4 July, 9:15 am – 10:00 am | Opening of the High-level Segment

Lazarous Kapambwe, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Lazarous Kapambwe was elected sixty-seventh President of the Economic and Social Council on 18 January 2011. Ambassador Kapambwe is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Kapambwe served as co-facilitator of the Ad-Hoc Open Ended Working Group of the General assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis in 2009-2010. Prior to the United Nations, he served as Zambia’s Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union, from June 2003 to June 2007. He was concurrently accredited as Ambassador of Zambia to Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia. Before holding that post, he was Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 2002 to 2003, after serving as Deputy Permanent Secretary responsible for Asia, Africa and the Middle East from 2000 to 2002.

Joseph Deiss, President of the United Nations General Assembly

His Excellency Joseph Deiss was elected President of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly on 11 June 2010. An economist and politician with extensive experience in multilateral affairs, Mr. Deiss served in the Federal Council of Switzerland (Swiss cabinet) from 1999 to 2006. During this period, while holding the post of Economics Minister (2003 to 2006), he was elected, in 2004, to serve as President of the Swiss Confederation and headed his country’s presidential delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Over the course of his term as a cabinet minister, Mr. Deiss was active in the sphere of world trade, leading his country’s delegation at key negotiations of the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Mr. Deiss was also a member of the board of governors of both the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and directed Switzerland’s negotiations with the European Union.

Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations

Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro of Tanzania took office as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations on 1 February 2007. Dr. Migiro served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation from 2006-2007. Before that, she was Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children for five years.

As Foreign Minister, Dr. Migiro spearheaded Tanzania’s engagement in the pursuit of peace, security and development in the Great Lakes Region. She served as Chair of the Council of Ministers’ meetings of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, a process that culminated into a Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region. Dr. Migiro was also Chair of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation and President of the UN Security Council during its open debate on peace, security and development in the Great Lakes Region.
Gordon Brown, Former Prime Minister, United Kingdom

Mr Brown became Prime Minister on 27 June 2007. During his time as Prime Minister he oversaw changes such as the introduction of neighbourhood policing in every area, a legally-enforceable right to early cancer screening and treatment, and the world’s first ever Climate Change Act, which came into force in autumn 2008.

The greatest challenge Mr Brown faced in office was the worldwide financial crisis and the subsequent recession. In April 2009, he hosted the G20 Summit in London where world leaders committed to make an additional $1.1 trillion available to help the world economy through the crisis and restore credit, growth and jobs. They also pledged to strengthen financial supervision and regulation.

Simon Willis, Global Vice President, Cisco Systems Inc.

Simon Willis came to Cisco after 15 years of work in government and e-business. He has held various senior management and policy positions in the UK government including private secretary to Minister of State, head of operational reform at the Department of Social Security, head of pensions equalization and Chief Executive of a national disability agency. He ran the Financial Crime Branch at the UK Treasury and also headed numerous UK delegations to the EU, UN and OECD.

Simon’s focus is on coordinating a global team that can work as trusted advisors to senior levels of large public sector organizations where transformation is imminent or there is the potential for ground breaking projects likely to be emulated by others.

Irina Bokova, Director General, UNESCO

Irina Bokova became Director-General of UNESCO in November 2009. Prior to this position, Ms. Bokova was Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to France and Monaco, Personal Representative of the Bulgarian President to the "Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie" and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO from 2005 to 2009.

Born in 1952, she obtained an MBA from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and studied at the universities of Maryland and Harvard in the USA. During her long and distinguished career, she also served as Bulgaria’s representative to the United Nations and as her country’s Secretary of State for European integration and Foreign Minister. Ms Bokova has long promoted the transition to European integration. As Founder and Chairperson of the European Policy Forum, she worked to overcome divisions in Europe and promote the values of dialogue, diversity, human dignity and rights.

Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

On 1 May 2010, Anthony Lake became the sixth Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund, bringing to the position more than 45 years of public service.

During his career, Anthony Lake has worked with leaders and policy makers across the world. In 2007-2008, he served as a senior foreign policy adviser to the presidential campaign of Barack Obama, a role he also performed during the Clinton presidential campaign of 1991-1992. He has managed a full range of foreign policy, national security, humanitarian and development issues at the most senior levels: as National Security Advisor (1993-1997) under President Bill Clinton, and as Director of Policy Planning in President Carter’s administration (1977-1981). He joined the US State Department in 1962
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

as a Foreign Service Officer.

