



AMF MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

LLOYD AXWORTHY

CANADA



Lloyd Axworthy is Chair of the World Refugee & Migration Council, a body established to develop solutions to problems in the current refugee system. He also serves as Board Chair of CUSO International, a Canadian based international development agency, and as head of the Mission for Canada election observer team. Until recently, he was the President, and Vice Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg. In his ten years as president, he pioneered community learning programs for Aboriginal and low-income youth. He also served more than twenty years as an elected member of the Canadian Parliament holding several Cabinet posts, including Minister of Foreign Affairs. In that position he was known for his work in advancing the human security agenda that included the Treaty on anti-personnel land mines, the International Criminal Court, and the Protocol on Child Soldiers. In 1997, he was nominated by United States Senator Patrick Leahy to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on banning land mines. In 2002, he was awarded The Order of Canada, and in 2016, he was made a Companion, a promotion within the Order to the highest rank. In August 2017, The American Political Science Association awarded him the Hubert H. Humphrey award for notable public service. He holds a BA from the University of Winnipeg and Ph.D. from Princeton University.

ALI BABACAN

TURKEY



Ali Babacan is the Founder and Leader of Democracy and Progress Party (DEVA Partisi) in Turkey. Previously, he was a member of the Turkish Parliament. In 2001, he became a Founding Member and Board Member of the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti). At the general elections held in November 2002, he was elected to the Parliament, and he was appointed as Minister of Treasury, a position he retained until August 2007. In addition to his tenure as Minister of Treasury, he was appointed as Chief Negotiator in Turkey's accession negotiations with the European Union in June 2005. At the general elections held in July 2007 he was re-elected to the Parliament. In August 2007 he was appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs. In May 2009 he was appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic and Financial Affairs. At the elections of June 2011, he was elected to the Parliament for the third term and in July 2011 he was re-

appointed as Deputy Prime Minister. He continued to serve in this position until August 2015. Ali Babacan was elected to the Parliament for his fourth term at the November 2015 elections. Previously, from 1992 to 1994, he worked at a Chicago-based firm providing financial consulting services to top executives of major banks in the United States. Subsequently, he returned to Ankara to run his family business from 1994 until 2002. In 1989, he received his Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Industrial Engineering from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, ranking first among the graduates of that year. In 1990, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and attended Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where he received his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Marketing, Organizational Behavior, and International Business in 1992.

**MARÍA EUGENIA
BRIZUELA DE ÁVILA**
EL SALVADOR



Mayu Avila is a courageous woman breaking down barriers with work ethics and service. Born within a Latino culture, life taught her to stay true to her values, bringing her to be the first woman to hold positions in private and public sectors considered as “impossible.” Minister Avila studied law, paying her studies at Universidad Nacional in El Salvador amidst a civil war, graduating from Universidad Matias Delgado. She holds additional academic studies in French Civilization (Sorbonne, Paris), Insurance (Zurich), Master Business Administration (INCAE), Sustainable Business Postgraduate (University of Cambridge), and Certified Executive Coach. Minister Avila started with family businesses. In 1997, she founded Internacional de Seguros, becoming the first woman President of an insurance company. From 1999-2004, she was the first woman Minister of Foreign Affairs of her country where she coincided with Secretary Albright. In 2004, she became the first woman President of a private bank. In 2007, she became a female CEO in HSBC, pioneering Corporate Sustainability in Latin America. Minister Avila is currently an Independent Director on Banks and Insurance Company Boards El Salvador/Honduras, the Stock Exchange El Salvador, board member of various local (Vital Voices El Salvador former President) and globally (Junior Achievement) nonprofits, and the first woman Vice President of INCAE Business School in Costa Rica. She is also a Commissioner in the International Commission on Missing Persons in The Hague, a Senior Non-Resident Fellow at the Atlantic Council in Washington, DC, a member of the Advisory Board of the Private Sector Regional Centre in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals based in Bogota, the Aspen Ministers Forum, and other nonprofits. Minister Avila has been married for over 43 years and has three children and three grandchildren.

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON*UNITED STATES*

Hillary Rodham Clinton has spent over five decades in public service as an advocate, attorney, First Lady, U.S. Senator, U.S. Secretary of State, and presidential candidate. As 67th U.S. Secretary of State, her “smart power” approach to foreign policy repositioned American diplomacy and development for the 21st century. Secretary Clinton played a central role in restoring America’s standing in the world, reasserting the United States as a Pacific power, imposing crippling sanctions on Iran and North Korea, responding to the Arab Awakening, and negotiating a ceasefire in the Middle East. Earlier, as First Lady and Senator for New York, she traveled to more than 80 countries as a champion of human rights, democracy, and opportunities for women and girls. She also worked to provide health care to millions of children, create jobs and opportunity, and support first responders who risked their lives at Ground Zero. In her historic 2016 campaign for President of the United States, Clinton won 66 million votes. She is the author of eleven best-selling books, host of the podcast *You and Me Both*, founder of the global production studio HiddenLight Productions, Chancellor of Queen’s University Belfast, and a Professor of Practice at the School of International and Public Affairs and Presidential Fellow at Columbia World Projects at Columbia University. She is married to former U.S. President Bill Clinton, has one daughter Chelsea, and three grandchildren: Charlotte, Aidan, and Jasper.

ERIK DERYCKE*BELGIUM*

Erik Derycke is a judge emeritus at the Constitutional Court of Belgium, where he was a lawyer at the bar from 1972 to 2001. He is also a fellow at Free University of Brussels. In addition, he has held various positions in government, serving as a member of the head Belgian delegation to the Council of Europe and as a member of the Political Committee and Committee on Justice within the head Belgian delegation to the Council of Europe. From 1995–1999, he served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of International Cooperation and Development, and the Minister of Science Policy. He was a member of the Belgian Parliament from 1984 to 2001. He co-authored the anti-mining treaty of Ottawa with the Canadian Foreign Minister. Minister Derycke holds an M.A. in law from the University of Gent.

ALEXANDER DOWNER*AUSTRALIA*

Alexander Downer is a visiting professor at the International School for Government at King's College London. From 2014 to 2018, Minister Downer was Australian High Commissioner to the UK. Prior to this, he was Australia's longest-serving Minister for Foreign Affairs, a role he held from 1996 to 2007. Minister Downer also served as Opposition Leader and leader of the Australian Liberal Party from 1994 to 1995 and was Member of the Australian Parliament for Mayo for over 20 years. In addition to a range of other political and diplomatic roles, he was Executive Director of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and the United Nations Secretary General's Special Advisor on Cyprus, in which he worked on peace talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. He is currently Chairman of the UK think tank Policy Exchange. He chairs the board of Gold Hydrogen Ltd and sits on the board of Yellowcake PLC and Ironbark Ltd and is on the advisory board of GFG Alliance and Shearwater consultants.

JAN ELIASSON*SWEDEN*

Jan Eliasson was Deputy Secretary-General of the UN from 2012-2016. He was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1994-2000 and Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2006. He was elected President of the UN General Assembly for its 60th session 2005-2006. During this session, the Peace Building Commission (PBC) and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) were created. Earlier, he served as Sweden's Permanent Representative to the UN from 1988-92 and Ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C. from 2000-2005. Minister Eliasson has been mediator in the Iran/Iraq, the Nagorno-Karabakh, and the Darfur Sudan conflicts. He has also been engaged as UN Emergency Relief Co-Ordinator (ERC) in Somalia, Burma/Myanmar, Mozambique and the Balkans. He has a strong engagement related to water issues and was the first Chair of the Board of WaterAid, Sweden. He was awarded the medal Illis Quorum by the Swedish Government in March 2017, honoring his distinguished career internationally and as a representative of Sweden and the United Nations. In June 2017, the Swedish Government appointed him as Chair of the SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) Governing Board. His term ended on June 1, 2022. Minister Eliasson is married to Kerstin, former State Secretary for Higher Education and Research. They have three grown children and nine grandchildren.

