

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

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Co-Chairs

HOST COUNTRY :

Ms. Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, MEXICO



Ms. Claudia Ruiz Massieu is a qualified lawyer from the Universidad Iberoamericana and she has a master's degree in Public Policy from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). She also specialized in Political Science at Madrid's Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies. Minister Ruiz Massieu has held various senior positions in the Mexican government, including Minister for Tourism, General Planning, Development and Institutional Development, Coordinator for the General Attorney's Office, Coordinator of Lead Advisers at the National Security Secretariat in the Ministry of Public Safety, as well as Federal Deputy in the 59th and 61st State Legislatures.

Ms. Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Co-operation, THE NETHERLANDS



In 1983, while still at university, Lilianne Ploumen became a community outreach worker in the Crooswijk area of Rotterdam. Two years later she joined the Institute of Psychological Market Research (IPM), a research-based consultancy, working in the statistics department as a research project leader. From 1990 to 1992 she was a marketing and research manager for Foster Parents Plan in Amsterdam. Ms. Ploumen then moved to PLAN, the London-based umbrella organisation, in 1993. In 1995 she founded Ploumen Projecten, an organisation specialising in market research and innovation for commercial and non-profit clients. In the same year she also began working as a fundraising coordinator for Mama Cash, an international fund supporting women's initiatives, going on to become director of the organisation from 1996 to 2001. From 2001 to 2007 Ms Ploumen worked for the development organisation Cordaid, first as head of quality and strategy and later as director of international programmes. She was Chair of the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) from October 2007 to January 2012. On 5 November 2012, Lilianne Ploumen was appointed Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Co-operation in the Rutte-Asscher government in the Netherlands.

Mr. Goodall Edward Gondwe, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, MALAWI



Economist. Mr. Gondwe has had a long and distinguished career as an economist. Among other positions, he has worked at the Reserve Bank of Malawi (Central Bank of Malawi) where he rose to the position of General Manager of the Bank; he later joined the Civil Service in Malawi where he served as Secretary to the Treasury. In 1973 he joined the African Development Bank as Vice President (and later Acting President) of the Bank. In 1980, he joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF) where he worked in the

African Department and rose to the position of Director for the Department. He served in the IMF for 22 years. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief Economic Advisor to the President, a position he held until 2004. Between 2004 and 2009, Mr. Gondwe served as Finance Minister and he was widely credited for stabilising the economy. His first tenure as Finance Minister coincided with the period in which Malawi significantly benefitted from the HIPC initiative on debt relief. His achievements swayed the African Banker Awards to honour him as Africa's Minister of Finance for 2008. Between 2009 and 2013 he served as Minister in several ministries including the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, and Ministry of Economic Planning and Development. In June 2014 he was appointed as Minister to Finance, Economic Planning and Development to head the amalgamation of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economic Planning and Development. *Politician:* Mr. Gondwe entered Parliament in 2005 after winning bi-elections in his constituency and served as Member of Parliament for 9 years. Hon. Goodall E. Gondwe holds a BSc in Economics from the University of London and is a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers (FIB).

Dr. Kamau Thugge, EBS- Principal Secretary at the National Treasury KENYA



Dr. Kamau Thugge is currently the Principal Secretary at the National Treasury. He has previously worked in the Ministry of Finance as Head of Fiscal and Monetary Affairs Department, Economic Secretary and as Senior Economic Advisor. Before joining the Ministry of Finance he worked with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as Economist/Senior Economist and Deputy Division Chief. Dr. Thugge has played a major role in influencing the design of Kenya's current fiscal decentralization system and has coordinated the formulation of legislation for implementing devolution, including: The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 ; The Commission on Revenue Allocation Act, 2011 ; The Independent Officers (Appointment) Act, 2011; The County Government PFM Transition Act, 2013;

The County Government Appropriations Act, 2013; The Transition County Allocation of Revenue Act, 2013, The County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2013; and, The Division of Revenue Bill 2013/14. Dr. Thugge is widely published and holds a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from Colorado College, USA; Masters in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, USA; and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics, also Johns Hopkins.

Steering Committee members

Afghanistan/G7+

Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy General Secretary of the g7+ Secretariat.