Juliana Rotich, Executive Director and Founder, Ushahidi

Juliana Rotich is originally from Kenya where she spent her early life and schooling. She later moved to the US where she majored in IT and has worked in the industry for over ten years. She collaborated with the online community and co-founded Ushahidi which is the Swahili word for testimony. Ushahidi is a web based reporting system that utilizes crowdsourced data to formulate visual map information of a crisis on a real-time basis.

As a Program Director for Ushahidi she manages projects and aids in the development and testing of the Ushahidi platform. She also blogs at 'Afromusing' blog, typically with a focus on African tech and renewable energy.

4 July, 11:30 am – 12:00 pm       Policy messages from Annual Ministerial Review preparatory meetings

Saad bin Ibrahim al-Mahmoud, Minister of Education, Qatar

His Excellency Mr. Saad bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud is the Minister of Education and Higher Education and Secretary General of the Supreme Education Council (SEC) in Qatar.

In April of 2009, the Deputy Emir and Heir Apparent HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani appointed Saad bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud as the new Minister of Education and Higher Education. Committed to achieving the goals of education reform in Qatar, H.E. Saad bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud wants to realize the potential of all Qatari children and ensure that they and Qatar itself are globally competitive.

Churairat Sangboonnum, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Thailand

Ms. Sangboonnum is Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and the Secretary-General of the Thai National Commission for UNESCO. Her work experience includes leading positions in working with the Culture Committee as well as the Education Committee of the Thai National Commission for UNESCO. From 2002-2004 Ms. Sangboonnum was Chief of the International Cooperation System Development Unit. From 2005 –2008 she was the Director of the Bureau of International Cooperation in the Ministry of Education.

Essossimna Legzim-Balouki, Minister of Education, Togo

Her Excellency Essossimna Legzim-Balouki is the Minister of Literacy and Primary and Secondary Education of Togo. From 2002-2006 to she was Chief of Division of Organization and Operation Tax Audit and also served as Director of Budget at the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Ms. Essossimna Legzim-Balouki holds a Graduate Diploma in Financial Management, Tax and Accounting as well as a Masters in Tax Administration from the University Paris Dauphine.
Eduardo Aragundi, Education Quality Specialist, Undersecretary for Education Planning, Ministry of Education

Mr. Aragundi has a bachelor’s degree and is a Professor in Biological Sciences (UBA), a Specialist in Research Methodology in Science and Technology (Universidad Nacional de Entre Rios) and holds a higher diploma in Social Sciences and Education Constructivism (FLACSO). He has worked for many years in the education of young people and adults, as a teacher and director of schools. Mr. Aragundi serves as associate professor at the Universidad Nacional de San Martin, in the capacity of Chair of Methodology of Scientific Research.

Between 2004 and 2006, Mr. Aragundi was Area Director of Adult Education and from 2006 to 2007 served as Director General of Education in the Government of Buenos Aires. Since 2008 he has worked in the Ministry of Education’s Office as National Director of Information and Evaluation of Educational Quality. Currently, Mr. Aragundi is Undersecretary for Education Planning.

4 July, 12:00 pm – 13:00 pm  
Accelerating education for all (EFA): Mobilizing resources and partnerships

Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and Development Cooperation, Norway

Erik Solheim has been a minister in the Norwegian government since 2005. He is perhaps the only minister in the world today responsible for both the environment and international development. This dual role allows him to take national and international initiatives that incorporate the close relationship between the environment and international development.

His contributions to both fields have been substantial, including the Norwegian Climate and Forest Initiative; the increase in Norwegian development assistance to 1.07 % of GNI; and a strong focus on conflict prevention, education, and innovative financing for development. From 2000 to 2005 he was also the lead facilitator in the peace process in Sri Lanka. Mr Solheim was born in 1955, he is married and has four children. In government he represents the Socialist Left party.

Muhammad Nuh, Minister of National Education, Indonesia

Mohammad Noah started his career as a professor of Electrical Engineering of ITS in 1984. In 1997, Mohammad Nuh was appointed Director of Electrical Engineering Polytechnic Negeri Surabaya (PENS) ITS. Apart from being president, Mohammad Nuh has also served as Chairman of Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals Association (ICMI) of East Java, Surabaya Pengerus PCNU, Secretary of the Social Fund Foundation Al Falah Surabaya, Board Member Islamic Hospital Foundation, Surabaya, and Chairman of Yayasan Pendidikan Al-Islah Surabaya.

Muhammad Nuh is also known as a cleric (priest) who often gave lectures and Friday sermons at various mosques in Surabaya. Prior to the National Education Minister, Muhammad Nuh was the Minister of Communications and Information.

