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Elder Ka’nahsohon Kevin Deer
Faithkeeper, Kahnawake, Quebec

Kevin helps to perform the ceremonies, songs, speeches, and dances of the Mohawk people. Kevin lives in Kahnawake Mohawk territory situated on the south shore of Montreal, and has been employed as a school teacher at the Karonhianonhnhha Mohawk Immersion School since 1989. In the older traditional teachings in the Longhouse as a Faithkeeper, he is a resource person on Iroquoian world view, philosophy, treaties, land claims, and native-European historical perspectives. He has been deeply involved in the Mohawk language and spiritual revitalization of his nation for the past thirty six years.

Opening Remarks

Mr. François Blais
Minister of Employment, Québec, Canada

François Blais holds a bachelor’s degree in social service from Université Laval, and a master’s degree and a PhD from the Université du Québec à Montréal. He engaged in postdoctoral studies at the Centre de recherche en droit public at the Université de Montréal and was subsequently hired as a professor in the political science department at Université Laval in 1992.

From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Blais served as director of the department, then from 2006 to 2014, as dean of the Faculté des sciences sociales at Université Laval. He has been invited to speak in universities the world over on topics as varied as the history of political ideas, changes in income security policies, and economic and social ethics.

François Blais was elected MNA for the Charlesbourg riding on April 7, 2014. He has been Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity since January 28, 2016.
Mr. Jean-Yves Duclos  

Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Canada

Jean-Yves Duclos was Director of the Department of Economics and a tenured professor at l’Université Laval. As a well-published author, conference speaker, and renowned economics expert, he was often asked to comment on current events in Quebec and Canada. In addition to his professorial duties, Jean-Yves held the Industrial Alliance Research Chair on the Economics of Demographic Change, served as Vice-President of the Canadian Economics Association, and was a member of the Institut sur le vieillissement et la participation sociale des ainés. He was also Vice-President and Fellow of the Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en analyse des organisations, Senior Fellow of the Fondation pour les études et les recherches sur le développement international and Fellow-in-Residence at the C.D. Howe Institute. Lastly, Jean-Yves is co-founder of the Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network (Partnership for Economic Policy, PEP).

Mr. Angel Gurría  

Secretary-General, OECD

Angel Gurría is the Secretary-General of the OECD since June 2006. As OECD Secretary-General, 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, and as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture including the G7, G20 and APEC, and a reference point in the design and implementation of better policies for better lives. Mr. Gurría is a Mexican national and came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, including positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s. 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 is married and has three children.
Opening Plenary Session

Listening Today for Better Social Policies Tomorrow

Ms. Regina Doherty

Minister for Employment and Social Protection, Ireland

Regina Doherty was appointed Minister for Employment and Social Protection in June 2017. Previously, from May 2016, she was Government Chief Whip and Minister of State at the department of the Prime Minister (Taoiseach). Regina began her career in the IT sector before entering public office in 2009. She served as a councillor in the local council in her native County Meath, before being elected to Dáil Éireann (the Irish parliament) in 2011. During the last parliamentary term (2011-2016), she sat on committees for both health and children, and finance and public expenditure. She chaired several all-party parliamentary groups for special education, children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and on mental health reform. In her current ministerial role, she has set about reforming Ireland’s pension system, and the systems around Ireland’s work contracts. She has provided greater supports for victims of domestic abuse and has started a review of Ireland’s Gender Recognition Act as it relates to young people.

She lives in County Meath with her husband of 20 years and their four children.

Ms. Katie Harbath

Global Director of Politics and Government Outreach at Facebook

Katie Harbath is Facebook’s Global Director of Politics and Government Outreach.

Prior to Facebook, Katie was the Chief Digital Strategist at the National Republican Senatorial Committee. She previously led digital strategy in positions at DCI Group, the Rudy Giuliani for President campaign and the Republican National Committee. Katie holds a BA in journalism and political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Mr. Giorgos Kaminis

Mayor of Athens, Greece

Georgios Kaminis was elected Mayor of Athens in November 2010 and re-elected for a second term in May 2014. Prior to his election as Mayor of Athens, Mr. Kaminis served as Deputy Ombudsman for Human Rights from 1998 to May 2003. In 2003, he was unanimously elected Greek Ombudsman by the Greek Parliament, and re-elected for a second term in 2007. In August 2010, Mr. Kaminis resigned from this position in order to stand as an independent mayoral candidate for the City of Athens. Mr. Kaminis is an Assistant Professor of constitutional law at the University of Athens, Faculty of Law and a member of the scientific staff in the Department of Parliamentary Studies and Research of the Greek Parliament. In 2016 he was the winner of the World Mayor Commendation for services to refugees. He studied law at the University of Athens and holds a doctoral degree (Doctorat d’Etat) from the University of Paris I. He was born in New York City and has also lived in Osaka, Paris, Madrid and Heidelberg. In addition to his native Greek language, he speaks fluent English, French, Spanish and German.