Mr. Mayar was Head of the Aid Coordination Unit in the Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan before joining the g7+ Secretariat. He has been working in the area of aid management since 2008. He was involved in discussion on Paris Declaration, Accra Agenda for Action, Busan Partnership and participated in the negotiation on New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States. Mr. Mayar holds a Masters of Management and Policy degree from Baluchistan University of IT and Management Sciences.

AU/NEPAD

Mr. Khalil TIMANY, Head of NEPAD coordination, African Union Commission (AUC)

Arab Donor Coordination Group

Fuad Albassam, Assistant Director-General, Public Sector Operations, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)



Mr. Albassam initially joined OFID (the OPEC Fund for International Development) in December 2002 as the Director of the Asia Region, and became the Director of the Africa Region in 2008. Since 2011 he has held the position of Assistant-Director General of the Department of Public Sector Operations. Mr. Albassam has been working in development financing for more than 30 years. Starting his career as a project officer at the Saudi Fund for Development, where he focused on development projects financing, in later years he represented the Saudi Fund and the Government of Saudi Arabia in numerous international conferences. At OFID, he leads the Public Sector Operations

Management Department, which is in charge of the core business of OFID, mainly development financing, but involved in all relevant issues of development initiatives. He is also an active figure in the coordination group of the Arab Development Institutions. Mr. Albassam holds a Master's Degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Central Florida.

Bangladesh

Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance



Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin joined the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance on 19 January 2014 as Secretary. Before taking the responsibility of ERD, he served in the IMED as Secretary and played a lead role in monitoring and supervision of procurement of goods, services and works by public sector entities. He was also Secretary in the Energy and Mineral Resources Division and contributed to developing and implementing different policies in the sector. Prior to joining the civil service, he was a faculty member in the department of

public administration at the University of Dhaka for a brief stint and taught public administration (1981-1983). As Secretary, ERD, he represents the government in different local, regional and global platforms to steer the development effectiveness agenda. At the national level, he is the Co-chair of GoB-DP Local Consultative Group Plenary. At the regional level he chairs the Steering Committee of Bangkok based Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF); in the global level he also acts as a Steering Committee member of Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) representing Asia and is the Vice-Chair of IATI Steering Committee. He also co-chairs the Building Block on Results & Mutual Accountability. He is the promoter of aid transparency at local level through establishment of new "Aid Information Management System (AIMS) in Bangladesh" which was launched on 26th October 2014. He graduated from the Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka. He was also a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow in 1988-89.

Mr. Rafique Ahmed SIDDIQUE, Monitoring Specialist , Aid Effectiveness Unit, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance



Joined the Bangladesh Civil Service in 1994. Mr. Siddique has worked in different Ministries in various capacities. He did Master of Science in Statistics from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1986 and Master of Business Administration from London Metropolitan University, UK in 2001. Mr. Siddique has had a great deal of varied work experience on Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, Accra Agenda for Action and Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation as the capacity of Monitoring Specialist (Deputy Chief), Aid Effectiveness Unit, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance during 2006 to till date. In Bangladesh he was directly involved with the preparation of Paris Declaration Evaluation (Phase-I &II), OECD-DAC Survey (2006, 2008, 2011), Harmonization Action Plan (2006) and Implementation of Joint Cooperation Strategy (2010-15). He is a member of LCG Aid Effectiveness Working Group. He has joined in various international events including High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) in Busan, South Korea, Mexico HLM etc. He has devoted his service towards localization of aid effectiveness agenda at country level, Bangladesh.

CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness

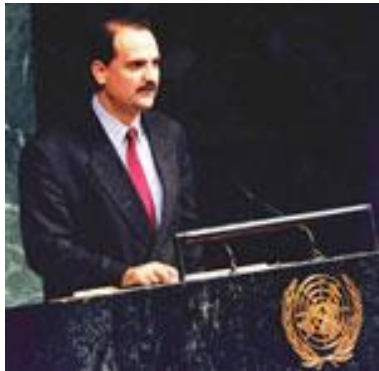
Ms. Maria Theresa LAURON, Co-chair, CSO Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, International Department, IBON International



Maria Theresa Nera-Lauron is the current Chairperson of the Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN), a network of alternative research organizations in the Asia Pacific region. She holds the position of Programme Manager of the IBON Climate Justice Programme and coordinates the Peoples' Movement on Climate Change (PMCC) – a global network of individuals and organizations campaigning for a Peoples' Protocol on Climate Change. She is the CSO representative to the Building Block on Climate Finance (now called the Busan Partnership for Climate Finance and Action), and current co-chair of the CPDE working group on CSO Development Effectiveness. Tetet, now serves as the CPDE Co-Chair for Policy and CSO representative in the GPEDC Steering Committee.

