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**BIOGRAPHIES**



**H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio Londoño**  
President of the UN Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Mr. Néstor Osorio, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations, was elected sixty-ninth President of the Economic and Social Council on 28 January 2013. An administrative lawyer, he also served as Permanent Representative of Colombia to the World Trade Organization in Geneva from 1995 to 1999. Following his departure from WTO, he served in the Colombian Government as High Advisor for Coffee Policy from September 2000 until his appointment as Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization, where he worked from 2002 to 2010. In November 2010, Mr. Osorio became Colombia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

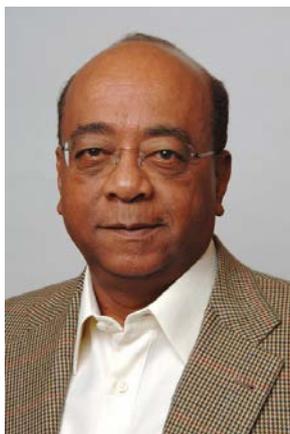
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**Mr. Wu Hongbo**  
Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Wu Hongbo was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 August 2012. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Wu had been serving since 2009 as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Germany. His prior diplomatic postings also included New Zealand, and the Philippines, where he served as China's Ambassador. Mr. Wu has over 30 years of high-level experience, including close collaboration in international conferences and with multilateral organizations. In his various portfolios, he has been involved in his country's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development as well as China's report on its progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

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**Dr. Mo Ibrahim**  
Chair of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Dr. Ibrahim is a global expert in mobile communications with a distinguished academic and business career. He is the founder of Celtel International, one of Africa's leading mobile telephone companies. In 2006, he founded the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to support good governance and great leadership on the African continent. The foundation focuses on two major initiatives to stimulate debate around, and improve the quality of, governance in Africa. The Ibrahim Index of African Governance provides civil society and governments with a comprehensive and quantifiable tool to assess governance and promote accountability. The Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership recognizes and celebrates excellence. He has received numerous honorary degrees and fellowships and awards, and was listed in TIME magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

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**Mr. Ali Velshi**

Host, Al Jazeera America

Mr. Ali Velshi is a Canadian television journalist and chief business correspondent at CNN. Born in Kenya and raised in Toronto, Mr. Velshi graduated from Queens University in Canada with a degree in religion. Mr. Velshi has received numerous awards for his reporting, including being honored with a National Headliner Award for Business & Consumer Reporting in 2010 and delivering CNN's worldwide newsgathering for which the network was nominated for a 2010 Emmy. Previously, Velshi was an anchor with CNNfn, where he hosted various interactive shows, and he hosted The Business News, Canada's first and only prime-time business news hour. In 1996, Velshi was awarded a fellowship to the U.S. Congress by the American Political Sciences Association. Mr. Velshi is the co-author of "How To Speak Money," and author of "Gimme My Money Back."

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**H.E. Mr. Christian Friis Bach**

Minister of Development Cooperation, Denmark

H.E. Mr. Christian Friis Bach is the current Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, a position he has held since October 2011. Mr. Bach is the Member of Parliament for the Social Liberal Party in North Zealand greater constituency. Mr. Bach has a PhD (international economics) and MSc (agronomy) from the Royal Danish Agricultural University and a supplementary degree in journalism at the Danish School of Journalism. Previously, Mr. Bach was Special adviser to EU Commissioner Connie Hedegaard, UN Global Sustainability Panel and Special delegate to the World Bank (International Trade Division). He was also CEO of ViewWorld ApS and International Director, DanChurchAid. Mr. Bach formerly lectured in international economics and development economics at the University of Copenhagen.

[www.um.dk/en/about-us/the-ministers/the-minister-for-development-cooperation](http://www.um.dk/en/about-us/the-ministers/the-minister-for-development-cooperation)



**Mr. Joseph Ogutu**

Chairman, Safaricom Foundation, Kenya

Mr. Joseph Ogutu, currently Director of Strategy and Innovation at Safaricom and Chairman of the Safaricom Foundation, joined Safaricom in May 2005. Prior to that Mr. Ogutu served as principle assistant to the Managing Director of Telkom Kenya, as well as Director of Human Resources. In his current position, Mr. Ogutu works closely with the CEO of Safaricom in formulating a strategic direction for the business and focusing on developing the company's position as an industry leader in driving innovation in products and services. Mr. Ogutu has had a dynamic career in the telecommunications industry spanning more than 25 years of which the last 12 have been at Executive Committee level.

