

Speaker Profiles



Ola Ullsten
Former Prime Minister of Sweden

Ola Ullsten has made a tremendous contribution to the environmental improvement and ecology. He was recognized for his contribution with an honorary degree at the University of Guelph in Canada in 1999. He is presently Co-Chair of the world Commission on Forests and Sustainable development. Dr. Ullsten was a member of the Swedish parliament from 1964 to 1982, and served simultaneously as the Minister for International Development cooperation from 1976-78 and as Minister of Immigration (1977-78), then as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1979-1982). He was elected leader of the Swedish Liberal Party (1978-82) and later the same year became the Prime Minister. Dr. Ullsten is the Chair of the OAC International Advisory Council, a senior fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development in Winnipeg and a member of the Board of Directors of the Woods Hole Research Center, Massachusetts, USA



The Rt Hon Baroness Amos of Brondesbury
Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council

Previously she was appointed Secretary of State for International Development in May 2003, becoming the first black female member of a British Cabinet.

Baroness Amos was Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs from June 2001 with responsibility for Africa, the Commonwealth, the Caribbean, Britain's Overseas Territories, Consular Affairs and Personnel Issues. She was previously a Government Whip in the House of Lords from 1998 to 2001 and spokesperson on Social Security, International Development and Women's Issues. She was created a Labour life peer in August 1997 and took her title having lived in Brent since the 1980s.

Valerie Amos was born in Guyana and moved to Great Britain with her family in 1963. She took degrees at the Universities of Warwick and Birmingham before pursuing doctoral research at the University of East Anglia. She then started her career working in equal opportunities, training and management services in the London local authorities of Lambeth, Camden and Hackney. Between 1989 and 1994 she was Chief Executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission which works to eliminate sex discrimination and promote equal opportunities for women and men. From 1995 until joining the government, Valerie Amos was a co-founder and director of Amos Fraser Bernard, working as an adviser to the South African Government on public service reform, human rights and employment equity.



Ruud Lubbers
Former Prime Minister of Netherlands

Ruud Lubbers has been the longest serving prime minister of Netherlands from 1982 to 1994, who until taking up the post of UN High Commissioner for Refugees taught Globalisation Studies at the John F Kennedy School of Government at the Harvard University. As Prime Minister he was the father of Netherlands privatization and deregulation programmes. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Netherlands' Energy Research Centre in the rank of the Minister of State.

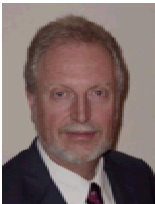


Manuel Pinho
Minister for Economy & Innovation, Portugal

PhD in Economy, by the University of Paris X (1983)

Degree in Economy, by the Economy and Management Superior Institute of the Lisbon Technical University (1976)

Minister of Economy and Innovation of the XVII Constitutional Government (since 2005-03-12)



Niels Christiansen
Vice-President of Public Affairs, Nestlé, S.A.

He first joined Nestlé in 1981 in Washington, D.C., and moved to Nestlé headquarters management in 1997. He was named Vice-President, Public Affairs in 2000, managing the public affairs of the company on a global basis. Prior to his career with Nestlé, he was a member of the Faculty of the Harvard University Nutrition Department, specializing in nutrition in developing countries.

He is President of the International Infant Food Manufacturers Association. He is Vice-chairman of the Industry Council for Development, an NGO working with WHO and FAO to improve food safety, and a Member of United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees' Business Council; the Business Alliance for Food Fortification; the Board of Directors of the International Cocoa Initiative, an industry-union-NGO Foundation working to improve working conditions in cocoa growing. He also serves as Chairman of the European Food Industry's Taskforce on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, and represents the food and beverage industry in discussions with the European Commission's Platform created to combat obesity.



