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# Club de Madrid's Annual Policy Dialogue 2023

## Rethinking Social Development for People and Planet

### Speakers' biographies (in order of appearance)

#### Danilo Türk

President of CdM

President of Slovenia (2007-2012)

Danilo Türk is a former President of Slovenia. He is also currently serving as the President of Club de Madrid. He graduated from the University of Ljubljana in 1975 with a degree in law and later obtained his PhD with a thesis on the principle of non-intervention in international law in 1982. President Türk became Director of the Institute on International Law at the University of Ljubljana in 1983. Additionally, he was a member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, a UN body of independent experts. In that capacity he served, between 1986 and 1992, as the UN Special Rapporteur on the realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In 1990-1991, Türk took part in the drafting of the Constitution of Slovenia by preparing the draft chapter related to human rights and fundamental freedoms. From 1992 to 2000, he became the first Slovene Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, and represented Slovenia on the UN Security Council in 1998 and 1999. In 2000, he was invited by Kofi Annan, then Secretary-General, to serve as UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs (2000-2005). In 2005, he returned to Slovenia as Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana. He was elected as President in 2007 as an independent, being supported by several political parties. Dr. Türk chaired the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace between 2015 and 2016, which published the report "A Matter of Survival" (2017). In 2016, he was one of the candidates for the post of the Secretary-General of the UN. Since 2013, has been a Member of Club de Madrid and, in October 2019, he was elected by the General Assembly as the organization's President for the period 2020-2022. In 2022, Türk was named one of the 12 Eminent individuals invited to be part of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism Comprises, which will be asked to build on the ideas in



Our Common Agenda to make concrete suggestions for more effective multilateral arrangements across a range of key global issues.

### **Marina Silva**

Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil

Born in 1958, was Minister of Environment of Brazil from 2003 to 2008. She has been a member Brazil's National Assembly since 1994.

Silva grew up as one of twelve siblings in a poor rubber tapper family in the province of Acre, in Western Brazil. When she was 16 years old, she contracted Hepatitis and was sent to Rio Branco for treatment. She was illiterate, but with a dream of studying and becoming a nun.



She worked as a maid, learned to read, was enrolled at a public school, stood for exams and started history studies. Along the way she was inspired by liberation theology and the ideas of the environmental activist Chico Mendes. She became politically active, and an ardent proponent of negotiation, non-violence, and innovative solutions. She saw many of her fellow activists murdered.

In 1994, Silva was the first rubber tapper ever elected to Brazil's Federal Senate. As a native Amazonian and a Senator, she built support for environmental protection of the reserves as well as for social justice and sustainable development in the Amazon region.

### **Sonia Guajajara**

Minister of Indigenous Peoples

Sonia Bone de Sousa Silva Santos, indigenous of the Guajajara/Tentehar people.

She has a postgraduate degree in Special Education and a BA in Literature. She stands out for her historic struggle for the rights of indigenous peoples and the environment.



She has international recognition for her defense of the rights of indigenous peoples, their territories and socio-environmental causes, and was voted one of the 100 most influential people of 2022 by TIME magazine. She has worked in various indigenous organisations, such as the Coordination of Organisations and Articulations of the Indigenous Peoples of Maranhão (Coapima) and the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB). She was executive coordinator of the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB).

### **Suzanne Lynch**

Chief Brussels Correspondent  
POLITICO

Suzanne Lynch is POLITICO's Chief Brussels Correspondent, and the host of our EU Confidential podcast. She was previously an author of POLITICO's Brussels Playbook. She joined POLITICO Europe after more than four years as the Washington Correspondent for the Irish Times, based in DC. She was based in Brussels between 2013 and 2017 as European Correspondent for the Irish Times. Born and raised in Ireland, she holds a PhD in English Literature from Cambridge University. Throughout her career she has worked as an arts, features and financial reporter in addition to her role as a foreign correspondent.



### **Aminata Touré**

Member of CdM  
Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014)

Aminata Touré is a former Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014), the second woman to serve as Prime Minister of Senegal. She is a politician and Human Rights activist. She held several governmental positions, including Prime Minister (2013-2014), Minister of Justice (2012-2013), President's Special Envoy for Internal and External Affairs (2015-2019), and President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (2019-2020). Elected member of Parliament in 2022. Dr Touré worked for 24 years in the United Nations Organisation, where she held technical expert positions in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal. She also headed the Gender and Human Rights Direction at the United Nations Population Fund Headquarters in New York. At the early stage of her career, Dr Touré worked in the private sector and with the Senegalese branch of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. From 2014 to 2020, Dr Touré led and co-led Presidential election observation missions on behalf of the African Union and The Carter Center in Mauritius, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Libéria and Guyana. Aminata Touré holds a Master's in Economics and a MBA from the University of Aix-Marseille in France and a PhD from the International School of Management in Paris. Dr Touré directed more than 30 United Nations publications and authored in 2021 a book highlighting Africa's contribution to International Penal Law through the Extraordinary Judiciary Chambers that judged Hissain Habré, former President of Chad. Besides her native language, Wolof, Aminata Touré is fluent in French and English.