Mr. Kaminis is married and has two children.

Ms. Gabriela Ramos

Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General and Sherpa to the G20

Gabriela Ramos is the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Besides supporting the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary General, she is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including the G20 and the G7. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges and also oversees the work on Education, Employment and Social Affairs (including gender). Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America and held several positions in the Mexican Government. Ms. Ramos holds an MA in Public Policy from Harvard University, and was a Fulbright and Ford MacArthur fellow. She was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by the President of France, François Hollande, in 2013.
Morning Breakout Sessions: Ensuring Social Protection for All

Breakout Session 1: For One or for All? Collective vs. Individual Responsibilities in Social Protection

Moderator

Ms. Heather Scoffield
Ottawa Bureau Chief, The Canadian Press

Heather Scoffield is the Ottawa bureau chief for The Canadian Press, leading an award-winning team of 15 journalists focused on politics, public policy and the nation’s capital. Over the course of her 25-year career in journalism, she has covered monetary and fiscal policy, economics, trade policy, social policy, aboriginal affairs, environment and energy, and several different political parties. Before joining CP in 2009, she spent 12 years at the Globe and Mail. She and her team have won several National Newspaper Awards for their work, among other recognitions. Heather has a Master’s degree in journalism from the University of Western Ontario and a BA in international relations from York University. She lives in Gatineau, QC.
Speakers

Ms. Lena Hipp
Head of Work and Care Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Centre, Germany

Lena Hipp is Head of the Research Group “Work and Care” at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center and Professor for Social Inequality at the University of Potsdam. Before pursuing a PhD program at Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations, from where she graduated in 2011, she worked as a policy advisor on labor market issues in the German Bundestag. In her research, she investigates the intersections of public policies, work, and families. She has published in high-ranked, peer-reviewed journals such as Social Forces, Social Sciences Research, Socio-Economic Review, and Journal of Marriage and Family. Lena regularly writes blog-posts, policy briefs, and practitioner-oriented publications to bring her research insights to political and other decision makers. She is also invited regularly to give presentations to various groups of stakeholders.

Mr. Eduardo Fajnzylber
Associate Professor of Economics, University Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile

Eduardo Fajnzylber is professor of economics and public policy at the School of Government of the Adolfo Ibáñez University, in Chile. Until February 2009, he headed the Research Department at the Chilean Pension Fund and Unemployment Insurance Supervisory Agency. He was previously involved in writing the chapter on pensions for the 2006 ECLAC report on Social Protection in Latin America. Between 2006 and 2008, his team was actively involved in the technical discussion of the pension reform process approved in January 2008, the most extensive since 1980. He has written on social security coverage and first pillar design in Latin America. His current research involves applications of econometric techniques to evaluate the impact of interventions on social security programs. Mr. Fajnzylber has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and a degree in industrial engineering from the University of Chile.
Mr. Jeremias Prassl

Associate Professor of Law, University of Oxford, UK

Jeremias researches and teaches in the fields of English and European constitutional law, employment law, and the future of work. His most recent book, Humans as a Service (OUP 2018), explores the promise and perils of work in the gig economy across the world. Together with Prof Abi Adams of the Oxford Department of Economics, he also writes on the law and economics of fragmenting labour markets and access to justice.

Jeremias read law at Oxford, Paris II, and Harvard Law School. He is a Fellow at Magdalen College, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law, and Deputy Director of the Institute of European and Comparative Law at the University of Oxford.

Jeremias works with governments, international organisations and the social partners on questions of labour market regulation, technology, and innovation policy, and has been cited by courts, policy documents, and news organisations in multiple jurisdictions. His work has been recognised by a number of prizes for teaching, research, and public impact, including a British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award.
**Breakout Session 2: Leaving no one Behind: Targeting Gaps in Social Protection**

**Moderator**

Mr. Doug Murphy  
Senior Advisor, Employment and Social Development Canada

Mr. Murphy is Senior Advisor, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). He is the former Director General of the Social Policy Directorate within ESDC where he was responsible for the development of a Multilateral Framework on Early Learning and Child Care, the implementation of the Canada Child Benefit, and the development of a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy. Mr. Murphy was educated at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria and the London School of Economics.