JOSCHKA FISCHER

GERMANY



Joschka Fischer is a founding partner of Joschka Fischer and Company. He is the former Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany (1998-2005) and led the Green Party in its first participation in government, both at the state (Hessen) and federal levels. From 2006 to 2007, Minister Fischer held a professorship at the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs at Princeton University (U.S.).

IBRAHIM A. GAMBARI

NIGERIA



Ibrahim A. Gambari, a professor, scholar, and diplomat, was the Chief of Staff to the former President of Nigeria, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, from 2020 to 2023. He is currently the Founder/Chairman of the Board of Directors of Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development, a non-governmental think-tank on research, policy studies, advocacy and training on the nexus between conflict prevention and resolution, democratization and development in Africa. He has had an illustrious career, spanning over four decades in academia, government and international diplomacy, culminating with his appointment as the first United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa (1999-2005). He was the Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid (1990-1994); Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations (1990-1999); Head of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (2005-2007) and also operated as the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Cyprus, Zimbabwe and Myanmar; and Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Angola (UNAMA) and, the United Nations and African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) (2010-2012). Earlier, he was Minister of External Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1984-1985) and subsequently Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations (1990-1999). He has taught at many Universities in the United States, Nigeria, and Singapore, and has to his credit the authorship of a number of books and scholarly articles. Minister Gambari is happily married with children and grandchildren.

ARANCHA GONZÁLEZ LAYA*SPAIN*

Arancha González is the third Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) at Sciences Po and the first woman to lead the world's third school for Politics and International Studies. Prior to joining PSIA, Minister González served as Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (2020-2021). She previously was Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (2013-2020). Between 2005 and 2013, she served as Chief of Staff to the Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Pascal Lamy. Before that, she held senior positions at the European Commission in the areas of international trade and development. Minister González started her career as a lawyer in the private sector. She has been a member of PSIA's Strategic Committee since 2017. A Spanish national, Minister González holds a degree in law from the University of Navarra and a Postgraduate Degree in European Law from the University Carlos III of Madrid.

MONICA JUMA*KENYA*

Monica Juma is the National Security Advisor in the Executive Office of the President of Kenya. She is the top advisor of the President of the Republic of Kenya on national security issues. Before her appointment as National Security Advisor, Ambassador Juma was the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kenya. She oversaw the execution of the mandate of the Ministry, which entails provision of clean, sustainable, affordable, reliable and secure energy services for national development while protecting the environment. Ambassador Juma joined the Ministry of Energy from the Ministry of Defence where, as Cabinet Secretary, she oversaw the Ministry's constitutional mandate to defend and protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Kenya. In this capacity, she was Principal Advisor to the President and the National Assembly on any matter relating to the Defence Forces, a member of the National Security Council, in-charge of the overall Defence policy formulation, guidance and implementation, and chaired the Defence Council which is responsible for overall control, policy and direction of the Kenya Defence Forces.

MARINA KALJURAND*ESTONIA*

Marina Kaljurand was elected to the European Parliament and started her duties as MEP on July 2, 2019, after resigning from the Estonian Parliament (Riigikogu). She has been a member of the Estonian Social Democrats Party since June 2018. Minister Kaljurand has been a member of the UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters since 2020. She was a member of the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (2018-2019). She also chaired the Global Commission of the Stability of Cyberspace (2017-2019). She served as Estonian Foreign Minister from 2015-2016. Minister Kaljurand has served twice as the Estonian National Expert at the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in

the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (GGE), from 2014-2015 and from 2016-2017. She began her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991 and held several leadership positions, including Undersecretary for Legal and Consular Affairs (Legal Adviser), Undersecretary for Trade and Development Cooperation, and Undersecretary for Political Affairs. She served as Ambassador of Estonia to the State of Israel, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Canada, and the United States of America. Minister Kaljurand headed the legal working group at the Estonian accession negotiations to the European Union and was the Chief Negotiator in the Estonian accession negotiations to the OECD. Minister Kaljurand graduated cum laude from Tartu University (1986, LLM). She has a professional diploma from the Estonian School of Diplomacy (1992) and a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (F95).