## **Andrés Allamand**

Ibero-American Secretary General (SEGIB)

Andrés Allamand, lawyer, attended University of Chile's Law School, where he graduated with the highest distinction. He signed the "National Agreement for the Transition to Full Democracy", a key document for the Chilean transition that took place in the 1990s. Subsequently, he was elected deputy of the Republic of Chile for one term and senator twice. During his parliamentary career, he was a member of the Education, Constitution, Legislation and Justice, Labor and Social Security Commissions and attended to matters related to International Relations and regionalization processes. Formerly, he worked as a consultant at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC, focusing on issues of democratic governance, strengthening of Congresses and empowerment of civil society. In the academic field, he was Dean of the School of Government at the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez. In this position he worked on issues related to leadership, reengineering of organizations, linkage between the political and business world and distancing between citizens and public institutions. He also served as Minister of Defense and Foreign Affairs. Author and contributor of more than 10 books and several publications, among them, "Politics Matters. Democracy and Development in Latin America" edited by the Inter-American Development Bank and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. On February 8th, he was elected Ibero-American Secretary General.



## **Guy Ryder**

Under-Secretary-General for Policy United Nations

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced on 7 October 2022 the appointment of Guy Ryder of the United Kingdom as Under-Secretary-General for Policy in his Executive Office. He will succeed Volker Türk of Austria who has been appointed as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Mr. Ryder was most recently Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva after serving two successive terms since October 2012. He first joined the ILO in 1998 as Director of the Bureau for Workers' Activities and from 1999, served as Director of the Office of the Director-General. Mr. Ryder started his professional career in 1981 as an assistant at the International Department of the Trades Union Congress in London. From 1985, he held the position of Secretary of the Industry Trade Section of the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional and Technical Employees (FIET) in Geneva. In 1988, he became Assistant Director and – from 1993 - Director of the Geneva office of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). In 2002, he was appointed General Secretary of the ICFTU and was elected as the first General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) when it was created in 2006. He returned to the ILO in 2010 as Executive



Director, responsible for international labour standards and fundamental principles and rights at work. Mr. Ryder studied Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge and Latin American Studies at the University of Liverpool. He speaks English, French and Spanish.

### **Jigmi Yoser Thinley**

Member of CdM

Prime Minister of Bhutan (2008-2013)

Jigmi Y. Thinley is the first democratically elected Prime Minister of Bhutan (2008–2013). Born in Bhutan in 1952, Jigmi Y. Thinley graduated with an honors degree from St. Stephen's College of Delhi University and went on to obtain a Master's degree in public administration from Pennsylvania State University in 1976. Having begun service as a civil servant, he rose to positions of Permanent Secretary and regional governor. He was appointed ambassador/Permanent Representative to the UN in New York. Later he served as Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva during



which he was simultaneously accredited ambassador to the EU and several European countries before successive appointments as Foreign Minister and Home Minister. His pre-democracy career ended with appointment to two single-year terms as Prime Minister by the King in 1998 and 2003. Thereafter, Mr. Thinley founded a broad based liberal political party and formed the first government in the multiparty democracy. Prime Minister Thinley is the foremost advocate of Gross National Happiness (GNH), a holistic development philosophy that has guided Bhutan's transformation process since the early '70s. In April 2012, he convened a very successful 'High Level Meeting' at the UN HQs in New York on 'Wellbeing and Happiness: Defining a New Economic Paradigm'. That same summer Bhutan spearheaded the UN General Assembly resolution that declared 20 March as the International Day of Happiness and called on the Secretary General to submit a report on the state of world happiness. Concurrently, the High Level Meeting inspired the annual publication of The World Happiness Report (WHR) by the Sustainable Solutions Network based at Columbia University. Under his leadership Bhutan took an active part in the ongoing international discourse in the search for an integrated, inclusive and sustainable development paradigm. During his terms as Prime Minister and Chairman of Bhutan's National Environment Commission, his country pledged to remain forever carbon neutral at COP 15 in Copenhagen. Among the many other initiatives taken by his government was the hosting of a "Climate Summit for a Living Himalayas" in 2011.

