

BIOGRAPHIES

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

MS. SHARON D'AGOSTINO

Vice-President, Worldwide Corporate Contributions and Community Relations, Johnson & Johnson



Sharon D'Agostino is Vice President, Worldwide Corporate Contributions and Community Relations at Johnson & Johnson, a role that she assumed in February 2006. With her team of philanthropy professionals, she guides the Corporation's strategic giving priorities. Their primary focus is on making life-changing, long-term differences in human health by targeting the world's major health-related issues. They fulfill this mission primarily through community-based partnerships. Sharon has been at Johnson & Johnson for twenty years and prior to her current role, she was a Global President in the Company's Consumer Skincare franchise. She serves on several community boards and has been a long-standing supporter of a local organization dedicated to providing support and services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

MS. SHARON ALLEN

Chairman of the Board, Deloitte LLP



As Chairman of the Board, Sharon Allen provides oversight and guidance to the management of Deloitte LLP and its subsidiaries. She also serves on the Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu global board, its governance committee, and chairs its global risk committee. Ms. Allen considers herself a beneficiary of Deloitte's Initiative for the Retention and Advancement of Women (WIN). In 1993, Deloitte became the first professional services organization to launch such an initiative. Publications such as *Fortune*, *BusinessWeek*, and *Working Mother* have recognized WIN, which has expanded opportunities for women and led to the development of Mass Career Customization, Deloitte's innovative talent management model. Ms. Allen serves on the Women's Leadership Board at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and as a director of Catalyst Inc., the YMCA's national board, and the Autry National Center. A University of Idaho graduate, she has been named to the *Forbes* list of "the 100 most powerful women in the world" for the past four years.

MS. JENNIFER BUFFETT

President and Co-Chair, NoVo Foundation



Jennifer Buffett has worked in philanthropy since 1997. In her capacity as President of the NoVo Foundation she is responsible for the creation and oversight of policy and program development, and is chief liaison for NoVo's partnership building with other foundations and nonprofit organizations. She serves on the board of the Nike Foundation, a NoVo partner, advancing "the girl effect" – which strives to economically empower adolescent girls in the developing world to break the cycle of poverty. In September 2008, Jennifer and husband Peter Buffett received the Clinton Global Citizen Award for their "visionary leadership and sustainable, scalable work in solving pressing global challenges," and, in 2009, *Barron's* listed the Buffetts on their list of 25 most effective philanthropists. NoVo's vision is to support a paradigm shift in global society from a culture of domination and exploitation to partnership and collaboration.

MS. MARILYN CARLSON NELSON
Chairman, Carlson Companies, Inc.



Marilyn Carlson Nelson is Chairman of Carlson, a global group of integrated companies providing travel, hotel, and restaurant services. Under her leadership, Carlson was the first major North American travel company to take a stand against the sexual exploitation of children in the tourism industry, signing the ECPAT international code of conduct with the mission to end child prostitution, child pornography and the trafficking of children for sexual purposes. Carlson also joined with the Queen of Sweden to co-found the World Childhood Foundation to protect street children around the world. Carlson Nelson is on the World Economic Forum's International Business Council and in 2004 co-chaired the Forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. She served as chair of the National Women's Business Council, a bipartisan advisory council to the President and Congress. She serves on The World Bank's Global Private Sector Leaders Forum and is co-founder and an advisory board member of the Women Leaders Program of the World Economic Forum. She is a graduate of Smith College with a degree in international economics and studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and the Institut de Hautes Etudes Economiques et Politiques in Geneva. She holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

MS. MARIA LIVANOS CATTAI
Board Member, Petroplus Holdings AG



Maria Livanos Cattai is a Member of the Board of Directors of Petroplus Holdings AG, Switzerland. She is Vice-Chairman of the International Crisis Group (Brussels), and holds board and advisory board memberships of various institutes and research organizations. She has championed the role of world business in the global economy. Ms. Cattai has been instrumental in establishing a global partnership between business and the United Nations, leading to greater business input into UN economic activities. Ms. Cattai worked with the World Economic Forum in Geneva from 1977 to 1996, where she became Managing Director, responsible for the celebrated Annual Meeting in Davos, building the public awareness it enjoys today. She holds Executive Board, Board and Advisory Board memberships at many organizations and institutions, including the International Crisis Group, the EastWest Institute, the Institute of International Education, the International Youth Foundation, and the Elliott School of International Affairs. Ms. Cattai graduated from Harvard University and holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from York University, Toronto.