Egypt

Dr. Hazem M. Fahmy, Ambassador, Secretary General, Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development



Ambassador Hazem Fahmy started his career in 1987 at the Egyptian MFA. He served at the Egyptian mission to the European Union in Brussels (1991-1995), the Foreign Minister's Cabinet (1995-1998), at the Egyptian Permanent Mission to the United Nations (1998-2003). At the UN, he was elected Vice President for Africa on the Executive Board of UNDP (2001), Vice Chairman for Africa on the Bureau overseeing the preparatory process of the International Conference on Financing for Development ICFFD (Monterrey 2002), and "Rapporteur General" of ICFFD. He was seconded to the UN Secretariat (2003-2014); at the Financing for Development Office and at the Executive Office of the Secretary General. On the first of July 2014 Ambassador Fahmy was appointed as the first Secretary-General of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development. He has a B.A. in Economics from the American University in Cairo (1986), a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University (1990), a MPhil Economics from the New School University (2007) and a PHD in Economics from the New School University (2011).

El Salvador

Ms. Ryna Elizabeth Garay Araniva, Director-General of Development Co-operation, Vice Ministry of Development Co-operation



EXPERIENCE: Management and development co-operation experience, program execution organization, research, planning and development projects formulation with a gender approach. Systematization and evaluation of projects. **EDUCATION:** College studies realized in Russia, from 1976 to 1981, successfully acquiring an Engineer Degree on Food Technology with special expertise on the dairy industry area. **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Currently, General Director of Development Co-operation and Executive Director (ad-honorem) of the Technical Secretariat for External Financing, from the Vice-Ministry for Development Co-operation, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During 14 years, Executive and General Director of the Salvadorian Foundation for the Social Promotion and Economic Development (FUNSALPRODESE). Participated in open spaces and networks of Civil Society organisations, at local and Latin American levels, as well as in the constitution and organisation of the Non-Governmental Organisations' Movement for Supportive Development of El Salvador (MODES), a specific network that involves approximately 50 Salvadorian organisations of civil society. Participated in international networks such as ALOP, LIGA IBEROAMERICANA, CEAAL, for co-operation monitoring and definition of leading processes of politics, agreements and conventions related to development. Also, teacher at El Salvador University and Professional Researcher of the Food Technology Laboratory at Managua, Nicaragua.

European Commission

Ms. Aida LIHA-MATEJICEK , Head of Unit - Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing, DG DEVCO



Aida Liha Matejcek is a Head of Unit at the European Commission's DG International Cooperation and Development since April 2015. Before joining the European Commission, Aida Liha Matejcek worked at United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) where she ran a regional programme dealing with public sector reform, performance management and implementation of MDGs in the countries of Western Balkans in the period from 2007 to 2011. Ms. Liha Matejcek also worked as senior management consultant in Deloitte dealing with advisory and technical assistance in private and public sector. With over 15 years of multi-sectoral professional experience in programmes and projects related to European integrations and EU public policies, Ms. Liha Matejcek served as a trainer on a large number of programmes, seminars and international initiatives (Council of Europe, UNDP, Foundation Friedrich Ebert, Foundation Friedrich Naumann etc.) and as co-lecturer in EU public policies and international organisations at University of Zagreb. Ms. Liha Matejcek graduated economics at University of Zagreb, Croatia, holds MA in European Studies (Politics and Administration of the EU) from College of Europe and a PHD in European Public Policies, new institutionalism and policy change.

