

OECD



Mr. Angel Gurría

Secretary General of the OECD

Born on May 8th, 1950, in Tampico, Mexico, Angel Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service, including two ministerial posts. As Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs from December 1994 to January 1998, he made dialogue and consensus-building one of the hallmarks of his approach to global issues. From January 1998 to December 2000, he was Mexico's Minister of Finance and Public Credit.

For the first time in a generation, he steered Mexico's economy through a change of Administration without a recurrence of the financial crises that had previously dogged such changes. As OECD Secretary-General, since June 2006, he has reinforced the OECD's role as a 'hub' for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernisation and reform. Under his leadership, OECD has agreed to open membership talks with Chile, Estonia, Israel, Russia and Slovenia and to strengthen links with other major emerging economies, including Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa, with a view to possible membership.

Mr. Gurría is an active participant in various international not-for-profit bodies, including the Population Council, based in New York, and the Center for Global Development based in Washington. He chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All and continues to be deeply involved in water issues. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of Governors of the Centre for International Governance Innovation, based in Canada, and was the first recipient of the Globalist of the Year Award of the Canadian International Council to honour his efforts as a global citizen to promote transnationalism, inclusiveness, and a global consciousness.

Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico), and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He speaks: Spanish, French, English, Portuguese, Italian and some German.

He is married to Dr. Lulu Quintana, a distinguished ophthalmologist, and they have three adult children.

Né le 8 mai 1950 à Tampico, au Mexique, Angel Gurría est arrivé à l'OCDE au terme d'une carrière accomplie dans la fonction publique où il a occupé notamment deux postes ministériels.

Lorsqu'il était ministre des Affaires étrangères du Mexique, de décembre 1994 à janvier 1998, M. Gurría avait fondé son approche des enjeux mondiaux sur le dialogue et la recherche du consensus. En tant que ministre des Finances et du Budget, de janvier 1998 à décembre 2000, M. Gurría avait, pour la première fois depuis une génération, réussi à guider l'économie mexicaine lors d'un changement de gouvernement, en évitant une nouvelle crise financière qui avait marqué des précédentes périodes de transition.

En sa qualité de Secrétaire général de l'OCDE, depuis juin 2006, il a renforcé le rôle de l'Organisation en tant que plate-forme de dialogue et de discussion sur les questions de politique économique, tout en poursuivant un programme de modernisation et de réforme internes. Sous sa conduite, l'OCDE a invité le Chili, l'Estonie, Israël et la Slovaquie à devenir membre et a ouvert des discussions avec la Russie pour une adhésion future. L'Organisation a également renforcé ses liens avec d'autres grandes économies émergentes, notamment l'Afrique du Sud, le Brésil, la Chine, l'Inde et l'Indonésie, en vue d'une éventuelle adhésion. L'OCDE prend maintenant une part active aux sommets du G8 et du G20.

M. Gurría a participé activement aux travaux de divers organismes internationaux à but non lucratif, notamment le Population Council, basé à New-York, et le Center for Global Development, basé à Washington. Il a également présidé le Groupe de travail international sur le Financement de l'eau pour tous, du Conseil mondial de l'eau, et reste associé de près aux questions liées à l'eau. Il est membre du Conseil consultatif international des gouverneurs du Centre pour l'innovation dans la gouvernance internationale, basé au Canada, et a été le premier lauréat du prix du Mondialiste de l'année, décerné par le Conseil international du Canada, pour récompenser les efforts déployés par M. Gurría, en tant que citoyen du monde, pour promouvoir le transnationalisme, l'inclusion et une prise de conscience mondiale.

M. Gurría est titulaire d'une maîtrise d'économie de l'UNAM (Mexique) et d'un master en économie de Leeds University (Royaume-Uni). Il parle l'espagnol, le français, l'anglais, le portugais, l'italien et un peu d'allemand.

Il est marié à Mme Lulu Quintana, ophtalmologiste de renom, et père de trois enfants d'âge adulte.

United States



Mr. Rahm Emanuel

Mayor of Chicago

Rahm Emanuel was elected Mayor of Chicago on February 22nd, 2011 and was sworn in on May 16th, 2011. A native of Chicago with three terms representing his North Side district in Congress, Rahm Emanuel is deeply rooted in the life of the city.

In his first months in office, Mayor Emanuel has announced the redeployment of over 1,000 officers to Chicago's neighborhoods, secured more than 7,000 private-sector jobs for residents across the city, and initiated necessary reforms to ensure transparency and accountability for City government.

Previously, Mayor Emanuel served as the White House Chief of Staff in the administration of President Barack Obama, where he helped orchestrate the passage of key legislation including the economic Recovery Act, Wall Street reform, and health care reform – increasing access and decreasing costs for millions of Americans.

Prior to working in the administration, Mayor Emanuel served three terms in the House of Representatives representing Chicago's 5th District. Emanuel was a fierce advocate for Chicago families, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees taxes, trade, Social Security, and Medicare. He also served on the Subcommittees on Health and Select Revenue.

In addition to his legislative efforts, Emanuel worked hard to directly serve Chicagoans through "Congress on Your Corner," in which he and his staff set up shop in local grocery stores to talk with residents about their needs. During tax season, he provided free tax preparation and college financial aid clinics.

Before becoming a member of Congress, Mayor Emanuel served in the Clinton White House where he helped pass the COPS initiative, which added 100,000 police officers to neighborhoods around the country. He began his career at Illinois Public Action, the state's largest public interest organization.

United States



Mr. Michael R. Bloomberg

Mayor of the City of New York

Michael R. Bloomberg is the 108th Mayor of the City of New York. He was first elected in November 2001, two months after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, a time when many believed that crime would return, businesses would flee, and New York might never recover. Instead, through hundreds of innovative new policies and initiatives, Mayor Bloomberg has made New York City safer, stronger, and greener than ever.

Today, compared to 2001, crime is down 35 percent. The welfare rolls are down 25 percent. High School graduation rates are up 27 percent. Ambulance response times are at record lows. Teen smoking is down more than 50 percent. More than 600 acres of new parkland have been added. And the City has weathered the national recession in much better shape than most places, far outpacing the nation in job growth in 2010.

Born on February 14, 1942 in Boston and after college he went on to receive an MBA from Harvard Business School. In 1966, he was hired by a Wall Street firm, Salomon Brothers. He quickly rose through the ranks at Salomon and later he launched a small startup company called Bloomberg LP. Today, the company has about 13,000 employees worldwide.

He spurred economic growth and job creation by revitalizing old industrial areas and strengthening key industries, including new media, film and television, bio-science, technology, and higher education.

He also created a far-reaching plan allowing New York City to fight climate change and promote sustainable development on an unprecedented scale. In acknowledgement of his leadership on these issues, Bloomberg was recently named Chair of the C40 Cities Global Climate Initiative. And he has been an equally strong champion of the City's arts and cultural institutions, expanding support for them and helping to bring more than 80 public art projects to all five boroughs.

United States



Mr. Shaun Donovan

Secretary for Housing and Urban Development

On January 26, 2009, Shaun Donovan was sworn in as the 15th United States Secretary for Housing and Urban Development.

He has devoted his career to ensuring access to safe, decent, and affordable housing, and has continued that effort in the Obama Administration. Secretary Donovan believes that America's homes are the foundation for family, safe neighborhoods, good schools, and job creation.

His tenure as HUD Secretary has reflected his commitment to making quality housing possible for every American. Sworn in at a time when the foreclosure crisis had devastated American families, under Secretary Donovan's leadership HUD has helped stabilize the housing market and worked to keep responsible families in their homes. The agency has instituted reforms that have solidified the Federal Housing Administration's financial position and protected the taxpayer against risk, while still preserving FHA's mission of providing responsible access to homeownership.

Secretary Donovan has a long history of working to provide affordable housing to American families. He previously served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). He created and implemented HPD's New Housing Marketplace Plan to build and preserve 165,000 affordable homes, the largest municipal affordable housing plan in the nation's history.

He served as acting FHA Commissioner during the Clinton/Bush presidential transition. Prior to his first service at HUD, he worked at the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC) in New York City, a non-profit lender and developer of affordable housing. He also researched and wrote about housing policy at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University and worked as an architect. Secretary Donovan holds a B.A. and Masters degrees in Public Administration and Architecture from Harvard.

Australia



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and the Leader of the House of Representatives.

Anthony Albanese is the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and the Leader of the House of Representatives. Minister Albanese was first elected to Federal Parliament in 1996 as the Member for Grayndler. He served as a member of the Shadow Ministry from 1998 to 2007.

Minister Albanese has an Economics Degree from Sydney University. His seat of Grayndler is located in Sydney's inner west, where he has lived all his life.

Minister Albanese was born 2 March 1963 in Sydney, NSW and he was elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Grayndler in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010.

He has been Minister for Infrastructure and Transport since September 2010 and served as Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government from December 2007 to August 2010.

Mr. Albanese is a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney and was a Bank officer from 1980 to 1981. He was a Research officer to the Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services, the Hon. T. Uren, MP between 1985 and 1989. He was a Party Official from 1989 to 1995 and was the Senior Policy Advisor to the Premier (NSW), the Hon. RJ Carr from 1995 to 1996.

Canada



Mr. Gregor Robertson

Mayor of Vancouver

In November 2011, Gregor Robertson was elected to a second term as Mayor of Vancouver. He was re-elected to continue building upon the accomplishments of his first three years in office—working to end street homelessness, addressing housing affordability, improving public transit, and making Vancouver the greenest city in the world.

Mayor Robertson is also a national advocate for urban issues as Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Big City Mayors' Caucus, focusing on public infrastructure, housing and transit.

Mayor Robertson spearheaded the creation of the city's first comprehensive Economic Action Strategy, and is committed to growing a sustainable and thriving economy in Vancouver focused on high-growth sectors like digital media, clean technology and renewable energy.

Building on the successful legacy of the 2010 Winter Olympics, which has generated over \$350 million in economic impact and created more than 3000 new jobs in the Metro Vancouver region, Mayor Robertson has established Vancouver internationally as the Green Capital—a City where going green is good for business. He has also overseen the creation and implementation of the award-winning Greenest City 2020 Action Plan that aims to make Vancouver an environmental leader in everything from energy efficiency and waste reduction to clean air and local food.

Mayor Robertson has made affordable housing a top priority, with an aggressive, ten-year plan to provide thousands of affordable housing units for Vancouverites of all ages, while ensuring that existing affordable housing is protected. He has overseen significant progress towards the goal of ending street homelessness by 2015, by opening new homeless shelters while leveraging significant investments in new social housing throughout the city.

Prior to entering politics, Gregor co-founded Happy Planet, a Vancouver-based socially responsible company that produces organic juices and promotes health and nutrition. He and his wife Amy have four children.

Club de Madrid



Ms. Kim Campbell

Prime Minister of Canada (1993)

The Right Honourable Kim Campbell, P.C., Q.C. served as the nineteenth and first female Prime Minister of Canada in 1993. She also held the cabinet portfolios of Minister of State for Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans' Affairs. She was the first woman to hold the Justice and Defence portfolios and the first woman Minister of Defence of a NATO country.

Ms. Campbell served as Canadian Consul General in Los Angeles (1996-2000) and taught at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (2001-2004) and is past Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders and past President of the International Women's Forum. She was Secretary General of the Club of Madrid, an organization of former Presidents and Prime Ministers of which she is a founding member (2004-2006).

Today, Kim Campbell serves on the boards and advisory committees of a number of international organizations including the Club of Madrid, Crisis Group, Salk Institute, Middle Powers Initiative, Int'l Ctr for Democratic Transition, Arab Democracy Foundation, Forum of Federations, among others, and also serves on corporate boards as well as does consulting in the field of leadership. She is married to composer, pianist, and actor, Hershey Felder.

Club de Madrid



Mr. Ruud F.M. Lubbers

Prime Minister of the Netherlands (1982- 1994)

Mr. Lubbers originally planned an academic career, but was compelled by family circumstances to join the management of Lubbers' Construction Workshops and Machinery Fabricators Hollandia BV, the family-owned company.

After being manager of Hollandia, Mr Lubbers assume similar posts in the same sector. At the same time, he became member of the Catholic People's Party (KVP) and later on Senior Deputy Parliamentary Leader of the Christen Democratic Alliance (CDA).

He was Minister of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands from 1973 until 1977. He was Prime Minister of the Netherlands from 1982 to 1994 and is, since 1992, an active member of the International Earth Charter Commission. He was followed as Prime Minister by Wim Kok.

Since 1992, he taught Globalization Studies at the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands and at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has also remained active in other activities, particularly ecological activities – he held the post of International President of WWF.

On January 2001, and until 2005, he became United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He was followed by Antonio Guterres in this position.

Today, he devotes a lot of time on chairing the Energy Research Centre in the Netherlands, which works on energy saving, renewable energy, clean fossils (climate change), and atoms for Peace (nuclear technology), as well as in the Rotterdam Climate Initiative.

Ruud Lubbers has received honorary doctorates from Georgetown University (U.S.A) and the Radboud University Nijmegen.

Club de Madrid



Mr. Jorge Fernando Quiroga

President of Bolivia (2001-2002)

Jorge Quiroga graduated summa cum laude in Industrial Engineering at the College Station of Texas A&M University and obtained a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of St. Edward's in Austin Texas.

Upon completing his studies, Mr. Quiroga worked in the private sector for IBM, in Austin, Texas. In 1988 he returned to Bolivia where he worked for Mintec, a Bolivian mining company. He later became Vice-president of Projects and Investment at the Merchant Bank of Bolivia.

Jorge Quiroga began his political career when he joined the Acción Democrática Nacionalista (ADN) party. In 1989 he became Under-Secretary of Public Investment and International Cooperation at the Ministry of Planning and in 1992 he became Minister of Finance. Thereafter he was named governor of the World Bank, IFC and the IMF, as well as of the Andean Development Corporation (CAF).

In 1998, at age 37, he was elected Vice President of Bolivia under President Hugo Banzer, making him the youngest Vice President in the history of Bolivia. He succeeded Banzer as President in 2001, serving until August 2002.

Club de Madrid



Ms. María Elena Agüero

Deputy Secretary General – Club de Madrid

Ms. Agüero holds Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service and Masters in Latin American Economic Development degrees from Georgetown University, as well as postgraduate studies at George Washington University.

With over 30 years experience in the field of international development, particularly in Latin America, she has been part of the professional staff of the Interamerican Development Bank, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program, working extensively in these organization's Washington, Uruguay, Geneva, Brussels and Paris offices, and in their field offices.

As project officer, sector specialist and senior adviser, in these organizations, she has done considerable project and programme work in a number of different areas, most recently in the fields of governance, State reform and civil society – governmental relations. She has also gathered significant experience on relations between international organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations, national and international partners and counterparts.

Early in her career Ms. Agüero was trade policy officer at the U.S. Department of Treasury and research assistant at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Czech Republic



Mr. Tomáš Chalupa

Minister of the Environment

Tomáš Chalupa was born on 3 July 1974 in Prague.

He studied at three Faculties of Charles University in Prague: the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (1993 – 1995), the Faculty of Arts, Department of Political Sciences and History (1993 – 1996) and the Faculty of Law (1994 – 2002).

He was employed as an editor in the newspapers Večerník Praha and Denní Telegraph, where he was also Deputy Editor-in-Chief (1996 – 1997); he was the spokesperson and head of the press department of the Government of the Czech Republic (1997 – 1998) and also an employee of the central office of the Civic Democratic Party (1998).

He has been a member of the Civic Democratic Party since 1992 and Chairman of the Area Association of the Civic Democratic Party of Prague 6 since 2002; he has also been the Vice Chairman of the Prague Regional Association of the Civic Democratic Party (2004 – April 2010, since December 2010). He was the Mayor of the Prague 6 City Ward between 2002 and the beginning of 2011. He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in the 2010 elections.

President Václav Klaus appointed Tomáš Chalupa Minister of the Environment on 17 January 2011.

Tomáš Chalupa is married and has one son.

Denmark



Mr. Claes Nilas

Permanent Secretary of State (Deputy Minister)

Claes Nilas is currently the Permanent Secretary of State and Deputy Minister at the newly established Danish Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs (established in October 2011). Prior to that, Mr. Nilas was the Permanent Secretary of State and Deputy Minister at the Danish Ministry of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs as well as the Danish Ministry of Family and Consumer Affairs. Mr. Nilas has also served as the CEO of the Council for the Development of the Capital Region of Copenhagen.

Mr. Nilas holds a number of key positions in think tanks, high-level leadership networks, and is a dedicated observer and innovator of the public sector.

A Master of Law (University of Copenhagen, 1980), Mr. Claes Nilas also serves as a lecturer at the Law Department of the University of Copenhagen.

Mr. Nilas is a Knight of First Class of the Order of Dannebrog, Denmark since 2005.

Mr. Claes Nilas was born in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Estonia



Mr. Siim Kiisler

Estonian Minister of Regional Affairs

Siim Kiisler was born in Tallinn in 1965. In 1991 he graduated from the Tallinn Technical University. Mr. Kiisler was appointed Estonian Minister for Regional Affairs on 23 January 2008.

Minister Kiisler's main responsibilities include local government development, planning and coordination of regional administration and regional development, national organization and supervision of the spatial planning activities, issues concerning vital statistics.

2007-2008 Mr. Kiisler worked as the Assistant Minister of Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications and 2003-2005, 2006-2007 was a member of 10th Riigikogu. From 1999-2001 Mr Kiisler was Tallinn City Center District elder and 1995-2003 as the Chairman of the Supervisory Board at Glacier Eesti AS. He has also been a member of Tallinn City Council.

Finland



Mr. Hannu Penttilä

Deputy Mayor of the City of Helsinki

Hannu Penttilä has served as Deputy Mayor of the City of Helsinki since 2008, in charge of City Planning and Real Estate. He was elected to office as a member of the Social Democratic Party of Finland.

Prior to his current office in the Helsinki City administration, Mr Penttilä served in various regional and national positions. He was Executive Director of the Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council (2004-07), and he held the same position at the development organization Regional Council of Häme (1998-2003). He was Chief Engineer at the Ministry of the Environment of Finland (1985-98) and Head of Office at the Finnish Association for Nature Protection (1979-85). He has been President of the Finnish Housing Reform Association since 2006.

Among his many international positions of trust, Mr Penttilä has been President of the Network of European Metropolises and Regions (METREX) since 2009. He was President of the European Metropolitan Transport Authorities (EMTA) in 2007-09. He has served on the European Union Urban Expert Group (1993-98) and Committee of the Regions (1995-2002).

Mr Penttilä earned an M.S. (Tech.) degree at the Helsinki University of Technology in 1979.

Greece



Mr. Yorgos Kaminis

Mayor of Athens

Yorgos Kaminis was born on July 15th, 1954 in New York.

He Studied Law at the University of Athens. In October 1982 he was awarded a Masters Degree in Public Law, from the University of Paris II. In June 1989 he defended his doctoral thesis on constitutional observations of the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Greece and Spain, for the University of Paris I.

In December 1990 he was elected lecturer of the University of Athens Law Faculty and in June 1998 assistant professor.

From 1998 to May 2003, he served as Assistant Greek Ombudsman, responsible for Human Rights. In 2003, he was unanimously elected Greek Ombudsman at a Presidents of Parliament roundtable meeting.

In August 2010 he announced his resignation and intention to stand as mayoral candidate for the City of Athens. He was elected Mayor of Athens on November 14th, 2010 and assumed his Mayoral duties on January 1st, 2011.

Indonesia



Prof. Sutanto Soehodho

Deputy Governor of Jakarta

Professor Sutanto Soehodho was born in Jakarta, May 6th 1962, married with two sons and one daughter. He graduated from University of Indonesia in 1986. He earned his Master's degree in 1989 and PhD in 1992, both from Tokyo University.

Prof. Sutanto believes in hard work and self-integrity. To him, challenges are not to be viewed as a burden, but a milestone of success, and difficulties are actually means to shape someone into a better person. He has been through positions such as CEO of a toll road company, director of a cement industry, Vice Rector of the University of Indonesia, and finally, the Deputy Governor of Jakarta.

As Deputy Governor, he envisions Jakarta as a modern service city which can compete with other developed cities. Emphasis on the development of transport systems is a must since it is the backbone of Jakarta economy as a service city. Priority to smooth transportation of humans and goods should be the comparative advantage of Jakarta in the future.

In order to accomplish this, Jakarta should have a sound public transport, world class port, and airport. Jakarta aims to develop Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), starting with the establishment of TransJakarta Bus Rapid Transit System. Jakarta also aims to create a Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), Special Economic Zone, and world class port. Jakarta has been keeping up with the completion of road network infrastructures, and focusing Industrial development with the emphasis on environment-friendly technology, high capital investment and hi-tech industries. Trade centers and efficient logistic systems are to be developed in order to alleviate costs. Eventually all those developments have to be based on environmental consideration for sustainability.

Ireland



Ms. Jan O'Sullivan, TD

Minister for Housing and Planning

Jan O'Sullivan is a Labour Party TD for Limerick City, Ireland. She was elected to Limerick City Council in 1985 and elected as Mayor of Limerick in 1993. Ms. O'Sullivan was elected to Seanad Eireann in 1993 and to Dáil Eireann in 1998 and re-elected in all subsequent General Elections.

Ms. O'Sullivan was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for Trade and Development in March 2011. She was appointed Minister for Housing and Planning at the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in December 2011.

Italy



Mr. Giorgio Orsoni

Mayor of Venice

Giorgio Orsoni is 63 and was born and lives in Venice. He has been a lawyer specialized in Administrative Law since 1972. He is married and has three children. He is a Professor in Administrative Law at Ca Foscari University in Venice and Scientific Director of the Ca Foscari Masters in "Environment Law".

Had has held various positions, amongst which Director of the Ca Foscari school for social workers from 1990 to 1992; Board Member of the cultural company "La Biennale" of Venice from 2000 to 2003; President of Save Engineering spa, the engineering company at Venice "Marco Polo" Airport from 1997 to 2003. He was also the Vice President of the Venice Giorgio Cini Foundation (he is now a member of the General Council as foreseen in the statute), Member of the La Fenice of Venice Board (he is now the President as foreseen in the statute).

He is Vice President of CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions of Europe).

He has also held the following positions:

Legal Advisor in the legislation sector for the Minister for Urban Areas (1997-1999); Member of the Ministerial Commission for the Regulation; Member of the Study Commission for the study of issues relating to the reorganization of structures and central and local offices of the Ministry of Public Works and the Department for urban areas at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and ANAS (DM April 22, 1998); Member of the Study Commission for the study of issues concerning the legislative reform of urban law established at the Ministry of Public Works (May 8, 1997 DM).

He has been:

City of Venice Deputy Mayor for Heritage and Institutional Relationships (from 2001 to 2005)

President of the Venice Bar Association and President of the Triveneto Union for Bar Association councils.

Member of the National Bar Council.

He is the First Procurator of San Marco in Venice.

Japan



Mr. Keiichi Ozawa

Vice-Minister for Land and Hokkaido Development, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Mr. Keiichi Ozawa was born in 1951. In 1976, he graduated from University of Tokyo, faculty of law.

After joining the Ministry of Construction in 1976, he had experienced directorial positions in Road Bureau, Civil Aviation Bureau, Land and Water Bureau, Sewerage and Wastewater Management Department , and was deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry(2009-2011).

He was also appointed as director of planning department of Shimane prefecture(1985-1988), and planning director of the Urban Development Corporation(1998-99).

Currently, he is the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

Luxembourg



Mr. Claude Wiseler

Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

Claude Wiseler was born on 30 January 1960 in Luxembourg City.

Education and qualifications

Having completed his secondary education at the Athénée de Luxembourg (1972-1979), Claude Wiseler enrolled at the University Paris III (Sorbonne nouvelle), where he obtained a master's degree in French language and literature as well as a degree in general and comparative literature (1983). In 1989, he received his doctorate from the University of Paris-Sorbonne.

Ministerial posts

Following the legislative elections of 13 June 2004, Claude Wiseler was appointed Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Minister of Civil Engineering on 31 July 2004.

Upon the return of the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) as a result of the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Claude Wiseler was appointed Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure on 23 July 2009.

Claude Wiseler represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in the Transport section of its Transport, Telecommunications and Energy configuration as well as in its Environment configuration.

Other political posts

After having assumed the role of secretary general of his party from 1995 to 2000, Claude Wiseler was, as a result of the legislative elections of June 1999, elected a member of Parliament for the CSV constituency of the Centre. Within Parliament, he held the post of vice chairman of the CSV parliamentary group and that of vice chairman of the Committee for National Education, Vocational Training and Sport.

From 2000 to 2004, Claude Wiseler was an alderman of the City of Luxembourg, in charge of education and social affairs.

Professional activities

From 1983 to 1987, Claude Wiseler taught languages at the Athénée de Luxembourg and the Lycée technique du Centre.

From 1987 to 1989, he was assigned to the Ministry of National Education, before holding the post of government advisor to the Ministry of Family Affairs and Social Solidarity as well as to the Ministry of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses and Tourism (1989-1999).

Other

Claude Wiseler is the honorary president of the Luxembourg Basketball Federation (FLBB), which he chaired between 2000 and 2002.

Né le 30 janvier 1960 à Luxembourg-Ville.

Études et formations

Doctorat de l'université de Paris-Sorbonne (1989) ; Maîtrise de lettres modernes et licence en littérature générale et comparée de l'université Paris III (Sorbonne nouvelle) (1983) ; Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires à l'Athénée de Luxembourg (1979)

Fonctions ministérielles

Ministre du Développement durable et des Infrastructures (depuis juillet 2009) ; Ministre de la Fonction publique et de la Réforme administrative, ministre des Travaux publics (2004-2009)

Autres fonctions politiques

Échevin de la Ville de Luxembourg (2000-2004) ; Député: vice-président du groupe parlementaire du Parti chrétien-social (CSV), vice-président de la commission de l'Éducation nationale, de la Formation professionnelle et des Sports à la Chambre des députés (1999-2004) ; Secrétaire général du CSV (1995-2000)

Activités professionnelles

Conseiller de gouvernement au ministère de la Famille et de la Solidarité sociale ainsi qu'au ministère des Classes moyennes et du Tourisme (1989-1999) ; Professeur-attaché au ministère de l'Éducation nationale (1987-1989) ; Professeur de langues à l'Athénée de Luxembourg et au Lycée technique du Centre (1983-1987)

Autres

Président d'honneur de la Fédération luxembourgeoise de basketball (FLBB)

Président de la FLBB (2000-2002)

Mexico



Ms. Sara Topelson de Grinberg

Undersecretary for Urban and Regional Development

Sara Topelson de Grinberg, received her architectural degree from the National University of Mexico (UNAM). Named Mexico's Woman of the Year 1996. Mrs. Grinberg was President of the International Union of Architects (UIA) 1996 – 1999. During her career as a partner in the architectural firm Grinberg & Topelson, she has developed projects in the fields of housing, industry, education, culture and low-income housing. In addition to her work in private practice, Sara has been a professor at the Universidad Anahuac, conducting workshops in urban and architectural design and teaching history of architecture for 25 years. She received in May 2000 the Academic's Merit Medal, for more than 28 years of Excellency in academic work.

A Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the Japan Institute of Architects, the Royal Institute of Australian Architects and the Associations of Architects of Nicaragua and Venezuela, recently became honorary member of the Royal Institute of British Architects and of the Spanish Council of Architects. Mrs. Topelson is an Academic "Fellow" at the Academia Nacional de Arquitectura, and at the Academia Mexicana de Arquitectura. From 2001 to 2003, she was Director of Architecture of the National Institute of Fine Arts of Mexico; promoting conservation of XX century architecture through register, publications and exhibitions at the National Museum of Architecture. She was General Director of Urban Development for the municipality of Huixquilucan, State of Mexico - MEXICO, 2003 – 2004

She was Coordinator of the Housing Documentation and Research Center (CIDOC), Mexico, founded in 2000 where she promoted research projects, among them the Study "The State of Mexico's Housing" in collaboration with the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

In 2003 she founded DOCOMOMO MEXICO, with a group of historians and researchers and is currently President of the chapter.

Morocco



Mr. Mohammed Nabil Benabdallah

Minister of Housing, Urbanism and Policy of the City

Mr. Mohammed Nabil Benabdallah holds a Degree from the National Institute of Languages and Oriental Civilizations (INALCO-Paris) with an option in International Relations, 1985.

He was Secretary-General of the Progress and Socialism Party and served as Moroccan Ambassador to Italy in Rome from November 2008 to July 2009. He was Minister of Communication and Spokesman for the Government between November 2002 and October 2007. He was elected member of the City Council of Rabat and Counselor of the Agdal-Riad district where he served from September 2003 to June 2009. He has been Director-General of the Benabdallah Translation Cabinet since 1986.

Mr. Mohammed Nabil Benabdallah was President of the Administration Council for the Mediterranean International Film Festival Foundation. He is Former-president of the Swiss-Moroccan Foundation for Sustainable Development and is President of the Association Friends of Azemmour.

Morocco



Mr. Mohamed Sajid

Mayor of the City of Casablanca

The Honorable Mayor Sajid is a graduate of the Lille Graduate School of Management in 1971, and is a member of the Moroccan Parliament, serving since 1993 as deputy of Taroudant, a city in the Sous Valley in the southern part of the country. Mayor Sajid has also served as the president of the City Council of Casablanca.

In 1973, Mayor Sajid helped found the American School of Casablanca, established as a small K-8 grade school that has now expanded to accommodate students through grade 12. Mr. Mohamed Sajid is Married and Father of 3 children.

The Netherlands



Ms. Carolien Gehrels

Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam

Before Carolien Gehrels became an Alderman, she was managing director of Berenschot Communicatie. In 1992 she came to Amsterdam to work at the Onze Lieve Vrouwe Gasthuis (Hospital).

Education:

1986–1992: University of Groningen – Dutch language and literature; specialisation: Communication in Organizations

Subsidiary subjects: industrial and organisational psychology

1980–1986: University preparatory education (VWO). Subjects: Dutch, English, German, Mathematics I and II, Physics, Chemistry, Economics I.

Work experience:

Carolien Gehrels was managing director of Berenschot Communicatie, which specializes in positioning and branding, government communication and communication research. Among other tasks she was responsible for the city marketing projects for the cities of Amsterdam and Maastricht, the marketing of the centre of Hoofddorp as a prime location and the referendum concerning the surroundings of Utrecht Central Station.

April 2006 – present:

Alderman city of Amsterdam

Carolien Gehrels's portfolio is Economic Affairs, Art and Culture, Local Media, Participation, Monuments, Infrastructure and Water, Business, Competition and Purchasing.

Previous positions:

September 2000– April 2006 inclusive: Berenschot Communicatie, managing director

1997–2000: Berenschot Communicatie, advisor

1994–1997: Podium Bureau voor Educatieve Communicatie B.V. / DST Educatieve Communicatie B.V. (educational communications bureau): Project leader/advisor

1992–1994: Onze Lieve Vrouwe Gasthuis Amsterdam (Hospital). Staff member of the Internal Communications department, focusing on absenteeism management

Poland



Ms. Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz

Mayor of Warsaw

Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz was born on the 4th of November 1952 in Warsaw.

In 1975 she graduated in Law from the University of Warsaw. The same year, she started working at the University as a research fellow and in 1981 defended her doctoral dissertation "The role of an industrial minister in managing state economy", obtaining a doctoral degree in legal studies. In 1989 she became an expert for the Sejm (the lower chamber of the Polish Parliament) and Senate in administrative, economic and banking law. In 1993 she became an associate professor following the publication of her book "Central Bank - From Planned Economy to Market Economy".

Between the 6th of March 1992 and the 31st December 2000 she held the position of President of the National Bank of Poland. During her term in office she strengthened the independence of the Central Bank, regulated the banking system and carried out the denomination of the Polish złoty.

Between 2001 and 2005 she was Vice-president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Currently, she is a Professor at Warsaw University and the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, at the Faculty of Law and Administration, as well as Head of the Chair of Administrative Law, Economic Law and Banking Law.

Since September 2005, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz has been a Member of the Polish Parliament and the Chairwoman of the State Treasury Commission.

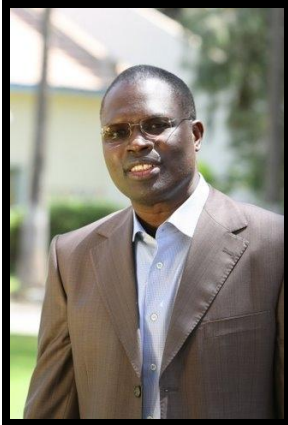
Since June 2006, she has also performed the function of vice-president of the Civic Platform.

She has participated in numerous international conferences and is the author of over 40 publications, including textbooks and monographic studies.

On the 26th of November 2006, she was elected Mayor of Warsaw for the first time.

On the 21st of November 2010, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz fought for re-election, captured 53,67% of the vote and became Mayor of Warsaw for the second time.

Senegal



Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall

Mayor of Dakar

Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall is former General Manager of the Kass Consulting Cabinet and former Minister for the Republic of Senegal. He is former Deputy at the National Assembly and Consultant in Political and Democratic Governance. He is a specialist in Prevention and Conflict Resolution and is an expert in electoral issues.

Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall served as Minister of Commerce and Artisanat from June 1993 to April 2000 and was Minister in charge of Assembly Relations between 1983 and 1988. He was twice Deputy at the National Assembly from 1988-1993 and 2001-2007. Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall has been Mayor of Dakar since April 18, 2009.

Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall is a Consultant in DSRP and the Parliamentarian Capacity Building Program at World Bank level on the Vienna Consultation Process. He is founder of the Pan African Network on Prevention and Conflict Resolution and the promotion of Democracy. He is a Consultant in Prevention and Conflict Resolution for the United Nations and an Electoral expert for the African Union. Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall is a consultant in the Peer Evaluation Mechanism (MAEP) for the Political and Democratic Governance Pillar in Country Reviews.

Singapore



Mr. Lee Yi Shyan

Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of National Development

Mr Lee Yi Shyan was born in 1962. In 1986, he graduated from the National University of Singapore in Chemical Engineering. In 1997, he completed an executive management programme at the Harvard Business School and a management programme at Tsinghua University in 2001.

Mr Lee began his career at the Economic Development Board, where he held senior positions in human resources, services development, China operations and industry development for the chemical sector. He was based in Washington DC and Chicago from 1993 to 1997, as well as Suzhou in China from 1997 to 1998. Mr Lee was appointed Deputy Chief Executive of the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board in 2000. In 2001, Mr Lee was appointed Chief Executive Officer of International Enterprise (IE) Singapore.

After the May 2006 elections, Mr Lee became a Member of Parliament for East Coast Group Representation Constituency (GRC) and served as Minister of State for Trade and Industry. In the May 2011 General Elections, Mr Lee was re-elected as one of the Member of Parliaments for the East Coast GRC. He was re-appointed as Minister of State for Trade and Industry, concurrently holding the post of Minister of State for National Development.

As Minister of State for Trade & Industry Mr Lee actively promotes economic exchanges and international trade and investments with China, Middle East and Russia. He was the Co-Vice Chairman of the Singapore-Jiangsu Cooperation Council, and Co-Chairman of the Singapore-Shandong Business Council. Mr Lee is also the Co-Chairman of the Abu Dhabi-Singapore Joint Forum and the Saudi-Singapore Economic Cities Business Forum and a member of the Qatar-Singapore High Level Joint Committee. For the National Development portfolio, Mr Lee oversees urban planning, city development and town council issues. He also spearheads Singapore's collaboration with China in the Tianjin Eco-City project. Mr Lee also chairs the Quality Service Advisory Council of public services.

Switzerland



Dr. Guy Morin

President of the Executive Council of the Canton of Basel-Stadt

Dr. Guy Morin studied medicine at the University of Basel and trained as a General Practitioner, FMH, at various hospitals within the Canton of Basel-Stadt. From 1993 to 2004 he was a General Practitioner in Basel and from 1996 to 2004 he was President of the HMO Association of General Practitioners (VIPA).

From 1985 to 1990 Dr. Morin was Secretary of the Swiss Section of Doctors of Social Responsibility and from 1988 to 2001 Member of the Parliament of the Canton of Basel-Stadt.

From 1997 to 2001 he was President of the Parliaments Health commission and in 2004 he was elected to the Executive Council of the Canton of Basel-Stadt.

In 2008 Dr. Morin was elected as President of the Executive Council of the Canton of Basel-Stadt.

Turkey



Mr. Erdoğan Bayraktar

Minister of Environment and Urbanization

He was born in "Of" District of Trabzon. After graduating from the Civil Engineering Department of the Istanbul State Academy of Engineering and Architecture, he received his Master's degree in Civil Engineering Major of Institute of Science and Technology of Istanbul University.

While attending the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and Eminönü Municipality Councils as a member from 1989 to 1999, he also served for 4.5 years as the General Manager of KİPTAŞ.

Bayraktar studied Foreign Language and Construction Technologies in the US for 10 months between 1999 and 2000. He attended miscellaneous trainings and seminars on housing, work place, cooperative and real estate systems in various countries of Europe.

Bayraktar served as General Manager of Metropol İmar A.Ş. in years 2000-2001.

Between December 2002 and March 2011, he held the offices of President of Prime Ministry Housing Development Administration (TOKİ) and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Emlak Konut Real Estate Investment Trust.

He was conferred upon the title of honorary PhD by Gazi University Faculty of Engineering and Architecture on 1 June 2010 due to his "accumulated knowledge on housing development, efforts on housing production and works of slum prevention, urban development and renewal".

He was awarded the title of Honorary PhD by Kocaeli University in February 2011 due to "his contributions to prevention of slum formation and urban transformation practices".

Erdoğan Bayraktar, who was elected an AK Party member of the Parliament from Trabzon in the general elections on 12 June 2011, currently holds office as the Minister of Environment and Urbanization.

Erdoğan Bayraktar is married with 5 children.

United States



Mr. Patrick Henry Hays

Mayor of North Little Rock, Arkansas

Mayor Hays, a native of North Little Rock and a 1965 graduate of North Little Rock High School. He was elected Mayor in November, 1988 and is currently serving his sixth four-year term.

In 1996, was elected to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Advisory Board. In 1999, he was elected to the 13-member Board of Trustees, which is entrusted with the executive and policy-making responsibility for the Conference. Mayor Hays has been on the Conference's Energy Committee for more than 15 years and is presently a Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Mayor Hays is President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICLE USA/Local Governments for Sustainability. He also serves on the Management Committee of the Board.

Mayor Hays is a recognized leader in community economic development, neighborhood revitalization, community-oriented policing, historic preservation and recreation development.

Mayor Hays is married to Linda and they have a daughter, Josie, and three grandchildren, Savannah Lou, Isabella Jo and Harper.

United States



Ms. Karen Kornbluh

U.S. Ambassador to the OECD

Karen Kornbluh was sworn in as Ambassador and U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in August, 2009.

Ambassador Kornbluh served as Policy Director for then-Senator Barack Obama from 2005-2008 and authored the 2008 party platform. Previously, she was Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Treasury Department; Assistant Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's International Bureau; Director of the Commission's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs; and economic policy advisor to Senator John Kerry. She began her career as an economic forecaster and management consultant to US manufacturing companies.

Ambassador Kornbluh has published articles on economic policy in numerous publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Atlantic Monthly. She founded the Work and Family Program at the New America Foundation, where she was also a Markle Technology Policy Fellow. As a Visiting Fellow at the Center for American Progress, she led the effort to create a Green Bank and contributed to "The Shriver Report: a Woman's Nation Changes Everything."

Ambassador Kornbluh received her Masters from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College.

United Nations Environment Programme



Ms. Amy Ann Fraenkel

Regional Director, Regional Office for North America

Amy Fraenkel has more than 25 years of experience in environmental law and policy. She has worked in both the executive and legislative branches of the United States government, inter-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

Amy joined the United Nations Environment Programme as Regional Director for North America in January, 2008. Prior to joining UNEP, Amy worked for six years with the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation where she served as Senior Counsel of the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee. There she worked on legislation related to a wide range of issues, including climate change, ocean acidification, ship and land-based sources of pollution, marine mammals and sea turtles, and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Prior to working in the U.S. Senate, Ms. Fraenkel worked as a senior policy advisor in the Office of International Affairs within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She served on U.S. delegations and negotiated measures in UNEP, the International Maritime Organization, the World Trade Organization, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Ms. Fraenkel also worked for seven years in private law practice on international and environmental issues at the firms Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton in New York, and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene and MacRae in San Francisco.

Ms. Fraenkel graduated from Grinnell College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a concentration in environmental studies. She obtained her law degree from Harvard. She also holds a French language certificate from l'Institut Catholique de Paris.

United Nations Environment Programme



Mr. Arab Hoballah

Chief of Sustainable Consumption and Production/SCP

Arab Hoballah serves as the Chief of Sustainable Consumption and Production/SCP in UNEP since October 2005. Among other responsibilities, he looks for mainstreaming Resource Efficiency and SCP policies at local, national, regional and global levels, in particular through: 1/ a series of sectors such as water and energy, buildings and cities, manufacturing and cleaner and safer production, food and education; 2/ a series of tools and methodologies such as decoupling and life cycle assessment, scenarios and indicators, labeling and procurement; and 3/ partnerships and multi-stakeholders approach in close cooperation with governments, business and industry, and civil society.

Prior to this post, he spent 14 years working in the UNEP Regional Seas programme as Deputy Director of the Blue Plan and then Deputy Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP). He established and managed the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development, and assisted several countries in developing sustainable development strategies and coastal areas management plans. Prior to 1991, he worked for several institutions in developing countries, including several years with World Bank projects in Yemen.

Educated in a multicultural environment (Lebanon, Senegal, France and Colombia), Dr. Hoballah holds a MSc in Economic Tools and Prospective Analysis, a MSc in Law and International Relations and a PhD in Economic Development.

United Nations Environment Programme



Ms. Hilary French

Programme Officer, Regional Office for North America

Hilary French is a Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme's Regional Office for North America, where her work focuses on climate change and resource efficiency. She has previously been an advisor to UNEP on a broad range of issues, including civil society engagement, consumption and production, green jobs, and globalization and the environment. Ms. French comes to UNEP from the Worldwatch Institute, where she has served as Vice President for Research, as Director of the Globalization and Governance Project, as a Senior Researcher, and most recently as Senior Advisor for Programs.

She has published and lectured widely on global environmental and sustainable development issues, including co-authoring fifteen of Worldwatch's annual State of the World reports and authoring the book *Vanishing Borders: Protecting the Planet in the Age of Globalization*. Ms. French earlier worked briefly for Ashoka, a global association of social entrepreneurs, and interned with the United Nations Development Programme in the Ivory Coast and with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva. She has also worked as a consultant to private foundations and as a Visiting Professor at Williams College. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

VINCI



Mr. Remi Dorval

President of La Fabrique de la Cité / The City Factory

Remi Dorval is President of La Fabrique de la Cité / The City Factory since 2010. He held various positions in the Ministry of Industry (Energy sector) and in the Ministry of Finance (Banking sector). In 1991, he joined the Energy sector, and became CEO of an oil-drilling company (Forasol).

He was from 1997 to 2010 appointed as Vice-Chairman and President and then Chairman and CEO of Soletanche-Bachy (a construction company).

Remi Dorval is an engineer from the Ecole Centrale Paris, he also graduated from the Political Sciences Institute of Paris and from the ENA (National School of Administration). He also has an Economics degree from la Sorbonne University.

OECD



Mr. Rolf Alter

Director

Public Governance and Territorial Development

Since 1 July 2009, Mr. Rolf Alter is Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

Previously, he served for three years as Chief of Staff of OECD Secretary-General, Mr. Angel Gurría.

Mr. Alter joined the OECD's Economics Department in 1991. Subsequently he worked in the Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs, where he was also a Programme Director for the Investment Compact of the Stability Pact for South East Europe. Between 1996 and 1998, Mr. Alter was an advisor to the Executive Director of the OECD, before being appointed Head of the Regulatory Reform Programme of OECD. In 2002 he became the Deputy Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Alter was an economist in the International Monetary Fund, in Washington D.C. He started his professional career in 1981 in the German Ministry of Economy in Bonn.

Mr. Alter holds a doctorate degree from the University of Goettingen, Germany, following post-graduate work in Germany and the United States.