Dr Olivier Giscard d'Estaing

Olivier Giscard d'Estaing is Chair of the Comité pour un Parlement Mondial as well as the INSEAD Foundation. The founding dean and director general of INSEAD, he has served as a member of the French parliament (from 1968 to 1973), vice-chairman of the European Movement (from 1978 to 1992), and a member of the Conseil Économique et Social de France (from 1994 to 1999). He is also chair of the Business Association for the World Social Summit and of the European League for Economic Co-operation. Co-founder of the Caux Round Table, Dr. Giscard d'Estaing is the author of six books and widely published in journals such as the *Revue Politique Parlementaire* and the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. He frequently lectures on business policy in Europe, the United States, Japan and the Middle East, and has taught business policy at various schools. For many years an advisor of CEOs of French industrial corporations, Dr. Giscard d'Estaing has also served as mayor of Estaing (Aveyron) and Governor of the Atlantic Institute.



**Madhav Mehra
President World Council for Corporate Governance**

Madhav Mehra is the President of the World Council for Corporate Governance. He was the first elected Chairman of the World Quality Council in Chicago in 1996. He is the President of the World Environment Foundation, UK registered charity and Managing Trustee of SM Charitable Trust, which runs hospitals and schools for slum dwellers in India. Educated in India and the UK Dr Mehra has served government of India in various capacities and resigned as head of Indian Railway Board's Efficiency Bureau to found several national and global institutions such as Quality Management International, Institute of Directors, the coveted Golden Peacock Awards, Quality Times and journal of Corporate Governance. Described as a "Guru of Substance" by Economic Times Dr Mehra has trained over 50,000 professional managers and directors through his workshops on corporate transformation, corporate governance and corporate social responsibility. He has authored and edited a number of books including "Making Corporate Governance Work" for the Poor and "Making a Difference Through Corporate Governance".



**Y C Deveshwar
Chairman ITC**

Y C Deveshwar, an engineering graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi joined ITC Limited in 1968. He was appointed as a Director on the Board of the Company in 1984 and became the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Board on January 1, 1996. Between 1991 and 1994, he led Air India as Chairman and Managing Director.



**Nikos Avlonas
Executive Director, Centre for Sustainability & Excellence**

Nikos Avlonas is one of the founders & Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainability & Excellence –CSE (a Think Tank & Sustainable Development Solutions Network based in Brussels & Athens), specialized in Sustainability, Corporate Social Responsibility & Governance, Business Ethics, Change & Performance Management. He has carried out numerous projects in leading organizations including Fortune Global 500 Companies BP plc (UK-Ireland –Italy –Russia –Greece), Lloyds TSB (U.K), Dubai financial Center, TECOM., Dell Computers, Mc Cain, TNT, DHL, Lafarge, Eurobank EFG, Deutsche Post, Famar, Peiraus Bank, Bank of Cyprus, Mac Carpet and many others including the European Investment Bank. Additionally he is advising Lloyds TSB bank a leading European Bank in Corporate Social Responsibility & Dubai Centre for Corporate Values (Dubai Government). Nikos is additionally Part -Time Professor at the American College Of Greece (Deree College) teaching since 2000, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Total Quality Mg, Supply Chain Mg.



**Kurt Hoffman
Director of the Shell Foundation**

A development economist by training, Kurt Hoffman first practised his craft in an academic context as a Senior Fellow at the Science Policy Research Unit at the University of Sussex in the UK and then worked at an advisory and operational level for private foundations as well as the UN, EU, the World Bank and various bi-lateral development agencies. A valuable grounding in the real world of raising investment capital and spinning off start-up businesses followed. In parallel with these activities, there was a prolonged period of work at board level to establish viable societal and customer value propositions to underpin airline industry support for the environment. This led to an invitation to join Shell Group in 1997 as architect and then Director of the Shell Foundation. Kurt was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2003.