**Speakers**

Ms. Rekha Balu  
Director of Center for Applied Behavioral Science, MDRC, USA

Rekha Balu directs MDRC’s Center for Applied Behavioral Science. Since 2011, Rekha has led research studies and designed interventions tackling challenges in K-12 education, child welfare and parenting, often deploying technology-driven solutions such as apps, text message campaigns, and online tools. She has partnered with institutions around the country to support more data-driven decision-making, incorporate predictive analytics, design interventions to solve process challenges, and test those interventions in randomized field trials or other rigorous research designs.

Ms. Balu currently leads evaluations of child welfare interventions targeted to parents for the Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency—Next Generation project a smartphone application to promote father engagement that is part of the Building Bridges and Bonds study, among other studies. Balu earned her PhD in the economics of education and her MA in economics from Stanford University. She received an EdM from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University. Before joining MDRC, she worked as associate director of the Center on Universal Education, served as a Fulbright scholar in Guatemala, and worked for several years as a journalist.
Mr. Joachim Breuer  
**President, International Social Security Association (ISSA)**

Mr. Joachim Breuer is the President of the International Social Security Association (ISSA). He studied law at the Universities of Bonn and Berlin, Germany. After working for the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for five years, he joined the Federation of German Accident Insurance Institutions (HVBG) in St. Augustin, Germany. In 1995 he became Director General of the accident insurance and prevention institution for the German mining industry. In 2002, Mr. Breuer returned to the umbrella organization of all German accident insurance institutions (now the DGUV – German Social Accident Insurance) as Director General. His international affiliations, most notably, are Co-chair of the International Disability Management Standards Council (IDMSC), Canada; Member of the Bureau of the European Forum for Accident Insurances (FORUM); Vice-President of Rehabilitation International for Europe and Board member of the Pacific Coast University (PCU), Canada.

Ms. Jane Waldfogel  
**Professor of Social Work and Public Affairs, Columbia University, USA**

Jane Waldfogel is the Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children and Youth Problems at the Columbia University School of Social Work, and co-Director of the Columbia Population Research Center. She is also Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics. Waldfogel received her Ph.D. in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School in 1994 and has written extensively on the impact of public policies on poverty, inequality, and child and family well-being. Her books include: *Too Many Children Left Behind: The U.S. Achievement Gap in Comparative Perspective; Britain’s War on Poverty; Steady Gains and Stalled Progress: Inequality and the Black-White Test Score Gap; What Children Need; Securing the Future: Investing in Children from Birth to College; and The Future of Child Protection*. Her current research includes studies of poverty and social policy, work-family policies such as paid family and medical leave, and inequality in child development and achievement.
Mr. Lu Quan
Vice-Director of Social Security Research Center, Renmin University, China

Born in 1981, Mr Lu holds a PhD in social policy at the Labour and Personnel College of Renmin University of China (in Beijing, where he pursued PhD study from Sept. 2005 to Sep. 2008). He was a visiting scholar at Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Security Laws in Germany from Sept. 2008 to March 2009. He is the Vice-Director of the Social Security Research Center and he is also the Secretary General of China Association of Social Security (CAOSS), a leading social security think tank in China and concurrently Associate Professor at the Labour and Personnel College of Renmin University of China.

Mr. Vinicius Botelho
Vice-Minister for Evaluation and Information Management at the Ministry of Social Development

Vinicius Botelho has been the Vice-Minister for Evaluation and Information Management at the Ministry of Social Development of Brazil since July 2016. In 2017 he took office, as Vice-Minister for Social and Productive Inclusion. Previously, he worked as an associate researcher at Getúlio Vargas Foundation/Brazilian Institute of Economy and as a consultant at the World Bank. Throughout his career, Mr. Botelho conducted research in the areas of economic, energy, social and educational policies. Botelho is an economist and holds a master’s degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, as well as an undergraduate degree from Insper – Institute of Education and Research.
Afternoon Breakout Sessions


Moderator

Ms. Ronnie Goldberg
Senior Counsel, United States Council for International Business

Ronnie Goldberg advises USCIB’s president and CEO on strategic matters and represents American business at several high-level forums. She has served as the U.S. employer representative on the International Labor Organization’s Governing Body, and chaired the BIAC Employment, Labor, and Social Affairs (ELSA) Committee.

