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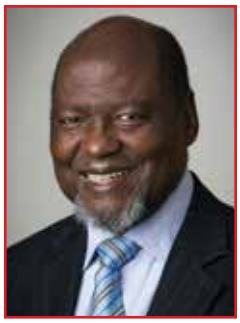
H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano



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Co-Chair of the High-Level Task Force for ICPD

H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano is the Former President of the Republic of Mozambique. He was born in the Malehice - Gaza province at a time when Mozambique was a Portuguese colony. In 1962, he was a founding member of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) and subsequently played a fundamental role in the 1974 negotiations for Mozambican independence between FRELIMO and the Portuguese Government, taking office as prime minister of the transitional government. When Mozambique gained independence in 1975, Chissano was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, and in 1986 he was elected President following the death of President Samora Machel.

President Chissano instituted socio-economic reforms that culminated in the 1990 constitution that created a multi-party system and an open market. He led negotiations with former rebels that ended 16 years of war in 1992. In 1994, he won the first multi-party elections in his country's history and was re-elected in 1999. Despite being constitutionally permitted, Chissano decided not to run in the 2004 presidential elections.

President Chissano has been chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and of the African Union. He was appointed envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2005 Summit to Review the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration, as well as special envoy of the UN Secretary-General to Guinea-Bissau, to the LRA-affected areas, and the SADC Mediator for Madagascar. He led the Comité des Sages in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to facilitate the first multi-party democratic elections there.

Currently, he is chairperson of the Joaquim Chissano Foundation, which promotes peace, social and economic development and culture, and of the Africa Forum of Former African Heads of State and Government. He is board member of the Peace Parks Foundation, the Club of Madrid, The Hunger Project and the International Crisis Group; Goodwill Ambassador for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries; and a Global Partnership Initiative Youth Ambassador. He is member of the World Food Prize Foundation's Advisory Council, the High-Level Task Force for Climate Services at the World Meteorology Organization, member of the Panel of Eminent Persons of UNCTAD (the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) and of the Advisory Panel for Global Development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among others.

President Chissano is the recipient of many awards, including the inaugural 2007 Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership.

H.E. Tarja Halonen

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H.E. Tarja Halonen is the former President of the Republic of Finland. Prior to her presidency, she served for many years as a member of parliament.

Early in her career, President Halonen was a trade union lawyer and worked with the Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions between the years 1970 and 1979. During her political career, President Halonen was appointed to several ministries and served as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Justice and Minister at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, among many other appointments. Over the years she also served as chair of the Parliamentary Grand Committee, vice-chair of the Parliamentary Law Committee, chair of the Parliamentary Social Affairs Committee and was a longstanding member of the Helsinki City Council.

President Halonen is known for her political knowledge of trade unions and commitment to human rights, and was also a strong advocate early on in her career for sexual rights and sexuality education. To these ends, she has served in various capacities. She was co-chair of the Millennium Summit, ILO's World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization and co-chair of the UN High-level Panel on Global Sustainability. Currently she is co-chair of the Panel of Eminent Persons of UNCTAD (the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), chair of the Council of Women World Leaders, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, where she also served as member of the board between 2006 and 2009. In Finland, President Halonen has been chair and member of the Board of Directors of the International Solidarity Foundation.

President Halonen holds 17 honorary degrees from universities, including from her alma mater Helsinki University, where she earned a Master of Laws.

Maria Antonieta Alcalde

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María Antonieta Alcalde is the Director of Advocacy of the International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR). She leads the development of advocacy strategies at the regional and international levels and supports the work of IPPF/WHR's Member Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ms. Alcalde has co-founded several organizations, including the Latin American Youth Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and the International Youth Coalition. Previous to joining IPPF/WHR, Alcalde was the General Coordinator of Balance, Promotion for Development and Youth in Mexico City, where she designed and implemented workshops on gender, sexual and reproductive rights, advocacy, and youth leadership.

Ms. Alcalde has participated in several international conferences related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the five- and ten-year reviews of the Cairo and Beijing Conferences, among others. She holds a degree in Accounting from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

Renate Bähr

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Ms. Renate Bähr became the Executive Director of the German Foundation for World Population (DSW) in June 2008. Prior to that, Ms. Bähr was DSW's Vice Executive Director since 1998. She has a long-standing record of successful advocacy, policy and public awareness-raising work in the field of global health and sexual and reproductive health in Germany and Europe. She played the lead role in establishing DSW's Parliamentary Advisory Committee (PAC) in 2003.

Based on her expertise, Ms. Bähr has become a key advisor to the German government in matters related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including as member of official delegations to relevant international United Nations Conferences. She participated in the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994. Today, she is DSW's key advisor to the German parliament on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Ms. Bähr serves on the board of the Association of German Development Organizations (VENRO) and is heading the working group on the Forum on Global Issues and Development of the Federal Association of German Foundations. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of GIZ (formerly GTZ, the German Technical Co-operation), a founding member of the Foundation Initiative of Hannover and a member of the Council for Education of the German Public Relations Association.

Ms. Bähr was awarded an MA in Mathematics and Political Science by the University of Hannover.

Mariela Castro Espín

Mariela Castro is a Member of the Cuban Parliament (Asamblea Nacional del Poder Popular de Cuba), Director of the Cuban National Center for Sex Education and an activist for LGBT rights in Cuba. CENESEX campaigns for effective AIDS prevention as well as recognition and acceptance of homosexuality, bisexuality, transvestitism, transsexuality and human rights. In 2005 she proposed a project to allow transgendered Cubans to receive sex reassignment surgery and change their legal gender. The measure became law in June 2008 and sex reassignment surgery is now available to Cubans without charge.

Mariela Castro is also president of the Cuban Multidisciplinary Centre for the Study of Sexuality, president of the National Commission for Treatment of Disturbances of Gender Identity, member of the Direct Action Group for Preventing, Confronting, and Combating AIDS, and an executive member of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS). She is also the director of the journal *Sexología y Sociedad*, a magazine of sexology edited by her own National Center for Sex Education (CENESEX). She has published 13 scholarly articles and nine books.

Ishita Chaudhry

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Ishita Chaudhry is an Ashoka Fellow and founder and CEO of The YP Foundation (TYPF) in New Delhi, India. TYPF is a youth-led, youth-run nonprofit organization founded in 2002 that supports and enables young people to create programmes and influence policies in the areas of gender, sexuality, health, education, the arts and governance. TYPF works with youth groups from 18 states across India who are both in-school and out-of-school to set up community-based interventions and policy initiatives. Ms. Chaudhry has worked with over 6,500 young people across India and South Asia and has contributed to setting up over 300 projects.

Ms. Chaudhry has worked as a consultant with UNAIDS Geneva, UNODC India, the Ford Foundation, the Development Communication Division of Doordarshan and with the Government of Nagaland, UNDP and UNICEF in India. She is a founding member of RESURJ (Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice), an international alliance of feminist activists seeking full implementation of international commitments to secure all women's and young people's sexual and reproductive rights and health by 2015. Since 2010 she has served on UNESCO's Global Advisory Group for Sexuality Education and was a member of the civil society group involved in developing the National Strategic Framework for HIV Prevention for the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), India (2009).

She is an INK Fellow (in association with TED) and recipient of the Change Looms Award for Social Entrepreneurship from The Ashoka Foundation (2009), the Seen and Heard Award from British Telecom and the UK Youth Parliament (2008), the Karamveer Puruskaar – National Award for Social Justice and Action in India (2007) and is the first Indian youth to receive the Young Achiever's Award from the President of Nepal (2009). Ms. Chaudhry graduated with an Honours Degree in English Literature from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University.

Oluwafunmilola (Lola) Dare

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Dr. Lola Dare is a community physician, epidemiologist and social development consultant. She is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Health Sciences Training, Research and Development (CHESTRAD). Based in Nigeria, CHESTRAD's mission is to advocate for the development of equitable and sustainable health systems and youth empowerment programs.

She graduated MB BS from the College of Medicine University of Ibadan in June 1985 and obtained her Masters of Science degree in Epidemiology (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) in 1991. She has been awarded certificates in Population and Development and International Health, and the David E. Bell and Takemi Fellow of the Harvard School of Public Health (USA) in 1994 and 2000, respectively. Dr. Dare is also a member of the West African Postgraduate Medical College in the Faculty of Public Health (1990) and a fellow of the Nigerian National Postgraduate Medical College in the Faculty of Community Medicine (1992). Furthermore, she holds a certificate in Advance Management from INSEAD, the European Business School in France (2006).

In 2009, Dr. Dare was awarded an honorary membership of the Faculty of Public Health, United Kingdom, by distinction; and Fellow of the same Faculty by distinction in 2011. She currently serves as its Overseas Regional Adviser for Africa. Dr. Dare was also Chair of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Global Fund, Southern Civil Society Representative on the International Health Partnership Plus (IHP+) and is consultant for various agencies and governments working in Africa. She convenes the Alliance of Southern Civil Society in Global Health and is Executive Secretary of the African Council for Sustainable Health Development (ACOSHED).

Elena Dmitrieva

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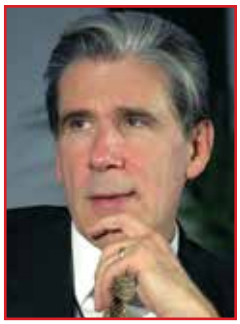
Elena Dmitrieva is Director of the Health and Development Foundation, a Russian NGO instituted in 2003 by Johns Hopkins University that develops and implements health communication and health system improvement projects in Russia. Since 2007, Dr. Dmitrieva has served as the head of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health office in Russia.

Dr. Dmitrieva's work in public health is focused on reproductive health, drug use and HIV/AIDS prevention and youth risk behaviors. She has developed pioneer programs that leverage communication campaigns to alter risky behaviors including the introduction of mobile technologies for health promotion in Russia. She is the leader of TEXT4BABY, an innovative educational program for pregnant women and new mothers.

She has previously served as member of the Russian Federation State Duma's task force for reproductive health, and between 2007 and 2008 was member of the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use Mass Media Taskforce. She is past president of the board of the European Network of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Brussels, and between 1995 and 2003 consulted with UNFPA, UNESCO, UNAIDS, Futures Group and other international and Russian organizations. She has carried out a broad range of research projects in public health with a focus on reproductive health and has authored numerous academic papers and some of the first books produced in Russia on topics such as health communication and the sociology of health (2002), research for health communication campaigns (2006), and communication and counseling on HIV (2008).

Dr. Dmitrieva holds a Doctorate of Science (2004), a Candidate of Science (1996) and a Diploma of Honor (1993) in sociology from Moscow State Lomonosov's University. In 1991, she studied as an undergraduate exchange student at Maryland State University and in 1995 she received a scholarship from Webb Memorial Trust to work on her thesis at the University of Oxford.

Julio Frenk



Dr. Julio Frenk is Dean of the Faculty at the Harvard School of Public Health and T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, a joint appointment with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is an authority on global health and previously served as the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006, during which time he pursued an ambitious agenda to reform the nation's health system. He is perhaps best known for introducing a program of comprehensive national health insurance, known as Seguro Popular, which expanded access to health care for tens of millions of previously uninsured Mexicans.

Dr. Frenk was the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, one of the leading institutions of health education and research in the developing world. In 1998, Dr. Frenk joined the World Health Organization as executive director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy, WHO's first-ever unit explicitly charged with developing a scientific foundation for health policy to achieve better outcomes. Most recently, he served as a senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and as president of the Carso Health Institute in Mexico City. He chairs the boards of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

Dr. Frenk holds a medical degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, as well as three advanced degrees from the University of Michigan: master of public health, master of arts in sociology, and a PhD in medical organization and sociology. In addition to his scholarly works, which include articles in academic journals as well as many books and book chapters, he has written two best-selling novels for youngsters explaining the functions of the human body. In September of 2008, Dr. Frenk received the Clinton Global Citizen Award.

Bience Philomina Gawanas

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Bience Gawanas is currently serving as Advisor to the Minister of Health of Namibia. In October 2012, she completed her second term as Commissioner for Social Affairs in the African Union. In this role she oversaw the harmonization and coordination of regional and continental policies and programmes relating to social development. Her portfolio of issues has included health, HIV/AIDS, population, migration, welfare of vulnerable groups, and labour.

As the Commissioner of Social Affairs, she developed policy instruments and programmes, including the Social Policy Framework, the Migration Policy Framework for Africa, Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention, the Maputo Plan of Action on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, the Charter for the African Cultural Renaissance. She launched the African Union's Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA), mobilizing global, regional and country-level support and refocusing attention on women's health. She is also responsible for monitoring progress of their implementation by Member States and reporting to the African Union Assembly of Heads of State.

Bience Gawanas has served on various taskforces and commissions such as the UNAIDS Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination Among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors; the Task Force for Scaling-Up of Education and Training of Health Workers; the Global Commission on HIV and the Law; the Commission on Accountability and Information on Women's and Children's Health; the Global Steering Committee on Universal Access; and the Lancet-Oslo University Commission on Global Governance for Health.

Prior to her work as Commissioner, she worked as a lawyer at the Legal Assistance Centre, a human rights NGO, and was lecturer on gender law at the University of Namibia. She was also Chair of the Law Reform and Development Commission, Member of the Board of the Namibian Central Bank and Ombudswoman of Namibia until 2003.

She obtained an LL.B Honours from the University of Warwick, UK, and an Utter Barrister Degree from the Council of Legal Education School of Law/Lincolns Inn, UK. She also holds an Executive MBA from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Western Cape.

Leymah Gbowee

Michael Angelo for Wonderland

2011 Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee is a Liberian peace activist, trained social worker and women's rights advocate. She is Founder and President of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa, head of the Liberia Reconciliation Initiative and Co-Founder and Executive Director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa (WIPSEN-A). She is also a founding member and former Liberia Coordinator of Women in Peacebuilding Network/West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP).

Gbowee's leadership of the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace – which brought together Christian and Muslim women in a nonviolent movement that played a pivotal role in ending Liberia's civil war in 2003 – is chronicled in her memoir, *Mighty Be Our Powers*, and in the documentary, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. In addition, Gbowee is the Newsweek Daily Beast's Africa columnist. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Nobel Women's Initiative and the PeaceJam Foundation, and she is a member of the African Women Leaders Network for Reproductive Health and Family Planning.

She holds a M.A. in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, VA). She is based in Monrovia, Liberia.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

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Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia since November 2012. Prior to this he served as Minister of Health from October 2005 to November 2012. Dr. Tedros also served in a number of expert and leadership positions within the Ministry of Health at both federal and regional levels, including the positions of Minister of State and as Head of the Tigray Regional Health Bureau. Having first joined the Ministry in 1986, Dr. Tedros has dedicated his entire career to public service and scientific research focused on health concerns.

A globally recognized malaria researcher, Dr. Tedros Adhanom has co-authored numerous articles on this subject in prominent scientific publications, including Annals of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology, The Lancet, Nature and Parasitologia and the British Medical Journal. His seminal work earned him the distinction of Young Investigator of the Year from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and in 2003 he received the Young Public Health Researcher Award from the Ethiopian Public Health Association. In 2011, Dr. Tedros became the first non-American recipient of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award conferred by the US National Foundation of Infectious Diseases. In March 2012, he received the prestigious Honorary Fellowship from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Minister Tedros has also worked to enhance Ethiopia's engagement in international forums. In 2009, he was elected Chair of the Fourth Conference of Ministers of Health of the African Union (CAMH4), and that same year became Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for a two-year period. Previously, he served as Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM) and Chair of the UNAIDS Programme Coordination Board (PCB). He was co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) from 2005 to 2009, and served on the High-Level Task Force for Innovative Financing for Health Systems. He also served as member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) Board as well as the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME).

Dr. Tedros holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health from the University of Nottingham (UK) in 2000. He obtained a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London (UK) in 1992 and completed his undergraduate studies in Biology (BSc) at Asmara University in 1986.

Lambert Grijns

Lambert Grijns is the Dutch Ambassador for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights & HIV/AIDS and Director of the Social Development Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He previously held the following positions within the Ministry: Inspector (2011-2012); Ambassador to Nicaragua (2008-2011); Deputy Head of Mission in Costa Rica (2005-2008); and Deputy Head of Mission in Rwanda (2001-2005). He also held positions in Vietnam and the Netherlands (from 1992 until 2001), among other locations.

Mr. Grijns has also worked as researcher at Delft University of Technology and UNESCO/IHE in the field of Integrated Water Management and International River Basin Administration. He studied Human Geography at the Free University of Amsterdam, and holds an MA in Spatial Planning from the University of Amsterdam.

Holo Muchangwe Hachonda IV

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Holo Hachonda has worked in health promotion and communication since 1997 with experience in advocacy, policy formulation support, NGO grants management and management capacity building. He currently serves as Program Director at BroadReach Healthcare (BRHC) in Lusaka, Zambia, where he provides strategic leadership and serves as the key local liaison with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders. He has previously been a member of the Zambian official delegation at the Commission on Population and Development and was the Chief Executive Officer and change manager of the Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ). During Mr. Hachonda's tenure at PPAZ, the organization became a reputable provider of comprehensive reproductive health services in Zambia, built synergistic partnerships with key partners and stakeholders, consolidated a strong volunteer presence across the country and instilled good governance protocols to sustain high membership levels.

Mr. Hachonda's work focuses on increasing young people's access to comprehensive reproductive health and family planning services, and he has extensive experience in health communications, health systems strengthening and health sector strategic planning and management. He has consulted for UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, USAID, the Commonwealth Youth Programme Secretariat in Zambia, the World Health Organization, John Hopkins University and the Center for Communication Programmes, among others.

He is a board member and founder of the Youth Activists Organization (YAO), which works with young people to conduct civic and environmental health education activities in local high schools. In recognition of his contributions to promoting the sexual and reproductive health and rights of African women and girls, Mr. Hachonda was honored with the AMANITARE award. He holds an MBA in marketing from the University of Liverpool, UK, and a B.S. in health communication from the University of Maryland.

Pinar Ilkkaracan

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Pinar Ilkkaracan is a researcher trained in both psychotherapy and international relations. Currently, she teaches as adjunct professor at the Bosporus University in Istanbul. She is the co-founder of many NGO's in Turkey and Germany, such as Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – NEW WAYS, or the Berlin Intervention Center against Violence against Women (BIG). In 2001, she initiated the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), a network of 40 leading academic and nongovernmental organizations from Muslim countries in the Middle East, North Africa and South/ Southeast Asia.

She has led and coordinated several campaigns for successful legal reforms in Turkey, including the enactment of the law on domestic violence (1996-1997), the reform of the Turkish Civil Code (2000-2001) and the reform of the Turkish Penal Code between 2002 and 2004.

Ilkkaracan has worked on sexual and reproductive health and rights as a researcher, activist and trainer since the 1990s at the national and international levels. She is a member of the Rutgers WPF and CSBR supervisory boards, as well as an editorial board member of the International Journal of Sexual Health, among others.

She has participated in many United Nations conferences and meetings, both as a member of the Turkish governmental delegation and as an activist. She is the editor of *Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies* (translated into Arabic and Turkish), *Deconstructing Sexuality in the Middle East*, *The Myth of the Warm Home: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse* and *Women's Human Rights Training Manual*. She received the International Women's Human Rights Award from the Gruber Foundation in 2007.

Musimbi Kanyoro

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Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro is President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women, a public foundation that seeds, strengthens links and supports the capacity building of women's rights organizations in every part of the world. Global Fund for Women grants help to expand the choices available to women and ensure that their voices are heard at local, national and international levels. Prior to the Global Fund she served with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation in Silicon Valley, California, USA, in addition to the World YWCA and Lutheran World Federation, both based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Kanyoro is a passionate advocate for women's and girls' health and human rights and social change philanthropy. She serves on the Global Committee of the Council on Foundations, and is a member of the Aspen Institute Leaders Council. She also serves on the boards of Intra Health and CHANGE. Dr. Kanyoro has more than 20 years of experience with international organizations, served on the international steering committee for the Beijing World Conference on Women and has led delegations to five United Nations World Conferences throughout the '90s.

Dr. Kanyoro has a PhD in linguistics from the University of Texas in Austin, and a Doctor of Ministry in feminist theology from San Francisco Theological Seminary. She was a visiting scholar of Hebrew and the Old Testament at Harvard University. She has received three honorary doctorates and several recognition awards, including a leadership award from the Kenya Government. She has written numerous articles, hundreds of speeches and has written and co-edited a number of books.

Dame Carol Kidu

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Dame Carol Kidu recently retired from the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea after 15 years in politics. She served as the Minister for Community Development for nine years and more recently was Leader of the opposition.

Dame Kidu is known in Papua New Guinea for her commitment to transforming legislative and policy frameworks that relate to social development policy with an emphasis on the human rights-based approach to development. In addition to her ministerial work, she established the Parliamentary Committee on HIV in 2003 and the PNG Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (PNG PGPD) in 2008. She is the founder, patron and adviser for the Safe Motherhood Alliance of Papua New Guinea, which is now the Secretariat to PNG PGPD.

Dame Kidu has been awarded three honorary doctorates and was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005. In 2007 she was awarded the PNG International Woman of Courage Award by the Secretary of State of the United States of America and also in 2007 received the Pacific Person of the Year award. She is a 2008 recipient of the Regional Rights Resource Team Pacific Human Rights Award for her contribution to promoting the rights of Pacific Islanders. In 2009, she was honoured by the French government with the Cross of Knight in the Order of the Legion d'Honneur.

Dame Kidu serves on the boards of the Commonwealth of Learning and the International Advisory Board of the Cairns Institute at James Cook University, and is a non-resident fellow of the Lowy Institute. She was a member of the UN Pacific Commission on AIDS and the Global Commission on HIV and the Law.

Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark

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Crown Princess Mary is a passionate advocate for health, empowerment and rights issues, with particular focus on women, children and vulnerable groups. She serves as patron of several international organisations and agencies in the social, health and humanitarian field including among others, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe; and for Danish NGO's, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Maternity Worldwide and LOKK – National Association of Women's Shelters.

In her capacity as patron of UNFPA and Maternity Worldwide, Crown Princess Mary is active in working to create awareness on global maternal health and child mortality issues and women's reproductive rights, including access to family planning. She has travelled with NGO's and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on various visits to countries greatly challenged by these issues.

In 2007 Crown Princess Mary founded The Mary Foundation with the mission of fighting social isolation, based on the belief that "everyone has the right to belong". Under her leadership, the foundation brings together untraditional key partners to develop and run projects in Denmark that create opportunities and empower children, adults and families who find themselves socially isolated or excluded from society. The foundation's focus areas include: domestic violence, bullying and wellbeing, and loneliness.

Crown Princess Mary was selected as a Young Global Leader in 2012 by the World Economic Forum. She is a frequent speaker at international conferences and an honorary member of various other associations and societies. Crown Princess Mary holds a double degree in law and commerce from the University of Tasmania and has worked in several management positions in the advertising communication industry in Australia. She is also a lieutenant in the Danish Homeguard.

Alessandra Nilo

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Alessandra Nilo is a journalist, film director and screenwriter with an academic specialization in communication and health. She is co-founder and Executive Director of Gestos (www.gestos.org. br), an HIV/AIDS NGO in Recife, Brazil.

Since 2001, Ms. Nilo has worked with the UN to publicize the Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS as a tool to monitor and evaluate the implementation of national HIV/AIDS policies. In 2003, she developed the UNGASS-AIDS Forum platform in Brazil, which was later expanded to Asia, Africa and the Caribbean and today is used throughout the world as an advocacy and research tool to support a network of women activists in the field of sexual and reproductive rights and health (www.ungassforum.org).

Ms. Nilo dedicates her career to increasing women's influence on HIV/AIDS policy and decision-making processes at local, national and international levels. Since 2001, Ms. Nilo has represented civil society in the Brazilian national delegations to the High Level Meetings on HIV/AIDS, and for the past five years has been involved with the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) delegations. Currently she is leading the *Women Won't Wait* campaign in Brazil and is a member of the Global Coalition of Women and AIDS steering committee (www.womenandaids. net). She is also the Regional Secretariat of LACCASO, the Latin American and Caribbean Council of AIDS Organizations (www.laccaso.net), represents NGOs from the LAC region at the Program Coordinating Board of UNAIDS, and is member of the newly formed RESURJ (resurj.org), an international alliance of feminist activists seeking full implementation of international commitments for the health and sexual and reproductive rights of women and youth.

Wanda Nowicka

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Wanda Nowicka has served as the Deputy Speaker of the Sejm – the lower chamber of the Polish Parliament - since October 2011. She is a long-time activist in the field of women's rights, women's health and sexual and reproductive health, with a focus on a human rights-based approach.

She is a co-founding member and previous president of the Federation for Women and Family Planning, a Polish NGO that advocates for reproductive rights. Ms. Nowicka is also a founding member of ASTRA, the Central and Eastern European Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Between 1996 and 2002, she served as a member of the Gender Advisory Panel of WHO's Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction Programme. Since 2003, she has been a member of the Advisory Board of Reproductive Health Matters.

Ms. Nowicka is the author of many articles and papers on women's rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights published in Poland and internationally. She contributed to "SexPolitics: Reports from the Front Lines" (e-book), in addition to "The Struggle for Abortion Rights in Poland." She wrote a number of shadow reports to the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Committee on the Rights of Children, efforts which contributed to these committees finally recognizing violations of the reproductive rights of Polish women.

Ms. Nowicka holds a master's degree in classics. In 2008, she was honored with the University in Exile Award from the New School University in New York in recognition of her engagement in the struggle for women's reproductive rights both in Poland and internationally.

Sandeep Prasad

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Sandeep Prasad B.A. (Hon.), LL.B., is a lawyer and activist based in Ottawa, Canada. Since January 2011 he has served as the Executive Director of Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD), a human rights organization working within Canada and internationally on issues of reproductive and sexual rights and health. His resolve to commit his career to these issues solidified 16 years ago, when he began his post-secondary education and immediately became a student activist working to promote awareness on campus of issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. Sandeep earned his law degree at the University of Ottawa in 2004.

Between 2006 and 2011, Sandeep served as ACPD's director of International Human Rights Advocacy, where he was responsible principally for ACPD's advocacy activities within the UN human rights system. In this role, Sandeep established himself as a leader in efforts to advance sexual and reproductive rights within the work of key UN bodies and mechanisms. His advocacy was instrumental in prompting the UN Human Rights Council to include maternal mortality and morbidity as a human rights issue in a landmark 2009 resolution. Mr. Prasad's work to ensure that sexual and reproductive rights issues receive greater attention from the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms – including the universal periodic review (UPR) – has included his active participation in the Sexual Rights Initiative, a small South-North coalition of organizations that Sandeep helps to coordinate.

Sandeep currently serves as vice-president of Canadians for Choice, a national charity that provides information, education and research to help ensure that all individuals have access to the information, resources and services needed to make and exercise informed choices in all aspects of their sexual and reproductive health.

Gita Sen

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Dr. Gita Sen has worked for 35 years nationally and internationally on population policies, reproductive and sexual health, gender equality and women's human rights, as well as issues of poverty, human development and labour markets. Her work has helped to shape the global paradigm shift on population and development. A citizen of India, Sen holds a PhD in economics from Stanford University. She is a professor of public policy at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India, and adjunct professor of global health and population at Harvard University. She is a founder and member of the Executive Committee of DAWN (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era).

The United Nations System has sought out her expertise in a number of ways, including during intergovernmental processes, high-level events and as an advisor to policies and programs. She was lead consultant for drafting UNFPA's India Country Population Assessment document for the 2003-2007 period. She currently serves on the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group of WHO's Department of Reproductive Health and Research, and is cochair of PAHO's Technical Advisory Group on Gender Equality and Health. In India, she is a member of the Mission Steering Group for the National Rural Health Mission, and the Governing Board of the National Health Systems Resource Centre. She is a also a member of the High Level Expert Group on Universal Health Care set up by the Indian Planning Commission.

She was previously a member of the Millennium Project's Taskforce on Gender Equality, and was the first chairperson of the World Bank's External Gender Consultative Group. She served on the Governing Board of UNRISD and is on the Governing Council of the UN University. Her numerous book publications include "Gender Equity in Health: the Shifting Frontiers of Evidence and Action" (Routledge, 2010), "Women's Empowerment and Demographic Processes – Moving Beyond Cairo" (Oxford University Press/IUSSP, 2000), and "Population Policies Reconsidered: Health, Empowerment and Rights" (Harvard University Press, 1994). She has received numerous honorary doctorates from the University of East Anglia, the Karolinska Institute (Stockholm), the Open University (United Kingdom) and the University of Sussex; and is a recipient of the Volvo Environment Prize for her work on women, population and development.

Keizo Takemi

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Professor Keizo Takemi is a Japanese political leader who serves as senior fellow at the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) and research fellow at the Japan Medical Association Research Institute. Beginning in 2007 and continuing at the 2008 Toyako G8 Summit, he spearheaded a policymaking platform of public and private partnerships known as the study group on Challenges in Global Health and Japan's Contributions, which was subsequently restructured as the executive committee of JCIE's program on Global Health and Human Security.

Prof. Takemi is known for his expertise on foreign policy, official development assistance (ODA), human security, health system reform, and the United Nations system. He was a member of the House of Councillors in the Japanese Diet for 12 years and served in the Abe cabinet as Senior Vice Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare. As State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Obuchi Cabinet, he led the initiative to establish the UN Trust Fund for Human Security. In 2006, he was named by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to serve as member of the High Level Panel on UN System-Wide Coherence in Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and Environment. His many legislative accomplishments include the 2006 restructuring of Japan's ODA system. He was a research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health between 2007 and 2009 and became advisor to the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation in August 2009.

Prof. Takemi was recently appointed co-chair of the Program Coordination Committee for the Japan/World Bank Joint Research on Universal Health Coverage and Human Resources for Health. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees (master of law) from Keio University. Since 1995, he has concurrently been a professor at Tokai University's School of Political Science and School of Economics. He is a visiting professor at National Nagasaki University and Fukushima Medical School.

Darren Walker

Darren Walker is the president of the Ford Foundation, a prominent U.S. philanthropy with headquarters in New York City and offices in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Mr. Walker, who was appointed president in July 2013, has been a leader in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors for more than two decades, focusing on global social justice issues, including human rights, urban development and free expression.

As the Ford Foundation's vice president for Education, Creativity and Free Expression from 2010 to 2013, he shaped more than $140 million in annual grant-making around the world, covering areas as diverse as media and journalism, arts and culture, sexuality and reproductive health and rights, educational access and opportunity, and religion. He was a driving force behind JustFilms, one of the largest documentary film funds in the world, ArtPlace, a public-private collaboration that supports cultural development in cities and rural areas in America, and many other initiatives. He also oversaw regional programming in the foundation's four offices in Africa and the Middle East.

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, Mr. Walker was vice president for foundation initiatives at the Rockefeller Foundation, where he led both domestic and global programs. Beginning in 2002, he helped guide the foundation's programs in education, civil rights, workforce development and program-related investments. He also supervised Rockefeller's regional offices overseas, initiated new programming in urban development and arts and culture, and led its post-Katrina New Orleans Recovery Program.

After beginning his career at the international law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Mr. Walker joined the Union Bank of Switzerland's capital markets division in 1988, staying there for seven years. When he left UBS, it was to volunteer at The Children's Storefront, an elementary school serving low-income families in Harlem. Finally, he entered the nonprofit sector as chief operating officer for the Abyssinian Development Corporation, a community development organization in Harlem.

Born in Louisiana and raised in Texas, Mr. Walker graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1982 and its School of Law in 1986. Today, he is a member of the boards of the Arcus Foundation, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Friends of the High Line and New York City Ballet, as well as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Xuejun Yu

Dr. Xuejun Yu is Director General of the National Health and Family Planning Commission of China. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in Economics and a Ph.D. in Population Economics from Peking University, and conducted post-doctoral research in the Economics Department of Yale University between 1996 and 1998.

Prior to taking his current position, he worked as Executive Director of the China Population Information and Research Center (1998-2004); Director General of the Department of Policy and Legislation, the Department of Development Planning and Information, and the National Population and Family Planning Commission of China (2004-2010); and Vice Mayor of Jinzhou City, Liaoning Province (2010-2012).

He also serves as Standing Council Member and Director of the Panel on Aging at the China Population Association, and Adjunct Professor of People's University and Jilin University.

Xuejun Yu's research interests are in population statistics, ageing, and population policy. Over the past twenty years, he has undertaken many research activities and made efforts to be the bridge between academic research and government policy. He has published widely on Chinese demographic topics, with particular emphasis on population aging and economic development.

Mona Zulficar

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As a founding partner and Chair of the Executive Committee, Mona Zulficar oversees the performance and business development of the Zulficar and Partners Law Firm. A practicing attorney for more than 30 years, she is a specialist in major restructuring, project finance and mergers and acquisitions transactions, and has successfully led negotiations for the most important international transactions which took place in Egypt during the last three decades.

She continues to play a key role in drafting and developing legislation as a distinguished member of the national drafting committees on many important new laws, such as the Telecom Law, the Capital Market regulations, the Special Economic Zones Law and the Banking regulations. She has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Egypt for two terms, until November 2011, and has been directly involved in the Egyptian institutional and regulatory reform program of the banking and finance sector since 2004.

With a commitment to community activism, she has been an advocate for human rights and women's rights in Egypt and internationally. She has led several successful campaigns resulting in new laws or legal reforms that assert basic human rights, and equality and justice for all, particularly for women and children. These include the "New Marriage Contract", the Equal Right to Divorce Law "Khul", the Family Courts Law, the NGO Law and the Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Law. She has founded and chairs Al Tadamun Microfinance Foundation, focused on empowering poor women; and also chairs the Women's Health Improvement Association in Cairo, as well as the EFG Hermes Foundation for Social Development. She has recently been elected an expert member and Deputy Chairperson of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee and is a member of the National Council for Human Rights in Egypt. She has recently led and participated in fact finding commissions on violations of human rights and has chaired the Maspiro fact finding commission.

Ms. Zulficar obtained her political science and law degrees from Cairo University and Mansoura University and an honorary doctorate degree from the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich.

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