**Chris De Noose
Chairman of the Management Committee of the World Savings Banks Institute & the European Savings Banks Group**

Mr Chris DE NOOSE (born in 1948) holds Masters degree in Economics and Finance, Consular Science, Commercial Engineering and Management from the Flemish University of Brussels. He began his professional career in a Belgian savings bank in 1974 as Adviser to the Chairman. From 1980 till 1994, Mr DE NOOSE was Chief Executive Officer of the Belgian Savings Banks Group. In 1994, Mr DE NOOSE took up the post of Chairman of the Management Committee of the European Savings Banks Group (ESBG) and the World Savings Banks Institute (WSBI) in Brussels, which he has held up to now. Since January 2002, he has been Chairman of the Management Committee of Euro-Sofac, a company providing international assistance and consultancy to SMEs, a joint subsidiary of the Belgian, French, German, Italian, and Spanish savings banks. In June 2003 he became Board Member of Eufiserv - a joint venture owned and controlled by the members of ESBG and the Group itself.



Pedro Marques
Secretary of State for Social Security, Portugal

Undergraduate Degree on Economics at Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão, of Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, concluded in 1997. Masters Degree (M.sc.) on International Economics at Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão (Economics and Business Administration Institute), of Universidade Técnica de Lisboa.
 Secretary of State for Social Security, since Mar 2005. City Councillor at Montijo Municipality, being the political responsible, among others, for the Departments of Local Economic and Social Development Policies, from May 2002.



Helen Ball
RSPCA

Helen has worked within the field of animal welfare for eight years. For the past 18 months she has worked as a Project Manager at the RSPCA. Currently, she is managing the Corporate and Social Responsibility campaign focusing on a unique report that measures the state of animal welfare in the UK. Over the coming years, Helen aims to work towards animal welfare becoming a recognised part of CSR policies.



H. E. Sir John R Kaputin

Sir John was elected to the House of Assembly of Papua New Guinea in 1972 and became a member of its Constitutional Planning Committee. In 1995 he was elected President of African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States group of states and co-president of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly. He was a Governor of the Bank of Papua New Guinea and is currently the Secretary General of ACP Group of States. He was a national champion in the 440 yards and the first black man to play rugby league football in all white competition in 1960. For his services to the PNG government, Sir John received Queen's awards as Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1983 and as Knight Bachelor of the British Empire in 1997.



Fernando Medina Maciel Almeida Correia
Secretary of State for Employment and Vocational Training of the Portuguese Government

Master's degree of Economical Sociology - thesis on economical history (subject: economical globalisation within an historical perspective) – Superior Institute of Economics and Management (ISEG/UTL) – 2003
 Degree in Economics, from the Porto Faculty of Economics (FEP/UP) – 1998



Alec McGivan
Head of Corporate Responsibility, BBC

After graduating from the University of Oxford Alec became National Organiser of Britain's newest political party, The SDP, in the 1980s. He subsequently took his organisational skills in other areas as Events Director to the City of London and as Chief Executive of the Shakespeare Globe Trust. Alec has also had experience of working with many of Britain's leading charities heading up the Communications side of Chapter One Consultants.
 In 1994 Alec's commitment to and interest in sport led him to The Football Association where he had a lead role in the organisation of Euro 96. After six years involved with football he became the Government's first ever Director of Sport. Campaigning has always been a central theme in Alec's career and in 2004 he was recruited by the BBC to Head up the corporation's Charter Review Campaign. With that work successfully completed Alec is the newly appointed Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Partnerships at the BBC.



Dr Cobus de Swardt
Global Programmes Director, Transparency International

Dr. Cobus de Swardt is a South African sociologist. His academic experience includes teaching at universities in South Africa, Australia, Japan and Germany. He has also worked for multinational corporations, trade-unions and research institutes in managerial and research-related capacities in various countries. During the 1980s and early 1990s he was active in the anti-Apartheid struggle in South Africa chairing the ANC in Cape Town. Before joining Transparency International he led the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC). Since May 2004 Cobus de Swardt is Director for Global Programmes, leading TI's work on global priorities (corruption in public contracting, corruption in politics, access to information, corruption in education/anti-corruption education, international anti-corruption conventions), as well as coordinating the activities of the International Group which includes the four regional departments.