Goldberg served as USCIB’s top policy executive for over 25 years, most recently as executive vice president and chief policy. In her earlier role, she also coordinated USCIB policies in relation to those of our international affiliates – the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Business and Industry Advisory Committee, (BIAC) and the International Organization of Employers (IOE) – and various other groups.

Goldberg graduated magna cum laude with honors in political science from Bryn Mawr College and holds a master’s degree from the London School of Economics and a doctorate from the University of Chicago. Before joining USCIB, she was a vice president in the Trade Finance division at Chase Manhattan Bank, and a project director at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, where she led studies on technology transfer and Soviet energy development. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
Speakers

Ms. Inge Bernaerts

Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Thyssen, European Union

As Head of Cabinet, Inge Bernaerts advises European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen on employment, social affairs, skills and labour mobility in the European Union. She has been involved from the outset in the development of the European Pillar of Social Rights and helps steering its implementation.

Inge has a wide experience in different Commission departments. She held a management position in the Commission’s Energy department and was Assistant to the Director-General in the Competition department. Before joining the Commission, Inge was a member of the Brussels bar. She taught seminars on European law as Assistant to Professor Koen Lenaerts at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and published and lectured extensively on European law and policy.

Inge holds a law degree from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (1995, summa cum laude) and a complementary degree in European Law from the Universität des Saarlandes (1995, magna cum laude). She is Belgian, speaks Dutch, English, French and German and is the mother of two teenage sons.

Mr. Brian Lee-Archer

Managing Director – Health and Public Service, Accenture, Australia

Brian is a Managing Director at Accenture, and leads government industry consulting in Australia/New Zealand. He is recognised as a subject matter expert and management consultant in the social protection industry, working at the intersection of social policy with service delivery and technology. Prior to joining Accenture his career included global industry roles covering the social protection industry with IBM, SAP and Curam Software (Dublin). He commenced his career in 1982 with the Australian Government at the Department of Social Security.

Brian’s most recent research topic, The Digital Nudge in Social Security Administration, examined behavioural economics and nudge theory in the context of predictive analytics and social investment theory. He has taken a deep interest in identifying the ethics and moral hazard issues arising from the use of personal data within the social protection system. Brian is currently collaborating with the Australian National University to examine the concept of explainable artificial intelligence (AI) within public administration.
Mr. Javier García Bejos

Under-Secretary of Planning, Evaluation and Regional Development, Ministry of Social Development (Sedesol), Mexico

Javier García Bejos has a degree in Economics from the ITAM. His professional career started almost 20 years ago during which he has worked in different jobs in the public and private sector. His trajectory includes working in CONSAR, the Secretariat of Energy, as Corporate Director of "Compañía Inversora Corporativa S.A. de C.V.", General Director of the Toluca International Airport and being Secretary of Labor of the Government of the State of Mexico.

Currently, he works as Undersecretary of Planning, Evaluation and Regional Development in the Secretariat of Social Development of the Federal Government. His responsibilities include planning, designing and evaluation of strategies, programs and actions related to social development policy in Mexico. From this position, he is committed on building a State Social Policy based on the use of technology, information and operating rules; focused in constant improvement to achieve a more efficient operation of social actions and programs.

Ms. Zara Nanu

CEO, Gapsquare, UK

Zara Nanu is an expert on how diversity and inclusion can shape more dynamic and productive teams and a more engaging and empowering workplace. Zara is an entrepreneur who believes business can generate social impact as well as revenues and profits. she set up Gapsquare to bring together technology and diversity and inclusion expertise to close the gender pay gap.
Mr. Rait Kuuse
Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

Mr. Kuuse has been working since 1999 in the Estonian public sector. He started his career as a probation officer, moved in 2001 to the Ministry of Justice. Since spring 2014, he is working as a deputy secretary general on social policy in the Ministry of Social Welfare. His field of responsibility is the coordination of the country’s social policy and its agenda setting. More specifically, under his direct supervision are the issues of social insurance, social welfare services, child and family benefits and policy, equality policies. He is currently also a chair of a board in the foundation responsible for care home services for 200 persons and a board member of Estonian Prison Industry.

Mr. Kuuse is skilled at international cooperation, his experience involves working many years as an expert for various international organizations. Mr. Kuuse is currently active at EU level, holding a position of the vice chair of the Social Protection Committee.