Wendy Hawkins, Executive Director, Intel Foundation

Wendy Hawkins is Executive Director of the Intel Foundation. The Foundation represents a commitment of approximately $40M per year for improving math, science, technology and engineering education worldwide. Wendy joined Intel in 1990 as foundation manager and program officer, and since has held a variety of management positions in Intel’s Corporate Affairs Group including manager of Corporate K-12 programs, founder of Intel® Teach Program, which has provided professional development for more than 7
million teachers worldwide, and as Director of Education for Intel Corporation. Ms. Hawkins graduated with distinction from Stanford University with a degree in Psychology.

Irina Bokova, Director General, UNESCO (p. 2)

4 July, 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm | Keynote address

Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Swiss Confederation

Micheline Calmy-Rey was elected to the Swiss Federal Council on 4 December 2002 and was appointed as head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). She pursues an active foreign policy marked by a commitment to promoting peace, respect for international law and human rights, and the fight against poverty. The aim of this policy is to ensure security and well-being for all Swiss citizens. In 2007, Micheline Calmy-Rey was President of the Confederation. In 2011 she again assumed the duties of President of the Confederation.

For 20 years she ran a book distribution business. In 1979, she joined the Socialist Party of Geneva, which she later served as president for two terms. As a deputy in the Grand Conseil, or cantonal legislature, she took an interest in public finance, and when she became a member of the cantonal government in 1998, she took over as head of the Department of Finance.

4 July, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Education, Human Rights and Conflict

Irina Bokova, Director General, UNESCO (p. 2)

Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF (p. 2)

Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and Development Cooperation, Norway (p. 4)

Asma Jahangir, Laureate of 2010/UNESCO Bilbao Prize, President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan

Asma Jahangir is a lawyer, advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, and the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan. She is a founding member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, and has served as Secretary-General and later Chairperson of the organization.

Asma Jahangir has dedicated her life to the defense of human rights and upholding constitutional law. She works both in Pakistan and internationally to prevent the persecution of religious minorities, women, and exploitation of children.

Tove Wang, Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children Norway, Chair of the Rewrite the Future Campaign

Tove R. Wang is CEO of Save the Children Norway and Chair of International Save the Children’s first global campaign, Rewrite the Future, which focuses on education for children affected by armed conflict.

She has 30 years of experience in international development, with broad experience in the areas of leadership, organizational development, strategic planning and child rights programming, including 10 years of field work in Yemen, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University.
Mamadou Diouf, Leitner Family Professor of African Studies and Director of Institute for African Studies, Columbia University

Mamadou Diouf is Leitner Family Professor of African Studies. He leads Columbia University’s Institute of African Studies at the School of International and Public Affairs. Educated primarily in France, Diouf is a renowned West African scholar who has taught in his native Senegal at the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar and guest-lectured at many European and American universities. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Paris-Sorbonne (France).

Imogen Foulkes, BBC Correspondent, Geneva

Imogen Foulkes has been the BBC’s Correspondent in Geneva since 2004. Prior to that she worked for Swiss Radio International, and for Scottish Television.

She has travelled widely as part of her work, and has reported on a variety of humanitarian crises and post-conflict situations, such as Bosnia, Kosovo, South Ossetia, Kyrgyzstan, and Haiti. She lives in the Swiss capital Berne, and is married with two children.

4 July, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm National Voluntary Presentation

Arthur Peter Mutharika, Minister of Education, Malawi

His Excellency Mr. Arthur Peter Mutharika obtained his first degree from the University of London 1965 and acquired a doctorate degree from Yale University in 1969. Between 2004 and 2007 Prof. Mutharika was Professor of Law at Washington University at St. Louis. He was teaching International Organizations, International Law and international Investment Law.

Also, for the period 2004- 2009 Prof. Mutharika served as Malawi’s Chief Advisor to the President on Constitutional, Legal, and International Affairs.

Gudrun Kopp, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany


She is a Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board at DEG-Deutsche Investitions-Und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbh. Ms. Kopp was an Export manager, interpreter and translator in English and Spanish specializing in Economics and Electrical Engineering. She has held various managerial positions, including in an electrical goods company. Ms. Kopp has regular business contacts with medium-sized companies through family-run business.
Elizabeth King, Director of Education, World Bank

Elizabeth M. King is Director of Education in the Human Development Network of the World Bank. In this position, she is the World Bank’s senior spokesperson for global policy and strategic education issues in developing countries. Until January 2009, she was a manager in the Bank’s research department, heading the team that focuses on human development issues.