## **Ilona Szabó de Carvalho**

Co-founder and President  
Igarapé Institute

Ilona Szabó de Carvalho is a globally recognized thought leader and the co-founder and president of the Igarapé Institute – an independent think-and-do tank focused on strengthening public, digital, and climate security. Igarapé develops applied research, technologies, strategic partnerships, and solutions to improve public and corporate policies and practices to overcome global challenges. Ilona serves on the UNSG High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism, on the Social and Sustainable Economic Development Council of Brazil’s Presidency and on its Commission on the Environment and Sustainable Development, as well as on the Fernando Henrique Cardoso Foundation (FFHC) and the Brazilian Center of International Relations (CEBRI) boards. She is currently the co-chair of the Global Future Council on the Future of Nature and Security of the World Economic Forum. She was previously the Executive-Secretary of the Global Commission on Drug Policy and led a national gun control campaign in Brazil. Before that, she worked for 5 years in investment banks in Rio de Janeiro. She earned a Master’s Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Uppsala in Sweden, is an affiliate scholar at the Princeton University Brazil Lab, and was a public policy fellow at Columbia University in NY. She is a columnist at Folha de São Paulo, a podcast and TV anchor and commentator, a TED speaker, and an author of 3 books. Ilona was nominated a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum in 2015 and in 2018, she received the Public Security Order of Merit, from the Brazilian Ministry of Public Security. She was also highlighted as one of the world’s top 50 thinkers for the Covid-19 age by Prospect Magazine in 2020, and in 2023, she was awarded the Bertha Lutz Diploma, from the Brazilian Federal Senate.



## **Gabriela Ramos**

Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences  
UNESCO

Gabriela Ramos is the Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, where she oversees the contributions of the institution to build inclusive and peaceful societies. Her agenda includes the achievement of social inclusion and gender equality, advancing youth development; promotion of values through sports; anti-racism and antidiscriminatory agenda and ethics of artificial intelligence. Prior to this position, Ms. Ramos served as the Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20/G7/APEC in the OECD, contributing to the global agenda as well as leading the OECD's New Approaches to Economic Challenges, Inclusive Growth Initiative, Gender Strategy and the work on well-being and children. Her work to promote gender equality earned her the 2017 and 2018 Forbes Excellence award as well as being included as part of Apolitical’s 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy in both 2018 and 2019.



### **Jorge Quiroga**

Member of CdM

President of Bolivia (2001-2002)

Jorge Quiroga is a former President of Bolivia. Having been previously elected Vice President in 1997, he is the youngest person to have ever held the office. Mr. Quiroga has also been Bolivian Minister of Finance and Under-Secretary of Public Investment and International Cooperation at the Ministry of Planning. In the private sector, he worked as Vice-President, board member and shareholder of a large private bank in La Paz (1993-1997). From 1989-1990, he worked at Mintec, in the mining sector in Bolivia. He was also a systems engineer at IBM in Texas (1981-1988) and a university calculus teaching assistant (1980-1981). He is the recipient of the World Leader of Tomorrow Award from the World Economic Forum, and he has served as Governor for the World Bank, Andean Development Corporation, International Finance Corporation and the International Monetary Fund.



### **Emma Theofelus**

Member of Parliament and Deputy Minister for Information and Communication Technology of Namibia  
Part of Women and Youth in Democracy Initiative (WYDE)

Emma is a young Namibian woman aged 27 years' old who currently serves as a Member of Parliament and the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology in the Republic of Namibia since March 2020. Before her current role, she served her country as a Human Rights Lawyer in the Ministry of Justice, Practicing Paralegal, the Deputy Speaker of the Youth Parliament of the Republic of Namibia and the Junior Mayor of our capital city, Windhoek. She currently possesses an LLB Honours Degree from the University of Namibia, a diploma in Business Management from Amity University, and a diploma in Afrikan Feminism and Gender Studies from the University of South Africa. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in ICT Policy and Regulation at the University of Witwatersrand and preparing to sit for the legal bar exams in 2023. Her advocacy for youth empowerment and sustainable development in her country, on the continent and the globe has been consistent since 2009 when she championed the recognition of children's rights in Namibia as well as worked with continental and global youth organisations to bring the needs and voices of young people to the attention of the world's decision-makers.



**Vinicius Pinheiro**

Director for Brazil

International Labour Organization (OIT)

Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro is the Director for Brazil at the International Labour Organization (OIT). Before, he held the position of Deputy Director General and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the ILO. He also held the position of Special Representative of the ILO to the United Nations and Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations in New York. Mr. Carvalho Pinheiro joined the ILO in 2005 as head of the Social Protection Program of the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin. In 2007 he was transferred to the Department of Social Security to later serve as Principal Counsellor to the Director General of the ILO, from 2009 to 2012. He has extensive experience in ILO activities within and outside the multilateral system, as well as solid foundations in economics, political science, administration and public policies, and evaluation of social programs and projects.