Foundations

Ms. Maria Hermínia Cabral, Director, Gulbenkian Partnerships for the Development Programme



Maria Hermínia Cabral is graduated in Economics from the University of Porto and has a Master's Degree in International Co-operation and Development at Technical University of Lisbon, in 1997. Between 1988 and 1991, Maria Hermínia served as the Assistant State Secretary for Agriculture. In 1991, she was nominated Co-operation Attaché at the Embassy of Portugal to Angola. Between 1993 and 1995, she was assistant to the State Secretaries for the Environment and for Planning and Regional Development. She was furthermore a consultant on European Affairs in the Portuguese Parliament between 1997 and 2002. Between 2002 and 2003, she was Head of Office for the State Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation and, between 2003 and 2004, Vice-President of the North Region Coordination and Development Commission. Between 2004 and 2005, Maria Hermínia served as Deputy Secretary of State for Regional Development and manager of the Operational Health Programme. Ms. Cabral joined Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in 2005 and was the executive coordinator of both the Gulbenkian Environment (2007-2011) and Advanced Healthcare Training Programs (2008-2009) and deputy director of the Health Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Since 2011 she is director of the Gulbenkian Partnerships for Development Programme.

Japan

Mr. Ken OKANIWA, Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Having joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984, Mr Okaniwa has extensive experience in multilateral negotiations, development policy, public diplomacy and crisis management. He was the Director in charge of climate change when Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol in 2002. From 2003 to 2006, he was the Director in charge of multilateral development institutions, including the World Bank, UNDP and OECD/DAC, development policy, the ODA White Paper and aid evaluation. As regards overseas postings, he has been posted to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (1994-1998) as

First Secretary initially in charge of the Second Committee/ECOSOC then later in charge of the Security Council, the Embassy of Japan in Zambia (1998-1999) as deputy head of mission, the Embassy in Jakarta (2006-2008) as Minister in charge of economic affairs, in the Embassy in London (2008-2011) as Minister and head of the Japan Information and Cultural Centre, and the Embassy in Pretoria (2011-2013) as Minister in charge of economic affairs and deputy head of mission. Upon his return to Tokyo in 2013, he served as Councillor in charge of security and crisis management at the Cabinet Secretariat. In October 2014, he was transferred back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was appointed Deputy Director-General in charge of international cooperation as well as the press, culture and public diplomacy. In June-July 2015, he was relieved from work relating to the press, culture and public diplomacy, while African and Middle Easter affairs were added to his existing responsibility on international cooperation. Mr Okaniwa received a BA in Law at Hitotsubashi University, and a BA degree in Modern History from Merton College, Oxford University.

OECD/DAC

Mr. Erik Solheim, DAC Chair



Mr. Erik Solheim took the lead of the main body of world donors, the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), in January 2013. In the DAC he has emphasized reform of Official Development Assistance, focusing more assistance to the least developed countries and using assistance "smarter" in blending with private investment and supporting domestic resource mobilization, through better taxation. He has brought new members into the DAC as well as underlined the need for DAC to partner with China, Arab donors and other main providers of assistance. Erik Solheim is also serving as the United Nations Environment Programme's special envoy for environment, conflict and disaster. From 2007 to 2012 he held the combined portfolio of Norway's Minister of the Environment and International Development; he also served as Minister of International

Development from 2005 to 2007. During his time as minister Norwegian aid reached 1%, the highest in the world. Mr. Solheim has focused on fragile states, encouraged use of New Deal principles and worked to align DAC-donors behind state building and peace processes in war-torn countries. From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Solheim was the main negotiator in the peace process in Sri Lanka. As minister he contributed to peace processes in Sudan, Nepal, Myanmar and Burundi. Erik Solheim cites as one of his most important achievements his role in establishing the UN REDD, the global coalition to conserve the world rain forests. He has received several awards for his work on climate and the environment, including UNEP's "Champion of the Earth" award.

