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BIOGRAPHIES

Opening Ceremony



Hon. Nadia Fettah ALAOUI

Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco and Chairperson of the African Caucus

She was appointed Minister of Economy and Finance in October 2021 and is the first woman appointed to this position in the Kingdom of Morocco. Prior to this appointment, from 2019 to 2021, she served as Minister of Tourism, Handicrafts, Air Transport and Social Economy. In 2017, Nadia Fettah was Chief Executive Manager of a group of companies in Africa before being appointed as Minister. She graduated from HEC Paris in 1994.



Dr. Donald KABERUKA

AU High Representative for Financing African Union Peace Fund

A Rwandan economist and former Finance Minister, Dr. Kaberuka is the 7th President of the African Development Bank (2005-2015). He is credited for expanding the reach and impact of AfDB, Africa's premier financial institution during his two terms as President.

Kaberuka is currently the African Union High Representative for Financing, the Peace Fund and COVID19 response. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of several organisations and think tanks including the Rockefeller Foundation, Center for Global Development, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, The Brookings Institution and the London School of Economics. He serves on the International Advisory Council of Standard Chartered Bank and Co-Chair of Council on State Fragility. He

was also nominated in 2017 to Chair the panel on the third External Evaluation of the International Monetary Fund. Since retiring from the African Development Bank, he is Chairman and Managing Partner of

SouthBridge a financial and investment advisory firm which he co-founded. He was elected in 2019 as Chair of the Board of The Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Financing African Development: Challenges in the Current Conjecture



Abebe Aemro SELASSIE

Director of the African Department, IMF

Abebe Aemro Selassie is the Director of the African Department at the International Monetary Fund, a position he has held since 2016. In this capacity, Mr. Selassie oversees the IMF's operations and engagement with 45 countries across sub-Saharan Africa, spanning the three main pillars of IMF work—policy advice, lending operations, and technical assistance. His responsibilities also include building strategic partnerships and dialogue with senior policymakers and institutions across the region.

Before taking up his current position, Mr. Selassie gained extensive experience in a wide-ranging 22-year career at the IMF. He held various senior positions, including Deputy Director in the African Department, Mission Chief for Portugal and South Africa, Division Chief of the African Department's Regional Studies Division, and the IMF's Senior Resident Representative in Uganda. Earlier in his career, he worked on the Fund's lending programs with Turkey, Thailand, Romania and Estonia as well as being deeply involved in policy, operational review, and economic research work.

Before joining the IMF in 1994, he worked for the Government of Ethiopia and the Economist Intelligence Unit in London. Mr. Selassie is an Ethiopian national. He completed his graduate studies at the London School of Economics.

Repositioning Public Debt as a Catalyst for Economic Recovery and Sustainable Growth



Samuel Munzele MAIMBO

Director, Development Finance Corporate IDA and IBRD

Samuel Munzele Maimbo is the Director of the IDA Resource Mobilization and IBRD Corporate Finance department at the World Bank. In his role, he is responsible for the implementation of the World Bank's IDA's hybrid financial model and policy analysis of IBRD income and corporate finance.

Prior to this he was Senior Advisor in the Office of the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer. He has also worked on a diverse range of operations and countries and held various positions in the Finance Markets and Innovations Global Practice,

including Financial Sector Specialist (South Asia Region, Africa Region and Europe and Central Asia Region); Practice Manager for Strategy and Operations; and Practice Manager for Long-Term Finance & Risk Management (Agriculture Finance & Insurance, Capital Market Development, Disaster Risk Finance, Housing Finance, Infrastructure Finance, Pensions & Insurance and Climate Finance).

Before joining the World Bank Bank, he was a Bank Inspector at the Bank of Zambia and an auditor at PWC. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration (Banking) from the University of Manchester, an MBA in Finance, (University of Nottingham), a BSc. in Accounting (Copperbelt University, Zambia) and is a Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA, UK).



Hon. Dr. Rania AL-MASHAT
Minister of International Cooperation of Egypt

Dr. Rania Al Mashat is Egypt's Minister of International Cooperation since December 2019, and previously served as the country's first female Minister of Tourism. Prior to that, she was Advisor to the Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington DC. She specialized in central banking issues and designing monetary policy frameworks. Her other former roles include serving as Sub-Governor for Monetary Policy at the Central Bank of Egypt, Senior Economist at the IMF, Deputy Project Director for the Institutional Reform and Informal Sector Center at the University of Maryland,

College Park, USA, and Adjunct Professor of Economics at the American University in Cairo (AUC). Dr Al-Mashat has several publications on monetary policy, financial stability and institutional reforms in transition and emerging markets.

Dr. Al-Mashat represents Egypt as Governor in several international financial institutions, including the World Bank Group, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and Arab Bank for Economic Development, and as Alternate Governor of Egypt at the African Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and Islamic Development Bank. She is also Co-Chair of the MENA Stewardship Board at the World Economic Forum (WEF); and Member of the New Economy and Society Stewardship Board at WEF.

Dr. Al-Mashat received her PhD and MA in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park, USA, and BA in Economics from AUC. She completed executive education at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and Saïd Business School, Oxford University



Ms. Victoria KWAKWA

Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank

Victoria Kwakwa, a Ghanaian national, is the Regional Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa. An economist and development expert with over 30 years of experience, Dr. Kwakwa leads the Bank's engagement with 26 countries that include low income, lower middle income and upper middle-income countries. She oversees an active portfolio of 313 operations totaling \$58 billion and an extensive program of cutting-edge analytic work, technical assistance and policy advice.

At the core of Ms. Kwakwa's vision is a stable, integrated, and resilient region with dynamic economies and prosperous societies in which all citizens, notably women, children and youth enjoy equality of opportunity.

Under her leadership, the World Bank is providing vital support to countries as they face a series of complex, multifaceted challenges including the COVID-19 crisis, climate shocks, food- and energy-fueled inflation and rising debt levels. Her priorities include promoting private sector jobs and economic transformation, building human capital, strengthening climate resilience, agricultural productivity and food security, and improving access to critical infrastructure. Reducing the drivers of fragility and conflict, promoting gender equality and regional integration cut across all these areas of work.

Prior to her appointment on July 1, 2022, Dr. Kwakwa served as the Vice President for Corporate Strategic Initiatives, working closely with the World Bank Managing Director of Operations and other operational and corporate units on select high priority initiatives to enhance the World Bank's operational delivery and impact. She also served as the Vice President for East Asia Pacific from April 2016 to August 2021, where she led the Bank's engagement with 23 diverse clients ranging from countries on the cusp of high income, established middle income, to lower middle-income countries.

In addition to her work in the East Asia and Pacific region, Dr. Kwakwa has extensive work experience in Africa including in Nigeria where she led the Bank's economic work between 2001 and 2006. She was also Country Manager for Rwanda from 2007 to 2009.

Dr. Kwakwa brings to this role a deep knowledge of Bank Group operations, and strong experience working on issues related to debt and macroeconomic resilience, reforms for economic competitiveness and growth, and fiscal decentralization. She has a track record of putting people at the center of her work, listening to beneficiaries, and striving for good outcomes for her clients and their citizens.

Her work has spanned a wide range of development issues including rural development, infrastructure services provision and financing, climate resilience and mitigation, developing human capital, and leveraging the potential of urbanization for development. She has built enduring partnerships with private sector, civil society and other international actors and has demonstrated her ability to mobilize these diverse stakeholders behind shared interests.

Dr. Kwakwa began her career at the World Bank in 1989 as a Young Professional. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics and statistics from the University of Ghana, and a master's degree and PhD in economics from Queen's University, Ontario, Canada.



Prof. Kevin Chika URAMA

Ag. Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance & Knowledge Management, African Development Bank

Kevin Chika URAMA, FAAS is currently the Acting Chief Economists/Vice President for Economic Governance & Knowledge Management, African Development Bank Group. He is also the Senior Director of the African Development Institute at the African Development Bank Group, responsible for shaping and leading the bank-wide capacity development in the Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to accelerate delivery of the High 5 priorities of the Bank, the 2030 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063.