**Michelle Bachelet**

Member of CdM

President of Chile (2006-2010; 2014-2018)

Michelle Bachelet is a former President of Chile. She served for two non-consecutive terms between 2006-2010 and 2014-2018. She was the first Chilean woman to hold the office, and the first President of Chile democratically re-elected since 1932. Between presidential terms, Ms. Bachelet was appointed the first-ever Director of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, also known as UN Women, by current CdM Honorary Member, Ban Ki-moon. Thanks to a solid popularity, President Bachelet ran for the Presidency again in 2014, obtaining 62.1 % of votes in the run-off against the continuity candidate, and was sworn in March 11, 2014 at the National Congress. In this second period, she introduced free university education; new environmental policies; same sex marriage; and created the Ministry for Women and Gender Equality. Since leaving the Presidency in March 2018, Michelle Bachelet continues to be a leading voice for human rights, gender equality, women's issues, and democracy. On September 1st 2018, following approval by the UN General Assembly, she was appointed UN High Commissioner for Human Rights by Secretary-General and CdM Member on leave, António Guterres, a post Ms Bachelet has held until August 2022.





## **Moussa Mara**

Member of CdM

Prime Minister of Mali (2014-2015)

Moussa Mara was Prime Minister of Mali from 2014 to 2015. He is the country's youngest to hold the position of Prime Minister at the age of 39. Mr Mara is an expert accountant. He attended the New School of Business Management and the National Institute of Economic and Accounting Techniques (both in France), where he formed himself as an accountant, becoming a certified expert accountant in 1997. Prior to serving as Prime Minister, Mr Mara held the post of Minister in charge of urban Planning and City Policy in 2013, and served as the mayor of commune IV from 2009-2013. His term as Prime minister was marked by ongoing violence between rebel groups, notably in the north of Mali. Mr Mara was President from 2010 to 2021 of the party YELEMA "The Change". Prime Minister Mara is currently a member of Malian parliament, a lecturer in advanced accounting at CESAG Senegal, and a member of the international think tank (Re)sources. He has served as international consultant in the fields of Governance, Institutional, organizational and operational studies, assistance to countries and intergovernmental organizations. His expertise and experience have enabled him to publish several articles in his field of expertise as well as on political, governance and security and development issues. Prime Minister Mara has also authored books including "For a Better Mali" (2006) and "The State in Mali: Presentation and Diagnosis" (2010).



## **Alfred Gusenbauer**

Member of CdM

Chancellor of Austria (2007-2008)

Alfred Gusenbauer studied political science, philosophy and jurisprudence at the University of Vienna, where he gained a doctorate in political science. He was Austria's 11th Federal Chancellor, serving between 2007 and 2008. Dr. Gusenbauer spent his whole professional life in politics, either as an employee or as a parliamentary representative for his party, the Austria Social Democratic Party (SPÖ). Little time after starting his law degree at the University of Vienna, he joined the federal Executive Committee of the SJÖ – the youth branch of the SPÖ. While his education focused on Philosophy and Political Science, his political career rose quickly as he was elected Executive Secretary of the SLÖ in 1981, Federal Chairman of the organization in 1984 and Vice-President of the International Youth Socialist in 1985. In 1990, he entered the economic policy department of the Lower Austria Chamber of Labour from 1990 to 1999 and worked as a research fellow. He made the final jump to the federal political arena in February 1991, as he was elected, first, as a member of Lower Austria's SPÖ Executive Committee and Presidium, then in the Federal Council, in the Upper House in the Parliament. In 2000, following SPÖ's defeat in the legislative elections, and the resignation of his President, Alfred Gusenbauer was elected the new President of his party and Leader of the Opposition. In the 2006 elections, the SPÖ won a relative majority of the votes and after arduous negotiations formed a grand coalition with his rival party the ÖVP, with Alfred Gusenbauer chosen as Federal Chancellor. He served in



this position from January 2007 until December 2008. Since June 2010, Dr. Gusenbauer is heading the supervisory board of Strabag, Austria's leading construction company.

**Adriana Erthal Abdenur**

Special Advisor

Presidency, Government of Brazil

Adriana Erthal Abdenur is currently serving as Special Advisor at the Presidency of Government of Brazil. She is a Brazilian policy expert and co-founder of Plataforma CIPÓ, a new climate, peacebuilding and cooperation platform. She is also a member of the Climate Security Expert Network. She was previously coordinator of the International Peace and Security area at the Igarapé Institute, where she supervised projects on climate security, migration, conflict mediation and prevention, and peace operations. Dr. Abdenur is a member of the Committee on Development Policy (CDP) of the UN's ECOSOC and of the Expert Working Group on Climate-related Security Risks, invited by the German government to provide input the UN system on climate and security. She earned her Ph.D. from Princeton University and her bachelor's degree from Harvard University.



**Cecilia Alemany Billorou**

Deputy Regional Director

UN Women Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean

Cecilia Alemany Billorou is Deputy Regional Director of the UN Women Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean. She has extensive experience leading operations and advising UN agencies and non-governmental and civil society organizations at the national, regional, and global levels. She was senior advisor to the UN Women Programme Division in New York and the Senior Management of UNOPS in Haiti. She was head of the UNOPS offices in Uruguay and Paraguay and the UN Women offices in Argentina and Jordan. Consultant for several UN agencies (ECLAC, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, UNESCO, among others). She holds a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies from the University of the Balearic Islands, a Master's in International Foresight from the University of Paris V, and a degree in International Relations from the University of the Republic, Uruguay. Cecilia has taught in local development planning and foresight. She has been an associate professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences Development Workshop of the University of the Republic, Uruguay.