Since joining the World Bank, she has worked on countries as diverse as Bangladesh, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, and the Philippines, among others, contributing to public expenditure reviews, country economic assessments, policy analyses of the human development sectors, and impact evaluations of policies and programs. She was the Lead Economist for the Bank’s human development department for East Asian countries for three years, and was a co-author of three World Development Reports. Ms. King has a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University and a BA from the University of the Philippines.

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

A career diplomat, Mr. Sha Zukang became the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 July 2007. As such, he heads the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which is responsible for the follow-up to the major United Nations Summits and Conferences, and services the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council as well as the vast majority of its functional commissions and expert bodies. He also convenes the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Secretariat’s network for joint planning and initiatives on development.

In 2010, Mr. Sha Zukang was appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. The Conference, also known as Rio + 20, will be convened in Brazil in 2012. Mr. Sha Zukang has extensive experience with multilateral organizations and international conferences. He was Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 11th session from 2003 to 2004, President of the Trade and Development Board, 50th Session of UNCTAD, Chairperson of the Government group of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization from 2002 to 2003, and member of the UN Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Disarmament matters from 1994 to 1999.

Pascal Lamy, Director-General, WTO

Mr. Lamy holds degrees from the Paris based Ecole des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC), from the Institut d’Études Politiques (IEP) and from the Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA). He began his career in the French civil service at the Inspection Générale des finances and at the Treasury. He then became an advisor to the Finance Minister Jacques Delors, and subsequently to Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy.

In Brussels from 1985 to 1994, Pascal Lamy was Chief of staff for the President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, and his representative as Sherpa in the G7. In November 1994, he joined the team in charge of rescuing Credit Lyonnais, and later became CEO of the bank until its privatisation in 1999. Between 1999 and 2004, Pascal Lamy was Commissioner for Trade at the European Commission under Romano Prodi.
Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Supachai Panitchpakdi began his second four-year term as Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 1 September 2009, following his unanimous confirmation by the UN General Assembly. In 1986, Dr. Supachai was elected to the Thai Parliament and appointed Deputy Minister of Finance. In 1988, he was appointed Director and Advisor, and subsequently President, of the Thai Military Bank. In 1992, Dr. Supachai was appointed Senator, and that same year he became Deputy Prime Minister, entrusted with oversight of the country’s economic and trade policy-making.

In 2001, he was appointed Visiting Professor at the International Institute for Management Development in Lausanne. He has published a number of books, including Globalization and Trade in the New Millennium (2001) and China and WTO: Changing China, Changing World Trade (2002, co-authored with Mark Clifford). Dr. Supachai previously served as Director-General of the World Trade Organization (September 2002 to August 2005).

Zhu Min, Special Advisor to the Managing Director, IMF

Mr. Min Zhu assumed the position of Special Advisor to the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund on May 3, 2010.

Mr. Zhu, a native of China, was a Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China. He was responsible for international affairs, policy research, and credit information. Prior to his service at China’s central bank, he held various positions at the Bank of China where he served as Group Executive Vice president, responsible for finance and treasury, risk management, internal control, legal and compliance, and strategy and research. Mr. Zhu also worked at the World Bank and taught economics at both Johns Hopkins University and Fudan University.

Mr. Zhu received a Ph.D and an M.A. in economics from Johns Hopkins University, an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a B.A. in economics from Fudan University.

Otaviano Canuto dos Santos Fihlo, Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank

Otaviano Canuto is Vice President and Head of the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network, a division of more than 600 economists and other professionals working on economic policy, poverty reduction, and analytic work for the World Bank’s client countries.

He took up his position in May 2009, after serving as the Vice President for Countries at the Inter-American Development Bank since June 2007. Dr. Canuto provides strategic leadership and direction on economic policy formulation in the area of growth and poverty, debt, trade, gender, and public sector management and governance. He is involved in managing the Bank’s overall interactions with key partner institutions including the IMF, the OECD and regional development banks. He has lectured and written widely on economic growth, financial crisis management, and regional development, with recent work on financial crisis and economic growth in Latin America. He speaks Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.
Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD (p. 8)

Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University

Jeffrey D. Sachs is the Director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is also Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. From 2002 to 2006, he was Director of the UN Millennium Project and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed goals to reduce extreme poverty, disease, and hunger by the year 2015. Sachs is also President and Co-Founder of Millennium Promise Alliance, a nonprofit organization aimed at ending extreme global poverty.