KYUNG-WHA KANG
SOUTH KOREA



Kyung-wha Kang, President and Chief Executive Officer of Asia Society, is an accomplished diplomat who served as South Korea's 38th Minister of Foreign Affairs (2017 to 2021). She is the first woman appointed to this post in the nation's history, endeavoring to garner global support for South Korea's initiative to engage with North Korea toward lasting peace and complete denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula. She previously held key leadership roles at the United Nations, including as Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, and Senior Advisor on Policy to Secretary-General António Guterres. Before joining the United Nations, Minister Kang held various positions in South Korea's Foreign Ministry, specializing in multilateral affairs and intergovernmental organizations. Among others, she served as Minister at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations, during which she chaired the 48th and 49th sessions of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, she spearheaded efforts to highlight women with disabilities in the drafting of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She graduated from Yonsei University in Korea with a BA in political science and diplomacy and holds an MA and PhD from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her doctorate research was in the field of international and intercultural communication. Minister Kang served as Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Ewha Womans University and is Distinguished Professor at the Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment at Yonsei University.

TARO KONO*JAPAN*

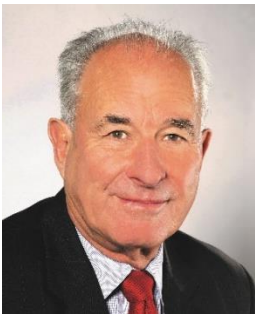
KONO Taro, 61, a ninth-term Member of the House of Representatives, has been appointed Digital Minister, Minister for Cybersecurity and Minister for Administrative Affairs of Japan. Among positions he has held in the past are Foreign Minister; Defense Minister; Minister in charge of COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out; Minister for Administrative Affairs; Chairman of the National Public Safety Commission, or Minister in charge of the National Police Organization; Minister for Civil Service Reform; Minister for Disaster Management; Minister for Consumer Affairs and Food Safety; and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives. He is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. He was Chairman of the Japan Race Horse Association and Chairman of the Shonan Bellmare Football Club, the 1995 Asia Champion Soccer Club. He is married to Kaori and has a son, Ippei.

TZIPI LIVNI*ISRAEL*

Tzipi Livni is a former Vice Prime Minister of Israel, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Justice. Minister Livni served as a member of the Israeli National Security Cabinet, a member of the security “Trio,” and was Israel’s chief negotiator for peace between Israel and the Palestinians during the last two rounds of negotiations in 2008 and 2013. Her other positions were: Minister of Regional Cooperation; Minister of Immigrant Absorption; Minister of Housing and Construction; and Minister of Agriculture and the Leader of the opposition. Minister Livni was the leader of centrist parties including the largest party in Israel. She is a strong voice for Israel’s democratic values and a leading supporter of peace between Israel and the Palestinians. She served as an officer in the Israel Defense Forces and later in the Mossad. Professionally, Minister Livni holds a law degree and practiced law for a decade, specializing in commercial, constitutional, and real-estate law. She was Director General of the Government Companies Authority and in this capacity and opened up markets for competition and privatized government-owned companies. In the Israeli Parliament, she was a member of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, Committee on the Status of Women and gender equality, Foreign Affairs & Defense Committee, and chaired the Subcommittee for International Legal Warfare. Minister Livni is known for her integrity in politics and was granted the Quality of Governance Award for her unique contribution to reinforcing the rule of law and protecting the principles of democracy.

