# Biographical information on the nominees for appointment to the Committee for Development Policy

# Bina Agarwal (India)

Professor of Economics, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University, and member of the Board, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Held positions at several universities including Harvard University, New York University, Princeton University, Columbia University, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota and University of Sussex. Previous positions include: Vice-President of the International Economic Association; first Southern President of the International Association for Feminist Economics; board member of the Global Development Network; and founder member of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics. Member of the Commission for Land Reform of the Prime Minister of India; and member of the Commission for the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress, chaired by Joseph Stiglitz and set up by the President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy. Author of nine books and numerous papers on subjects such as the political economy of gender; land, livelihoods and property rights; environment and development; poverty and inequality; law; and agriculture and technological change. Master's degree in economics from Cambridge University, United Kingdom; and doctorate from the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. Honorary doctorate from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and the Padma Sri conferred by the President of India.

# Mary Helena Allegretti (Brazil)

Independent consultant working with communities, companies and Governments on sustainable development initiatives. Previous positions include: National Secretary for the Amazon Region; State Secretary for the Environment, Science and Technology; President of the State Council for the Environment; State Secretary for Planning and General Coordination; visiting professor at various universities, including Yale University, University of Wisconsin and University of Chicago; consulting positions with a variety of national and international organizations. Participation in international committees include: Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the International Committee of the Programme for Support to NGOs from Developing Countries, Harvard Institute for International Development. Received several awards including the Ford Award for Environmental Conservation. Has published numerous books and articles on sustainable development and the Amazon rainforest. Doctorate in sustainable development from the University of Brasilia.

#### José Antonio Alonso (Spain)

Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid; expert for the Development Cooperation Council of Spain; co-founder and President of the Association of Spanish Specialists in Development. Director of the review *Principios Estudios de Economía Política*, and member of the editorial boards of various journals, such as the *European Journal of Development Research* and the *Bulletin of American Research*. Previous positions include: Vice-Chancellor of Menéndez Pelayo

International University, Madrid/Santander; Director of Economic Cooperation, Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericano; and adviser to the Conference of Ibero-American Planning Ministers. Has published books and articles on growth and economic development, international development cooperation, Spanish and European relations with Latin America, and globalization. Doctorate in Economics from Complutense University of Madrid.

#### **Alice Amsden (United States of America)**

Barton L. Weller Professor of Political Economy, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Previous positions include: economist, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and lecturer and Professor at University of California, Barnard College at Columbia University, Harvard Business School and The New School for Social Research. Consultant to the World Bank, OECD and various organizations within the United Nations. Member of several editorial boards including those of *Asia Journal*, *World Development* and *East Asian Journal*. Director of the Board of the Eastern Economic Association. Awarded the Leontief Prize by the Global Development and Environment Institute at Tufts University and named one of the top 50 visionaries by *Scientific American*. Has written extensively on the industrialization of developing countries. Doctorate from the London School of Economics.

#### **Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico)**

Professor, Regional Centre for Multidisciplinary Research, National University of Mexico; President of the Board, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Member of several national and international bodies such as the National Order of Academic Palms, France; Governing Board, Mexican Council to Prevent Discrimination; Board, Library of Alexandria, Egypt. Previous positions include Assistant Director General for Culture, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); President, International Social Science Council; Secretary, Mexican Academy of Science; and Director, Institute of Anthropological Research, National University of Mexico. Lourdes Arizpe Award in political and environmental anthropology created by the American Anthropological Association. Has published books and articles on rural and indigenous communities, women and migration, culture and development. Doctorate from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

### **Kwesi Botchwey (Ghana)**

Professor of Practice in Development Economics, The Fletcher School, Tufts University. Previous positions include: Executive Chairman, Africa Development Policy Ownership Initiative; Senior Research Scholar, The Earth Institute, Columbia University; Director, Africa Programs and Research, Center for International Development, Harvard University; Development Adviser, Harvard Institute for International Development; Minister of Finance of Ghana. Has been Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Global Coalition for Africa; Chairman of the Executive Board, African Capacity Building Foundation; member of the African Economic Research Consortium Board; and Chairman of the African Population Advisory Committee. Has published books and articles on economic development in Africa. Doctorate in juridical science from the University of Michigan Law School.