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Ms. Charmina SAILI, Regional Planning Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat



Charmina Saili has 22 years of experience in development in the Pacific. She is currently the Regional Planning Adviser at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) where she coordinates reporting on the Forum Compact initiatives and manages the Pacific's Forum Compact Country Peer Review process. She has engaged over 80 senior government and development partner officials in 11 peer review teams and around 4,000 stakeholders including Pacific leaders, Ministers, Parliamentarians, private sector and development partners from 2011 to 2013. She managed the development and publication of 11 Country peer review reports and manages the development and publication of the annual Tracking the Effectiveness of Development Efforts in the Pacific reports to the Pacific Leaders since 2011. She introduced country peer review monitoring and the Forum Compact South South Attachments as an extension of the peer reviews. She supported global reporting for 7 Pacific Countries for the 1st Busan Monitoring. From 2002 to 2010, she was the Adviser to the UN Resident Coordinator for Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau focusing on UN coordination and introducing the MDGs. She helped develop the first Joint UN programme in Samoa and supported the development of the first Pacific United National Development Assistance Framework for 14 Pacific Island Countries. Prior to that she was the Principal Policy Analyst for the Samoa Ministry of Health helping introduce health sector reforms and health sector donor coordination. Ms Saili holds a Masters in Health Planning, Policy and Management from the University of Leeds and a Post Graduate certificate in Health Economics from University of Victoria, New Zealand.

Parliamentarians

Mr. Alessandro MOTTER, Senior Advisor Economic and social affairs, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Office of the IPU Permanent Observer to the UN



Alessandro is a specialist in sustainable development and global economic governance. He has helped represent the IPU at the United Nations and other international organizations for the past 15 years. Previously, he worked as a policy consultant at UNESCO (Paris) and as a political aide to a member of the Ontario Legislature (Toronto). He holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Toronto and an M.A. in international political economy from York University (Toronto).

Peru

Ms. Nancy Silva Sebastián, Director (a.i.) of Policy and Programs, Peruvian Agency for International Co-operation (APCI)



Nancy Magaly Silva Sebastián, International Relations Expert. Degree in International Relations (Diploma Summa Cum Laude) with specialization in Global Politics from the University of the Russian People's Friendship. Master in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Diplomatic School of Spain and Master in Co-operation and International Relations from the Rey Juan Carlos University in Madrid. With knowledge and experience of around 10 years in the public and private sector, primarily in positions related to international relations, especially in international cooperation, international trade and protocol affairs. Responsible for monitoring international commitments of international cooperation, has represented the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation in various international forums related to cooperation and integration, mainly linked to the Development Agendas and the Effectiveness of Development Cooperation. Currently Director of Policy and Programs at the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation.

Philippines

Mr. Rolando Tungpalan, Deputy Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority



Mr. Rolando G. Tungpalan serves as the Deputy Director-General (Undersecretary) for Investment Programming of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the Philippines' premier socio-economic planning body. He chairs the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) Technical Board, an Inter-agency committee of the NEDA Board, responsible for approving public sector (and public-private sector) investments. Undersecretary Tungpalan serves as the main government counterpart to multilateral and bilateral international development agencies for the formulation, programming and monitoring and evaluation of their respective country assistance strategies and programs. He previously served as a member in the Global Council on Water and Sanitation, and co-chaired the Cluster on Managing for Development Results under the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness. He is a founding member of the Steering Committee of the Community of Practice for Managing for Development Results for Asia. Undersecretary Tungpalan was a member of the Philippine Delegation to the High-Level Fora on Aid Effectiveness in Rome (2003), Marrakech (2004), Paris (2005), Accra (2008), Busan (2011), and Mexico (2014).

Private Sector Stakeholders

Mr. John D. SULLIVAN, Executive Director, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) and Vice-Chairman of the BIAC Development Committee



John D. Sullivan is the executive director of the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), an affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce. Under his leadership CIPE developed a number of innovative approaches that link democratic development to market reforms: combating corruption, promoting corporate governance, building business associations, supporting the informal sector, and programs to assist women and youth entrepreneurs. Sullivan began his career in Los Angeles' inner city neighborhoods, helping to develop minority business programs with the Institute for Economic Research. 1976 he joined the President Ford Election Committee working on campaign strategy, polling, and market research. Sullivan received his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and is an adjunct with George Mason University's School of Public, International, and Governmental Affairs. Sullivan is a member of the Advisory Board of the Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership at the Columbia University Law School, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Russian Institute of Directors' Advisory Board. He is also Vice Chair the Development Task Force for the Business Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) of the OECD.