Esther Trujillogimenez
Corporate Responsibility Manager, Telefonica S.A.

Executive Education in Corporate Social Responsibility, *Harvard Business School* (October 2005)
 Associate Degree in Public Affairs, European Institute of Executive Studies, Madrid. Graduate in Simultaneous Translation, Newham College, Cambridge, U.K. Visiting Lecturer for Camilo José Cela University and ESADE Business School. Esther has developed the widest part of her professional career within Telefónica Group, working for the company since 1996. Her experience has been acquired through international departments within the telecommunications Group, such as Corporate Development, Mergers & Acquisitions, or Sponsorships and Events. She has also been a collaborating teacher in Telefónica. Since 2001 she works in the Corporate Reputation, Brand and Responsibility Department, where she is responsible for representing Telefónica in several CSR working groups and for a both at a national and international level. She is also responsible for internal coordination amongst business lines and subsidiaries for high-impact social projects.



Prof. Eva Thorne
Meyer and Walter Jaffe Assistant Professor of Politics. Ph.D., M.I.T.

Her research interests are race and ethnicity, rural politics, social movements, democratization, and labor politics, with a focus on multilateral development banks, indigenous and Afro-Latin land rights, economic policymaking in developing countries, and democratization and social movements in Latin America. Her dissertation on the "Politics of Policy Compliance: The World Bank and the Social Dimensions of Development" includes a case study of Brazil's Polonoroeste project.



Janet Blake
Head of Global CSR BT

Janet Blake, Head of Global CSR with BT plc (British Telecom) is responsible for setting corporate and social responsibility (CSR) strategy, delivering CSR programmes and managing CSR risks and opportunities in the Global Services division of BT. BT firmly believes that central to our role as a business is a series of commitments to CSR and this role covers a wide range of activities including ensuring ethical standards are met across our business and supply chain, maximising employee motivation, valuing diversity, protecting human rights, reducing any negative impacts on the environment as well as a commitment to the communities in which we operate through community and charity activities. Janet comes from a background of organisational development and change management in global corporates and her earlier career was in operational Human Resources management.



Joaquim Croca
Corporate Responsibility Executive, Vodafone Group Services Limited

Joaquim joined Vodafone Group Services as their Corporate Responsibility Executive in July 2006. He provides support to top-level management, takes the lead on communication with our stakeholders and manages a global network of subsidiaries on CR issues. In his previous role, Joaquim was the CR manager for Vodafone Portugal, where he was responsible for CR, Electro-Magnetic Fields exposure and Vodafone Portugal Foundation activities. Joaquim became attached to Vodafone in Portugal after spending 15 years in the Portuguese Navy, where he became a specialist in EMF. He graduated in 1992 from the Portuguese Naval Academy with a degree in Electronics. From there he went on to gain an MSc in 1999 in Telecommunications from the Lisbon Technical University.



Lehmbhar Singh
Executive Director, ONGC, Ahmedabad

Born on May 5, 1947, holds Masters' Degree in Physics from Kurukshetra University. He is Executive Director and Asset Manager of Ahmedabad Asset in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) - the National Oil Company of India engaged in exploration and production of hydrocarbons. Recipient of National Mineral Award - 2005 from Govt Of India for his contributions to earth sciences, Mr. Singh has an experience of over 30 years in ONGC, in the areas of Exploration, Field Development, Reservoir Management and Asset Management. Before taking over as Asset Manager, he has headed the Institute of Reservoir Studies (IRS), a premier institute, involved in Research and Development activities in ONGC. He has also worked as head of exploration of the Eastern Sector. Mr. Singh has more than three dozen technical papers presented / published in national and international journals / forums. He is the member of Society of Petroleum Engineers, USA, Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad and All India Management Association, Delhi. He has represented ONGC in various forums in oil and gas field related activities in various countries like USA, UK, Canada, Germany, France, Australia, Singapore and Malaysia.