Prof. Urama is an elected Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS); a Distinguished Professor of the University of Nigeria; an Extra-Ordinary Professor in the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa; an Adjunct Professor at the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs, Murdoch University, Western Australia; an Expert Partner of the Africa Progress Group Chaired by Former President Olusegun Obasanjo, and was Visiting Professor at the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy, University College London. He is currently a member of the Global Council on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the term 2021 to 2023. Prior to his appointment as Senior Director of the African Development Institute, he was Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank Group on Inclusive and Green Growth – Strategy, Policy Development, and Implementation. Kevin has held various executive leadership positions in the academia, international organizations, the private sector, and is currently in a multilateral development bank. Prior to joining the African Development Bank, he was the inaugural Managing Director of the Quantum Global Research Lab established in Zug, Switzerland; former Executive Director of the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) established in Nairobi Kenya; Director of Research and Training of the ATPS; Senior Research Fellow at the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute established in Aberdeen, United Kingdom; Deputy Chairman of the OMFIF Economists Network, and inaugural President of the African Society for Ecological Economics (ASEE), and Lecturer at the University of Nigeria.

Kevin holds a Ph.D. in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom; an MPhil in Land Economy with a Distinction from Cambridge University; a Master of Science in Agricultural Economies from University of Nigeria, and a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics with a First-Class Honors from the University of Nigeria. He won the 2002-2003 James Claydon Prize for the most outstanding Ph.D. thesis in economics or related fields at St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge. He was named the Technology Executive of the Year by the Africa Technology Awards in 2012. He has published in various media and has served on / contributed to many international and inter-governmental scientific panels/reports including the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC); Green Growth Best Practice (GGBP); the International Resource Panel (IRP); the OECD Green Growth and Poverty Reduction Task Team; the UNESCO Governing Board of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy (CISTRAT),

Beijing, China; and the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Advisory Committee; the High- Level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; among others. He serves on various boards and global research committees to deliver inclusive green growth and sustainable development.

Rethinking the Global Financial Architecture



Ms. Vera SONGWE

UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UNECA

Vera Songwe is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Upon her appointment, she became the first woman to lead the institution in its 60-year history.

As Executive Secretary, Songwe's reforms have focused on developing and implementing "ideas for a prosperous Africa". They have emphasized the critical importance of macroeconomic stability, innovative finance, private sector participation, the digital transformation, trade and competitiveness in fostering growth and improving livelihoods.

She was listed as one of Africa's 50 most powerful women by Forbes in 2020 and named as one of the '100 Most Influential Africans' by Jeune Afrique in 2019. In 2017, New African Magazine listed her as one of the '100 Most Influential Africans' and the FT named her one of the '25 African to watch' in 2015. Songwe is acknowledged for her long-standing track record of providing policy advice and her wealth of experience in delivering development results for Africa. She has written extensively on development and economic issues including on debt, infrastructure development, fiscal and governance issues. She is well published and contributes to the development debate across a broad spectrum of platforms including in the Financial Times.

Prior to ECA, she held a number of senior leadership roles with the International Finance Corporation and World Bank.

Regional Integration



Boutheina GUERMAZI

World Bank Director for Regional Integration for Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Northern Africa

Ms. Guerhazi, a Tunisian national, joined the Bank in 2004 as a Regulatory Specialist. She has since held several positions of responsibility in the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) teams, including Practice Manager for the Digital Development teams covering the Middle East and Africa Regions, and World Bank Director for Digital Development. In this position (2018-2021), she led a global team that worked on building digital economies in developing countries to drive shared prosperity and reduce poverty. She became the World Bank Director for Regional Integration for Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa since October 18, 2021. In this position she oversees the implementation of the World Bank Group's regional integration strategy and leads the policy dialogue and

partnership with regional organizations, country clients, and partners.

