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Appointment of 24 experts to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Note by the Secretary-General

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/45, the Council is to consider the nomination by the Secretary-General of 24 experts who will serve on the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in their personal capacity for a four-year term beginning on 1 August 2021 and expiring on 31 July 2025. Listed below are the names of the 24 persons nominated by the Secretary-General, together with their biographical information.



Marta Eugenia Acosta Zúñiga (Costa Rica)

Marta Eugenia Acosta Zúñiga has been the Auditor General of the Republic of Costa Rica since 2012. Prior to that, Ms. Acosta Zúñiga held the position of Deputy Comptroller General for the period 2004–2012. Between 2017 and 2021, she was a member of the Board of the Development Initiative of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions. She has worked in the field of auditing and internal control in the public sector, as well as in the areas of accountability, transparency and efficiency of government procurement and contracts, both in her country and abroad, for many years. Ms. Acosta Zúñiga has worked as a project leader and consultant for international organizations such as the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the German Development Cooperation on topics related to transparency, procurement and external and internal auditing. She has participated as a speaker at international seminars, meetings and congresses and has teaching experience at the university level in Costa Rica. Ms. Acosta Zúñiga has a degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis on Accounting, from the University of Costa Rica. She has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Costa Rica since 1986, an honorary member of the Institute of Internal Auditors of Costa Rica since 2004 and a Government Auditing Professional certified by the United States of America-based, global Institute of Internal Auditors since 2006.

Yamini Aiyar (India)

Yamini Aiyar is the President and Chief Executive of the Centre for Policy Research. Her research interests are in the field of social policy and development. In 2008, she founded the Accountability Initiative at the Centre. Under her leadership, the Initiative has produced significant research in the areas of governance, state capacity and social policy. It pioneered a new approach to tracking public expenditures for social policy programmes and is widely recognized for running the country's largest expenditure-tracking survey in elementary education. Ms. Aiyar's own research on social accountability, elementary education, decentralization and administrative reform has received both academic and popular recognition. Ms. Aiyar is a Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED) fellow and a founding member of the International Experts Panel of the Open Government Partnership. She has been a member of the World Economic Forum's global council on good governance. She previously worked with the Water and Sanitation Programme and Rural Development unit of the World Bank in Delhi, where she focused on action research aimed at strengthening mechanisms for citizen engagement in local government. She was a member of the decentralization team at the World Bank that provided policy support to strengthen the Panchayati Raj (local governance) in India. Ms. Aiyar is an alumna of the London School of Economics, Saint Edmund's College, Cambridge University and Saint Stephen's College of Delhi University.

Rolf Alter (Germany)

Rolf Alter is an experienced economist and Senior Fellow at the Hertie School of Governance, in Berlin. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the World Economic Forum's *Global Risks Report*. He spent over 25 years at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. In 2006, he was appointed Chief of Staff to the OECD Secretary-General and in 2009, he became Director of Public Governance. Dr. Alter built a team of over 200 staff to support governments in improving their public sector performance for inclusive growth and economic competitiveness. He previously worked for the International Monetary Fund, in Washington, D.C., and for the Ministry of Economy of Germany, in Bonn. Dr. Alter's interests include institutional and regulatory reform, productivity, innovation, results-oriented budgeting, transparency, leadership and integrity. He

holds a doctorate from the University of Göttingen. In 2013, he received a doctorate (honoris causa) from the National University of Hungary. In 2016, he was awarded the Onkar Prasad Dwivedi Award by the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration for his outstanding contribution to public administration and policy.