[www.safaricomfoundation.org](http://www.safaricomfoundation.org)



**Ms. Doreen Lorenzo**

President, Frog Design

Ms. Doreen Lorenzo has been instrumental in transforming Frog design from a traditional design boutique to the world's leading creative consulting firm. She also serves as Executive Vice President and General Manager of i2m Business Unit of Aricent Group, Frog's parent company. Under her leadership, Frog established broad-based relationships with AT&T, Disney, General Electric, HP, Microsoft, Motorola, Nextel, T-Mobile, and many other Fortune 500 clients. Prior to joining Frog, Ms. Lorenzo served as Director of Marketing Communications and Internet Marketing for Power Computing, where she built an online marketing division that brought in millions of dollars a day in product sales-long before Internet retailing was commonplace. Ms. Lorenzo holds B.A from State University of New York, Stony Brook (USA) and an M.S. from Boston University's School of Communications. She serves as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Emerging Technologies, 2011-2012.

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**Dr. Klaus M. Leisinger**

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development

Dr. Leisinger is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Managing Director of the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development. In addition, he is Professor of Sociology at the University of Basel where he teaches Business Ethics, Corporate Social Responsibility as well as Human Rights and Business. Dr. Leisinger served as invited lecturer at several Swiss and German universities, as well as at the University of Notre Dame, De Paul University, the MIT Sloan School of Management (Cambridge), and at Harvard University. He is member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and has published comprehensively, with several of his books being translated into Chinese, Portuguese and English. Dr. Leisinger's professional career took him also to East Africa as CEO of the former Ciba Pharmaceuticals Regional Office, where he was responsible for business in twelve East African countries spanning four years. Dr. Leisinger has held, and still holds, several advisory positions in a number of national and international organizations, including the United Nations Global Compact and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

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**Mr. Jonathan Gosier**

Founder and CEO, Appfrica

Mr. Jonathan Gosier is a software developer, designer, and technologist working at the intersection of open data, human rights and global development. Although African-American, he has been described as a, "African technology guru". Mr. Gosier is the founder and CEO of Appfrica, a firm founded in Uganda that researches and invests in Africa's technology ecosystem. At Appfrica, he helps to raise awareness about many issues related to financing early stage Africa technology entrepreneurs. Mr. Gosier also founded Abaymia, a non-profit that provides technology allowing citizens to communicate even when the internet or mobile networks are deliberately or inadvertently shut down during crisis events. He is also the founder of Metalayer, which makes software products for data analysis and visualization. Mr. Gosier believes that data is an incredibly powerful force of control in the world, and he is motivated to democratize access to the tools used for retrieving and interpreting information. Prior to his current initiatives, he served in a Director role with Ushahidi.

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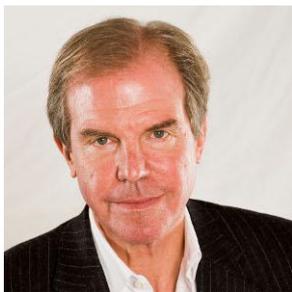
**Mr. Julián Ugarte Fuentes**

Executive Director, Socialab

Mr. Julián Ugarte is a Social Entrepreneur, design-thinker, and strategy professional. He holds an undergraduate degree of Industrial Design, and is a graduate of Singularity University in the Silicon Valley, USA. In 2010, Julián was recognized as one of the top 100 leaders in Chile by Revista El Sábado. Mr. Ugarte is the founder of the Social Innovation Center of TECHO, one of the largest and most successful nonprofit organizations in Latin America. Run by university students and young professionals, TECHO (formerly "Un Techo para mi país" (A roof for my country)) works with families in extreme poverty in 19 countries. Mr. Ugarte is currently the Executive Director of Socialab, a spin off from TECHO, which aims to support innovative social-technology entrepreneurs and social transformation businesses that target overcoming poverty. In 2012, Socialab received more than 2,500 applications from entrepreneurs wanting start-up assistance and to use Socialab's co-work spaces. Socialab has invested more than USD\$1.5 million dollars in seed capital throughout Chile, Uruguay, Colombia and Argentina.