SUSANA MALCORRA*ARGENTINA*

Susana Malcorra has long and extensive experience in her career of more than forty years that can be divided in three distinct phases: the business sector; multilateral and government sectors; and, finally, academia, think tanks, and boards in the private and non-profit sectors. She is deeply interested and active in matters of democracy, global governance, sustainability, leadership, and gender. Starting from her most recent experience, Minister Malcorra is currently Senior Advisor at IE University, in Madrid, after stepping down as Dean of the IE School of Public and Global Affairs. Additionally, she is affiliated to the following institutions: Co-Chair of the Board at the International Crisis Group, Member of the Board at the Inter-American Dialogue, Member of the Board at Kofi Annan Foundation, Advisor and Co-Founder of GWL Voices, Club de Madrid, an association dedicated to the empowerment of women and the strengthening of the multilateral system. She was Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic from December 2015 to July 2017 and was the Chairperson of the WTO Ministerial Conference (MC11), hosted by Argentina in December 2017. She joined the United Nations in 2004 as Chief Operating Officer of the World Food Programme. In 2008, she joined Peacekeeping as Head of the Department of Field Support. In April 2012, Minister Malcorra was appointed Chief of Staff to the Secretary-General, a position that she held until November 2015.

DONALD MCKINNON*NEW ZEALAND*

Donald McKinnon was Commonwealth Secretary-General between 2000 and 2008. He is the former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Pacific Island Affairs of New Zealand. He was named Foreign Minister of the Year by “The World Economic Forum” publication in 1998 and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his work in bringing about a peaceful resolution to the decade long civil war on Bougainville in Papua New Guinea. During an almost decade-long tenure as New Zealand’s longest serving Foreign Minister, he was the inspiration behind what is now the Asia New Zealand Foundation and the Centre for Strategic Studies, both Wellington based. Minister McKinnon was the Inaugural Chair of the Aspen Institute New Zealand. He was also Chair of the New Zealand China Council (2012-2021), Patron of the New Zealand War Graves Trust, the Le Quesnoy Museum Trust in northern France, and the Ex Vietnam Children’s Trust. The New Zealand Government awarded him its highest honour, the “Order of New Zealand” ONZ and Queen Elizabeth II awarded him the Knight Grand Cross of the Victorian Order G.C.V.O.

DAVID MILIBAND
UNITED KINGDOM



David Miliband is the President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee. He oversees the agency's operations in over 40 crisis-effect countries and its refugee resettlement and assistance programs throughout Europe and the Americas. The IRC's mission is to help the world's most vulnerable people, whose lives and livelihoods have been shattered by conflict and disaster, including the climate crisis, to survive, recover, and regain control of their futures. In 2023, the IRC served more than 34.5 million people in countries affected by crisis. Prior to joining IRC, Minister Miliband had a distinguished political career in the United Kingdom. From 2007 to 2010, he served as the 74th Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, representing the United Kingdom throughout the world. His accomplishments have earned him a reputation, in former President Bill Clinton's words, as "one of the ablest, most creative public servants of our time." In 2016, he was named one of the World's Greatest Leaders by *Fortune Magazine* and in 2018 he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2016, he was one of the Guest Readers in the Grammy Award-winning recording of *Presidential Suite: Eight Variations on Freedom* by the Ted Nash Big Band. He is also the author of the book, *Rescue: Refugees and the Political Crisis of Our Time*. As the son of refugees, Minister Miliband brings a personal commitment to the IRC's work and to the premise of the book: that we can rescue the dignity and hopes of refugees and displaced people, and if we help them, in the process we will rescue our own values.

DANIEL MITOV
BULGARIA



Daniel Mitov currently serves as a Member of Parliament and Vice-President of GERB. Previously, Minister Mitov served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria in two consecutive governments from August 2014 to January 2017. He held the position of Field Director for Russia in the National Democratic Institute (NDI) from the end of 2017 to 2020. From 2012 to 2014, he was Resident Representative of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Brussels. From 2010 to 2012, Minister Mitov was Program Manager of the NDI-Iraq local programming. From 2006 to 2010, he was appointed Executive Director of "Democracy Foundation" – Sofia. Previously, he joined the team of the Political Academy for Central and South-Eastern Europe (PACE) and took part in the establishment of the "Bulgarian School of Politics." He was also member of the editorial team of "Reason" magazine. Minister Mitov is decorated with the Order of Merit "Pro Merito Melitensi" of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta as well as with the "Order of the Italian Star" awarded by the President of the Italian Republic. He holds a degree in political science from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski." His native tongue is Bulgarian and he is also fluent in English, Italian, and Russian. Minister Mitov was born in 1977, is married, and has a daughter.