MS. HELEN CLARK
Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues. Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Helen Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Ms. Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres. As Prime Minister, she was a member of the Council of Women World Leaders, an international network of current and former women presidents and prime ministers whose mission is to mobilize the highest-level women leaders globally for collective action on issues of critical importance to women and equitable development. Helen Clark became Prime Minister following an extensive parliamentary and ministerial career. Prior to joining the New Zealand Parliament, Ms. Clark taught in the Political Studies Department of the University of Auckland.

MR. ALEX COUNTS*President and CEO, Grameen Foundation*

Alex Counts is President and CEO of Grameen Foundation, a nonprofit organization focused on enabling the poor to escape poverty, using microfinance and technology. Alex Counts founded Grameen Foundation and became its CEO in 1997, after working in microfinance and poverty reduction for 10 years. A Cornell University graduate, Mr. Counts' commitment to poverty eradication deepened as a Fulbright scholar in Bangladesh, where he witnessed innovative poverty solutions being developed by Grameen Bank. He trained under Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the founder and managing director of Grameen Bank, and co-recipient of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. Alex Counts chairs the Fonkoze USA board and is the immediate past chair of Project Enterprise's board. He sits on the Advisory Council of the Center for Financial Inclusion and Co-Chairs the Microenterprise Coalition. Mr. Counts previously served as the legislative director of RESULTS, and as a regional project manager for CARE-Bangladesh and speaks Bengali.

**MS. GEENA DAVIS**

Academy Award winner Geena Davis is one of Hollywood's most respected actors, appearing in several roles that became cultural landmarks, such as "Tootsie", "Beetlejuice," and "A League of Their Own". In 1989, Davis received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role as the offbeat dog trainer Muriel Pritchett in Lawrence Kasdan's "The Accidental Tourist." She was again nominated for an Academy Award and Golden Globe for her performance as Thelma in Ridley Scott's "Thelma and Louise". Davis, a member of the genius society Mensa, has worked with the Women's Sports Foundation for over a decade, and supports Title IX and girls' participation in sports. A long-time advocate for women, Davis is becoming recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of girls nearly as much as for her acting accomplishments. She is the founder of the non-profit The Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media and it's programming arm See Jane, which engages film and television creators to dramatically increase the percentages of female characters - and reduce gender stereotyping - in media made for children 11 and under.

**MS. SARAH FERGUSON, DUCHESS OF YORK**

In 1993 the Duchess founded Children in Crisis (CiC) and since then remains active in its mission to provide aid and education to forgotten children around the world. She recently toured CiC projects in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Chile, Poland, Albania, and Russia and is spearheading its 15th anniversary activity to raise £10 million over the next four years to enable a further 250,000 children in post conflict countries to go to school. To date CIC has donated £18.5m to projects around the world, trained 16,000 children and supported the education of 1m children. The Duchess is a long-standing patron to a number of British charities, including the Teenage Cancer Trust, Tommy's – The Baby Charity, The African Caribbean Leukemia Trust, the Motor Neurone Disease Association and The Chemical Dependency Centre. She also supports and works with Mental Disability Rights International, CARE International, and Les P'tits Cracks. In 2006, she established the Sarah Ferguson Foundation in New York to fund programmes that promote education and wellness worldwide. In order to support the White Ribbon Alliance's goal to achieve MDG 5, the Duchess launched the White Ribbon Alliance's Million Mums campaign in the UK.

**MR. ALAN HASSENFELD***Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hasbro, Inc.*

Alan Hassenfeld is Chairman of the Executive Committee of Hasbro, Inc. and Chairman of the Hassenfeld Family Initiatives. Hasbro and Hassenfeld Family Initiatives are focusing on the improvement of the emotional, mental, and physical health of disadvantaged children and the empowerment of



women the world over. Through financial grants such as the Hasbro's Children Fund, product donations, and employee voluntarism, the Hasbro Foundations help critically, physically challenged and at-risk children and their families by providing support for regional, national and global partnerships and programs. With its project Zambi, The Baby Elephant, Hasbro Children's Fund has been working to help improve the lives of children orphaned by AIDS living in Zambia. Alan Hassenfeld is an advocate for women's empowerment and women's rights and is funding several projects through its Hassenfeld Family Foundation and is a partner of Relief International providing seed money for women's centers in Afghanistan and Darfur.

MS. RASHIDA MANJOO

United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women

Rashida Manjoo has been appointed the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences in June 2009. Most recently, she has accepted a professorship in the Department of Public Law at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Prior to that, she served as the Des Lee Distinguished Visiting Professor at Webster University, USA where she has taught courses in human rights with a particular focus on women's human rights and transitional justice. She is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa and a former commissioner of the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE), a constitutional body mandated to oversee the promotion and protection of gender equality. Prior to being appointed to the CGE she was involved in social context training for judges and lawyers, where she has designed both content and methodology during her time at the Law, Race, and Gender Research Unit, University of Cape Town and at the University of Natal, Durban. Ms. Manjoo is a member of the International Coalition for Women's Human Rights in Conflict Situations and also a member of the Women Living under Muslim Laws Network. She was also an active member of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in the International Criminal Court and remains an Advisory Board member of the Women's Initiative for Gender Justice.



MR. MICHAEL PATSALOS-FOX

Director, McKinsey & Company

Mr. Patsalos-Fox has been with McKinsey for 29 years. He has worked in a wide range of strategic, marketing, and operational areas across a large number of initiatives. Previous roles include leadership of the Americas Practice, the New York Office, the North American Corporate Finance and Strategy Practice, the New Jersey practice, and the European Telecoms practice. Mr. Patsalos-Fox also sits on McKinsey's Shareholder Committee, the senior governance body of the Firm, and the Operating Committee. Michael also led McKinsey's Women's Initiative in North America. He holds a BSc in computer sciences and pure mathematics from Sydney University in Australia and received his MBA with distinction from IMEDE in Switzerland.



MS. ZAINAB SALBI

Founder and CEO, Women for Women International

Zainab Salbi is co-founder and CEO of Women for Women International. In 1993 Ms. Salbi established the organization Women for Women International, to help women survivors of war move from crisis and instability to self-reliance and active citizenship. A survivor of war herself, Ms. Salbi grew up in Iraq, and was sent to America for an arranged but ultimately abusive marriage. Stranded in America by the Gulf War, she escaped the marriage and started her life over. Since Zainab Salbi co-founded Women for Women International in 1993, hundreds of thousands of women have joined a global movement to help nearly 250,000 women survivors of war and civil strife rebuild their lives and contribute to the political and economic health of their societies. Ms. Salbi has dedicated her life to the belief that stronger women build stronger nations. She serves as a Young Global Leader for the World Economic Forum and is a



member of the International Women’s Forum as well as of the Council of Foreign Relations and the WITNESS Board of Directors. Ms. Salbi has a bachelor’s degree in sociology and women’s studies from George Mason University and a master’s degree in development studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

HON. LINDA TARR-WHELAN

CEO and President , Tarr-Whelan and Associates



Linda Tarr-Whelan is an expert on women’s leadership in the US and internationally. As a Demos Distinguished Senior Fellow, she is a frequent speaker to college and women’s audiences, in the media and as an advisor to top officials in the United States and Europe on the role of women. She promotes how more women in leadership is good business and smart politics. Her new book, *Women Lead the Way: Your Guide to Stepping into Leadership-and Changing the World*, brings her strong experience, the powerful research and her personal convictions about women’s strengths to the ground level with a practical roadmap for women to move up.

MS. MARIE NYOMBO ZAINA

Coordinator of the National NGO Network for Women and Development in the DRC



Marie Nyombo Zaina is the Coordinator of the National NGO Network for Women and Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RENADEF) and a 2008 Grantee of the UN Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women. She is dedicated to ensuring human rights for women and children and ending sexual violence against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In 2000, she was the president of “Action pour la Promotion et la Défense des Droits de l’Enfant et de la Femme” (APDEF), which was one of many NGOs urging the Congolese government to implement the Goma Peace Agreement. RENADEF unites NGOs to provide resources to women survivors of violence, as well as training for reintegration and economic independence. The primary goals of the network is to provide legal support and training and psychological counseling to victims of violence, gender sensitivity training to police, security, and public administration, and prevent violence against women as well as the spread of HIV/AIDS among women.