He is widely considered to be the leading international economic advisor of his generation. For more than 20 years Professor Sachs has been in the forefront of the challenges of economic development, poverty alleviation, and enlightened globalization, promoting policies to help all parts of the world to benefit from expanding economic opportunities and wellbeing. He is also one of the leading voices for combining economic development with environmental sustainability, and as Director of the Earth Institute leads large-scale efforts to promote the mitigation of human-induced climate change.

Ashok Khosla, Founder and President of Development Alternatives

Ashok Khosla is founder and Chairman of the Development Alternatives Group, which pioneered the concept of social enterprise, creating business-like approaches for eradicating poverty and conserving the natural resource base. Concurrently, he is President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Co-President of the Club of Rome and Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel.

In India, he has served on the National Security Advisory Board, the National Environment Board and the Science Advisory Council to the Cabinet and on the boards of many official, NGO and academic bodies. Dr Khosla is an Officer of The Order of the British Empire (OBE), a Senior Ashoka Fellow, and has received the United Nations Sasakawa Environment Prize, the Schwab Foundation Award for Outstanding Social Entrepreneur and the Stockholm Challenge Award. He has a BA in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University and a PhD in Experimental Physics from Harvard University.

Maryann Hanson, Minister of People's Power for Education, Venezuela

Her Excellency Maryann Hanson was appointed Minister of People's Power for Education on Tuesday 1 February 2011. Ms. Hanson said that the government's goal is to create a decent learning environment for students and that the construction and renovation of schools is granted through the Canaima program. This program has delivered dozens of laptops to children in elementary education.

In August 2010 Ms. Hanson assumed the chairmanship of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and Innovation (Fonacit). Previously she was CEO of Space Science and Technology in Ministry of Popular Power for Science, Technology and Intermediate.
Nurual Islam Nahid MP, Minister for Education, Bangladesh

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was born in Beanibazar upazila in Sylhet on July 5, 1945. He studied in Sylhet MC College and Dhaka University. Mr. Nahid was an elected president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union in 1970 and a founding president of Jubo Union in 1976. Mr. Nahid became general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh in 1991. He joined Awami League (AL) in 1994.

MR. Nahid was elected lawmaker from Sylhet-6 constituency as a candidate of AL in 1996. He served the parliamentary committee on education ministry as a chairman during the last AL government. He participated in the 55th general assembly of the United Nations as a member of Bangladesh team. Mr. Nurul Islam, who was elected from Sylhet-6 constituency, pledged to the people that he would ensure arranging gas pipeline in the area and supply of electricity in important villages.

Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Administrator and Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP

Ms. Kaag joined the Partnerships Bureau as Assistant Administrator and Director on 1 August 2010. The Bureau builds and strengthens relationships with a number of key constituencies and development partners, in particular, the Bureau has a corporate role in developing relationships with the Executive Board, programme and donor countries, the United Nations system, the International Financial Institutions (IFIs), the European Commission and related institutions, as well as civil society, the private sector, foundations and academia.

Ms. Kaag was Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa for UNICEF from December 2007 to August 2010. In this capacity, she provided strategic leadership and policy guidance to 15 UNICEF offices in the region covering 19 countries as well as the Palestinian Territory (oPt) with over 1000 staff. UNICEF provides emergency and humanitarian assistance and is a key partner in development for the region.

6 July, 10:00 am – 11:00 am National Voluntary Presentation

Nafisa Shah, Member of National Assembly, Pakistan

Nafisa Shah has been elected as Member of the National Assembly. She is serving as Secretary, Ethics Committee PPPP.

Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Education For All Fast-Track Initiative Board of Directors

Carol Bellamy presently serves as the Chair of the EFA/FTI Board of Directors. Since it’s creation in 2002, EFA/FTI has grown to become a dynamic global partnership endorsing the education sector plans of 44 developing countries around the world and granting approximately $2 billion in support of these strategies. Prior to this, Ms. Bellamy served as President and CEO of World Learning, a private, non-profit organization promoting international understanding through education and development in over 70 countries.

Bellamy previously served 10 years as Executive Director of UNICEF, the children’s
agency of the United Nations. She was also the first former volunteer to become Director of the Peace Corps. Ms. Bellamy has worked in the private sector at Bear, Stearns & Co., Morgan Stanley, and Cravath, Swaine & Moore. She spent 13 years as an elected public official, including five years in the New York State Senate. In 1978, she became the first woman to be elected to citywide office in New York City when she was elected President of the NYC Council, a position she held until 1985.