# Giovanni Andrea Cornia (Italy)

Professor of Economics and Director of the PhD Programme in Development Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Florence. Founder and editor of the *Innocenti Occasional Papers*, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Florence. Previous positions include: Director of the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University; and Chief Economist, UNICEF. Serves on several editorial boards such as that of *Oxford Development Studies* and has published books and articles on child poverty, transition economies and inequality, growth and poverty. Master's degrees in economics and applied economics from the University of Bologna.

### Ricardo Ffrench-Davis (Chile)

Professor of Economics, University of Chile. Previous positions include: principal adviser at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Director of Research, Central Bank of Chile; Director and Vice-President, Centre for Economic Research on Latin America (CIEPLAN); Co-Director of the Macroeconomics Task Force of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, led by Joseph Stiglitz at Columbia University. Has represented the former and current Presidents of Chile, Ricardo Lagos and Michelle Bachelet, in the International Initiative to Fight Hunger and Poverty. Has published 20 books and over 120 articles on international trade and finance, development strategies and Latin American economies. In 2005, awarded the Chilean National Prize for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago.

#### Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan)

Professor of International Affairs at The New School. Development economist working in the multidisciplinary framework of capabilities and human development, and currently working on human rights and poverty, conflict prevention, and global technology. Previous positions include: lead author and Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Human Development Report. Publications include: The Gene Revolution: GM Crops and Unequal Development; Readings in Human Development; Rethinking Technical Cooperation: Reforms for Capacity Building in Africa; and Capacity for Development: Old Problems, New Solutions; and numerous papers and book chapters on issues of poverty, gender, human rights and technology. Founder and editor of the Journal of Human Development, and member of the editorial board of Feminist Economics. Also on the board of several non-governmental organizations that advocate human rights and technology for development. Graduate studies carried out at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the University of Sussex.

#### Norman Girvan (Jamaica)

Professorial Research Fellow at the University of the West Indies. Previous positions include Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States; senior research fellow of the United Nations African Institute for Development and Planning; and head of the National Planning Agency of the Government of Jamaica.

Recipient of several honours and awards. Has published extensively on foreign investment and multinational corporations, the mining industry, technology, the International Monetary Fund and external debt, social development, Caribbean integration, and economic thought. Doctorate in economics from the London School of Economics.

# **Philippe Hein (Mauritius)**

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Applied Social Research, University of Mauritius. Recent consulting assignments include: assisting Cape Verde in preparing its transition strategy from the least developed country category and team leader for the diagnostic study of the Enhanced Integrated Framework. Previous positions include: senior economist dealing particularly with least developed countries and small island developing States, and management of technical cooperation programmes, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Has undertaken assignments in more than 45 developing countries, and visited most least developed countries and small island developing States; Director of the Mauritius Employers Federation; executive director of the leading conglomerate business corporation. Has published on trade and development issues, with special reference to small island developing States, least developed countries and export processing zones. Holds degrees from University of Oxford (United Kingdom), McGill University (Canada) and University of Aix-Marseille (France).

# Mulu Ketsela (Ethiopia)

Independent researcher. Previous positions include: Executive Director, World Bank, representing 22 African countries. Has served as a member of the Committee on Development Effectiveness as well as the Audit Committee. Also served as a Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Board; alternate Executive Director, World Bank; and State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia. Was also in charge of monitoring the inflows and management of foreign-financed projects/programmes, with the rank of Minister, Office of the Prime Minister. Served as a member of the board in the Development Bank of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Road Authority. Was economic adviser to the President of Ethiopia, with the rank of Minister. Also served as consultant to various international organizations and on several boards such as the Coalition of Women against HIV/AIDS. Doctorate in economics from The New School for Social Research.