FEDERICA MOGHERINI*ITALY*

Federica Mogherini is the Rector of the College of Europe (since September 2020) and Director of the European Diplomatic Academy, implemented by the College of Europe (since August 2022). Previously, she has served as the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (2014-19). Prior to joining the EU, she was Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2014), and a Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies (2008-14). In her parliamentary capacity, she was Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-President of its Political Committee (2013-14); member of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2008-13); Secretary of the Defence Committee (2008-13); and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She also coordinated the Inter-Parliamentary Group for Development Cooperation. She has co-chaired the United Nations High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement from January 2020 to September 2021. Minister Mogherini is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group and of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Fellow of the German Marshall Fund, member of the Board of Directors of the Italian Institute for Foreign Affairs (IAI) and member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. She was a member of the High Level Reflection Group of the Council of Europe. She has a degree in Political Science from the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. Born in Rome (1973), she lives in Belgium and has two daughters.

MARWAN MUASHER

Marwan Muasher is Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment, where he oversees the Endowment’s research in Washington and Beirut on the Middle East. Minister Muasher served as Foreign Minister (2002–2004) and Deputy Prime Minister (2004–2005) of Jordan, and his career has spanned the areas of diplomacy, development, civil society, and communications. He was also a senior fellow at Yale University from 2010-2011. Minister Muasher began his career as a journalist for the *Jordan Times*. He then served at the Ministry of Planning, at the prime minister’s office as press adviser, and as director of the Jordan Information Bureau in Washington. In 1996, he became Minister of Information and the government spokesperson. From 1997 to 2002, he served in Washington again as Ambassador, negotiating the first free trade agreement between the United States and an Arab nation. He then returned to Jordan to serve as Foreign Minister, where he played a central role in developing the Arab Peace Initiative and the Middle East Road Map. In 2004, he became Deputy Prime Minister responsible for reform and government performance, and led the effort to produce a ten-year plan for political, economic, and social reform. From 2006 to 2007, he was at the Jordanian Senate. Most recently, he was Senior

Vice President of External Affairs at the World Bank from 2007 to 2010. He is the author of *The Arab Center: The Promise of Moderation* (Yale University Press, 2008), and *The Second Arab Awakening and the Battle for Pluralism* (Yale University Press, 2014). Minister Muasher is a trustee of the American University of Beirut, and an ex-member of the board of directors of the Global Centre for Pluralism.

MARTY NATALEGAWA

INDONESIA



Marty Natalegawa served as Foreign Minister of Indonesia (2009–14). He is the author of *Does ASEAN Matter? A View from Within* (ISEAS, 2018) as well as of *Geopolitics and the Indonesian Economy: Impacts and Policy Responses* (Bank Indonesia Institute). He served as Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN, Ambassador to the UK, and also to Ireland. He served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs over nearly three decades. He was instrumental in initiating the ASEAN Community and was an early advocate of an ASEAN role in the Indo-Pacific through the concept of “dynamic equilibrium.” Throughout, he actively promoted the management and resolution of potential conflicts in the region. Within the UN, he served, among others, as President of the Security Council and led Indonesia’s delegation at numerous multilateral negotiations, both within the UN and beyond. He was instrumental in securing Indonesia’s ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in 2012. Since 2014, he has inter alia served as a member of the UN Secretary-General’s High Level Advisory Board on Mediation; the UNSG’s Advisory Board on Disarmament; the UNSG’s High Level Panel on Global Response to Health Crises. He has served, and continues to serve, in a number of global think-tanks. He is the Chairperson of the Asia Pacific Leaders Network (APLN) for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. In 2023, he founded The Amity Circle which brings together individuals in the Asia-Pacific with deep ministerial policy experience, united in their support for diplomacy and dialogue.