Jose Manuel Velasco
Director Cultural Assets, Union Fenosa, Spain

Jose Manuel Velasco Guardado has a Journalism Degree from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid and currently is the Communication Director of UNION FENOSA and member of its steering committee. He is in charge of media relations, branding management, public relations, marketing and corporate social responsibility. He is also the Director of Cultural Assets of UNION FENOSA and Chairman of The Labour Foundation and The Andrés Moreno Foundation, both sponsored by UNION FENOSA for giving grants to company employees. He teaches in several Communications Master Courses in different universities and business schools and is member of the steering committee of the Communications Directors Association of Spain (DirCom). He also is Chairman of FORETICA, a association whose aim is to promote ethics and social responsibility in business. He takes part in the Advisor Committee of the Royal Institute ELCANO of International and Strategic Studies. Before joining UNION FENOSA in 2000, he was the Communication Director of RENFE, the Spanish railroad company and he started his professional career as a journalist in different media communications.



Dr Steffen Hermann
TNS Infratest

Studies (Diploma) in Business & Administration, specialising in Marketing, Strategic Management, Environmental Management and Market & Advertising Psychology in Regensburg, Berlin and Leipzig (Germany)
2001 - 2004 assistant lecturer & research assistant at HHL – Leipzig Graduate School of Management – Department for Marketing Management (Prof. Dr. M. Kirchgeorg)
2002 – 2005 Visiting Professor at the Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management (LKAEM), Warsaw, Executive MBA (EMBA) program – lecture „Eco / Environmental Management“ PhD. thesis on Corporate Sustainability Branding (published in 2005) – several other publications (author and co-author) on Environmental Management, Corporate Sustainability & Identity, Stakeholder Management & Consumer Experience Research etc. Since 2005 Senior Consultant in the Global TRI*M Centre (GTC) in Munich – The Global Excellence Centre for TNS` Business Solution for Stakeholder Management - TRI*M.
Major responsibilities at the GTC: Global internal project consultancy, global expert for Corporate Reputation / CSR.



Dr Shona Grant
Director, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Shona Grant is the Director of the Development Focus Area at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) based in Geneva. She is responsible for managing a work program aimed at accelerating the business contribution to development, through awareness building of "what is possible", advocating for improvements in framework conditions, and brokering real and sustainable business opportunities between WBCSD members and other stakeholders. Shona is seconded from BP and joined the WBCSD in November 2005. She joined the Research Division of BP in 1987 and has since held a variety of roles in the Exploration & Production and the Executive Office. Prior to moving to Geneva she was Asset Manager for a portfolio including several offshore production facilities and logistics for their Norwegian operations.



Kavilash Chawla
Principal, Nur Advisors, LLC

As Principal of Nur Advisors, LLC, an Emerging Market Investment Strategy consulting firm, Kavilash is responsible for helping clients develop and execute a more robust emerging markets investment strategy. This includes developing innovative yield enhancing and risk mitigation strategies for both private and corporate clients. Prior to founding Nur Advisors, Kavilash was an equity capital markets specialist in the investment banking industry, and has worked with the multilateral and nongovernmental institutions, including the United Nations, on addressing emerging market financial and economic development issues. Kavilash's educational background includes a MBA from the University Of Chicago Graduate School Of Business and a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University in New York.



Kaori Taketani
Nikkei Research Inc, Japan

Kaori Taketani is currently researching for a PhD at Keio University (Japan). For several years after receiving a BA in Economics from Keio University, she has worked as a researcher at Nikkei Research, INC. She has experienced a number of management, marketing and corporate-image research projects towards various stakeholders across different countries, which has led to her further interests in studying "business and society" and corporate stakeholder management. In the meantime, she gained an MSc in Corporate Governance and Ethics from the University of London, U.K.

Her current research interests include: (a) the comparative studies of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and governance practices between Japan and other countries; (b) the relationships among national character, corporate culture, and business ethics; (c) the roles of stakeholders, especially of investors, in the embeddedness of CSR; and (d) the factors for sustainability of Japanese time-honoured companies.



Laurence G. Sellyn

Laurence G. Sellyn is Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of Gildan at the Corporation's head office in Montreal, Canada. Mr. Sellyn's responsibilities include Corporate Affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility in addition to Finance and Corporate Development. Mr. Sellyn served as senior Vice-President, Finance and Corporate Development, and Chief Financial Officer of Wajax Limited, an industrial distribution company, from October 1992 to March 1999, and was previously employed by Domtar Inc., a diversified natural resource company, where he held various positions, including Corporate Controller and Vice-President, Business Planning and Development. Mr. Sellyn is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and obtained an MA from Oxford University.



Rita Almeida Dias
Triple Value & Im)pactus, Portugal

Partner of Sustentare Lda, Consultancy Company specialized on Sustainable Development issues. Sustentare is a Portuguese company that works in partnership with the Dutch consultancy Company Triple Value. Rita has been responsible for several sustainability reports, sustainability strategies and identifying the value drivers and actions for several companies of different business sectors. Rita has also an active role on training in issues related with sustainable development. Simultaneously she also runs Companhia do Texto, a communication agency that has increased its work on corporate social responsibility matters. At Companhia do Texto, she is publisher of Im)pactus Magazine, the Portuguese Magazine on Corporate Sustainability, completely bilingual and fully available on the internet. Furthermore, Rita is auditor of Social Accountability 8000 International Standard (SA8000), has the course of Corporate Responsibility, Stakeholder Engagement and Sustainability Assurance Training, promoted by AccountAbility and Sd3 with the National Centre for Business & Sustainability (2006). Academically, is graduated on Communication at Universidade Nova de Lisboa, post-graduated in Marketing Management and have a Master in Corporate Social Responsibility at Barcelona University with a final thesis on Bottom of the Pyramid Markets, where HLL Unilever was the case study analyzed. She also writes for economic Portuguese newspapers.



Sofia Santos
Partner of Sustentare, Portugal

Sustentare is a consulting firm specialized in sustainable management, where she performs the office of a consultant specialized in corporate sustainability. Director of Im)pactus – the first Portuguese magazine exclusively dedicated to corporate sustainability. In the past, she has performed the office as Research Assistant in the US bank Merrill Lynch, in London. At an academic level, she has a degree in Economics (ISEG, Lisbon) and a master's degree in Economics (University of London). She is presently a student of a PhD on Corporate Sustainability, at the University of Middlesex, in London, and the thesis concerns the way the Principles of Equator are applied and how one could expand those criteria for loans under 10 million US\$. She writes frequently in a daily Portuguese financial newspaper about corporate sustainability. In 2004 she wrote a paper about the "Role of Business in Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation - The Portuguese Example" that was one of the six finalists in the *Essay and Research Competition*, organized by the World Bank Institute and the Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research.



Nina Mapili
Southern Africa Initiative of German Business

Nina Mapili developed and manages the SAFRI HRD Project, a corporate-sponsored initiative tasked with promoting entrepreneurship and competitiveness in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the southern Africa. By facilitating the upgrading of SMEs' organisational performance excellence, the Project encourages regional integration and enhances opportunities for international trade.



Warren Evans
Director of the World Bank Environment Department.

His main responsibilities include overseeing the implementation of the Bank's Environment Strategy, in particular, for mainstreaming environmental objectives in lending and non-lending operations; providing leadership to the global environment agenda with internal constituents and external stakeholders including the expansion and strengthening of global environmental partnerships; and is a key spokesperson for the Bank on carbon finance and climate change issues, with a primary responsibility of implementing and mainstreaming carbon finance/climate change projects into the Regions.

Mr. Evans, a US national, joined the World Bank in July 2003. From 1988 to 2003, he held technical and managerial positions at the Asian Development Bank (ADB)- his last ADB position was the Director for the Environment and Social Safeguards Division of the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines. Prior to that, Mr. Evans work on environmental issues in developing countries included serving as advisor to the Thai National Environment Board from 1978-1981 and as Managing Director of an international environmental consulting firm based in Asia from 1982-1987.



Jan Peter Bergkvist
Director of Environmental Sustainability Scandic and Hilton International Operations

I started 29 years ago in the hospitality business after high school and have been holding almost every position in a hotel. In 1990 I became General Manager in Reso Hotel Bromma in Stockholm.

In 1992 my interest in environmental sustainability started and I began to implement an environmental programme in Reso Hotel Bromma in Stockholm and eventually I was appointed Environmental Co-ordinator for Reso Hotels (26 hotels in the Nordic Region at that time).

I came to work with Scandic in 1996 when Reso Hotels was acquired by Scandic as General Manager at Scandic Bromma, and since 1997 also as Safety and Security Co-ordinator for the group. In 1997 I continued as GM to Scandic Continental and then in 1998 to Scandic Hasselbacken, both in Stockholm.

In 2003 I was appointed Director of Environmental Sustainability for Hilton International Operations and Scandic, based at the support office in Stockholm.

I am chairing the board of the Association of Swedish Environmental Managers (nmc.a.se) and am member of the board of Stockholm Water Foundation (siwi.org) and the Swedish Hotel and Restaurant Association (shr.se).



Carlo Tortora-Brayda di Belvedere
Executive Director Alchemy World

With a background in Information Systems Engineering, Carlo was a software engineer with Philips Electronic Artificial Intelligence Group in London. Subsequently Carlo founded Advanced Alchemy Group, an organisation offering strategic and tactical support to IBM, Microsoft, Sony, Nokia and many more companies in the technology sector.

Originally Ethiopian-Italian, Carlo has always been determined to find a solution to the Ethiopian crisis. In 2006 after many years of careful planning he launched Alchemy World, a pioneering NGO focusing on combating poverty through social entrepreneurship.



Henry Onaga

Henry Onaga is currently the Managing Director of Cell Communications Limited, one of the leading Private Telecom Operators (PTOs) in Nigeria. Henry had his Bachelors Degree in Accountancy, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Marketing. Henry had worked in various sectors spanning the public and private sectors. They include: Civil Service, Finance Company, Food & Beverages, Advertising, Oil Servicing and Telecommunications. He is widely traveled and has won various awards and honours including: Fellow Strategic Finance & Administrative Institute, Nigeria Institute of Journalists' Golden Pen Award, Niger Delta Development Award etc. Henry has facilitated and presented papers at international seminars and conferences.



Chris Ogbalu

Chris Ogbalu is currently the Executive Director, Corporate & Legal Services of Cell communications Limited. He had been the pioneer Company Secretary and Legal Adviser for over five years. He has a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Political Science, in addition to his LLB., BL and LLM from two top Nigerian Universities. He has diverse experience in various sectors of the economy including manufacturing, Banking, Professional Services and Telecommunications. He is a Congress Fellow of the Centre for International Legal studies, Austria and is on the faculty Board of the prestigious ESUT Business School. He is widely traveled and has won a number of international awards including, The Youth in Achievement award. Recently he attended an advanced management and leadership course of the Haggai Institute, Hawaii in the United States of America.



Yashashree Gurjar
Chief General Manager- CSR, Ballarpur Industries Ltd

Masters in Sociology, Pune University
 MBA (Executive) Asian Institute of Management in Manila, Philippines.
 Post Graduate Diploma in Education ,Pune University.
 She began a career in the field of social development field in 1988 and since then worked with the Government and a number of NGO's mainly in the area of education, child rights and advocacy. In 1993, joined Reliance Industries Limited and initiated the CSR activities there. In 1998 joined Rio Tinto India Ltd and worked on rehabilitation and re-settlement issues on their projects in Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan. She has been with Bilt since 2000 and presently, heading the CSR initiatives of Bilt and its Group Companies. Reporting directly to the Chairman of the Group. Since joining Bilt, have put in place a holistic CSR programme which includes a policies on CSR , EmployeeVolunteering, HIV/Aids and Sexual harassment. Implementation of engagement plans with various stakeholders like communities, employees, truckers and suppliers. Employee Volunteer Programmes are an important part of the CSR implementation process.



