

## **President Joyce Banda**

*President of Malawi (2012-2014). Member of the WLA-CdM*

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An entrepreneur, activist, politician and philanthropist, she served as the President of the Republic of Malawi from 2012-2014. She was Malawi's first female president and Africa's second. Prior to assuming office, she served as a Member of Parliament, Minister of Gender and Child Welfare, Foreign Minister, and Vice President of the Republic of Malawi. While serving as Minister of Gender and Child Welfare, she championed the enactment of The Prevention of Domestic Violence Bill (2006), which provided the legal framework to support the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls.



She is credited for turning round an ailing economy which was on the verge of collapse in April 2012. She instituted a number of economic reforms which led to significant economic expansion; Malawi's rate of economic growth rose from 1.8% in 2012 to over 6.2% in 2014. Under President Banda, Malawi's operational industrial capacity improved from 35% in 2012 to 85% in July 2014, and the foreign exchange import cover was increased from one week to three and half months in July 2014. In the areas of democracy, good governance, and rule of law, President Banda repealed a number of draconian laws which weakened essential democratic institutions, infringed upon civil liberties, and restricted the freedom of the press.

Her unwavering commitment to the promotion of women's maternal health and reproductive rights led her to establish the Presidential Initiative on Maternal Health and Safe Motherhood, which spearheaded the fight against high maternal mortality rates and the promotion of safe motherhood in Malawi. During the two years of her presidency, Malawi registered considerable success in the areas of maternal and child health, reducing the maternal mortality ratio from 675 deaths per 100,000 live births to 460.

## **Hanna Suchocka**

*Prime Minister of Poland (1992-1993). Member of the WLA-CdM*

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Suchocka entered politics in 1980 when she joined Solidarity and became a legal adviser to the Solidarity trade union. In 1980 she also joined the Sejm (Parliament) as a member of the Democratic Party, which was then affiliated with the Communist Party.

In 1981 Suchocka opposed the imposition of martial law and in 1984, after voting against a law banning Solidarity,



she was expelled from the Democratic Party. Following the fall of communism, she was elected again to Parliament in 1989 and 1991.

In 1992 Suchocka was elected Poland's first female Prime Minister, serving until 1993. During her 15-months in office she helped guide post-Communist Poland towards democracy and a successful free-enterprise economy.

While in Parliament Suchocka was Member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and the Constitutional Committee of the National Assembly (1991-1997); Member of the Polish Delegation for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 1991-1992 and 1994-1997; and Member of the Venice Commission "Democracy through Law" 1990-present. She was re-elected Member of the Parliament of Poland and Union for Freedom Parliamentary Caucus in 1997. In 1997 she was also named Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

### **Marc Rotenberg**

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Marc Rotenberg teaches information privacy and open government at Georgetown Law and frequently testifies before Congress on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues.

He testified before the 9-11 Commission on "Security and Liberty: Protecting Privacy, Preventing Terrorism." He has served on several national and international advisory panels, and currently serves on expert panels for the National Academies of Science and the OECD. He has authored many amicus briefs for federal and state courts. He is a founding board member and former Chair of the Public Interest Registry, which manages the .ORG domain. He is co-editor of "Privacy in the Modern Age: The Search for Solutions" (The New Press 2015) and (with Anita Allen) "Privacy Law and Society" (West 2016).



He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford Law School, and received an LLM in International and Comparative Law. He served as Counsel to Senator Patrick J. Leahy on the Senate Judiciary Committee after graduation from law school.

He is the recipient of several awards, including the World Technology Award in Law, the American Lawyer Award for Top Lawyers Under 45, the Norbert Weiner Award for Social and Professional Responsibility, and the Vicennial medal from Georgetown University for distinguished service. He was named one of the top lawyers in America in 2014 by Lawdragon.

## **Thomas E. Patterson**

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He also is author of *Mass Media Election* and two general American government texts: *The American Democracy* and *We the People*. His articles have appeared in *Political Communication*, *Journal of Communication*, and other academic journals, as well as in the popular press. His research has been funded by the Ford, Markle, Smith-Richardson, Pew, Knight, Carnegie, and National Science foundation.

Patterson received his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1971.

## **Alan Doss**

*Special Advisor at Kofi Annan Foundation*

Alan Doss is special advisor to the Kofi Annan Foundation.

Alan was President of the Foundation until his retirement in June 2020.

Prior to joining the Foundation in 2011 he worked for the UN on peacekeeping, development and humanitarian assignments around the world.

These assignments included UN peacekeeping appointments as the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Liberia and then in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as Deputy Special Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sierra Leone and Principal Deputy Representative in Cote d'Ivoire.



Among other previous posts, he served as Director of the UN Border Relief Operations in Thailand, which was set up to assist people displaced during the war in Cambodia. He was UNDP representative in a number of African and Asian countries. He was also Director of the UNDP's European Office.

From 1997-2000, he was the Director of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) in New York, where he coordinated the implementation of Kofi Annan's reform of UN operational activities. During that period he supervised the preparation of the Better World for All report, a foundational document for the millennium development goals.

He is the author of *A Peacekeeper in Africa: Learning from UN interventions in Other People's Wars* as well as numerous articles and presentations on governance and development issues. He is a member of the Governing Board of Interpeace.

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### **Milburn Line**

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His work promoting social inclusion of identity groups who have been victims of repression ranges from international missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Guatemala to community development and human rights projects in Colombia and Guatemala. He managed a rule of law project in Beijing, China from 2013-2017. Prior to that Milburn was Executive Director of the Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego, where he published policy briefs and advocacy for an inclusive Colombian peace process prior to the initiation of formal negotiations.



Before returning as an advisor, Milburn had served as a Program Officer at the Club of Madrid from 2005-2007 where he developed a Freedom of Association initiative in six Middle East and North African countries funded by the European Commission, and managed CDM missions to China, Georgia and Serbia.

Milburn holds a BA in History from the University of North Carolina and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University.