Linda Bilmes (United States of America)

Linda J. Bilmes is a leading expert on budgeting and public finance. She is a full-time faculty member at Harvard University, teaching public finance, regional finance and budgeting. She leads Harvard's training in public finance for newly elected United States members of Congress and mayors. Ms. Bilmes was twice confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the United States Department of Commerce. She is currently a Presidential appointee on the National Park System Advisory Board of the United States Department of the Interior. She serves on the boards of directors of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University and Economists for Peace and Security, a distinguished body dedicated to promoting non-military solutions to world challenges. Professor Bilmes has authored or co-authored numerous books, book chapters and articles on the costs of war, the value of public lands, conservation and finance, including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Three Trillion Dollar War: The True Cost of the Iraq Conflict* (with Joseph E. Stiglitz). In 2016, she published the landmark study entitled "Total Economic Valuation of the National Park Service Lands and Programs", which established an economic value of United States national park assets for the first time. Professor Bilmes was featured in the Academy award-nominated documentary *No End in Sight*. Her work has been published in the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Financial Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Harvard Business Review*, the *Atlantic* and other publications. She was the recipient of the 2008 "Speaking Truth to Power" Award from the American Friends Service Committee. Previously, she was a Principal with the Boston Consulting Group in London, Madrid and Moscow. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She holds a BA and an MBA from Harvard University and has taught and studied at the University of Oxford, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Augustin K. Fosu (Ghana)

Augustin K. Fosu is a Professor at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research at the University of Ghana. He holds a number of honorary appointments, including Extraordinary Professor, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences at the University of Pretoria, in South Africa; Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, in South Africa; and Research Associate at the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, in the United Kingdom. Professor Fosu is a development economist with a particular interest in the relationship between institutions, growth and human development; debt, growth and optimal public sector allocation; trade, growth and development; and growth, inequality and poverty. His previous positions include Deputy Director, World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University, in Finland; Senior Policy Adviser/Chief Economist, Economic Commission for Africa, in Ethiopia; and Director of Research, African Economic Research Consortium, in Kenya. Professor Fosu is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of African Trade*; managing editor of the *Journal of African Economies* (Oxford) and a member of the editorial boards of many other journals, including *Journal of Development Studies*, *Oxford Development Studies*, *World Bank Economic Review* and *World Development*. He has served in numerous advisory and consulting capacities for international organizations and on

the Economic Advisory Council of the President of Ghana. He holds a PhD in economics from Northwestern University, in the United States.

Geraldine Joslyn Fraser-Moleketi (South Africa)

Geraldine Joslyn Fraser-Moleketi is Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University. She is the former Special Envoy on Gender at the African Development Bank. In that role, she led a strategy to mainstream gender into the Bank's policies and operations, making the Bank a reference institution on gender equality in Africa. She was previously Director of the Democratic Governance Group of the United Nations Development Programme. She served in the South African Government as Minister of Public Service and Administration for two consecutive terms. As Minister, she led the development of a senior management service within the South African Public Service; oversaw a comprehensive review of the Public Service Remuneration system; revitalized the Batho Pele strategy within the Public Service; and established the Government Employees Medical Scheme system and the Public Administration Leadership and Management Academy system in South Africa. She served as Chair of the Pan African Ministers of Public Service for three consecutive terms and has worked on intergovernmental bodies globally and in Africa. As Minister for Welfare and Population Development in the first democratic Government of South Africa, she introduced the Government's white papers on social welfare (1997) and on population policy (1998) in the Parliament, worked on the development and implementation of the Child Support Grant and chaired the Ministerial Team on Children and Youth at Risk. She served as Deputy Minister of Welfare and coordinated the country's preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995. Ms. Fraser-Moleketi served as member of the Parliament of South Africa for three consecutive terms (1994 to her resignation, in September 2008) and was a member of the Constituent Assembly and various subcommittees responsible for drawing up the Constitution of South Africa, adopted on 8 May 1996. She served on the Management Committee of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa and was Deputy National Coordinator of the National Elections Commission of the African National Congress in the preparations of the liberation movement for the first democratic elections in the country. Ms. Fraser-Moleketi serves on various boards across academia, government and development organizations on issues related to youth, the empowerment of women, capacity development and education, governance and poverty eradication. She is a fellow of the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and holds a Master's degree in Administration. She was named 2016 New African Woman of the Year and was conferred a Doctor of Philosophy degree (*honoris causa*) by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Paul Jackson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Paul Jackson is Programme Director for the British Academy. He oversees the commissioning and work of social science research that contributes towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He is a political economist working predominantly on conflict and post-conflict reconstruction. One of his core areas of interest is decentralization and governance, and it was his extensive experience in Sierra Leone immediately following the war that led him to the areas of conflict analysis and security sector reform. He was Director of the Global Facilitation Network for Security Sector Reform and is currently an adviser to the Governance and Social Development Resource Centre, which engages him in wide-ranging policy discussions with donor agencies engaged in those activities, including the United Kingdom and various Governments in Europe, the European Union, the United Nations and the World Bank. Until July 2010, Mr. Jackson was Head of the School of Government and Society, where he managed five academic departments and some 200 staff across political science and international studies, local government studies,