GEORGE A. PAPANDREOU



George A. Papandreou served as Greece’s Prime Minister (2009–2011). Currently, he is the Honorary President of the Socialist International, the largest global political family. The SI has a consultative status with the UN and works with a big number of other international organizations. As an MP (1981–2015, 2019–ongoing), he served in several government posts, as Undersecretary of Culture and Minister of Education, before becoming Foreign Minister (1999–2004). As Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister of Greece, he initiated action to establish common ground between different countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region and the Balkans. In 1997, Minister Papandreou, in collaboration with his Turkish counterpart, late Ismail Cem, achieved a breakthrough in Greek-Turkish relations, initiating a gradual rapprochement following the Imia crisis that brought the two countries almost to the edge of a war. He also played a key role in the negotiations that led to Turkey’s EU

candidacy in 1999 and Cyprus's entry in the European Union in 2004. Prime Minister Papandreou also serves as the current General Rapporteur on Democracy in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He graduated from Amherst College and holds an M.Sc. in Sociology and Development from London School of Economics. He was a fellow at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs and the Institute of Politics. In 2013, he served as a Global Fellow and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs as well as a faculty member in the Master of Public Affairs program at Sciences Po in Paris.

MALCOLM RIFKIND
UNITED KINGDOM



Malcolm Rifkind served as Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary of the United Kingdom from 1992-97. He was also Chairman of Intelligence and Security Committee (which has statutory oversight of UK Intelligence Agencies) from 2010-15. Sir Malcolm is a Visiting Professor at the Department of War Studies, King's College, London.

CLAUDIA RUIZ MASSIEU
MEXICO



Claudia Ruiz Massieu currently serves as Congresswoman at the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico. Prior to that, she was a Senator and Chairwoman of the Special Committee to Implement the USMCA. She led the Institutional Revolutionary Party as National Chair and served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico from 2015 to 2017 and Minister of Tourism from 2012 to 2015.

KNUT VOLLEBÆK

NORWAY



Knut Vollebæk has served as the Chairperson of the UN Advisory Board on Human Security since 2016. He is also Chairperson for the International Commission on Missing Persons. He has been an Alternate Member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee. He stepped down as the High Commissioner on National Minorities at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe at the end of his second term in August 2013. Upon returning to Norway, he was appointed to head a Governmental commission tasked with looking into the situation of one of Norway's national minorities, the Travelers. In 2001, he was appointed Norway's Ambassador to the United States, a position he held until August 2007, when he was elected High Commissioner. In 2005, Minister Vollebæk was the Chairman of the Panel of Eminent Persons, which was appointed to review the work of the OSCE and advise on future reforms. Minister Vollebæk has held a variety of government positions, serving as Foreign Minister of Norway from 1997 to 2000 and concurrently as Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in 1999. Prior to this, he served as Director General and Assistant Secretary General for Development Issues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1994 to 1997. From 1989 to 1990, he held the position of Deputy Foreign Minister (State Secretary). Minister Vollebæk received an M.Sc. from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration and did post-graduate work in political science at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

MARGOT WALLSTROM

SWEDEN



Margot Wallström was elected to the Swedish parliament in 1979 before serving as Minister for Youth, Women, and Consumer Affairs from 1988 to 1991, Minister of Culture from 1994 to 1996, and Minister of Social Affairs from 1996 to 1998. Before taking up her appointment as EU Commissioner in 1999, she worked with Worldview Global Media in Colombo, Sri Lanka. From 1999 to 2004, Minister Wallström served as the European Commissioner for the Environment and then as first Vice President of the European Commission from 2004 to 2010. In 2010, the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed her the first Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict until 2012. From 2012-2014, she was Chair of the Board of Lund University, Sweden. She then served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden from 2014-2019.