[www.socialab.com](http://www.socialab.com)

**Professor Nicholas Negroponte**  
Chairman Emeritus, MIT Media Labs



Professor Nicholas Negroponte is founder and chairman of the One Laptop per Child non-profit association. He was co-founder and director of the MIT Media Lab, and the Jerome B. Wiesner Professor of Media Technology. A graduate of MIT, Negroponte was a pioneer in the field of computer-aided design, and has been a member of the MIT faculty since 1966. Conceived in 1980, the Media Lab opened its doors in 1985. He is also author of the 1995 best seller, *Being Digital*, which has been translated into more than 40 languages. In the private sector, Negroponte serves on the board of directors for Motorola, Inc. and as general partner in a venture capital firm specializing in digital technologies for information and entertainment. He has provided start-up funds for more than 40 companies, including *Wired* magazine.

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**Mr. Suneet Singh Tuli**  
CEO, Datawind



Mr. Suneet Singh Tuli is the Toronto-based Chief Executive Officer of DataWind Ltd., a leading developer of wireless web-access products and services. Founded in 2000, the company has offices in Montreal, London, UK, and the northern Indian state of Punjab. DataWind was awarded the UK's Most Innovative Mobile Company for 2012 and its products have received awards from CNBC TV 18 and Mercedes Benz, the Young Turks Innovation award, and were finalists at the Mobile World Congress for Innovation in Education and at the CTIA Wireless Show for the BiG Idea award. Mr. Singh Tuli came to Canada from India with his family when he was 11, and later earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto. He entered the electronics business in 1990 as the founder of a company that manufactured large-format fax, scanning and plotting equipment. Over the past 22 years he has successfully taken two companies public on the Nasdaq stock market, launched 17 new products and managed operations globally.

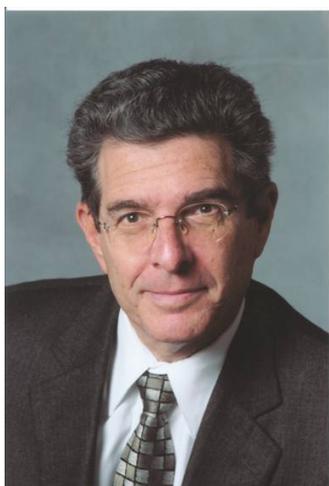
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Amir Dossal is Founder and Chairman of the Global Partnerships Forum, an international platform working to address economic and social challenges, through the creation of innovative partnerships, [www.globalpf.org](http://www.globalpf.org). He is also the Co-Initiator of the Pearl Initiative, a CEO-led program, promoting transparency and accountability in the Gulf Region. [www.pearlinitiative.org](http://www.pearlinitiative.org) Amir is Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union for Global Partnerships [www.itu.int](http://www.itu.int) and also serves as Commissioner of the Broadband Commission: [www.broadbandcommission.org](http://www.broadbandcommission.org). Prior to creating the Global Partnerships Forum and the Pearl Initiative, Amir was the UN's Chief Liaison for Partnerships. As Executive Director of this Office, he forged strategic alliances with governments, corporations, foundations and philanthropists while uniting these partners to a common purpose: to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. In 1999, Amir was appointed to manage the \$1 billion gift by media mogul Ted Turner to the United Nations.

[www.partnerships.org](http://www.partnerships.org)

**Mr. Ellis Rubinstein**  
President and Chief Executive Officer, The New York Academy of Sciences



Ellis Rubinstein is President and CEO of the 196-year-old New York Academy of Sciences, home of 25,000 scientists in 140 countries and 27 Nobel Laureates on its Council. He served as Editor of *Science* from 1993-2002. He was Editor of *The Scientist*, Senior Editor at *Newsweek*, and Managing Editor of *Science 86* and *IEEE Spectrum*. His journalism was honored by three National Magazine Awards, the Pulitzer Prizes of the U.S. periodical industry. Having organized the first national publishing agreement that permitted all Chinese scientists to receive *Science* on the Internet, Rubinstein became the first western journalist to interview Chinese President Jiang Zemin. He was also the first science journalist to interview then-President Bill Clinton. At the New York Academy of Sciences, he has established groundbreaking international public-private partnerships in obesity and diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, science education, and "smart cities." Mr. Rubinstein has forged partnerships with presidents, prime ministers, governors and mayors and the Academy has alliances with scores of universities and multinational companies.

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