He has a diploma in social work, graduated from the MBA programme on European studies at the Tartu University, and is currently active in the doctoral studies programme in the University of Tallinn on the subject of deinstitutionalisation.

**Moderator**

Ms. Margaret Biggs  
Matthews Fellow on Global Public Policy, School of Policy Studies, Queen’s University, Canada

Margaret Biggs is the Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy, Queen’s University, and Chairperson of the Board of Governors for the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Ms. Biggs served as the President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) from 2008-2013 and was responsible for overseeing Canada's international development and humanitarian assistance efforts worldwide. Previously, Ms. Biggs served as Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Plans and Priorities, in the Privy Council Office (Government of Canada) and in Assistant Deputy Minister roles related to skills, learning and social development. Ms. Biggs has represented Canada in numerous international fora including the OECD, World Bank and United Nations agencies. She recently co-chaired the Study Group on Global Education’s report Equipping the Next Generation of Canadians to Succeed in a Complex World. At Queen’s University she is a co-organizer of the Queen’s International Institute on Social Policy, Canada’s premiere annual social policy conference.

**Speakers**

Mr. Gary Barker  
President and CEO, Promundo, Brazil / USA

Gary Barker is President and CEO of Promundo. He has conducted extensive global research and program development around engaging men and boys in gender equality and violence prevention, and is a leading voice for the worldwide effort to establish positive, healthy dynamics between men and women. Gary is the co-founder of MenCare, a global campaign to promote men’s involvement as equitable, non-violent caregivers, and co-founder of MenEngage, a global alliance of more than 600 NGOs and UN agencies working toward gender equality. He coordinates IMAGES (the International Men and Gender Equality Survey), a pioneering multi-country survey of men’s attitudes and behaviors related to violence, fatherhood, and gender equality, among other themes. He is a member of the UN Secretary General’s Men’s Leaders Network and has been honored with an Ashoka Fellowship, a fellowship from the Open Society Institute, and the Vital Voices Solidarity Award. Gary earned a PhD in child and adolescent development from Loyola University in Chicago and a Master’s degree in Public Policy from Duke University.
Ms. Ghada Hatem
Medecin-Chef, Maison des Femmes, France

Ghada Hatem-Gantzer est née au Liban et fait ses études de médecine à Paris, à la faculté Necker. Elle a assuré les fonctions de chef de service de la maternité des Bluets (Paris 11e) où elle a mis en place le projet de partenariat avec l'hôpital Trousseau, puis de praticien à l'hôpital militaire Bégin (Saint-Mandé). Elle devient en 2011 Cheffe de service de la maternité Angélique du Coudray, Hôpital Delafontaine (Saint-Denis). Elle y crée un centre d'assistance médicalisée à la procréation, un centre de prise en charge des cancers du sein, et une unité de prise en charge des femmes victimes de mutilations sexuelles féminines. En 2016, elle fonde la Maison des Femmes, lieu d’accueil, de consultation, de prévention et d’orientation pour toutes les femmes en difficulté, confrontées à une grossesse non désirée, à des violences conjugales et sexuelles, ou à l’excision.

Mr. Ajmal Sataar
Founder and President, Inspire Nunavut, Canada

Ajmal Sataar is the Founder and President of Inspire Nunavut, an organization that operates social entrepreneurship accelerators and incubators for indigenous youth to challenge the complex problems they face in their remote Arctic communities. The initiative is creating some of the first collaborative entrepreneurial ecosystems in the region, where enterprises being created integrate local culture and values, increase community self-reliance, and are improving the communities’ standard of living.

Most recently, Ajmal was selected as Co-Chair of Canada’s Social Innovation and Social Finance Strategy Co-Creation Steering Group. Ajmal has also founded social enterprises that have supported at-risk youth, marginalized immigrant women, individuals with a mental illness, high school students, homeless people and the recycling of cigarette butts.
Ms. Tjaša Sobočan
Social Innovation Generator and International Lead, Simbioza, Slovenia

Tjaša is a Project Manager and International Lead at Simbioza Genesis, social enterprise that works on the topic of lifelong learning and empowering people through digital literacy and intergenerational cooperation. She holds a Master degree in Diplomacy with a special focus on social innovations and public diplomacy and a Bachelor degree in International Relations. Within the last 6 years Tjaša got to know the startup ecosystem of Slovenia and Austria, where she found her passion: empowering people through innovation. She did various positions in Berlin and Vienna as well as Ljubljana and was also enrolled in some interesting initiatives and projects, such as AmCham Young Professionals, Mentorship Program and TechCamp. One of her projects was also awarded with European Award for Social Innovation SozialMarie. She sees intergenerational cooperation as the richest dialogue of the future, and finds her motivation in creating impact and generating social change within her area of work. Currently, Tjaša is a fellow member at WorldChicago Tech Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Education Fellowship Program.
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Closing Plenary Session

