



**Maria Jose Torres Macho, UN Resident Coordinator for Malawi**

Ms. Maria Jose Torres Macho is the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malawi. She started her mission in Malawi in January 2018. She has over 27 years experience in the UN.

Previously, she served as the UN Senior Post Conflict Adviser and the Head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Colombia, as well as the Deputy Head of Office for OCHA in the occupied Palestinian Territory. She has worked for UNDP, UNHCR and DPA in places like Rwanda, Guatemala,

Somalia and New York.

Maria Jose studied Law in Spain and holds a Master of European Studies from Pontificia University of Salamanca, a Master of International Relations from Free University of Brussels, and a Master of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law (LLM) from Essex University.



**Mr. Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre**

Mario Pezzini is Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development. In his current position, he also served for a year as Acting Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate.

The OECD Development Centre is an institution where governments, enterprises and civil society organisations informally discuss questions of common interest. Its Governing Board includes most of the OECD countries but also developing and emerging economies as full members. The Centre helps policy makers in OECD and partner countries find innovative solutions to the global challenges of development. ([www.oecd.org/dev](http://www.oecd.org/dev)).

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. Also, Mr. Pezzini served as an Advisor in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics in international organisations and think tanks (e.g. ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy).



**Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union, ITU**

Doreen Bogdan-Martin was elected Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau in November 2018 and took office on 1 January 2019 and is the first woman in ITU history to hold one of the organization's top elected management positions.

She is a strategic leader with more than 30 years' high-level experience in international and inter-governmental relations, and a long history of success in policy and strategy development, analysis and execution.

She was an architect of the annual Global Symposium for Regulators, the pre-eminent global event for digital policymakers, and leads ITU's contribution to the EQUALS Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age. For more than a decade she has served as Executive Director of the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development and is leading ITU's collaboration with UNICEF on the Giga project to connect all the world's schools.

Ms Bogdan-Martin is a frequent speaker at top-level international policy events and is spearheading ITU's new Youth Strategy to more actively engage with the young people who are driving the next wave of digital transformation.

She holds a Master's degree in International Communications Policy from the American University in Washington, DC and a post-graduate certificate in Strategies for Leadership from the Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland.

She is an affiliate of the Harvard University Berkman-Klein Center for Internet and Society and is a Generation Unlimited Champion and a Champion of the EDISON Alliance led by the World Economic Forum. She serves on a number of advisory bodies, including the Geneva-Tsinghua Initiative, the SDG Lab Advisory Board, the UN Technology Innovation Labs, and the Alumni Expert Council of the Internet Governance Lab of the American University in Washington D.C. She is also a qualified amateur radio operator.

Ms Bogdan-Martin is married with four children.



**Mr. Ken Shawa, Senior Economist, Regional Office for Africa, ILO**

A Malawian national, Ken Chamuva Shawa is a Senior Economist at the ILO's Regional Office for Africa in Abidjan, Cote d' Ivoire and a member of the ILO's Research Department. He supports the development and implementation of policy frameworks, leads the work on future of work, and coordinates regional research for the Africa region. His research interests include the macroeconomics of labour markets, saving and investment, industry and trade, debt, the growth-environment nexus, and agricultural policy.

Prior to joining the ILO, he worked for a number of international organisations including the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African Union (AU). He holds a PhD in Economics (Financial economics and econometrics) from the University of Nairobi and is currently pursuing another PhD in Health Economics and Policy with the University of Lancaster, in the UK. He also holds an MSc degree in International Environmental Management from the University of Northampton, UK and a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Malawi. Recently he successfully completed the Agriculture, Economics and Nature course of the University of Western Australia and the International Monetary Fund's Financial Development and Financial Inclusion course.



**Ms. Naria Santa Lucia, General Manager Digital Inclusion and US Community Engagement, Microsoft Philanthropies**

As general manager for digital inclusion and US community engagement at Microsoft Philanthropies, Naria leads Microsoft's global philanthropic strategy, grant investments and partnerships in digital skills, computer science education, and career pathways. With the goal of increasing digital, computing, and AI skills for traditionally underrepresented and under-resourced communities, Naria's team works in partnership with nonprofit organizations around the world to help millions of people thrive in the digital economy.

Prior to joining Microsoft Philanthropies, Naria served as Executive Director of the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS), a unique public-private partnership helping to build the next generation of scientists, engineers, technology specialists, mathematicians, and health care professionals in Washington state through scholarships and support services for low- and middle-income college students. Under Naria's leadership, WSOS raised over \$200M in public-private support for scholarships and supports and to support 20,000+ students by 2025 - the majority of whom are women, students of color and/or first in their families to go to college.

Naria has also served as the Executive Director of the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, a juvenile and education law and social work organization in Illinois and the Director of LAW Fund and the Endowment for Equal Justice at the Legal Foundation of Washington.

Naria has served various boards and committees including the ACLU of Illinois, Seattle Goodwill Industries, the Governor’s STEM Alliance (Washington state), and Columbia Legal Services. Naria currently serves as the Chair of the World Bank’s Solutions for Youth Employment initiative.

Naria is a graduate of the Law School and the College at the University of Chicago.



**Ms. Boutheina Guerhazi, Director of Digital Development  
Department of the Infrastructure Practice Group, World Bank  
Group**

Ms. Boutheina Guerhazi is the Director of Digital Development (DD) Department of the Infrastructure Practice Group of the World Bank. She heads a global team working on building digital economies in developing countries, to drive shared prosperity and reduced poverty. The team advises policymakers and regulators, works in collaboration with leading firms and partners, and designs investment and technical assistance programs to improve broadband connectivity and use of digital technology to address development challenges of client countries. The work covers a wide area of focus including broadband networks, mobile networks, cloud infrastructure, internet of things,

and big data analytics. The team works collaboratively across sectors to ensure the availability and use of digital government platforms, identification for development and other key foundations to harness digital development, while strengthening cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection. Ms. Guerhazi also leads the Digital Development Partnership (DDP), a Multi-Donor Trust Fund focusing on Digital development globally.

Prior to her role as Director, Ms. Guerhazi was Practice Manager of Digital Development covering Africa and the Middle East regions of the World Bank. She also served as Lead Operations Officer in the Regional Integration Unit of the Africa region of the World Bank. During her tenure, she has written and published articles and book chapters on trade law, telecommunications policy, and regulatory reform.

Before joining the World Bank, Ms. Guerhazi was Assistant Professor at the University of Law and Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, and a Telecommunications consultant to the Sector Reform Unit at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

Ms. Guerhazi holds a Ph.D. in Telecommunications Law and Policy from the Faculty of Law at McGill University, Canada; an L.L.M. in International Law from Indiana University, USA; and a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Law from the University of Tunis, Tunisia. She held a Fulbright Scholarship and was a research scholar at the University of Michigan (USA), the Social Science Research Council (USA), and the Center of Studies for Regulated Industries (Canada).