sociology, Russian and European studies and international development. He remains a board member of the Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security, a member of the University of Birmingham Cybersecurity Committee and Chair of the University's Chaplaincy Committee. Mr. Jackson works in several overseas locations, for institutions ranging from the World Bank to local civil society organizations, including in Bhutan, China, India, Iraq, Nepal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zimbabwe. He has worked as an aid evaluator and a governance and conflict analyst.

Aigul Kosherbayeva (Kazakhstan)

Aigul Kosherbayeva was appointed as the Vice-Rector for Strategic Development, Research and International Partnership of the Academy of Public Administration of Kazakhstan in September 2018. Since 2014, she has held various positions at the Academy of Public Administration, including as Director of the Institute for Applied Research, Deputy Rector of strategic development, research and international partnership, Associate Professor and Professor at the Institute of Management. Ms. Kosherbayeva began her career in 1991 as a research assistant at the Department of Economic Theory at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. From 1995 to 2001, she worked as the lecturer at the Department of International Economic Relations; from 2001 to 2002, as the Director of the Centre for World Market Studies at the Economic Research Institute; from 2005 to 2012, as the Director of the project analysis and evaluation group of Kazmunaygas Consulting, as Senior Manager of United Chemical Company of Samruk-Kazyna and as Director of the Centre for the Development of Manufacturing Industries at the Kazakhstan Institute of Industry Development. From May 2012 to October 2016, she held several positions at the Economic Research Institute of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, including as Director of the Centre for World Economy and Integration Studies and as Director of the Centre for Regional and Social Analysis. Ms. Kosherbayeva holds a PhD in Economic Science from Kazakh National University.

Ronald U. Mendoza (Philippines)

Ronald U. Mendoza is Dean of the Ateneo School of Government at the Ateneo de Manila University. He has an extensive background in international development policy and international cooperation, with a resumé that includes work with the United Nations, the Asian Institute of Management and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Dr. Mendoza has collaborated with government officials, academics and representatives of the private and non-profit sectors to advance reforms that can improve human development, reduce poverty and elicit more inclusive economic and political development. He has carried out research, technical assistance engagements and missions to developing countries, including Ethiopia, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Senegal, Thailand, Turkey and Ukraine. Before joining the Ateneo School, Dr. Mendoza was an associate professor of economics at the Asian Institute of Management, where he also served as Executive Director of the Institute's Rizalino S. Navarro Policy Center for Competitiveness. Working with a team of young researchers at the Institute, he crafted and managed policy research on development issues relevant to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Together with Ateneo researchers, he co-authored a study on the impact of political dynasties on poverty and underdevelopment in the Philippine countryside. Dr. Mendoza worked with Ateneo, La Salle, the University of the Philippines and an international group of researchers on *Building Inclusive Democracies in ASEAN* (Anvil Press, 2015), which won the Outstanding Book Award for 2016 from the Philippine National Academy of Science and Technology.