### Wahiduddin Mahmud (Bangladesh)

Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Dhaka; Director, Board of Directors, Bangladesh Bank (Central bank of Bangladesh); and Chairman, Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation, for funding microcredit programmes of non-governmental organizations in Bangladesh; research adviser, South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes. Previous positions include: senior adviser, United Nations support facility for Indonesian recovery; member of advisory/consultative committees of various ministries of the Government of Bangladesh; and Visiting Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. Carried out numerous consultancies for various international organizations. Member of the Council of Advisors for the Chief Economist of the South Asia region, World Bank; Chairman, Institute of Microfinance; Chairman, Economic

Research Group; Panel Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Millennium Development Goals, World Trade Organization and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers. Member of editorial advisory board of several journals including Development and Change and Indian Journal of Human Development. Has produced numerous publications on topics such as South Asian economies, globalization, poverty, social development, employment and microcredit. Doctorate in economics from University of Cambridge.

#### **Amina Mama (South Africa)**

Barbara Lee Distinguished Chair in Women's Leadership, Mills College; Chair of the Board of Directors, Global Fund for Women; member, Board of Directors of the Institute for African Studies, University of Ghana; member of editorial advisory boards of eight academic journals in the areas of feminist studies, development studies and human rights. Previous positions include: Chair in Gender Studies and Director, African Gender Institute, and Prince Claus Chair in Equity and Development; lecturing positions at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and the University of Bradford. Has also been engaged in development consultancy work and research in various African and Caribbean countries. Has published books and articles on gender violence, gender identities, politics, higher education and development. Carried out her graduate studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Birbeck College at London University.

# Thandika Mkwandawire (Sweden)

Olof Palme Visiting Professor, Swedish Research Council. Originally native of Malawi. Current and previous positions include Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development; Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Development Research in Copenhagen; and Executive Secretary, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa. Taught at the Universities of Stockholm and Zimbabwe. Member of several editorial boards including those of Africa Development and Journal of Human Development. Has served on several executive committees such as those of the International Institute for Labour Studies, CARE International and the African Gender Institute. Scheduled to take up a position as the Chair in Afrian Development Studies at the London School of Economics. Has published broadly on the social sciences in Africa and on problems of policymaking, adjustment and democratization. Holds a doctorate in letters from Rhodes University.

#### Adil Najam (Pakistan)

Director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future; and Professor of International Relations and Geography and the Environment at Boston University. Areas of specialization include global climate change and sustainable development; human development and human security; and international environmental policy. Serves on the board of several research institutes, including the Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development research; is a Senior Fellow of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, Canada. Also serves on the editorial boards of various scholarly publications. Has had nearly 20 years experience in the area of environment and sustainable development and has published extensively on environmental issues. Was a lead

author and convening lead author, respectively, for the Third and Fourth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Massachusetts, Tufts University and Boston University. Doctorate in international environmental policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

#### **Hans Opschoor (Netherlands)**

Professor of Sustainable Development Economics, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague; Professor of Environmental Economics, Free University Amsterdam; member, Board of Supervisors, Royal Haskoning; member, Supervisory Board of the African Studies Centre; and member, Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences. Previous positions include: Rector, Institute of Social Studies; Chair, Netherlands Advisory Council on Nature and Environmental Research; Vice-Chair, Netherlands Advisory Council on Development Research; Director, Institute of Environmental Studies, Free University Amsterdam; and Senior Research Fellow and Acting Director, National Institute for Research, University of Botswana. Holds honorary professorships at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Studies, Beijing) and at Nanjing Agricultural University (College of Land Management). Has edited and published books and articles on issues related to sustainable development. Doctorate from Free University Amsterdam.

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Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University. Previous positions include: Visiting Professor, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo; Senior Visiting Researcher, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University; Walker Ames Visiting Professor, Graduate School, University of Washington, Seattle. Board member of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development; member of committee appointed by the Deputy Prime Minister to review environmental impact of water management projects; and member of various other boards and committees. Also served as consultant, coordinator and adviser to various international organizations and projects. Received several awards including the Distinguished Professor Award from the Thailand Research Fund; and award for outstanding book of the year from *Choice* magazine. Present fields of research include development strategies and political economy of Thailand and South-East Asia; social movements in Thailand; and corruption and the illegal economy. Has published extensively on the economy and politics in Thailand and South-East Asia. Doctorate in economics from the University of Cambridge.