## **Sergio Fausto**

Executive Director

Fernando Henrique Cardoso (FHC) Foundation

Sergio Fausto is General Director of Fundação Fernando Henrique Cardoso, he is codirector of the Project Plataforma Democrática and he is co-editor of the book series “O Estado da Democracia na América Latina”. He is a member of the Gacint-USP (International Conjuncture Analysis Group of the University of São Paulo). Under Cardoso’s two terms in office (1995-1999 and 1999-2003), Fausto served as advisor to the Ministry of Planning and Budget, of Development and External Trade and of Finance. In 2012, he was awarded with the Gus Hart Fellowship, a prize annually given by the Chicago Council of Global Affairs to academics and policy-makers for their contribution to democracy and development in Latin America. Among Fausto’s publications are: *Difícil Democracia* (Paz e Terra, 2011), editor; *Brasil y América del Sur: Miradas Cruzadas (Siglo XXI, 2012)*, editor and author; and *Brasil y América Latina: que liderazgo es posible* (Plataforma Democrática, 2013), editor and author; *Internet y Movilizaciones Sociales: transformaciones del espacio público y de la sociedade civil* (Plataforma Democrática, 2015), editor; *Political Activism in the Era of the Internet* (Plataforma Democrática, 2016), editor. He is also the author of the chapter “Modernization under Democracy” in the book *Concise History of Brazil*, by Boris Fausto, released by Cambridge University Press in 2014. He is a member of the advisory board of the Instituto Palavra Aberta and a member of the board of partners of the Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning).



## **Fernando Haddad (tbc)**

Minister of Finance of Brazil

Fernando Haddad is a lawyer. He has a master's degree in economics and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of São Paulo (USP). He was an investment analyst and economic consultant at the economic research institute foundation - Fipe. He was deputy secretary of finance for the city of São Paulo under Mayor Marta Suplicy. He was special advisor for Planning in the first year of the Lula government. In 2004, he took over as executive secretary of the Ministry of Education, of which he became minister between 2005 and 2012. He ran for mayor and took over the mayorship of São Paulo from 2013 to 2016. His management at the head of São Paulo city hall Paulo was one of the most internationally awarded in the city's history.



Among the achievements, in particular, the unprecedented achievement of investment grade by the risk agency Fitch by transforming the most indebted city in the country into a net creditor. He was awarded six Doctor Honoris Causa titles from five Brazilian public universities and one from the International University of Córdoba, the oldest in Argentina. Haddad is the author of six books, the most recent of which was published in 2022.

## **Elbegdorj Tsakhia**

Member of CdM

President of Mongolia (2009-2017)

Elbegdorj Tsakhia is a public servant, a freedom fighter, and a policymaker from Mongolia. In 1990, he was one of the key leaders of the Mongolian Democratic Revolution and since then have continuously served Mongolia as a Member of Parliament four times, Prime Minister two times, and was elected President for two terms. Born in isolated Western Mongolia as the youngest of eight sons from a humble traditional nomadic beginning he has worked as a machinist in a copper mine, a soldier and a journalist in the army newspaper. As Prime Minister, Member of Parliament, and President, Mr. Elbegdorj prioritized strengthening the rule of law in Mongolia, fostering social justice, fighting poverty, combating corruption, supporting environmental sustainability, and advancing active participatory democracy. He has also initiated and led many social, economic, and governance reforms. Aiming to consolidate democracy in Asia, Mr. Elbegdorj established the Asian Partnership for Democracy initiative within the confines of the Community of Democracies, the largest international organization that drives the global democracy agenda which Mongolia presided in 2011-2013. Under the chairmanship of Community of Democracies, Elbegdorj developed a plan on promoting civil society and advocating women's rights, particularly political rights. Currently, Mr. Elbegdorj is continuing his work to improve public policy, governance, and democracy through the Elbegdorj Institute, a think tank he found in 2008. During his tenure as President, he also focused on the impacts of climate change, air and soil pollution, the most significant public health issues in the capital of Mongolia. Through his Green Belt Foundation, he continues this work as well by bringing together multi-stakeholders to find novel solutions to these challenges. He also supports Mongolian studies and aims to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in Mongolia successfully. Mr. Elbegdorj holds Master of Public Administration from Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government (2002) and Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Land Forces Military Academy of Lviv of former USSR (1988).