Louis Meuleman (Netherlands)

Louis Meuleman is a visiting professor at the Public Governance Institute of the University of Leuven, in Belgium, senior fellow at the Center for Governance and Sustainability of the University of Massachusetts, in Boston, United States, research associate at the University of Wageningen, in the Netherlands, and member of the editorial board of *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*. Prior to that, he worked at the European Commission, in Brussels, as coordinator of the Environmental Implementation Review and of the greening of the economic and social governance of the European Union (European Semester). He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the European Environment Agency and a member of the International Association for Impact Assessment, the European Sustainable Development Network and the Netherlands Association for Public Management. He has 35 years' experience in public sector management, handling subnational, national, regional and international issues, mainly in the fields of environment and sustainable development, as project, programme and line manager. As director of the TransGov project of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam, Germany, from 2010 to 2011, he produced the report entitled "Transgovernance: the quest for sustainability governance" and was editor of *Transgovernance: Advancing Sustainability Governance* (Springer, 2013). Dr. Meuleman publishes on sustainability metagovernance and public management. He has authored a number of publications, including his PhD dissertation, entitled "Public management and the metagovernance of hierarchies, networks and markets" (Springer, 2008), and the practitioners' case study entitled *The Pegasus Principle: Reinventing a Credible Public Sector* (Lemma, 2003). He was co-editor of *Environmental Governance in Europe* (Lemma, 2003). He has a PhD in public administration (2008) and an MSc in environmental biology (1980).

Lamia Moubayed Bissat (Lebanon)

Lamia Moubayed Bissat is the President of the Institut des finances Basil Fuleihan at the Ministry of Finance of Lebanon. She teaches at the Institute of Political Studies of the Université Saint Joseph, Beirut, and is a development economist with a Master's degree from the American University of Beirut. Ms. Moubayed has worked in the private sector as an economist and project manager, as well as for the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Her current work involves leading the Institute in providing public financial management training and capacity-building services, as well as policy advice in human capital formation and institutional strengthening, to the Government of Lebanon and other public entities in the Middle East and North Africa region. Ms. Moubayed is a member of the board (2016) of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration. She is a founding member (2013) of Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research, a network of public administration research. She is the President and founding member of the Governance Institutes Forum for Training in the Middle East and North Africa network (2006) of civil service training schools in the Middle East and North Africa. She has been a member of the World Bank Regional Committee of Experts on Public Procurement since April 2013. Ms. Moubayed has authored and contributed to many publications and is a member of the advisory board of the semi-peer reviewed journal *Assadissa, Journal of Public Finance and State Building*. She has been awarded many honours, including Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur (2015) and Ordre national du Mérite (2004), for her significant contribution to the development of cooperation ties between France and Lebanon and her commitment to State-building and to the values of neutral and impartial civil service.

Juraj Nemec (Slovakia)

Juraj Nemec is a full-time Professor of Public Finance and Public Management at the Faculty of Economics and Administration at Masaryk University, in Brno, the Czech Republic, and a part-time Professor at the Faculty of Economics at Matej Bel University, in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia, with 35 years' experience teaching at the pre-graduate, graduate and doctoral levels. In 2016, he was elected as President of the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe. He was Vice-President of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (2013–2019) and the project director of the Association's permanent working group. He served as the regional Vice-President of the International Research Society for Public Management from 2010 to 2017 and as a member of the Accreditation Committee of the European Association of Public Administration Accreditation until 2015 (he is now a board member of the Association). He is the representative of Slovakia in the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government connected to the Council of Europe. Mr. Nemec has published over 400 books and scientific articles in this field and filled several academic posts, including the position of Dean of the Faculty of Finance. In 2010, he received the Alena Brunovska Award from the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe for his research. In 2016, he received the Donald C. Stone Award honouring a distinguished international scholar for advancing the well-being of the Association. Mr. Nemec has extensive advisory and consultancy expertise in various transition countries. In his assignments in many countries in Central and Eastern Europe, he provided activities in the field of public procurement, as well as assistance in institution-building and development. As a key adviser to the Governments of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, he supported all levels of public administration in the areas of public administration reform, health-care reform and improvement of public procurement systems, prior to and after their accession to the European Union. In that position, he co-drafted the first public procurement law in Slovakia.

Katarina Ott (Croatia)

Katarina Ott has been Director of the Institute of Public Finance, in Zagreb, since 1991 and Professor at the Faculty of Mathematics and the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, since 2009, teaching public sector economics, fiscal federalism and European Union-induced economic and institutional transformations. Her main areas of interest are the relationship between government and the economy and, above all, the budget, public sector and public administration reforms, local finances, the underground economy, European Union integration and, in particular, public sector transparency, government accountability and citizen participation. She has headed projects and published papers in the area of public sector economics (particularly on local government budget transparency, public participation in fiscal policy and budget processes, European Union integration, the administrative and compliance costs of taxation and tax administration reforms) and has been engaged in producing citizens' guides to the national and subnational budgets. She has represented the Institute in the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency since 2014 and has been a member of the Council of the Open Government Partnership for Croatia since 2012 and a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Movement for Budget Transparency, Accountability and Participation and its representative for Europe since 2011. She was a member of the Economic Council of the President of Croatia and of Government committees for pension reform and for the development of islands and of management boards of the Croatian Retirement Fund and Zagreb University.

Soonae Park (Republic of Korea)

Soonae Park has been a Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration at Seoul National University since 2004 and, since 2014, Director of University's Public Performance Management Research Centre. She serves as the 2021 President of the Korean Association for Public Administration and as a member of the Presidential Committee on Regulatory Reform. Before joining the University, she worked as a Researcher at the Seoul Development Institute and in intelligent transportation systems at the University of Michigan, in the United States. She has been deeply involved as a committee member and consultant in the performance evaluation initiatives of various governments and public institutions since 2003. She has been a member of the Steering Committee of Public Institutions, as well as a Director of the Evaluation Group for Public Institutions under the Ministry of Strategy and Finance of the Republic of Korea. She has served as a member of diverse environmental advisory committees, including the Korean Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development and the Korean Federation for Environmental Movements. She was awarded a PhD in Environmental Planning from the University of Michigan in 1998. Her recent research includes studies on regulatory reform in the era of new technological development (2020), ministerial leadership and endorsement of bureaucrats (2020), the moderating effect of demographic and environmental factors in the spread and mortality rate of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) during peak and stagnant periods (2020), the growth effects of fiscal decentralization with weak economic motivation (2019) and public management in Korea, with a focus on performance evaluation and public institutions (2018).

Alketa Peci (Brazil)

Alketa Peci is an Associate Professor of Public Administration and Government at the Brazilian School of Public and Business Administration at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, in Rio de Janeiro. Currently, she serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Public Administration (Revista de Administração Pública)*, which was launched in 1967 and published in three languages. Dr. Peci's research interests relate to the study of bureaucracy and its contemporary transformations. She has done empirical research on autonomous bureaucracies as independent regulatory institutions and audit offices, on bureaucratic representation and its intersections with reputation and administrative burdens and on networks with non-profit and private partners and major bureaucratic reforms. She has published books, several book chapters and numerous articles in international and national journals, such as *Regulation & Governance*, *Public Management Review*, *Utilities Policy*, *Voluntas*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *Organization*, *Public Administration and Development*, *Revista de Administração Pública* and *Revista de Administração de Empresas*, among others. She received her doctoral degree in administration from the Brazilian School of Public and Business Administration at the Getulio Vargas Foundation in 2005. From 2018 to 2019, she held a visiting appointment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Since 2015, she has been a visiting professor of comparative public administration at the University Institute of Lisbon, in Portugal.