Ms. Guerhazi holds a Ph.D. in Telecommunications Law and Policy from the Faculty of Law at McGill University, Canada; an L.L.M. in International Law from Indiana University, USA; and a bachelor's degree in Public Law from the University of Tunis, Tunisia. She held a Fulbright Scholarship and was a research scholar at the University of Michigan (USA), the Social Science Research Council (USA), and the Center of Studies for Regulated Industries (Canada).

Professor Daniel Ona ONDO

President of the Communauté Economique des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)



Cheick-Oumar SYLLA

IFC Director, North Africa

Cheick Oumar Sylla serves as IFC's Director for North Africa based in Cairo, Egypt. He covers Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

Before joining IFC in Dakar in May 2017 as Principal Investment Officer- Africa Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Cheick-Oumar held leadership positions in a range of different industries in Africa and Europe, including in the pharmaceutical, real estate, banking and energy sectors, and was instrumental in creating a number of successful business ventures. Most recently, he served as Executive

Vice President, Business Development Africa at ContourGlobal.

Prior joining ContourGlobal, Cheick-Oumar was Director of the Investment & Financing Department at ICD, the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, a member of the Islamic

Development Bank (IDB) based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Cheick-Oumar also served as general manager of Pharmafinance (Ubipharm Group), one of the leading pharmaceutical distribution companies in Africa, and also as Chief Business Development Officer at Teylioum Group in Geneva, Switzerland.

In July 2019, Cheick-Oumar became IFC's Country Manager for the Horn of Africa covering Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Sudan and South Sudan. He was based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In this last position and despite the challenges, Cheick-Oumar succeeded in increasing IFC's footprint and growing IFC's pipeline in the region.

Cheick-Oumar is a graduate of École des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC) in Montréal, Canada. He is also a member of the Institute of Directors (IoD).

Mr. Abdessamad SAIDI

Director Research Department Bank Al-Maghrib, Morocco

Abdessamad Saidi est responsable du Département de la Recherche à Bank Al Maghrib. Avant de rejoindre la Banque centrale en 2009, il a travaillé en tant qu'expert en gestion quantitative chez Standard Life Investissements à Montréal. Il a également assuré plusieurs charges d'enseignements à l'Université de Montréal et à Concordia University. Il est titulaire d'une thèse de doctorat en statistique soutenue en 2003 à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles. Il a publié plusieurs articles dans des revues internationales dans le domaine de l'économétrie. Ses domaines de recherche relèvent de l'économie monétaire et financière.

Climate Crisis



Ms. Jennifer SARA

Global Director for Climate Change, World Bank Group

Jennifer Sara is the Global Director for the World Bank Group's Climate Change Global Practice from July 1, 2022. Ms. Sara is responsible for overseeing the key strategic priorities and implementation of the World Bank Group's Climate Change Action Plan and lead five Practice groups on: Climate Operationalization and Impact, Climate Economics and Finance, Climate Funds Management, Climate Investment Funds Secretariat, and Strategy, Knowledge and Outreach.

Prior to taking on this position, Ms. Sara served for eight years as Director and Global Director for the Water Global Practice, overseeing the Bank's \$30B water portfolio, analytics, trust fund management and knowledge agenda. She has worked on infrastructure and sustainable development issues for the World Bank for more than thirty years in the following assignments: Sector Manager for Sustainable Development based in Vietnam; Sector Leader for Infrastructure in Brazil; Lead Infrastructure Specialist for Latin America, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist for West Africa, and Water and Sanitation Specialist in Bolivia. Prior to joining the Bank, Ms Sara worked in Liberia and for the US Indian Health service.

Ms. Sara holds an MSc in Environmental Management from the University of London and a BSc in Environmental Engineering from Brown University.



H.E Mr. Gamal Mohamed Abdel Aziz NEGM **Ag Governor, Central Bank of Egypt**

Mr. Gamal Negm is the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt, in charge of Banking Stability since November 2011. His responsibilities incorporate the supervision of various sectors within the Central Bank of Egypt, among which; the Onsite & Offsite supervision, Licensing, Macro-Prudential, Regulations, Risk Management Reform and Large Corporates, Basel, Print-house, Cyber Security, Central Risk Management and Information Security, Security, Legal affairs, Internal Audit and Finance, in addition to Exchange and money transfer companies, The Egyptian Credit Bureau (I-score) and the Credit Guarantee Company (CGC).

Owing to his vast and distinguished banking experience, Mr. Gamal also holds the positions of Non-Executive Chairman of the Credit Guarantee Company (CGC), and a board member in the Financial Regulatory Authority (FRA), as well as a member in the Board of Trustees of the Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Combating Unit (EMLCU), a Deputy Chairman for the Board of the Egyptian Banking Institute, besides being a member in the General Assembly of the Egyptian Holding Company for Airports and Air Navigation.

Mr. Gamal's duties and responsibilities are not limited to the local level, but also extend to the international level, as he is a member of the Financial Stability Board Regional Consultative Group for the Middle East and North Africa, in addition to being appointed in the position of a non-executive Board Member and Head of Strategy and Risk Committee in the African Export and Import Bank (Afreximbank).

From February 2008 till November 2011, Mr. Negm held the position of Sub-Governor for the Banking Supervision within the Central Bank of Egypt. Prior to that, he was the assistant Sub-Governor of the on-site banking inspection since 2006, in charge of the complete overhaul and revamp of the onsite examination process, policies, procedures and manuals shifting from compliance-based supervisory approach to a risk-based approach.

From the date of joining the Central Bank of Egypt in July 2004 until 2007, Mr. Gamal was responsible for the "Banking Reform Program", whereas he successfully executed the first banking reform plan for the Egyptian Banking Sector, namely; addressing the issue of non-performing loans (NPLs), Financial & Managerial restructuring of state-owned banks, and Upgrading the CBE's Banking Supervision Sector.

Before joining the Central Bank of Egypt, his successful career span over 25 years of experience in the Banking sector, pertaining Senior Management positions in a number of international and local banking institutions, while acquiring vast experience in Risk Management, Credit Control, Internal Audit, and Financial Control areas.



Ms. Emilia JURZYK

Deputy Unit Chief /Climate Expert IMF

Emilia Jurzyk, Polish national, joined the Fund in 2008. During her time at the IMF, Emilia served as a mission chief for Tuvalu and worked in the Office of the Managing Director of the IMF. She also worked on the performance of state-owned enterprises, inequality, household debt, and credit developments. In 2021, she joined the Strategy, Policy and Review Department as a Deputy Unit Chief in the Development Issues Unit, which is responsible for coordinating the IMF's work on climate change. Emilia holds a PhD in economics from the KU Leuven in Belgium.

Addressing the Impact of Climate on Food Security



Simeon EHUI

Regional Director for Sustainable Development, Africa West, World Bank

Simeon Ehui a national of Cote d'Ivoire, has been since July 1, 2019, the World Bank's Regional Director for Sustainable Development for Africa and more recently since July 1, 2020, Regional Director for West and Central Africa covering agriculture, environment, social, water, urban and climate. His main responsibility, among other things, is to provide vision, coherence, and focus for sustainable development in West and Central Africa consistent with the regional/country

strategies.

Before his current assignment, Simeon was Director of the World Bank's Food and Agriculture Global Practice (2017-2019). Since joining the World Bank in 2003, Simeon has held several assignments. He was manager of the Food and Agriculture Global Practice for Africa (2015-2017) and South Asia (2009-2015). He also served as Lead Economist and Sector Leader for the Sustainable Development Network in Nigeria covering a variety of sectors such as agriculture, environment, transport, and energy.

Before joining the World Bank, Simeon worked for 15 years in the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). He managed multi-country agricultural research development programs in Africa and Asia for both the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

Simeon holds a Masters (1983) and Ph.D. (1987). in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University, in Indiana, USA, and has published extensively in his field. He also holds a Masters (1981) and Bachelors (1980) in Economics from the National University of Cote d'Ivoire Simeon is an honorary fellow of the African Agricultural Economist Association, and a Distinguished Agricultural Alumnus of Purdue University.