Social Policies for Inclusive Growth

Moderator

Mr. Stefano Scarpetta

Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Stefano Scarpetta has been the Director of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) since 2013. He provides the leadership in the design, management and co-ordination of the activities of ELS and contributes to the implementation of the Secretary-General’s strategic orientations in a broad range of policy areas, notably Employment, Labour, Migration, Health, Skills, Gender and Tackling Inequalities. Mr. Scarpetta joined the OECD in 1991. He led several large-scale projects, including: “Implementing the OECD Jobs Strategy”; the “Sources of Economic Growth”; and contributed to others including “The Policy Challenges of Population Ageing”. From 2002 to 2006 he was at the World Bank as the labour market advisor and lead economist in charge of the Bank-wide programme of Employment and Development. He returned to the OECD in 2006 as the Head of Division in charge of Japan, Korea, Mexico, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, China and India. In 2008 he became the Head of the Employment Analysis and Policy Division and the editor of the Employment Outlook. In 2010, he became the Deputy Director of ELS. He holds a PhD in Economics from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris) and a M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.
Ms. Effie Achtsioglou
Minister of Labour Social Insurance and Social Solidarity, Greece

Effie Achtsioglou is a lawyer and holds a PhD in European Labour Law and a Master’s degree in Public Law and Political Science. She has been Head of the Minister’s Cabinet, at the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity and she was the Ministry’s chief negotiator in charge of the negotiations of the Greek Government with the EC, ECB, IMF, ESM on labour market and social security issues. She was a member of the Management Board of the Greek Public Employment Service and member of the Greek Supreme Labour Council. She has been Head of the Alternate Minister’s Cabinet, at the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction and Accredited Parliamentary Assistant at the European Parliament (2014). She has also been Assistant to the Department of Civil Law, Civil Procedural Law and Labour Law at the Faculty of Law in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2009-2013) and research associate at the Greek Centre of International and European Economic Law (2009).

Mr. Jose Antonio Vieira da Silva
Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security, Portugal

José António Vieira da Silva is an economist and, since November 2015, Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of the XXI Constitutional Government of Portugal. Previously, between 2011 and 2015, he was Member of Parliament and president of the ad hoc Committee for the monitoring of the financial assistance programme to Portugal. During this period he was also Visiting Professor at Instituto Superior do Trabalho e da Empresa (ISCTE-IUL). Between 2005 and 2011 he took on the positions of Minister of Economy, Innovation and Development and Minister of Labour and Social Security of the XVII and XVIII Constitutional Governments, respectively.

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Ms. Annika Strandhäll

Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Ms. Annika Strandhäll has been Minister for Health and Social Affairs since 2017, and was previously Minister for Social Security from 2014-2017. Ms. Strandhäll has a long history as a trade unionist with both national and international assignments. She was a member of the Government appointed Delegation for Gender Equality in Working Life between 2011-2014 and has extensive experience from Labour Organisations and Boards.

As a member of the Swedish Social Democratic Party, Ms. Strandhäll believes that the welfare system is the backbone of the Swedish model, playing a crucial role in people’s security throughout their lives. Smart, robust universal systems for healthcare, social services, redistribution and financial security at different stages of life ensure a society that not only stands together – but that also enables people to grow and take chances.

Ms. Mizuho Onuma

Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan

Ms. Mizuho Onuma is currently a member of the House of Councillors, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Japan. In August 2017, she was appointed as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

A 2004 graduate of the Graduate School of Law, Keio University (LL.M.), she began her career by joining the NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation). Subsequently, she has held various positions such as Special Research Fellow, Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan; Research Fellow, The Tokyo Foundation; and Senior Policy Research Fellow, Secretariat of the Council for the Promotion of Regulatory Reform, Cabinet Office in Japan.

Ms. Mizuho Onuma was first elected to the House of Councillors in 2013, where she has served as Director of the Committee on Health, Welfare and Labour; Director of the Committee on General Affairs; Director of the Special Committee on Official Development Assistance and Related Matters; and Director of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs.