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BIOGRAPHIES



Ambassador Martin Sajdik, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in New York, presented his credentials in January 2012. Prior to his appointment to New York, he served as Austria's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Mongolia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. From 2003 to 2007, Ambassador Sajdik was Director-General for Economic Affairs and European Integration. Between postings at the Austrian Embassy in Moscow (1980-1985 and 1989-1991) and with the Executive Secretariat of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna (1986-1987), he held executive positions at an Austrian construction company and an Austrian Bank in Moscow. Earlier, he served at the Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN Office in Geneva.



Mr. Jan Eliasson was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations in March 2012. Previously, he was the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Darfur (2007-2008), President of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly, and Sweden's Ambassador to the US (September 2000 to July 2005). Mr. Eliasson was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1994 to 2000 and Sweden's Ambassador to the UN in New York from 1988 to 1992. He also served as the Secretary-General's Personal Representative for Iran/Iraq and was the first UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs. Mr. Eliasson has had diplomatic postings in New York (twice) Paris, Bonn, Washington (twice) and Harare, where he opened the first Swedish Embassy in 1980.



Mr. Thomas Helbling is the Chief of the World Economic Studies Division in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund, where he co-directs the work on the World Economic Outlook. He has worked at the IMF since 1994. Earlier assignments included deputy division chief positions in the Research Department and the Western Hemisphere Department. As an Advisor in the Research Department, he was responsible for the IMF's work on global energy and commodity markets. His recent research papers have focused on commodity price dynamics and global economic conditions; international economic policy issues; international business cycle linkages; and economic history.



H.E. Ambassador Triyono Wibowo serves as the President of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD. He is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary / Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva. He was appointed as Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs for Administrative and Management Affairs (2004-2006) until his assignment as Ambassador in Vienna (2006-2008). In September 2008, he was appointed as Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs until October 2011. Mr. Wibowo has vast experience and his assignments abroad include bilateral as well as multilateral affairs.



Mr. Jorge Familiar Calderon is the Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group since August 2010 and serves as the Acting Executive Secretary of the IMF/World Bank Development Committee. A national of Mexico, before joining the World Bank he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Mexican Instituto del Fondo Nacional para el Consumo de los Trabajadores (Instituto FONACOT). Previously, he has also served in the World Bank Group as Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director for Mexico from 2004 to 2008.



Mr. Calvin McDonald is the IMF Deputy Secretary at the Secretary's Department and Acting Secretary for the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC). He has been working with IMF since 1992. Previously, Mr. McDonald has served several positions in the African department of IMF, including the South African delegation chief and Advisor. Before, he also worked as the Mission Chief for Malawi at the IMF.



Mr. Xiaozhun Yi serves as Deputy Director-General at the World Trade Organization since October 2013. Prior to his current position, he was China's Ambassador to the WTO since 2011. Previously, Mr Yi was Assistant Minister and subsequently China's Vice Minister of Commerce in charge of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and cooperation. Besides his contribution to China's WTO accession, he played a leading role in negotiating numerous free trade agreements. He also worked as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in the United States for more than four years from the late 1980s to the early 1990s.



H.E. Ambassador Pertti Majanen has over 30 years of experience in development cooperation, including development financing in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. A national of Finland, Mr. Majanen joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1974. After serving as Ambassador of Finland to the Philippines he was nominated Under-Secretary of State for Development Cooperation for 2000-2005. Thereafter he has served as Ambassador to OECD and UNESCO, and to Ireland. Under-Secretary Majanen was the Finnish Governor in all three Regional Development Banks, and the President of the Board of FINNFUND for five years.



Dr. Mansur Muhtar is the Executive Director for Angola, Nigeria and South Africa on the Board of the World Bank Group since November 2012. A national of Nigeria, he has previously served as Minister of Finance in the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2008 to 2010), Executive Director of the African Development Bank (2007-2008) and Director-General of Nigeria's Debt Management Office (2003-2007). Previously, he taught in the Economics Department of Bayero University (Kano) and worked as an Economist in the World Bank headquarters for about ten years. Mr. Muhtar holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Sussex.



Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin is the World Bank Special Envoy and Representative on MDGs and Financial Development. His responsibilities include coordinating the World Bank Group agenda on the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 process; supporting the work on financial development, including long term finance and financial inclusion; and coordinating the World Bank's efforts to strengthen partnerships with the UN, multilateral development institutions, and the G-20. Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Mohieldin held numerous positions in the Government of Egypt and served on several Boards of Directors in the Central Bank of Egypt and the corporate sector.



Ambassador George Wilfred Talbot is the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations in New York since January 2012. He currently serves as co-facilitator on the preparations for the third international conference on financing for development and Chair of the General Assembly's Second Committee on Economic and Financial issues. Prior to his appointment, he was Chargé d'affaires a.i. at the Permanent Mission of Guyana in New York, where he also held the rank of Minister Counsellor, having previously been Second Secretary and First Secretary. Mr. Talbot has held a variety of posts in the field of multilateral diplomacy, working on economic, social and political issues.



Mr. Serge Tomasi is the Deputy-Director of OECD Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) since March 2012. A French national, he has devoted his career to international co-operation. Previously he was the Director for Global Economy and Development at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, after several positions in the French Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign and European affairs. As part of his career, he has spent four years in Senegal as Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs, and also three years in New York as Financial Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations.



Mr. José Antonio Ocampo Gaviria is Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration in the School of International and Public Affairs, Member of the Committee on Global Thought, and co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University. He is also the Chair of the Committee for Development Policy, an expert committee of the ECOSOC. Prior to his appointment, he has served as UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; Executive Secretary of ECLAC; Colombian Minister of Finance and Public Credit, and Chairman of the Board of the Central Bank of Colombia.



Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones is Financial Markets Director at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, based at Columbia University in New York and Associate Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute. Previously she was Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University. She has held the position of Deputy Director of International Finance at the Commonwealth Secretariat and has worked at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and in the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. She started her career in 1970 at the Central Bank of Chile.



Ms. Erika Karp is the Founder and CEO of Cornerstone Capital Inc. Previously, Ms. Karp was Managing Director and Head of Global Sector Research at UBS Investment Bank where she Chaired the UBS Global Investment Review Committee. She served on the UBS Securities Research Executive Committee and the Environmental and Human Rights Committee of the UBS Group Executive Board. Ms. Karp is a founding Board member of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board, a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Financing and Capital, and serves as an Advisor to the Clinton Global Initiative Market-Based Approaches Track team.



Mr. Aldo Caliari has worked as Director of the Center of Concern’s Rethinking Bretton Woods Project since 2002. Originally from Argentina, he works on an array of issues such as global economic governance, debt, international financial architecture, human rights in international economic policy and linkages between trade and finance policy. He has been a consultant to several intergovernmental organizations including UNCTAD, UNDP, UN DESA, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights—in addition to governments, civil society networks, and foundations.