Mauricio Rodas (Ecuador)

Mauricio Rodas is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, where he launched and co-directs the City Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Financing Initiative through the Penn Institute for Urban Research, the Perry World House and the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy. The Initiative is aimed at developing a knowledge hub to consolidate information on financing opportunities for cities and facilitating access to these resources. Mr. Rodas is working on a broad partnership

with city networks, international financial institutions, the World Economic Forum, the private sector and others. He served as a member of the Global Future Council on Cities and Urbanization of the World Economic Forum from 2016 to 2019 and, in 2019, was named one of the 100 world's most influential people on climate action by Apolitical. He has also received an Urban Leadership Award from the University of Pennsylvania. From 2014 to 2019, Mr. Rodas served as Mayor of Quito, during which time Ecuador hosted the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). He has had an active leadership role in the main city networks: two terms as Co-president of the World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments and a member of the boards of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, Local Governments for Sustainability and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. In 2011, Mr. Rodas founded SUMA, a national political party. He worked as a policy consultant for the Government of Mexico from 2004 to 2007 and, in 2007, founded and served as the Executive Director of Ethos Public Policy Lab, a think tank based in Mexico. Mr. Rodas began his professional career in 2003 as a Fulbright Fellow at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the Universidad Católica de Quito and two master's degrees, in government administration and political science, from the University of Pennsylvania.

Devon Rowe (Jamaica)

Devon Rowe is Executive Director of the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration. In 2014, he was acknowledged for his work and contribution to public service by the Government of Jamaica and received the Order of Distinction, Commander Rank. His career has spanned various government organizations and he has represented the Government of Jamaica at high-level international meetings. A career public servant, he was appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development in 2005, where he played a lead role in local government reform in Jamaica. Mr. Rowe was later assigned as Director General in the Office of the Prime Minister. In 2010, he was assigned as Director General in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, with the main responsibility of centralizing treasury management operations. Between 2011 and 2012, he briefly performed dual roles as Commissioner at the Jamaica Customs Department and Director General of the Ministry of Finance and Planning. He later returned to the Ministry of Finance and Planning as Director General. Mr. Rowe served as Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning between 2012 and 2016. During his career, he has been appointed to the boards of several public sector companies in investment, development finance, infrastructure and health. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Management from the University of the West Indies and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Carlos Santiso (France)

Carlos Santiso is the Director of the Digital Innovation in Government Directorate of the Development Bank of Latin America and has been based in Bogotá since September 2018. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the World Economic Forum's Future of Trust and Integrity Project, part of the Partnering Against Corruption Initiative. He previously led the Innovation for Citizen Services Division of the Inter-American Development Bank, which he joined in 2011 to manage the institutional capacity of the State Division, based in Washington, D.C. He served as Sector Manager for Governance at the African Development Bank, based in Tunis, between 2007 and 2011. He was a governance adviser to the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom in Lima and Glasgow between 2002 and 2007. Mr. Santiso served as a senior programme officer at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, based in Stockholm, between 1996

and 2000. He started his professional career at the Office of the Prime Minister of France, in Paris, in 1995 and 1996. He has written extensively on digital government, democratic governance, corruption prevention and foreign aid.

Henry Sardaryan (Russian Federation)

Henry Sardaryan is Dean of the School of Governance and Politics at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and a member of the academic councils of both the School and the Institute. Mr. Sardaryan teaches modern public administration, as well as the theory and practices of public administration. Since 2012, he has been a full-time lecturer at the International Institute of Administration at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. In 2018, he was appointed as Professor at the Academy of Military Sciences in Moscow and, since 2015, he has been Visiting Professor at the University of Macerata, in Italy. Dr. Sardaryan serves on the editorial board of the *Russian Journal of Law and Administration*. His main areas of research are the political systems of European Union countries, public administration and political theory, and he has authored numerous publications on those topics. He holds the equivalent of a PhD in Political Science from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and has completed post-doctoral work in Political Science at Lomonosov Moscow State University.