#### **Patrick Plane (France)**

Executive Director of the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International. Research Director at the French National Center for Scientific Research. Areas of concentration include economic development issues, privatization, exchange rate policies and competitive diagnoses. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Revue d'Economie du Développement, the European Development Network (EUDN) and the Programme Committee of African Economic Research Consortium. Previously worked in various international

organizations: World Bank, OECD, European Commission and UNDP. Has published many articles on international development in many well-known reviews and journals. Received a doctorate in economics from the University of Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand.

# **Victor Polterovich (Russian Federation)**

Professor, First Vice Rector, the New Economic School and Head of Laboratory, Central Economics and Mathematics Institute (CEMI), Russian Academy of Sciences. Present research interests include the theory of economic reforms, institutional economics and economic dynamics. Has taught courses on advanced macroeconomics, international trade, theory of economic reforms and theories of unemployment and inflation. Member of several renowned editorial boards in Russia. Member of International Advisory Boards for the Russia Economics Research Program, the New Economic School and the European University at St. Petersburg. Also Member of the Executive Committee of the International Economic Association. Prize Laureate of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1992 and 1999. Has authored several books on economics and mathematical methods. Holds doctorate degrees (Candidate of Science, 1971; and Doctor of Science, 1991) from the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute (CEMI), Russian Academy of Sciences.

# Fatima Sadiqi (Morocco)

President, Centre for Studies and Research on Women, and the non-governmental organization ISIS for Women and Development (Fez); Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies, University of Fez; Visiting Professor of Women Studies and Islamic Religious Studies, Harvard University, and Harvard Fellow; Editor-in-Chief of the journal Languages and Linguistics; member, editorial board of Gender and Language; and National Coordinator of SafetyNET. Has organized four international conferences and served on national and international committees such as the Language-based Area Studies initiative on China, Japan, Eastern Europe and the Arabic-speaking world. Has published books and articles on women, gender, Islam and language. Doctorate in theoretical linguistics from Essex University.

# Frances Stewart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Professor of Development Economics, and Director, Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity, Queen Elizabeth House, and Fellow of Somerville College, University of Oxford. President of the Human Development and Capability Association. Previous positions include: consultant to the World Bank, Ford Foundation, International Development Research Centre, OECD and United Nations organizations; special adviser on adjustment policies to UNICEF; lecturer at the University of East Africa in Nairobi; member of the Board of the United Nations University and the International Food Policy Research Institute; and President of the Development Studies Association of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Has contributed to, edited and published books and articles on international development topics. Specializes in human development and the economic and social causes and consequences of conflict. Doctorate in economics from the University of Oxford.

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Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Finance and Statistics, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Perugia, Italy. Previous positions include: Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; President of the European Association for Comparative Economic Systems; Vice-Minister, Federal Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; researcher and research fellow, European University Institute. Consultant to various organizations such as International Labour Organization (ILO), UNDP, UNESCO and Commission of the European Communities; Governor of the National Bank of Yugoslavia and Bertelsmann Foundation. Author of books and about 150 articles. Recent work focuses mainly on the transition in Central and South-eastern Europe, including macroeconomic policies, privatization, corporate governance, regional cooperation, trade liberalization, research and development policies, European Union enlargement and economic integration. Doctorate in economics from the European University Institute, Florence.

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Director General, Institute of World Economics and Politics, and Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; and President of the China Society of World Economics. Editor of *China and World Economy*, associate editor, *Asian Economic Policy Review*. Member, Academie Hassan II des Sciences et Techniques, Morocco. Previous positions include: member, Monetary Policy Committee, People's Bank of China; and member, National Advisory Committee of the Eleventh Five-year Plan of National Reform and Development Commission. Has authored, co-authored and edited more than 10 books and published numerous papers and articles on macroeconomics, international finance and other subjects in various publications. Doctorate in economics from the University of Oxford.

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