TUAC/ITUC

Mr. Wellington Chibebe, Deputy Secretary-General, International Trade Union Confederation



Wellington Chibebe was elected Deputy General Secretary of the ITUC in 2011. Prior to taking up that position, he served as Secretary General of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU). He joined the ZCTU in 2001 having previously served as President of the national Railway Workers' Union, which he joined in 1988 after serving his apprenticeship as a diesel plan fitter. Wellington Chibebe represented Zimbabwe's trade union movement on numerous occasions at the annual ILO International Labour Conference and various other major international meetings. A champion for democracy and development, he was awarded the inaugural Arther Svensson

International Award for Trade Union Rights by the Norwegian Chemical Workers' Federation in 2010.

UCLG/FOGAR

Mr. Berry VRBANOVIC, Deputy Treasurer of UCLG, Mayor of Kitchener (Canada)
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

UNDP

Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Secretary-General & Assistant Administrator, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy



Michael O'Neill joined UNDP in February 2014, as Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy. Prior to this appointment, Mr. O'Neill served as Senior Foreign Office Representative of the Gulf Strategy Group in the UK Cabinet Office. Mr. O'Neill served as British Ambassador to Qatar (2012-2013); Head of Mission of the Helmand Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan (2010-2012); UK Special Representative for Sudan at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London (2007-2010); External Relations Counsellor at the UK Representation to the European Union in Brussels (2006-2007); Development and Human Rights Counsellor at UK Mission to United Nations in New York (2002-2006). He was also First Secretary Pol-Mil at the British Embassy & Institute for National Security Studies in

Washington, D.C. (1998-2002); First Secretary at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London (1994-1998); Second Secretary (Defence), UK Delegation to NATO in Brussels (1991-1994) and as Administrative Trainee at the Ministry of Defence in London (1988-1991). Mr. O'Neill holds a MSc in West European Politics from the London School of Economics and a MA in Classics & Modern History from Brasenose College, Oxford University.

United States of America

Mr. Alex Thier, Assistant to the Administrator for Policy, Planning, and Learning, USAID



Alex Thier is USAID's Assistant to the Administrator for Policy, Planning, and Learning (PPL). The PPL Bureau is USAID's centre for policy development, strategic planning, learning and evaluation, and partner engagement. From June 2010 – June 2013, Thier served as Assistant to the Administrator for Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, overseeing USAID's two largest missions in the world. Before joining USAID, Thier served with the U.S. Institute of Peace as senior rule of law adviser and director for Afghanistan and Pakistan from 2005 – 2010. While at the Institute, he co-authored "The Future of Afghanistan" (2009) as well as "The Next Chapter: The United States and Pakistan," the 2008 report of the Pakistan Working

Group. Thier previously served as director of the Project on Failed States at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law. From 2002 to 2004, he was legal adviser to Afghanistan's Constitutional and Judicial Reform Commissions in Kabul. An Attorney, Thier was a Skadden fellow and graduate fellow at the U.S. National Security Council's Directorate for Near-East and South Asia. He received the Richard S. Goldsmith award for outstanding work on dispute resolution from Stanford University in 2000. Thier has a J.D. from Stanford Law School, a Master's Degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a Bachelor's Degree from Brown University.

World Bank

Ms. Mariam Sherman, Director of the Results, Openness, and Effectiveness Department



Mariam Sherman was appointed Director of the Results, Openness, and Effectiveness Department in the Operations Policy and Country Services Unit on October 1, 2013. She leads the team in delivery of three top priorities: (i) lead the Bank's work on managing, measuring, and reporting results and the related tools; (ii) coordinate and support the Bank's work on openness, transparency and aid effectiveness and accountability; and (iii) coordinate the Bank's operational responsibilities on corporate commitments, IEG, IDA and relevant stakeholders. Prior to joining OPCS, she has served as Country Director of the West Bank and Gaza Program since March 2010. Prior to this assignment she served as Country Manager, Afghanistan Country Program in

Kabul since September 2006. She was the Senior Country Officer for Afghanistan based in the World Bank's HQ since December 2002. Previous work experience in the World Bank has included assignments in the Indonesia Country Management Unit, the West Bank and Gaza Country Management Unit, and on central policy issues. Prior to joining the World Bank Ms. Sherman worked for NGOs on programs in the Middle East and South Africa. She received an MS in Development Management from the American University in Washington DC, and a BA in Middle Eastern Studies (Arabic and Modern Hebrew) from Manchester University in England.