David Moinina Sengeh (Sierra Leone)

David Moinina Sengeh was appointed Cabinet Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education in November 2019 and has served as Chief Innovation Officer in the Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Government of Sierra Leone since 2018. From 2016 to 2018, before joining the Government, Dr. Sengeh worked as a research scientist and later as a manager at IBM Research Africa, where he led the health-care team to design and implement applied artificial intelligence systems for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of disease in Africa. Dr. Sengeh completed his Ph.D. at the Media Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where his research was focused on the intersection of medical imaging, computer-aided design and multi-material three-dimensional printing. He invented low-cost, wearable mechanical interfaces that improved prosthetic comfort for amputees. Dr. Sengeh has published articles in several academic journals and is a holder of patents in the prosthetics and artificial intelligence fields. While conducting his Ph.D. research, Dr. Sengeh co-founded and was President of Global Minimum, a non-governmental organization that develops platforms to foster innovation and learning, focusing on high school students in Sierra Leone and Kenya. He is an Obama Foundation Africa Leader, a Senior Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) Fellow, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer and a musician.

Sherifa Fouad Sherif (Egypt)

Sherifa Fouad Sherif is a Professor of Public Administration at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science of Cairo University. She is the Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, the training arm of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development. Dr. Sherif was the Executive Director of the National Management Institute from 2018 to 2020. She was the Vice-Dean for Environment and Community Services and Chairperson for the Public Administration Department at Future University, in Egypt, and an Adjunct Professor at several universities in that country. From 2015 to 2018, she was the Head of the Public Administration Research and Consultation Center at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science of Cairo University. Dr. Sherif has been teaching for more than 20 years in the areas of public administration, management, corporate social responsibility, sustainable development, social entrepreneurship, environmental

management, gender and governance. She has published many research papers and articles in both national and international journals in her areas of specialization and was granted the Best Paper Award for several of her publications. Dr. Sherif has worked with multiple international organizations as a researcher and lead consultant on projects related to gender equality, the empowerment of women, good governance, administrative reform, sustainable development and environmental management. She was appointed in 2017 as a member of the Egyptian National African Peer Review Mechanism Committee, as well as the Egyptian National Coordinator for the Public Governance Committee of OECD. Dr. Sherif has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and a Master of Public Administration degree from the American University, in Cairo, as well as a PhD from the University of Sussex, in the United Kingdom.

Aminata Touré (Senegal)

Aminata Touré served as the Prime Minister of Senegal from September 2013 to July 2014 and subsequently as Special Envoy of President for Internal and External Affairs. Dr. Touré was Justice Minister from 2012 to 2013, during which time she focused on anti-corruption campaigns. Since 2014, she has led several Presidential election observation missions, including in Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Liberia and Mauritius, where she co-led the first round of the election observation mission on behalf of the Carter Center, based in the United States. Dr. Touré held the position of Fisher Family Fellow with the Future of Diplomacy Project at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in the 2018–2019 academic year. She was Director of the Gender and Human Rights Department of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) from 2009 to 2012, a Senior Adviser at UNFPA from 2003 to 2009, an UNFPA Senior Adviser in Côte d'Ivoire from 1998 to 2001 and an UNFPA Senior Adviser in Burkina Faso from 1996 to 1997. Her areas of competence include economy, good governance and gender. Dr. Touré has led the preparation of more than 30 UNFPA global publications. She holds a PhD in International Business Administration and Finance and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Burgundy, in France.

Lan Xue (China)

Lan Xue is a Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor and Dean of Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University. At that university, he also serves as a Deputy Director of the Strategic Research Institute for Engineering, Science and Technology, Director of the China Institute for Science and Technology Policy and Co-Director of the Global Institute for Sustainable Development Goals. His teaching and research interests include science, technology and innovation policy, crisis management and global governance. From 2000 to 2018, he served as Associate Dean, Executive Associate Dean and Dean of the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University. He also serves as the following: Convener of the State Council Public Administration Disciplinary Review Committee, a member of the National Committee for Strategic Consultation and Comprehensive Review, Director of the Professional Committee of New Generation Artificial Intelligence, a member of the Advisory Group of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation of OECD, an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University, a non-resident senior fellow of the Brookings Institution and Co-chair of the Leadership Council of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He is a recipient of the Fudan Distinguished Contribution Award for Management Science and of the Distinguished Contribution Award from the Chinese Association of Science and Technology Policy. He holds a PhD in Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University.

Najat Zarrouk (Morocco)

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