6 July, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable growth for accelerating poverty eradication and achievement of the MDGs

Zhu Min, Special Advisor to the Managing Director, IMF (p. 8)

Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Noeleen Heyzer (Singapore) is the first woman appointed as Executive Secretary of ESCAP since its founding in 1947. Dr. Heyzer has positioned ESCAP as a comprehensive platform for regional co-operation among member states to achieve inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.

Dr. Heyzer has promoted regional connectivity to enhance trade, transport, energy security, social protection, and financial cooperation. Dr. Heyzer has improved the engagement of countries with special needs and harnessed partnerships to respond to transnational development challenges and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Prior to her appointment to ESCAP, Dr. Heyzer was the first Executive Director from the South to head the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Dr. Heyzer played a critical role in the Security Council’s adoption and implementation of the landmark Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security undertaking extensive missions to conflict-affected countries worldwide. Dr. Heyzer has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science from the University of Singapore. She obtained a Doctorate in social sciences from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

Cho Tae-yul, Ambassador for Development Cooperation, Republic of Korea

Ambassador Cho Tae-yul served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Spain, Deputy Minister for Trade in Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as Ambassador in the Korean Permanent Mission to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Prior, Ambassador Cho was appointed Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy Planning, in the Multilateral Trade Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) and Special Commissioner in the Presidential Transition Committee of Korea.

Frances Stewart, Director of Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), University of Oxford

Frances Stewart is Emeritus Professor of Development Economics, Emeritus Fellow of Somerville College and Director of the Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE) at the University of Oxford. In 2010 she received the Mahbub ul Haq award, from the United Nations, for lifetime services to Human Development. She has an honorary doctorate from the University of Sussex. S

She is chair of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy. Books include Technology and Underdevelopment (Macmillan 1976); and Planning to Meet Basic Needs (1985); co-author of UNICEF’s influential study Adjustment with a Human Face (OUP 1987)
and of *War and Underdevelopment* (OUP 2001); and editor of *Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict: Understanding Group Violence in Multiethnic Societies* (Palgrave, 2008). Her research has focused on appropriate technology; basic needs; adjustment and poverty; development during conflict; group behaviour; horizontal inequalities; and human development.

**Esther Duflo, Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Esther Duflo is the Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics in the Department of Economics at MIT and a founder and director of the Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), a research network specializing in randomized evaluations of social programs.

Duflo is an National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Research Associate, serves on the board of the Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), and is Director of the Center of Economic Policy Research’s development economics program. Her research focuses on microeconomic issues in developing countries, including household behavior, education, access to finance, health and policy evaluation.


**Juan Somavia Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)**

Juan Somavia was elected to serve as the ninth Director-General of the ILO by the Governing Body on 23 March 1998. His five-year term of office began on 4 March 1999, when he became the first representative from the Southern hemisphere to head the Organization. In March 2003, Mr. Somavia was re-elected for a second five-year term, and for a third term on 18 November 2008.

An attorney by profession, Mr. Somavia has had a long and distinguished career in civil and international affairs. His wide experience in all areas of public life - as a diplomat and academic - and his involvement in social development, business and civil organizations have all helped shape his vision of the need to secure decent work for women and men throughout the world.

**6 July, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm National Voluntary Presentation**

**Oğuz Demiralp, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations in Geneva**

His Excellency Mr. Demiralp is Turkey’s Permanent Representative at the UN Office in Geneva. He has been Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and served in the capacity of Ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Chairman of the WTO Working Group on Trade and Investment, and Permanent Representative of Turkey to the EU.
Mario Chacón, General Director of International Relations of the Secretary of Public Education, Mexico

Mario Chacón is the General Director of International Relations of the Secretary of Public Education (SEP) since June of 2009. As a career diplomat, he has served in a range of positions such as Ambassador in the Mexican Exterior Service (SEM) for the countries of Venezuela (October 2007 to June 2009); and Colombia (2004-2007).

He was appointed head of the Chancellor’s office for three years in Washington and for three years in Brussels. He also served as Economic Counselor for four years in Tokyo and four years in Bonn; General Director in charge of Economic concerns; and six years as Chancellor and one year as General Counsel in Toronto. In the global economic environment he participated in the process of design, lobbying and negotiation of the Treaty of the Economic Association, Political Consensus and Cooperation between Mexico and the European Union (1995-2000).

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Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Education For All Fast-Track Initiative Board of Directors (p. 10)

6 July, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  Education Challenges in Africa and LDCs

Sam K. Ongeri, Minister of Education, Kenya

Prof. Samson Kegengo Ongeri is the Minister for Education, Kenya and the current Chair of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF). He is also the Co-Chair of Association of Development of Education in Africa (ADEA).

