

Civil Society Leaders at the Annual Meeting 2017

Over 40 Civil Society Leaders join in Davos to help inspire responsive and responsible leadership

Cary Adams, Chief Executive Officer, International Union Against Cancer (UICC), Switzerland



BSc (Hons) in Economics, Computing and Statistics, University of Bath, UK; MBA (Hons); 2003, Executive General Management programme, Harvard Business School. 2009, Chief Executive Officer, UICC, based in Geneva. UICC unites the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda. Its rapidly increasing membership base of over 1,000 organizations in 162 countries features the world's major cancer societies, ministries of health and patient groups and includes influential policy-makers, researchers and experts in cancer prevention and control. UICC also boasts more than 50 strategic partners. Former Chair, NCD Alliance, a coalition of around 2,000 organizations working on non-communicable diseases, which include cancer, diabetes, heart, respiratory, mental and neurological diseases. Recipient of honours and awards, including: Honorary Doctorate in International Relations, University for Business and International Studies, Geneva (2014); Honorary Doctorate in Health, Bath University, UK (2015); CEO of the year, International and European Association conference, Associations Network (2015).

Asheesh Advani, President and Chief Executive Officer, JA Worldwide, USA



Asheesh is the President and CEO of Junior Achievement (JA) Worldwide, one of the largest youth services organizations in the world. With offices in over 100 countries, JA serves more than 10 million young people annually with programs designed to create pathways to employability. JA has over 110 million living alumni worldwide, including many successful job creators and business owners.

Asheesh is an accomplished technology entrepreneur, having served as CEO of Covestor (acquired by Interactive Brokers) and CircleLending (acquired by Virgin Group). He began his career as a consultant at the Monitor Group followed by the World Bank and Thomson

Reuters.

Born in India and raised in Toronto, Asheesh is a JA Canada alumnus first exposed to entrepreneurship as a teenager participating in JA programs. His experiences as an entrepreneur and leader were chronicled in case studies at Babson College and at Harvard Business School. Asheesh is a graduate of the Wharton School and Oxford University, where he was a Commonwealth Scholar.

Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, Chief Executive Officer, Plan International, United Kingdom



Ms Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen has been CEO of child rights organisation Plan International since September 2015. Plan International is an independent child rights organisation that works to end poverty among children and implements programmes in over 50 countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas. The organisation focuses on marginalised and excluded groups, especially girls through its Because I am a Girl global movement that aims to create a world that values girls, promotes girls' rights and ends injustice. A Danish citizen, Ms Albrechtsen has worked for more than 25 years in international development and human rights. Prior to joining Plan International, she was the UN Assistant Secretary

General and Deputy Executive Director for Management at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Previously she was Ambassador and Under Secretary for Management in the Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and from 2007-2009 she led the Danish Government's humanitarian and civil society work in the ministry. She has strong field experience in development and humanitarian work, having worked for the United Nations Development Programme from 1997-2004, first in Indonesia and then as chief of staff at UNDP Headquarters. She also led country operations for UNFPA in Turkey, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan from 2004-6. Ms Albrechtsen holds a degree in law from the University of Copenhagen. Ms Albrechtsen says: "Every child and young person – including the most vulnerable – has enormous potential. Investing in their rights and engaging them in decision making is investing in a better future for us all."

Raed Saleh, Head, White Helmets, Syria



Aged 32, he leads 2,851 search and rescue volunteers as head of Syria Civil Defence. Before the Syrian Revolution, Raed was a businessman who sold electrical equipment. After the start of the popular protests in Deraa in March 2011, he started organising peaceful protests and demonstrations in his home town Jisr Ashughour. The Syrian Army entered his town in June 2011 forcing him to go into hiding in Turkey. By the end of 2012, several areas in Idlib, Syria had been liberated from Syrian Army troops and he returned to Idlib to work in the humanitarian field helping refugees and displaced persons.

Raed heard about training being offered in Civil Defence and attended the first course run for Idlib in June 2013. He excelled during the course and his team mates elected him as their representative and he returned to set-up a further 20 teams in Idlib over the next 12 months. He is appointed by the regional SCD leaders as the head of Syria Civil Defence in the liberated areas, consisting of more than 2,800 members and 114 stations.

Inger Andersen, Director-General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Gland



1982, with an NGO in Sudan, providing support to rehabilitation and dryland management in the post-drought emergency; 1987, joined the UN Sudano-Sahelian Office, New York; 1992, appointed UNDP's Coordinator for the Arab Region, Global Environment Facility. 1999, joined the World Bank; work focused on water, environment, and sustainable development with special focus on Africa and Middle East; with the Environment Vice-Presidency on water resources and regional seas issues, with special emphasis on large and contested river basins; then in managerial positions, Africa and Middle East regions, managing sustainable development programmes and projects; 2010, Vice-President, Sustainable

Development, and Head, CGIAR Fund Council, leading the Bank's work with developing countries to provide key infrastructure, enhance food security, promote environmental sustainability, develop social accountability, provide support for climate change mitigation and resilience, and support countries in disaster risk management; 2012, Vice-President, Middle East and North Africa, overseeing the Bank's lending portfolio and mobilizing government and donor resources for fragile and conflict states and development priorities; former Vice-President, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank, responsible for leading the Bank's strategy as well as policy and operational engagement with the region during a time of complex and challenging historic transition. Since January 2015, Director-General, IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Peter Bakker, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), Switzerland



Formerly, 10 years as CEO, TNT, the Netherlands-based holding company of TNT Express and Royal TNT Post (formerly TPG Post); led the split of TNT into two separately listed companies, TNT Express and PostNL; contributed to making TNT a leader in corporate responsibility with a ground-breaking partnership with the UN World Food Programme, ambitious CO2 reduction targets from its Planet Me initiative and multiple year leading positions in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index. Since January 2012, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Seth F. Berkley, Chief Executive Officer, GAVI Alliance, Geneva



Undergraduate and medical degrees, Brown University; Internal Medicine, Harvard University. Medical doctor specializing in infectious disease epidemiology and international health. Formerly, Founder and CEO, The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation; US Centers for Disease Control; Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Carter Center; consulted or worked in over 25 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Author of over 85 publications, writes extensively on infectious disease and serves as media commentator on vaccines, health technology development and global health issues.

Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Professor of Engineering, MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), USA



1976, degree in Physics, Queen's College, University of Oxford. 1989, invented World Wide Web. Professor, MIT, conducting research into Semantic Web and other decentralized systems. Director, World Wide Web Consortium. Founder, World Wide Web Foundation. Recipient of numerous awards including FRS, FREng, KBE and OM.

Jeanne Bourgault, President, Internews, USA



Formerly: strategic adviser, media development programmes in post-war Kosovo; manager, community development projects, Serbia and Montenegro; consultant on international programme design and evaluation, Open Society Institute and Ford Foundation, among others. Currently, President, Internews, responsible for overall strategic management of the organization and its programmes in 49 countries around the world.

Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, Oxfam International, United Kingdom



Recognized expert on women's rights. Formerly: directed Gender and Development programmes, United Nations Development Programme and the African Union Commission; 10 years as Member of Ugandan Parliament; Founder, Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE), which champions women's equal participation in decision-making in Uganda. Currently, Executive Director, Oxfam International.

Aron Cramer, President and Chief Executive Officer, Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), USA



1984, BA, Tufts University; 1989, JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. 1984-86, with ABC News, New York. Member of the Board: Institute for the Future, US; Center for Responsible Business, University of California, Berkeley. Author of Sustainable Excellence.

Steve Davis, President and Chief Executive Officer, PATH, USA



BA, Princeton University; MA in Chinese Studies, University of Washington; Law degree, Columbia University. Formerly: practised law, international law firm of K&L Gates; Chief Executive Officer, global digital media firm Corbis; Director, Social Innovation, McKinsey & Company; interim Chief Executive Officer, Infectious Disease Research Institute. Currently, President and Chief Executive Officer, PATH. Oversees PATH's work of driving transformative global health innovation to save and improve lives. Lecturer, Stanford Graduate School of Business. Member, Council on Foreign Relations. Member of the Board: InterAction; Global Partnerships. Member of several advisory groups.

Jamie C. Drummond, Co-Founder and Executive Director, ONE, United Kingdom



Jamie Drummond co-founded DATA with Bono, Bobby Shriver and others in 2002 and co-founded ONE in 2004. They merged in 2008. ONE's mission is to help the world's poorest countries, especially in Africa, to beat AIDS and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Through the G8, DATA helped negotiate and advocate for a new high watermark of promises at the 2005 Summit, involving a doubling of aid promised for Africa by 2010, including improvements in aid quality. ONE, and before it DATA, place great value on aid efficiency and the kinds of aid which empower the poor and help them hold governments accountable and assist their fight against corruption and poverty. Drummond was formerly

Global Strategist for Jubilee 2000's Drop the Debt campaign and prior to that, worked at Christian Aid. He has traveled widely in Africa and Asia and has an MA in Development from the London School of Oriental and African Studies.

Brian Gallagher, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way Worldwide, USA



MBA, Emory University. 2008, advised White House Health and Human Services Transition Team. With United Way: championed importance of addressing financial stability, early childhood education and implementing national phone number to connect people with health and community services and volunteer opportunities; raised bar on accountability, governance and transparency standards adopted as requirement of membership for nearly 1,800 local United Ways in more than 40 countries and territories. Member, US President Obama's Committee for Neighborhood and Faith-Based Communities. Former Chairman, Independent Sector. Interests: NGO stakeholders, economic change, gender parity.

Gary A. Haugen, Chief Executive Officer, International Justice Mission (IJM), USA



Graduate, Harvard University; JD and Ford Foundation Scholar in International Law, University of Chicago. Formerly: Senior Trial Attorney, Police Misconduct Task Force, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice; led investigation of Philippine police and military abuse, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights; mid-1980s, Member, Executive Committee, National Initiative for Reconciliation, South Africa; 1994, Officer in Charge, investigation of Rwanda genocide, United Nations. 1997, founded International Justice Mission. Author, *The Locust Effect* (2014, Oxford University Press).

John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary International, USA



AB, Hamilton College; MLitt and Marshall Scholar, St Antony's College, Oxford; degree in Law, Harvard. Former: Vice-President, Operations, Millennium Challenge Corp.; Partner, Baker & McKenzie, Moscow, Kyiv and Prague. 1991-92, assisted the Ukrainian Parliament in drafting laws on foreign investment, anti-competition and corporations. Currently, General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Rotary International. Trustee, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine.

Wolfgang Jamann, Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer, Care International, Switzerland



Wolfgang Jamann joined CARE in March 2015 as the Secretary General and CEO of CARE International, one of the world's leading non-governmental humanitarian organizations, based in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Jamann is responsible for coordinating the work of the CARE International confederation, which is composed of 14 national members engaged in emergency relief and long-term development work across the globe.

Dr. Jamann has more than 20 years of experience in development assistance and humanitarian response, and has lived and worked in Africa and Southeast Asia. Prior to his current position at CARE, he was the CEO and Chairman of Welthungerhilfe (German Agro Action; 2009 – 2015), one of the largest international aid organizations in Germany fighting hunger and poverty, with a particular focus on food security and sustainable development. Between January 2014 and February 2015 he was also president of Alliance 2015, a network of eight European development and humanitarian organizations. Before joining Welthungerhilfe, Dr. Jamann had already gained experience with CARE as CEO of CARE Deutschland-Luxembourg (2004 – 2009). Prior to that, he worked in different roles and countries for World Vision as well as the United Nations Development Programme and the German Foundation for International Development.

Agnes Matilda Kalibata, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Kenya



2006-08, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources; since 2008, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources of Rwanda. 2015 to date, President Alliance for A Green Revolution in Africa

Neal Keny-Guyer, Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Corps, USA



BA in Public Policy and Relations, Duke; MA in Public and Private Management, Yale University. Social entrepreneur. Since 1994, Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Corps. Member, Council on Foreign Relations; Member, Yale President's Council on International Activities; Yale School of Management Board of Advisors; Advisory Group, Nike Foundation; Chair, InterAction.

Maina Kiai, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association, United Nations, Nairobi



Mr. Maina Kiai is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. He took up his functions on 1 May 2011, for an initial period of three years. His term was later extended until 30 April 2017.

A lawyer trained at Nairobi and Harvard Universities, Mr. Kiai has spent the last twenty years campaigning for human rights and constitutional reform in Kenya – notably as founder and Executive Director of the unofficial Kenya Human Rights Commission, and then as Chairman of Kenya's National Human Rights Commission (2003-2008), where he won a national reputation for his courageous and effective advocacy against official corruption, in support of political reform, and against impunity following the violence that convulsed Kenya in 2008, causing thousands of deaths.

From July 2010 to April 2011, Mr. Kiai was the Executive Director of the International Council on Human Rights Policy, a Geneva-based think-tank which used to produce research reports and briefing papers with policy recommendations. Mr. Kiai was also the Director of Amnesty International's Africa Programme (1999-2001), and the Africa Director of the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights, 2001-2003). He held research fellowships at the Danish Institute for Human Rights (Copenhagen), the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington), and the TransAfrica Forum (Washington).

Khalid Koser, Executive Director, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), Switzerland



Executive Director, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF). Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institution. Associate Fellow, Chatham House. Research Associate, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Non-Resident Fellow, Lowy Institute, Sydney. Extraordinary Professor in Conflict, Peace and Security, Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, University of Maastricht. Chair, Global Agenda Council on Migration, World Economic Forum. Editor, Journal of Refugee Studies.

Marco Lambertini, Director-General, WWF International, Switzerland



Degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Pisa. Over 25 years of global conservation leadership. Director-General, WWF International, heading one of the world's largest and most respected conservation organizations. Works with world leaders, corporate executives and civil society to forge a future in which people and nature thrive; represents WWF wherever action on the environment is required. Author of books, including: Safari in Africa; A naturalist's guide to the Tropics.

Laura Liswood, Secretary-General, Council of Women World Leaders, USA



AB, California State University, San Diego; JD, Davis School of Law, University of California; MBA, Harvard University. Secretary General, Council of Women World Leaders; Former: Managing Director, Office of Global Leadership and Diversity, Goldman Sachs; Chief Executive Officer, American Society for Training and Development, US Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Military. Police Sergeant, Metropolitan Police Department, Reserve Sergeant (ret). Senior Adviser Goldman Sachs (2001-2015), Interests: leadership, diversity women, globalization.

Ellen MacArthur, Founder, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, United Kingdom



Round-the-world sailor. 2005, became the fastest person to circumnavigate the globe single-handed. 2010, Founder, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, which has a goal of accelerating the transition to a regenerative, circular economy and works in the three areas of business, education and communication. Recipient of awards and honours: Knighthood; French Legion d'Honneur.

Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Switzerland



Principal convener of the E15 Initiative (www.E15initiative.org), a joint undertaking of ICTSD and WEF, involving over 380 experts on the future of the global trade and investment system. Leads a campaign for robust, efficient global markets in clean energy technologies (the SETA Initiative). Since 1996, Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD); since 1997, Publisher, BRIDGES. Member of the Board, Meridian Institute (US) and various governance bodies of global policy initiatives. Studies, Harvard and Univ. de los Andes. Former: Co-Founder and Exec. Director, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano; Permanent Colombian Delegate in Geneva; Principal Adviser to

Colombian Minister of Econ. Dev.; Chief Trade Negotiator; Chief of Administration, Office, President of Colombia; Spokesperson, G77; Colombian negotiator GATT/WTO. Author and Editor.

Jennifer Morgan, Executive Director, Greenpeace International, Netherlands



Together with Bunny McDiarmid, became Executive Director of Greenpeace International as of 4 April 2016. She was the former Global Director of the Climate Program at the World Resources Institute, Global Climate Change Director at Third Generation Environmentalism (E3G), and led the Global Climate Change Program of Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF). Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University in Political Science and Germanic Studies, and a Master of Arts from the School of International Service at The American University in International Affairs. Jennifer is a member of Germany's Council for Sustainable Development. Jennifer is based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair, GAVI Alliance, USA



AB in Economics, Harvard University; PhD in Regional Economics and Development, MIT. 2003-06, with Nigerian government: Finance Minister, then Foreign Affairs Minister. 2006-07, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution. With World Bank: 21 years as Development Economist; Country Director, Malaysia, Mongolia, Laos and Cambodia; Director of Operations, Middle East; Director of Institutional Change and Strategy; Vice-President and Corporate Secretary. Since 2011, Minister of Finance; currently also Coordinating Minister for the Economy. Founder: NOI-Gallup Polls; Centre for the Study of Economies of Africa (C-SEA). Co-Founder, Makeda Fund. Chairman, Nelson Mandela Institution. Member of

numerous boards and advisory groups including: ONE Campaign; Centre for Global Development;

Rockefeller Foundation; World Resources Institute; Young Global Leaders Foundation, World Economic Forum. Founding Member, African Institutes of Science and Technology. Recipient of honours and awards.

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT)



Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim is from Mbororo pastoralist community of Chad. She is the coordinator of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT) a community based organization. Hindou is a member of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC) as the Congo Basin regional representative and works to ensure the inclusion of indigenous peoples on international platforms, including within the three Rio Conventions. She is currently a co-chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, the indigenous peoples' caucus to the UNFCCC.

Ricken Patel, Executive Director, Avaaz.org, USA



Ricken is the founding President and Executive Director of Avaaz, a global civic movement for social change which has rapidly grown since 2007 into the largest online activist community in the world, with over 40 million members in all 194 countries. Ricken was voted "Ultimate Gamechanger in Politics" by the Huffington Post, and named a Young Global Leader by the Davos World Economic Forum. He was also among Foreign Policy's 100 Top Global Thinkers in 2012. He has lived and worked in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Afghanistan and Sudan, working on conflict resolution for various organizations including the International Crisis Group and the International Center for Transitional Justice. Ricken holds a Masters in

Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Bachelor's in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Balliol College, Oxford University.

Jonathan Reckford, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity International (HFH), USA



Graduate, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Formerly: roles in finance, strategic planning and operations, Goldman Sachs; with the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee; with Marriott; with Walt Disney; with Best Buy; Executive Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church. Since 2005, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity International. Author of Creating a Habitat for Humanity - No Hands but Yours.

Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch, USA



Graduate, Yale Law School and Brown University. Former: Prosecutor; Associate Counsel to Independent Counsel for Iran-Contra investigation; Assistant US Attorney, Southern District of New York as Member, Major Crimes Unit; Chief Appellate Attorney, Criminal Division; Litigator, Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York. 1987-93, Deputy Director, Human Rights Watch; since 1993, current position. Member, Council on Foreign Relations. Author on human rights subjects, including war, terrorism, corporate social responsibility, US and UN policy. Editor and author, human rights reports and conducted human rights investigations globally.

Lisa Sherman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Advertising Council, USA



Lisa Sherman is President and CEO of the Ad Council, the national nonprofit organization behind some of the most impactful public service campaigns in American history. From the recent viral phenomenon "Love Has No Labels" to the iconic Smokey Bear, the Ad Council leverages the power of the media, leading creative and digital agencies and influencers to change opinions and behaviors around pressing social issues. Lisa oversees more than 40 integrated public service communications programs on behalf of national non-profit organizations and federal government agencies, including Autism Speaks, Feeding America, American Heart Association, FEMA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services.

Lisa's role at the Ad Council combines her extensive experience in molding and leading national

communications companies with her strong passion for social causes. Lisa joined the Ad Council in November 2014, from Viacom where she helped to launch LogoTV, the leading entertainment network aimed at the LGBT community. During her time at Logo, she nearly tripled the number of households carrying the digital cable channel, built a robust advertising business of over 300 corporate brand partners and developed a multi-platform digital business that pioneered new approaches to audience building and engagement.

Prior to Logo, Lisa served as Executive Vice President at Hill, Holliday Connors, Cosmopolus, part of the Interpublic Group of Companies, and held a number of executive and senior level marketing, advertising and operating positions at Verizon Communications. During this time, she also co-founded the Women's Sport Network, a marketing services company dedicated to the marketing and management of sports, entertainment and promotions for Fortune 500 companies to reach teens, women and families through their passion for sports.

Lisa is currently the Vice Chair of the Board of God's Love We Deliver and she has been recognized with a number of awards including Ad Age's "Women to Watch 2015." She is an inductee into the YWCA's Academy of Women Leaders and a Metzger-Conway fellow at her alma mater, Dickinson College. She has received numerous awards for community service and is an inductee into the YWCA's Academy of Women Leaders and is a Metzger Conway fellow at her alma mater, Dickinson College. Ms. Sherman is a native of the Philadelphia area and currently resides in New York City.

Salil Shetty, Secretary-General, Amnesty International, United Kingdom



Studies in Advanced Accounting and Cost Accounting, Bangalore University; MBA, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; 1991, Master's (Hons) in Social Policy and Planning, London School of Economics. Formerly: career dealing with development issues in Asia and Africa. With ActionAid: 1986, Field Officer, India; 1991, Executive Director, India; 1995, Country Director, Kenya; 1998, Chief Executive Officer, ActionAid International. 2003, Director, UN Millennium Campaign. Since 2010, Secretary-General, Amnesty International.

Paul Simpson, Chief Executive Officer, CDP, United Kingdom



BSc in Business and Finance, City University, London; MSc (Hons) in Responsibility and Business Practice, University of Bath. Formerly with: Chesham Amalgamations & Investments; International Society for Ecology & Culture; Social Venture Network. Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). Member: Global Agenda Council on Measuring Sustainability, World Economic Forum; Board, EIRIS; Advisory Panel, Guardian Sustainable Business; High Level CDM Panel, UNFCCC.

Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, Secretary-General, Civicus: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, South Africa



Degrees, University of Sydney and Oxford University, Rhodes Scholar. Former: Interim Director, Commonwealth Foundation, an inter-governmental organization; Deputy Director, Institute for Public Policy Research, the UK's largest independent think tank. Since 2009, Director-General, Royal Commonwealth Society. Researcher and commentator on international migration and economic development. Trustee of five charities, including the Baring Foundation and Ockenden International. Has been a consultant to several international organizations; has been invited to give evidence to committees of both houses of the UK Parliament, the Council of Europe and the UN General Assembly. Author of several books and reports; writes regularly in the press; has given more than 500 broadcast interviews; has been invited to speak in more than 40 countries.

Andrew Steer, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Resources Institute, USA



PhD in Economics, University of Pennsylvania. Three decades of experience in development issues, and a deep interest in economics and global development issues. Former: Special Envoy for Climate Change, World Bank Group, led their efforts on climate change in more than 130 countries; Director-General, Policy and Research, UK DFID; more than 30 years at the World Bank, including as Country Director for Indonesia and Vietnam, and Director, Environmental Department. Currently, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Resources Institute.

Cobus Swardt, Managing Director, Transparency International, Germany



Sociologist. Experience in globalization, development policy, international relations, and multinational business management. Former: university teacher, South Africa, Australia, Japan, and Germany; managerial and research-related positions, multinational corporations, trade unions and research institutes. 1980s to early 1990s, active in anti-apartheid struggle, South Africa. Former Chairman, ANC, Cape Town. Member, World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Anti-Corruption & Transparency. Member of the Board, Partnering Against Corruption Initiative, World Economic Forum. Chair, International Civil Society Centre.

Elhadj As Sy, Secretary-General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva



Bachelor's in Arts and Human Sciences, University of Dakar; Master's studies in Arts and Germanistics, University of Graz; graduate, Diplomatic Academy, Vienna; postgraduate diploma in Education, Ecole normale supérieure, Dakar. Formerly: 1988-97, Director, Health and Development Programmes, Environment and Development Action in the Third World, Dakar; UNAIDS Representative, New York; Director, New York Liaison Office; Africa Regional Director and later Director, Operational Partnerships and Country Support, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva; 2005-08, Director, HIV/AIDS Practice, United Nations Development Programme, New York; Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa and Global Emergency Coordinator, Horn of Africa, UNICEF; Director, Partnerships and Resource Development, UNICEF, New York.

Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children International, United Kingdom



1993, MA in European Studies, European College; 1994, MSc in Political Science, University of Copenhagen. 1994-97, Head, Office for the Danish Social Democrats, European Parliament; 1997-99, International Adviser, LO, the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions; 1999-2004, Member, European Parliament, for the Danish Social Democrats; since 2005, Leader, Danish Social Democrats. 2011-15, Prime Minister of Denmark.

Mark Tercek, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nature Conservancy, USA



1979, BA, Williams College; 1984, MBA, Harvard. Former Managing Director, Goldman Sachs. Key role in developing the firm's environmental strategy. Headed the firm's Environmental Strategy Group and Center for Environmental Markets. Headed business units incl. Corporate Finance, Equity Capital Markets, Consumer/Healthcare and Leadership Development. Led Pine Street, the leadership development programme for the firm's managing directors and clients. President and CEO, The Nature Conservancy. Member: Resources for the Future; Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions; Commission on Climate and Tropical Forests; Council on Foreign Relations.

Karen I. Tse, Chief Executive Officer, International Bridges to Justice, Switzerland



Graduate, UCLA Law School and Harvard Divinity School. International human rights attorney and Unitarian Universalist ordained minister. Formerly, Public Defender, San Francisco; Judicial Mentor, United Nations; negotiated and implemented judicial reforms; trained thousands of judges and lawyers; spearheaded government-sanctioned legal rights campaigns throughout Africa and Asia. Recipient of awards: Gleitsman International Award, Harvard Kennedy School; America's Best Leaders, US News and World Report; International Human Rights Award, American Bar Association.

Scott Vaughan, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Canada



Scott Vaughan is IISD President and CEO. He has been Canada's Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Director, Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States (OAS); Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Head of Economics, NAFTA Environment Commission; and Counsellor, World Trade Organization (WTO).

At the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Vaughan initiated the UNEP Finance Initiative and UNEP's work on trade and environment. Early in his career, he worked at the head office of the Royal Bank Financial Group. Vaughan holds post-graduate degrees from the London School of Economics, University of Edinburgh and Dalhousie University, and an undergraduate degree from Mount Allison University.

Recent and current affiliations include member of the China Eco-Forum Global International Advisory Council; Associate Editor, Chinese Journal of Urban and Environment Studies; UNEP International Advisory Council for the Advancement of Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Leadership Council, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and Future Earth Engagement Committee.

Mark Viso, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pact, USA



Former: Senior Vice-President for International Development, World Learning and Vice-President of International Programmes, World Vision US. Field assignments include work in Vietnam, Azerbaijan and Bosnia. With Pact: leads an organization at work in nearly 30 countries, building local promise with projects that blend approaches in governance, markets and capacity-building with lasting impact in the areas of healthcare, livelihoods and natural resource management.

William Warshauer, President and Chief Executive Officer, TechnoServe, USA



Graduate (Hons), Yale; Master's in Public Affairs, Princeton University. Worked in Africa for more than 25 years. Has experience in the fields of economic development, ICT4D and financial inclusion, among others. President and Chief Executive Officer, TechnoServe, a non-profit that works with enterprising people in the developing world to build competitive farms, businesses and industries. Helped create and implement a variety of corporate partnerships with large multinational corporations.

Lauren Woodman, Chief Executive Officer, NetHope, USA



Twenty years of experience working at the intersection of technology, policy and programme implementation, including leadership roles in the software, non-profit and government sectors. As CEO, NetHope, works solve the world's toughest development and conservation challenges by bringing international NGOs and the technology industry together.