## **Yves Leterme**

Member of CdM

Prime Minister of Belgium (2008, 2009-2011)

Yves Leterme is a former Prime Minister of Belgium (2007- 2011). Mr Leterme has held the position of Secretary General of The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) from 2014-2019. Between 2011-2014, Leterme served as Deputy Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Prior to joining the OECD, Prime Minister Leterme held a variety of political posts in Belgium at all levels and in all areas of government. After starting his career as an Alderman in his home town of Ypres, he became a Member of Parliament in the Chamber of Representatives, Group Chairman and leader of the opposition, Secretary-General and Chairman of the CD&V party, Minister-President and Minister for Agriculture of the Flemish Government, Federal Senator, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Budget and Mobility, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister. During Leterme's tenure as a Prime Minister, Belgium held



the Presidency of the European Union. At a professional level, Yves Leterme has worked, inter alia, as a deputy auditor at the Belgian Court of Audit, as an administrator at the European Parliament, as Chief Investigator Financial Fair Play at UEFA, as Member of the Board of Directors of TeleColumbus AG, and Member of the GSC at Volkswagen AG. At present, he is a partner at TheManagementLab (Geneva) and Chairman of Tojoy EMEA (Paris).

### **Allyson Maynard-Gibson**

Advisor of CdM

Former Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Allyson Maynard-Gibson a known advocate for the rights of women and children and an expert in governance, restructuring, and rebranding of organizations, served twice as Attorney-General and Minister of Legal Affairs of The Bahamas. While she served as Attorney-General and Minister of Legal Affairs, great strides were made in access to justice, especially through the use of technology, focus on people, data based decision making, and simplification of systems for access to justice. Allyson was a member of the Task Force that produced, in 2019, the “Justice of All” Report. In 2018, she served as a member of the first ever People’s Tribunal on Economic Crime in South Africa. In 2019, Allyson took a sabbatical at Harvard’s Advanced Leadership Initiative. She has served as an elected member and as a Senator in the Bahamian Parliament. Currently, she is a Consultant to Clement T. Maynard & Company, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of University of the Bahamas, a member of the Justice Leadership Group, Assistant Director of International Trends and Services of The Links, Incorporated and she works with several NGOs to broaden concepts of justice to include people centred justice, social justice, and access to justice.



### **Maricarmen Plata**

Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity

Organization of American States (OAS)

Maricarmen Plata is the secretary for access to rights and equity at the Organization of American States (OAS) a position she has held since March 2021. Before joining the OAS, Plata was a partner at Anzola Robles and Associates from 2003 to 2018 and associate attorney at Sucre Arias Reyes. She founded and co-founded both Plan B Divorce and Virtù Atelier Legal respectively. She is also a member of the board at HOPSA S.A. Plata graduated with an LLM from the University of Cambridge and has received undergraduate degrees from the Universidad Latina de Panamá and Universiteit Leiden and received a degree in law and political science from the Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua.



## Gerson Damiani

Board Member & Chief Operations Officer  
São Paulo University

Over the past 25 years, Damiani has successfully managed multi-million-dollar accounts for private and public funds. He has contributed to the design of sustainability and ESG criteria strategies in the United States, Mexico, Germany, the United Kingdom, India and Brazil. CEO and Director of the board for multinational corporations.



Professor of international Law and International Relations. Currently acting as leading executive at the Iberian-American Center and Board of Directors at the Global Institute for Peace; recently, international strategy attaché at the president's office – University of Sao Paulo.

Educational Background: relevant work focuses on commercial dispute resolution, international cooperation and sustainability. Bachelor from Hamilton College New York, in cooperation with the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques and the Université Paris-Sorbonne; Master of Arts in Law and International Relations from the Humboldt and Freie Universität Berlin; doctor and post-doctor from the University of São Paulo, with a concentration in International Trade Law at King's College London.

Publications: author/editor of several articles and books – including the three-volume series *The Challenges of Globalization; Governance and Representative Democracy* with a Spanish version *Quien Manda Aquí?*, coauthored with Spain's former prime Minister Felipe González; *Latin America's Indigenous World*, also published in Mexico as *El Mundo Indígena na América Latina*, coauthored with Mexican senator Beatriz Paredes; *Global Chains of Value within Latin America*, contextualizing challenges in international commercial disputes. Most current publication: *ESG Global Guidelines for Sustainability*.

## Li Junhua

Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced on 25 July 2022 the appointment of Li Junhua of China as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. Li brings to the position perspectives and visions on fostering multilateral economic and social cooperation, with a commitment to engage with all parties to further implement the 2030 Agenda including dedication to serve member states. He has contributed to numerous meetings of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, as well as other multilateral meetings including the G20, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM), BRICS etc. He served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Italy and San Marino. Prior to this, he was Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (2013-2019). Mr. Li began his career at the Foreign Affairs



Ministry in 1985. Since then, he has served in various capacities, including as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Myanmar (2010-2012), Deputy Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (2008-2010), Minister Counsellor (Political), Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (2003-2008), Division Director and Counsellor in charge of UN General Assembly and Security Council Affairs (2001-2003), Second and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nation (1997-2001). Third and Second Secretary, the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (1992-1997) and Assistant to the Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of China to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok (1986-1992). Mr. Li has a Master's in International Public Policy, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University. He speaks Chinese and English.