He has served the people of Kenya in many capacities including being a Minister for Health, Local Government, and Technical Training and Applied Technology. He has served in several critical national roles, one most memorable being a member of the National Dialogue Reconciliation team led by H.E, Kofi Annan; after the post election violence that rocked Kenya in January 2008.

His other significant roles have included being a Medical Officer of Health, the Chair of the Ongeri Foundation which promotes health, education, environment and development issues. He has earned several international and national honors and decorations, among them the International Amateur Athletics Federation (I.A.A.F) Veterans Pin, state commendations- Elder of the Golden Heart (E.G.H.) and Elder of the Burning Spear (E.B.S.). He has also been awarded the Jimmy Carter Centre for Guinea-Worm Eradication programme trophy in Kenya.

Prof. Samson Ongeri holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree from University of Bombay. He is a member of the Royal College of Physicians in UK. He is also renowned for the many academic positions he held while teaching at the University of Nairobi between 1972 and 1989. He left lecturing as a Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health to join politics.

Kalidou Diallo, Minister of Education, Senegal

His Excellency Mr. Kalidou Diallo has previously served as the President’s advisor on trade union organizations. He has a wide range of experiences in politics, trade unions and the education sector. He served as an associate professor and a member of the University Assembly as well as an Assistant at the History Department at the University of Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar.

He taught history, geography and global contemporary history, served as a member of the programme reform commission, officer in charge of the Baccalauréat subject choice commission, education advisor, and a school headmaster. Mr. Diallo also held multiple
positions with the Single Democratic Union of Teachers of Senegal (SUDES) and was in charge of education and training at the Federation of Autonomous Unions. Mr. Diallo holds multiple degrees and qualifications in History and Education, including a doctorate degree in History and has authored multiple publications.

Essossimna Legzim-Balouki, Minister of Basic Education and Literacy, Togo (p. 3)

Vasant Kumar Bunwaree, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Mauritius

Vasant Kumar Bunwaree holds a medical doctor degree, a diploma in tropical medicine, and a diploma in human cytogenetics from University of Bordeaux and is a certified cardiologist. Dr. Bunwaree has practised medicine in France and was appointed as Specialist Cardiology of the Ministry of Health in 1982. From February 2002 until March 2005 he was Secretary General of the Mauritius Labour Party and has been Vice President since March 2005.

Dr. Bunwaree is also member of the Central Executive Committee and Politburo. He is member of the National Assembly and was elected in the constituency of Mahebourg-Plaine Magnien at the General Elections in 1987, 1991, 1995, 2005 and 2010. Dr. Bunwaree has served as Minister of Finance (November 1996 – September 2000), Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations & Employment (8 July 2005 – 13 September, 2008) and Minister of Education, Culture & Human Resources (13 September 2008 - 11 May 2010). He became Minister of Education & Human Resources on 11 May 2010.

Elizabeth King, Director of Education, World Bank (p. 7)

Cheick Sidi Diarra, UN Special Adviser on Africa

Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra is United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and Special Adviser on Africa. At the time of his appointment at the United Nations, Mr. Diarra was serving as the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations in New York. Ambassador Diarra has over 25 years of professional experience in international relations, law and development. He was also involved in the national reconciliation efforts of Mali which paved the road to peace, democracy and development. Ambassador Diarra has been actively involved in furthering African integration efforts and the African development.

Ambassador Diarra was Vice President of the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly from (2005 – 2006) He co-chaired the open-ended informal consultations on strengthening the role of ECOSOC to lead to the adoption of the General Assembly resolution 61/16. He served as Chairman of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries. He was recently appointed as Secretary-General of the Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Istanbul Turkey 9-13 May, 2011.
Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations

Ban Ki-moon is the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations. His priorities have been to mobilize world leaders around a set of new global challenges, from climate change and economic upheaval to pandemics and increasing pressures involving food, energy and water. He has sought to be a bridge-builder, to give voice to the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people, and to strengthen the Organization itself.

“I grew up in war”, the Secretary-General has said, “and saw the United Nations help my country to recover and rebuild. That experience was a big part of what led me to pursue a career in public service. As Secretary-General, I am determined to see this Organization deliver tangible, meaningful results that advance peace, development and human rights.” Mr. Ban took office on 1 January 2007.

Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University (p. 9)

Vasant Kumar Bunwaree, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Mauritius (p. 14)

Sergey Maskevich, Minister of Education, Belarus

His Excellency Sergei Aleksandrovich Maskevich graduated from Grodno State Pedagogical Institute named after Yanka Kupala, the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics in 1974, and then worked there till 2008 as a Laboratory assistant, Lecturer, Associate Professor, vice-Rector and the Rector of University (1997-2005).

He has doctor’s degree in Physics and Mathematics, Professor of Physics, a member of the International Academy of Education. In 2005, Sergei Maskevich from Grodno region was elected into the Parliament of the Republic of Belarus and in October 2008 was elected to be a Chairman of the Standing Committee on International Affairs and CIS Relations. He was appointed to the post of the Minister of Education of the Republic of Belarus in December, 2010.

Kalidou Diallo, Minister of Education (p. 13)

Kevin Watkins, Director of the Education for All Global Monitoring Report (2011), UNESCO

Kevin Watkins is Director of the EFA Global Monitoring Report. Kevin Watkins took up his post with the GMR team in January 2008. He was previously Director and lead author of the UNDP’s Human Development Reports and, until 2004, Head of Research at Oxfam. In 2000 he served on the drafting committee of the Dakar Framework for Action.

He holds a BA in Politics and Social Science from Durham University and a doctorate from Oxford University on modern Indian history, and is currently a Senior Visiting Research Fellow with the Global Economic Governance (CEG) programme, University College, Oxford University.
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Hans Rosling, Professor of International Health, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm

Hans Rosling is professor of International Health at the Karolinska Institutet, the medical university in Stockholm, Sweden. When working as doctor in Mozambique he discovered konzo, a formerly unknown paralytic disease caused by malnutrition and intoxication. He has also studied other links between poverty and health in Asia and Latin America. He has been an adviser regarding vaccination and essential drugs to WHO, UNICEF and Sida.

He also co-founded Gapminder, a non-profit venture for development of software that unveils the beauty of statistics by converting boring numbers into enjoyable moving and interactive graphics. In 2007 Google acquired the animation software from Gapminder and Hans Rosling is now pioneering the use of animated statistics to show global trends on video and in TV.

Kentaro Toyama, Researcher, University of California, Berkeley

Kentaro Toyama is a visiting researcher in the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley. He is working on a book arguing that increasing human wisdom should be the primary focus of international development activities. Until 2009, Kentaro was assistant managing director of Microsoft Research India, which he co-founded in 2005. At MSR India, he started the Technology for Emerging Markets research group, which conducts interdisciplinary research to understand how the world’s poorest communities interact with electronic technology and to invent new ways for technology to support their socio-economic development.

Prior to his time in India, Kentaro did computer vision and multimedia research at Microsoft Research in Redmond, WA, USA and Cambridge, UK, and taught mathematics at Ashesi University in Accra, Ghana. Kentaro graduated from Yale with a PhD in Computer Science and from Harvard with a bachelors degree in Physics.

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Karin Jahr de Guerrero, Deputy Head Division of Education, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Karin Jahr de Guerrero is a lawyer with emphasis on international private law. Ms. Jahr de Guerrero has worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR in Burundi, as Programme and Protection Officer as well as in Vienna as Protection Officer. In 1988 she joined the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees UNRWA in Vienna as Refugee Affairs Officer for the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Since 1990 Ms. Jahr de Guerrero has been working for the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development in Bonn. Her assignments include among others to the Division of Central America and the Division on General Politics plus assignments as Head of Development Cooperation to the German Embassies in Managua/Nicaragua, Tegucigalpa/Honduras and Manila/Philippines. Since January 2008 Ms. Jahr de Guerrero has been serving as the Deputy Head of Division of Education and Health, in charge of Education.
Álvaro Henzler, Director of EnseñaPeru

Álvaro Henzler holds a degree in economics from Universidad del Pacífico, graduated from the leadership for global competitiveness program at Georgetown University and won the “Leadership Scholarship” from Fundación Carolina. Henzler has experience in academics and the public and social sectors. He worked as a trade consultant for the ratification and implementation of the US Peru Free Trade Agreement (FTA) at the Peruvian Embassy and as the Economic Assistant to the Ambassador.

EnseñaPerú’s leadership formed at the perfect confluence of events: following Henzler’s personal trip through the rural Peruvian highlands, he received a call from two inspired expatriates, Daniella Raffo and Javier Navarro, inviting him to lead EnseñaPerú as CEO and chairman of the board. Compelled by his recent experiences and passion for education in Peru, Henzler accepted the challenge.