K. G. Ramanathan

K.G. Ramanathan held a distinguished career in the government of India and was the Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., a prestigious petrochemical company of India. Mr. Ramanathan is the Chairman of Chemical and Petrochemical Manufacturers Association of India since its inception. He is also the founder President of Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment (ICPE). Presently Mr. Ramanathan is associated with Reliance Group of Industries, India's largest private sector company, as Advisor.



Rosemary Hilhorst OBE
Director, British Council, Portugal

An alumni of London Business School and BSc(Hons) of University College London, Rosemary is employed as a globally mobile manager of British Council in Portugal. She has worked in the UK and overseas as a science adviser, project manager and consultant, and as a senior manager. Posts include Director Tanzania (1997-2000), Director Slovakia (1991-1994), Sudan (1987-1989), Director Central & East Europe, including responsibility for Central Asia & South Caucasus (2000-2002), Director Connecting Futures (2002-3) and project management posts in Manchester and London. Additionally, project development and author of successful bid proposals for the EC Lingua programme and UK Government Know-How Fund (for Central & East Europe).



Emmy Galama-Rommerts
International Council of Women, Netherlands

Since 1983 I am active in the Netherlands in the "Women's Advisory Committee for Housing and the Environment" (VAC) at local, regional and national level. In 1996 I was asked by the International Council of Women (ICW) to do a presentation in Istanbul during the Habitat II Conference on Human Settlements about my experiences in the Netherlands with the VAC. Since that year I am representing ICW in international fora in Strassbourg (Council of Europe), United Nations Agencies like UN-Habitat in Nairobi and Geneva.
 The last 3 years I have been active at the international level from Nairobi to Geneva and New York, from Perth to Mexico, and from Barcelona to Auckland. UN-Habitat has links for example with UNESCO (Housing/Conservation), WHO (Health/Housing and HIV/Aids), UNEP (Sustainable Housing / Environment/ Water).



Dr. Manu N Kulkarni,
Member, Prime Minister's National Commission on Population, Government of India
Professor Emeritus, Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur (Karnataka), India

Born in 1938 and studied in Karnataka University, Dharwar, Bombay University School of Economics, Bombay, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore(USA) and John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard (USA). Worked in Government of Karnataka (1964 to 1974) and in the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, as visiting faculty (1974-75). Worked as a Management Consultant in the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad.(1975 to 1979).Worked in UNICEF from 1979 to 1998 in Afghanistan, parts of Africa and mostly in India. He was nominated by the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to be a Member of the National Commission on Population presided over by the PM for two years from April 2005.



Dr P. Saravanan
Oncologist and Founder of Saravana Hospitals, Madurai

He is teaching faculty for various medical professionals such as Doctors, Nurses and paramedical other management personnel's. He is doing Medical Social work for the past 14 years under the banner of "Surya Trust". He has Presented number of research articles, papers in leading National Dailies and Magazines. He is well known through Multimedia and TV channels for his Health Education. He is a recipient of more than 25 awards for his health and social activities excellence at National and International level. Recently, his research articles published in a book called "TOBACCO COUNTERS HEALTH" Published by WATCH secretariat, New Delhi.



Neema Mgana
Founder, African Regional Youth Initiative, Tanzania

Ms. Mgana was the youngest of 1000 women from around the world jointly nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. In 2000, she co-founded an organization providing social services to over 200 children. She founded the African Regional Youth Initiative in 2003, an organization addressing the Millennium Development Goals with 400 organizations in Africa. She co-founded the African Women of Distinction project, and is the founder of the Millennium Community Foundation which brokers partnerships between development agencies and the private sector to fund community-based projects in Africa.



Azam Ali
Acting Course Leader for the MA's in International business, Marketing and Human Resources, European Business School

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