### **Francisco Sagasti**

Member of CdM

President of Peru (2020-2021)

Francisco Sagasti is an affiliated researcher at the Institute of Peruvian Studies and professor at the Universidad del Pacífico. He has been President of the Republic, Congressman, Head of Strategic Planning at the World Bank, President of the UN Council on Science and Technology, and professor at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid, the Universidad para la Paz in Costa Rica, and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. He has been an advisor and board member of numerous international



organisations, public institutions, private companies and civil society organisations in Peru and abroad. He holds a degree in industrial engineering from the National University of Engineering, a master's degree in industrial engineering from Penn State University, and a PhD in operations research and social systems science from the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of over thirty books and more than 200 academic articles. He has been a member of the editorial board of the journals Foresight, El Trimestre Económico, World Development and Technological Forecasting and Social Change, and a contributor to CARETAS magazine in Peru. In 2017 he received the Robert K. Merton Award from the International Sociological Association for his academic and professional career, and previously received the Paul Hoffman Award, created in memory of the administrator of the Marshall Plan, and first director of the United Nations Development Programme.

### **Morgan Doyle**

Representative of the Inter-American Development Bank Group in Brazil

Morgan Doyle is the representative of the Inter-American Development Bank Group in Brazil, overseeing the Bank's programming and country dialogue. In his 23-year career at the IDB, he has served as representative in Uruguay (2017-2020), Ecuador (2013-2017), and Senior Advisor to the Vice Presidency for Sectors and Knowledge. He has led several financial sector operations, working with key public sector agencies involved in housing finance and support to small and medium enterprises, debt management, financial sector regulation and supervision, and secured transactions, among others. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from Brown University in International Development, and has received several academic distinctions, including a Fulbright scholarship and an Inter-American Foundation (IAF) research grant.



### **Luciana Servo**

President

Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA)

Luciana Mendes Santos Servo is the president of the Institute for Applied Economic Research – Ipea. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (Cedeplar/UFMG) and a Master degree, also in Economics, from the University of São Paulo (FEA/USP), with specialization in health economics. As a civil servant at the Institute since 1998, she has authored numerous studies on health financing and expenditure, healthcare accounts, monitoring and analysis of public health policies, labor market, and regional economics. She has conducted and coordinated evaluations, including those related to the Council for Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies (CMAP).



Ipea is a public institution linked to the Brazilian Ministry of Planning and Budget. It provides technical support to the federal government with regard to public policies:

fiscal, social and economic. Ipea's headquarters are located in Brasília, and there is a branch in Rio de Janeiro. The Institute has around 800 employees. More than 200 of its research staff members are doctors and post-doctors. The think tank's main goals are: i) to evaluate and propose essential public policies and programs to improve the social, economic and structural development of the country; ii) to formulate prospective studies to guide development strategies for medium and long-term outcomes; iii) to assist the Brazilian federal government in its aim to improve the efficiency of its decisions; and iv) to contribute to the improvement of the public debate related to the country's development endeavors and government actions.



### **Laura Chinchilla**

Vice President of Club de Madrid  
President of Costa Rica (2010-2014)

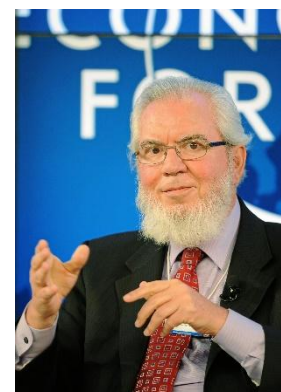
President Laura Chinchilla is a political scientist with a Master in Public Policy from Georgetown University. She was the first woman to be elected president of Costa Rica (2010-2014). Previously, she served as minister of public security (1996-1998), congresswoman (2002-2006), minister of justice (2006-2008), and vice president (2006-2008). During her political career, Mrs. Chinchilla prompted police and justice reform measures to tackle crime and violence, digital and open government, the promotion of women's rights, and early childhood protection. She also promoted environmental sustainability policies, especially on preserving marine biodiversity, for which she was distinguished with international awards. Ms. Chinchilla has worked as a consultant with various international organizations, such as the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). President Chinchilla has headed various Electoral Observation Missions in the Americas and chaired the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age. She has taught at the Institute of Politics and Public Policy of Georgetown University (USA), the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (México), and the Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil). She has been part of the advisory boards of the UNDP's Human Development Report and the Global Happiness Report and is a board member of the International Olympic Committee, the World Leadership Alliance, Club de Madrid, the Inter-American Dialogue, the Concordia Summit, and the Euro-America Foundation.



