-2017) as a member of the Strategic Advisory Group on Reform Support in Ukraine (SAGSUR).

As an advisor to Ukrainian government, Hon. Zhelezniak was responsible for adopting bills, in particular, on ProZorro public procurement system, corporate governance in state-owned enterprises, medical reform, deregulation, and others. He also

worked as an expert on parliamentary and government relations in multinational B2C corporation Anheuser-Busch Inbev (2014-2015) and Ukrainian GR-consulting company Kesarev Consulting (2010-2014). He graduated from the Institute of International Relations of the Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University with a master's diploma in international business relations.

## UNITED KINGDOM



### **Liam BYRNE**

*Member of Parliament; Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF*

The Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP is a Member of Parliament for Birmingham Hodge Hill, Chair of the Parliamentary Network of the IMF & World Bank, and Gwilym Gibbon Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford.

A former Cabinet minister, Liam served as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in No 10 Downing Street during the Great Financial Crisis, and in Her Majesty's Treasury where, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he designed Labour's fiscal consolidation strategy. In Opposition, Liam served in a number of frontbench positions, chaired Labour's Policy Review, served on the Council of Europe and founded the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Inclusive Growth, which he chairs.

A former Fulbright scholar at the Harvard Business School, Liam has written twenty books, chapters and pamphlets about economic history, development and foreign affairs. His history of British capitalism *Dragons: Ten Entrepreneurs Who Built Britain* was published in 2016. He is also the author of *Black Flag Down: Counter Extremism, Defeating ISIS and Winning the Battle of Ideas*; and *Turning to Face the East: How Britain Prospers in the Asian Century*. Liam is one of Westminster's leading authorities on China, helped kickstart the Economic & Finance

Dialogue, and co-founded the UK-China Young Leader's Roundtable.

**URUGUAY**



**Beatriz ARGIMÓN**

*Vice President and President of the Chamber of Senators and the General Assembly, Uruguay*

H.E. Beatriz Argimón is the Vice-President of Uruguay and serves as President of the Chamber of Senators and the General Assembly.

Her Excellency ran for Edila de Montevideo (member of the capital legislature) in the 1989 election at the age of 17, four months after graduating from college. She was the head of the National Institute of Minors under the government of Luis Alberto Lacalle. H.E. Argimón established the group *Acción Comunitaria* alongside then-first lady Julia Pou and was elected National Representative for Montevideo in the 45th Legislature (2000-2005) in the 1999 election. She was re-elected for the 46th Legislature (2005-2010) and became the first woman to be re-elected in the National Party's history.

She received her Notary Public diploma from the University of the Republic in 1989 and practiced for ten years. She also studied family and human rights. She began working as an administrator at the National Administration of State Sanitary Works throughout her studies, a position she accepted after winning a public tender. She has been a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Executive Committee since November 2020. She is a proponent of women's rights and one of the founding members of the General Assembly's "Network of Political Women" and "Bicameral Female Caucus."

**ZIMBABWE**



**Fortune Daniel MOLOKELE-TSIYE**

*Member of Parliament, Member of Committees on Health and Childcare, Women's Affairs and SMEs, and Higher and Tertiary Education, Zimbabwe*

Hon. Fortune Daniel Molokele-Tsiye is currently serving as the duly elected Member of Parliament of Zimbabwe representing Whange Central Constituency in Matabeleland North province. He is a member of the Health and Childcare Committee, Women's Affairs and SMEs Committee, and the Higher and Tertiary Education Committee in the Parliament of Zimbabwe.

Hon. Molokele-Tsiye is an active change champion under the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) as led by President Advocate Nelson Chamisa.

He is the Founding Partner and CEO of the Molokele Law Chambers, a new legal practice that is located at Empumalanga township in Whange. He is also a pro-democracy human rights lawyer well known for my active fight for democracy in Zimbabwe and South Africa. Over the years he has established himself as a Pan-African civil society leader focusing mostly on a human rights-based approach to advocacy in the health sector.