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Former Chairman, Ghana National Peace Council

The Most Rev Professor Asante is a Ghanaian academic theologian The Most Rev. Professor Againe is a Orhanian academic, theological and minister of religion. He is the current Chairman of the National Africa Peer Review Mechanism, Chana Council (NARPM-CC). He served as the 3rd Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church Ghana, The Christian Council of Chana, and completed two terms as the Chairman of the National Peace Council of Ghana



Mr. Jingye Cheng



Ambassador (ret.), China

Mr. Cheng is a senior Chinese diplomat. His most recent assignment was China's Ambassador to Australia. Before that, he served as the Chinese Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Vienna. Early on, Mr. Cheng was the Director-General of the Arms Control Department in the Chinese Foreign Ministry and the Chinese Disarmament Ambassador in Geneva respectively. He was also posted twice in the Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations and held posts in the International Organizations Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.



Ms. Kjersti Dale

Director, International Development CARE, Norway

Ms. Dale is the Director of the International Department in CARE Norway. She brings almost 20 years of experience in the humanitarian sector and has worked for the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and civil society. From 2011 to 2014 Ms. Dale worked for the World Food Program's Somalia operations. She was also a delegate with the ICRC in Angola and the Ivory Coast between 2005 and 2007. Since 2016 she has been a member of CARE International's Strategic Leadership Team for Program Quality and Impact. Ms. Dale is currently a member of the board of United Nations ociation of Norway



Mr. Mohamed Edrees Ambassador (ret.), Egypt

Mr. Edrees is a former Physician who graduated in the College of Medicine Cairo University in 1983, joined the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 1987, and acquired a Master's degree in Political Science Foreign Affairs 1987, and acquired a Master's degree in Political Science from SOAS University of London in 1989. He perused a diversified diplomatic career, serving in the Departments of Policy Planning, US and Canada, Cabinet of the Foreign Minister, International Economic Relations, Arab Affairs, and assumed the position of Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs. His Foreign Diplomatic posts included the Egyptian Embassies in the USA, Turkey, Syria and the Mission to the UN in NY. He served as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Egyptian Embassy in Damascus, DPR of Egypt to the UN in NY, Ambassador of Forunt to Fibrinaia and PB to the All and UIN ECA and PB of Forunt to Egypt to Ethiopia and PR to the AU and UN ECA and PR of Egypt to the UN in NY.



Ms. Lise Filiatrault Ambassador (ret.), Canada

Ms. Filiatrault was the Ambassador of Canada to Senegal from 2016 to 2019, also accredited to Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Guinee, and Guinee-Bissau. The Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, nominated her as his Personal Representative for La Francophonie from April 2017 to June 2019. Other positions she held during her Diplomatic career included Assistant deputy Minister for Sub-Sahara Africa Branch from 2013- 2016. Director-General for the Americas Bureau from 2019 to 2013, and Director General for the Europe, the Middle East and Maghreb Bureau from 2009 to 2010.



Mr. Macharia Kamau



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Principal Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya

Mr. Kamau served as the Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Government of Kenya from 2018-2022. Previously, he was the Ambassador and the Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations in New York from 2010 till 2018. He also served as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations office in Nairobi, Kenya from 2009-2010. Formerly a United Nations Officer serving at senior and mid-level assignments, in different capacities, and in various United Nations and African Union agencies and programs including UNDP, UNICEF, and AU-NEPAD, Mr. Kamau brings in over 36 years of experience in political, development and policy work, strategic planning, and negotiation.



Ms. Sara Pantuliano

Chief Executive, ODI, United Kingdom Ms. Pantuliano is a member of UNFPA's ICPD25 High-Level Commission and also serves on the High-Level Group on Humanitarian Resilience and Investing and the Digital Currency Governance Consortium Steering Committee of the World Economic Forum (WEF). She is the Managing Committee of the world Economic Fordinic Fordinic States in the Managining Editor of Disasters journal and a Trusteer of Muslim Aid. Ms. Pantuliano previously led a high-profile UN response in Sudan's Nuba Mountains, acted as an observer at the IGAD Sudan peace process and lectured at the University of Dar es Salaam. She was a member of the Independent Team of Advisers established in 2016 by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to formulate recommendations on the reform of the UN development system. She holds a PhD in Politics and International Studies and has written extensively on conflict and humanitarian affairs



Mr. Stéphane Rey Ambassador of Switzerland to Zimbabwe, Zambia & Malawi, Switzerland

Mr. Rey's prior roles included Head of peace policy and programs in the State Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Acting Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division, as well as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Iran. Mr Rey also led the Political Affairs, Peace & Security team at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York, where he chaired the Group of Friends of the Protection of Civilians, and deputy head of the UN Security Council and political affairs unit in Bern. Prior to joining the Swiss foreign ministry, he worked as a policy officer at UN Headquarters in New York and as an InternationalCommittee of the Red Cross delegate in Afghanistan and Sierra Leone



Ms. Marriët Schuurman Ambassador, Embassy of the Kingdom

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Ms. Almut Wieland-Karimi Former Executive Director, Center for International Peace Operations, Germany

Ms. Wieland-Karimi was Executive Director of the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF) from 2009 till 2022. Prior to joining ZIF, she worked for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) in various countries, as country director for the U.S. and Canada based in Washington, D.C. In 2002, she set up the FES country office in Kabul/ Afghanistan. Ms. Wieland-Karimi is Advisory Board member of the Stiftung Mercator. She holds a Master's degree in Oriental Studies from Bonn University and a Ph. D. in the same field, with a thesis on the role of religious leaders in modern Afghan politics at Humboldt University Perlin University Berlin