### **Juan Somavía**

Honorary Member of CdM  
Ninth Director of the International Labour Organization (1999-2012)

Juan Somavía (Chile) was Ambassador to the United Nations from 1990 to 1999. Proposed the convening and chaired the Preparatory Committee of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen. It served as a foundation of the social dimension of the 2030 agenda. During his tenure he chaired the Third Committee of the General Assembly on social issues and was twice President of ECOSOC and the Security Council. He also chaired the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). From 1999 to 2012, he was Director General of the International Labour Organization (ILO). He launched the notion of Decent Work as a global objective based on the reality that the quality of work defines in many ways, both the quality of life and that of a society. It is now objective n\*8 of the Sustainable Development Goals. Through the Global Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization the ILO led the discussion of the issue within de UN and beyond. In the 2008 financial crisis, it promoted a tripartite agreement on a Global Jobs Pact together with the need for national universal social protection floors and since then has been invited as observer of the G-20 presidential meetings. From 2014 to 2018 he was Director of the Diplomatic Academy and since 2019 President of the Foreign Policy Forum of Chile.



He is an Honorary member of the Club de Madrid. Throughout his career he has written and lectured widely and holds numerous citations and awards for his work in the areas of peace, human rights and social development. From 1974 to 1989 Juan Somavia was an active participant, in exile and living in Chile, of the resistance to the then dictatorship and was president of the international commission of the Democratic Alliance and its expansion, since 1983 until the recovery of democracy in 1990.

### **Michèle Griffin**

Director, Common Agenda Team  
UN Executive Office of the Secretary-General

In a career spanning more than twenty-five years at the United Nations, Michèle Griffin has served as a senior policy advisor and director of policy planning to successive secretaries-general. She currently directs the Common Agenda/Summit of the Future Team in the office of Secretary-General António Guterres. Previously, Griffin coordinated many of the Secretary General's signature initiatives, including COVID-19 policy and the Call for Action on Human Rights. Prior to this, she served for ten years in the UN's Department of Political Affairs, where she set up and ran the UN Mediation Support Unit, aiding peace processes around the world. Griffin has served as an adjunct professor at Columbia University and has lectured and published widely on UN matters. She received her BA in European studies from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, and her master's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



### **Nabil Ahmed**

Director of Economic Justice  
Oxfam America

Nabil leads Oxfam's agenda on economic justice that engages policymakers, advocates, and activists to address inequality in the US and internationally. He is a strategic advocate and convener, influencing policies and discourse on wealth inequality, financing, health and worker power at the intersection of class, race and gender. He has led alliances and teams to win policy progress with governments and the private sector. He is a public speaker and contributor on inequality issues, on outlets including Bloomberg, Al Jazeera and AFP. Nabil was formerly Oxfam International's Head of Executive Strategy and Communications, based in Nairobi, Kenya, where he led strategic influencing and public engagement efforts to tackle inequality and the climate crisis. He was the lead author of Oxfam's flagship global inequality report in 2022, "Inequality Kills," and led Oxfam's work to raise attention on inequality at the Davos World Economic Forum (WEF) since 2016. He led Oxfam's engagement with the International Labor Organization's Global Commission on the Future of Work and the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council, and represented Oxfam on the WEF Advisory Board on Risks. He co-founded the People's Vaccine Alliance that fostered a movement of millions of people, and led efforts with world leaders and Nobel Laureates to challenge pharmaceutical monopolies over Covid-19 vaccines. Nabil was formerly a national organizer, worked in the private sector at Unilever, and is a graduate of the University of Manchester, UK. He is a Board Member of Amnesty International UK, and co-hosts EQUALS, Oxfam's global podcast about inequality.



**Mauro Vieira**

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil

Mauro Vieira graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Law in 1973 from the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil, and graduated in 1974 from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy – Rio Branco Institute. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters (Humaniorum Litterarum Doctorem) in 2014 from Georgetown University in Washington, DC.



At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Vieira served as Coordinator for International Acts; Assistant to the Secretary General; Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Chief of Staff for the Secretary General; and Chief of Staff for the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Vieira has also worked in the Ministry of Science and Technology, as Deputy Secretary General for Science and Technology; and at the Ministry of Social Security and Social Assistance, as National Secretary of Administration at the Institute of Social Security.

Abroad, he served as a Second Secretary at the Embassy of Brazil in Washington D.C. (1978-1982); at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA/ALADI) in Montevideo (1982-1985) as a First Secretary; at the Embassy of Brazil in Mexico City (1990-1992) as a Counsellor; and at the Embassy of Brazil in Paris (1995-1999) as a Minister Counsellor.

He was the Ambassador of Brazil to Argentina (2004-2010); Ambassador of Brazil to the United States of America (2010-2015) and the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations in New York (2016-2020). He was Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil in 2015 and 2016.

His most recent posting is that of Ambassador of Brazil to Croatia from 2020 until December 2022. On 1 January 2023, he has taken office as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil.