Biographies
Carlos Alvarez is Deputy Director of the Development Centre of the OECD since 2010. He has developed his professional career in the field of competitiveness and innovation policies, holding positions of highest responsibility for the Government of Chile, among them, Vice Minister of Economy (2004-2006) and Executive Vice-President of the National Economic Development Corporation – CORFO (2006-2010). From year 1990 he has served in different positions in the Chilean public sector, having played an important role in the design, implementation and management of the set of programs to support economic competitiveness that today exist in Chile.

Carlos Alvarez also held the post of Professor of Public Management and Strategic Planning at the Universidad de Chile. He has published several articles on public policies to foster economic development (ECLAC), Information Technologies (World Economic Forum) and institutional design. In 1995 he obtained the Joint Japan/ World Bank Graduate Scholarship (JJ/WBGSP).

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Mauro Borges Lemos is economist with a PhD in economics from the London University. He was visiting scholar at the University of Illinois and the University of Paris. Mauro Borges Lemos is full professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, in Brazil, where he held different positions and served as General Director for the Center for Regional Development and Planning (Cedeplar). He served as board member for different Brazilian and international professional and research societies. Mauro Borges Lemos also chairs the board of the Belo Horizonte Tech Park - BHtech.
Ha-Joon Chang, a Korean national, has taught at the Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge, since 1990. In addition to numerous articles in journals and edited volumes, Ha-Joon Chang has published 14 authored books (five of them co-authored) and 10 edited books (six of them co-edited). His main books include The Political Economy of Industrial Policy (1994), Kicking Away the Ladder – Development Strategy in Historical Perspective (2002), Bad Samaritans – Rich Nations, Poor Policies, and the Threat to the Developing World (2007), and 23 Things That They Don’t Tell You About Capitalism (2010). By the end of 2013, his writings will have been translated into 34 languages and published in 37 countries.

Apart from his academic activities, Ha-Joon Chang has worked as a consultant for numerous international organisations, including various UN agencies (UNCTAD, WIDER, UNIDO, UNRISD, INTECH, FAO, and ILO), the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, and the Asian Development Bank. He has also worked as a consultant for a number of governments (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Namibia, Singapore, South Africa, the UK, Venezuela, and Vietnam) and various NGOs (such as ActionAid, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam).

Ha-Joon Chang is the winner of the 2003 Myrdal Prize, awarded to his book, Kicking Away the Ladder, by the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE). He is also the winner (jointly with Richard Nelson of Columbia University) of the 2005 Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought awarded by Tufts University. Previous winners of the Prize include the Nobel Laureates Amartya Sen and Daniel Kahnemann as well as John Kenneth Galbraith.

Carl J. Dahlman is the Luce Professor of International Relations and Information Technology at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Prior to that, he worked for 25 years as Senior Advisor to the World Bank Institute. In this role he managed the Knowledge for Development (K4D) program – an initiative providing training on the strategic use of knowledge for economic and social development to business leaders and policy makers in developing countries.

Prior to developing the K4D program, Dahlman served as Staff Director of the 1998-1999 World Development Report, Knowledge for Development. In addition, he was the Bank’s Resident Representative and Financial Sector Leader in Mexico from 1994 to 1997, years during which the country coped with one of the biggest financial crises in its history. Before his position in Mexico, Dahlman led divisions in the Bank’s Private Sector Development, and Industry and Energy Departments. He has also conducted extensive analytical work in major developing countries including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, India, Pakistan, China, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

His research and teaching explore how rapid advances in science, technology and information are affecting the growth prospects of nations and influencing trade, investment, innovation, education and economic relations in an increasingly globalizing world. Dahlman’s publications include China and the Knowledge Economy: Seizing the 21st Century, Korea and the Knowledge-Based Economy: Making the Transition, and India and the Knowledge Economy; Leveraging Strengths and Opportunities. Dahlman earned a B.A. magna cum laude in international relations from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University. He has also taught courses at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs.
Angel GURRIA  
OECD  
Secretary-General

Angel Gurría is the Secretary-General of the OECD since 2006, following a distinguished career in public service. 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 expanded its membership and strengthened links with major emerging economies. The OECD is now an active participant in both the G-8 and the G-20 Summit processes.

Previously, he held ministerial positions in Mexico as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1994-1998), and Minister of Finance and Public Credit (1998-2000). He has also participated in various international not-for-profit bodies, and he chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of Governors of the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

He holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico), and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He 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 trans-nationalism, inclusiveness, and a global consciousness.

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Professor Li studied mathematics in Peking University, graduating in 1968 with a B.A., and in 1981 with an M.S. She has conducted research on China’s long-term and medium-term national development strategy, regional economic and social development, and economic modeling applied to economic development and policy.
Claude PERIOU  
PROPARCO  
CEO

Claude Périou was appointed Chief Executive Officer of PROPARCO by the Board of Directors in March 2012. He took office on 2 July 2012. Economist, Claude Périou graduated from the Centre d’Etudes Supérieures de Banque and started his career in French Polynesia at the bank SOCREDO. He went on to become its Deputy Chief Executive Officer in 1987. He subsequently took over the management of SOFIDER Indian Ocean from 1997 to 2002. Claude Périou joined AFD Group in 2002 as PROPARCO’s Chief Executive Officer, a position he held until 2006. After four years at SOCREDO as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, he returned to AFD Group in 2010 as Chief Risk Officer, before taking over from Etienne Viard as PROPARCO’s Chief Executive Officer on 2 July 2012.

Mario PEZZINI  
OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
Director

Mario Pezzini has been Director of the OECD Development Centre since July 2010. He joined the OECD in 1995 as Principal Administrator in charge of the work on Distressed Urban Areas. From 1996 to 1999 he was the Head of the OECD Rural Development Programme. From 1999 to 2006, he was Head of the Regional Competitiveness and Governance Division in the Public Governance and Territorial Directorate, promoting regional development, regional policy effectiveness and multi-level governance. He was Deputy Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Directorate from February 2007 to July 2010. Before joining the Organisation, Mario Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. On several occasions, he has been economic advisor for international organisations and think tanks (such as ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy) in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics, with a particular focus on policies for clusters and networks of small and medium sized firms as well as on policies to valorise natural and cultural resources.
Ambassador Mariam Md. SALLEH
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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Ambassador Mariam Md. Salleh has been the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2012. Prior to that, she worked at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in various positions including Senior Director of the Services Sector Development Division between 2010 and 2012 and Director of the ASEAN Economic Cooperation between 2007 and 2010. Between 2003 and 2006, she was the MITI Economic Counselor for the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to WTO.

Throughout her career, she has been involved in the drafting of Malaysia’s Second Industrial Plan now in its Third Plan. She also provided sectoral input particularly on services into the New Economic Policy, the current Tenth Malaysia Plan and Malaysia’s Transformation Programme.

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Ambassador Pawel WOJCIECHOWSKI
POLAND

Permanent Representative to the OECD and Chair of the OECD Development Centre’s Governing Board

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Mr. Wojciechowski graduated in 1986 with a Bachelors degree in Economics from John Carroll University, Ohio in the United States. In 1988, he obtained Masters in Operations Research from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he also finalised his doctoral studies; and subsequently received a Ph.D. degree from the Systems Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences in 1994.
Nimrod Zalk is the Industrial Development Policy and Strategy Advisor at the South African Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Prior to this he was Deputy Director-General of the Industrial Development Division (IDD) of the DTI. He has been involved in a range of processes related to South African and African industrialisation including development and implementation of South Africa’s National Industrial Policy Framework (NIPF) and Industrial Policy Action Plans (IPAP); design and implementation of key industrial policy initiatives; development of the DTI’s Customised Sector Programme sector strategy methodology; measures to deal with monopolistic behaviour in the South African economy; Joseph Stiglitz’s Initiative for Policy Dialogue: Africa Task Force; and the NEPAD process. Nimrod Zalk sits on the board of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC).

Nimrod Zalk holds an MSC in Economics (with reference to Africa) from University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). He has authored papers on a range of topics including industrial policy, export dynamism, competitiveness, competition, regional economic development.