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	<p>Dr. Ruth Aura-Odhiambo 2020 - 2024</p>	<p>Dr. Ruth Aura-Odhiambo has a Doctorate in Law (LL.D.) and holds two Masters, in Law and in Policy, and a Bachelor's Degree in law. She has over 23 years of experience as a legal practitioner, eleven of which have been dedicated to academia. Dr. Aura-Odhiambo is a gender expert, policy analyst and human rights expert, amongst other qualifications. She is an experienced researcher in access to justice, women's land and property rights, human rights, violence against women, policy and legislative drafting and development, as well as climate change. She also works as a Senior Lecturer in law and gender, a consultant, administrator both at the domestic and international level and as a trainer of trainers. Dr. Aura-Odhiambo served as the Chairperson of the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and currently serves as the Sub-Saharan African representative on the Board of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net), based in New-York.</p>
	<p>H.E. Mehmet Hasan Göğüş 2020 - 2024</p>	<p>Ambassador Mehmet Hasan Göğüş was born in 1953 in Gaziantep, Turkey. He graduated from the Faculty of Political Science, Ankara University, and obtained his M.A. degree in International Relations from the same University. He started his career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey in 1977. He served in various capacities in New Delhi, Geneva, London and Vienna.</p> <p>He was appointed as Ambassador to India (also accredited to Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives) in 2001. Subsequently, he served as Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs where he successfully coordinated Turkey's non-permanent UN Security Council membership campaign for the term of 2009-2011. Ambassador Göğüş has represented Turkey in Greece, Austria and Portugal. He also served as the Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was responsible for the EU and bilateral relations with European countries. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Okan University, Istanbul. He was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands with the decoration of</p>

		<p>“Orange Nassau”. His book of memoirs, titled “Diplomacy in Difficult Capitals”, was published in 2020. Ambassador Göğüş speaks English and French.</p>
	<p>Dr. Hoang Ly Anh 2020 - 2024</p>	<p>Dr. Hoang Ly Anh is a Doctor of Juridical Science and currently covers the role of Acting Director, Department of Science and Technology at Hanoi Law University. She has extensive professional experience in working with international organisations such as UNDP and UNEP, with Ministries and government agencies including the Viet Nam Environment Agency, Biodiversity Conservation Agency, and non-governmental institutions such as the Netherlands Development Agency. Since 1994, she has been an International Law Lecturer (at both post-graduate and under-graduate levels in Vietnamese and English) teaching, conducting research and writing on international law topics, including general public international law, focusing on law of the seas, international organisations, human rights law and especially international, Vietnamese, and comparative environmental laws.</p>
	<p>Mr. Stefano Manservisi 2020 – 2024</p>	<p>Mr. Stefano Manservisi is currently Special Advisor to European Commissioner for Economy, Prof. Paolo Gentiloni. He is a Member of the Board of several foundations and serves as Advisor to a number of United Nations agencies and international organizations. He also works as a consultant on global and international affairs, and teaches at several Universities. He graduated in Law cum Laude and holds a Post Graduate – Specialised Higher Studies Diploma (DESS) in International Administration from the University of Paris I Panthéon–Sorbonne. With more than 30 years’ experience working with the European Union, Mr. Manservisi has extensive and internationally recognized expertise on International and European laws and other topics. Since 1983, he covered different roles in the European Commission, including Director-General for Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States, Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs and Director-General for International Cooperation and Development. In 2014 Mr. Stefano Manservisi was appointed Head of Delegation of the EU Delegation to Turkey.</p>



Prof. Githu Muigai

2020 – 2024

Prof. Githu Muigai is an eminent Jurist who has been involved in the teaching and practice of law for over 30 years. As an academic, he has widely acknowledged expertise in the area of public law with special recognition in the areas of constitutional law, constitutional jurisprudence, constitutional litigation and comparative constitutionalism. He has advised extensively in the area of law reform and institutional review and has wise expertise in advising corporate entities on complex legal matters. As a practitioner, he has attained the rank of Senior Counsel after years of service at the Bar, achieving outstanding recognition for excellence in the representation of various parties including corporations and governments before local, regional and international tribunals in the areas of international arbitration law and dispute settlement. Prof. Githu Muigai has appeared on behalf of the Government of Kenya before both the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ).



Mr. Diego García-Sayán

2022 - 2026

Mr. García-Sayán is a lawyer and holds a Master of Law in Jurisdictional Policies. He has over 30 years of experience in high level diplomatic and policy negotiations on international peace, security and inclusive development as well as in the private sector as advisor in social responsibility policies and development. In September 2001 he was appointed Minister of Justice during the democratic transition in Peru and the Minister of Foreign Affairs that proposed and promoted the InterAmerican Democratic Charter adopted in the Lima General Assembly. He has broad experience in multilateral organizations at the United Nations and the Organization of American States. He was appointed Representative of the UN Secretary General for the Peace Agreements at El Salvador and for the subsequent verification of the agreements reporting directly to the Security Council following his appointment by the UN Secretary General as Member of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations System of Administration of Justice in 2006. In 2007, he was named Head of the Electoral Mission of the OAS in Guatemala in the general elections. He was named Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights until December 31st, 2015 and its President for two consecutive terms. In 2016 he was elected by the Human Rights Council as Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers. The following year, he was appointed by the Secretary General (2017) to conform the “Comité de Escogencia” in Colombia that appointed all the members of the transitional justice and of the Truth Commission in Colombia following the Peace Agreements between the FARC and the Colombian Government. He served as Special

		<p>Rapporteur of the United Nations on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers for two terms from 2016 until Nov. 2022. Mr. García-Sayán is the author of several books on international law and development and speaks English, Spanish and French.</p>
	<p>Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi 2022 - 2026</p>	<p>Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi is the Senior Managing Partner of the law firm Ahmer Bilal Soofi & Co. and the head of its dispute resolution practice. As an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, he divides his time between the firm’s offices in Lahore and Islamabad. He has more than thirty years of experience in representing the federal and provincial governments, ministerial departments, regulatory bodies, financial institutions, listed and unlisted companies, high-net individuals including prince(s) and other foreign sovereigns on a broad range of contentious matters that include commercial, constitutional, tax, employment, trade, energy and other investment disputes. He has been consistently ranked as one of the Leading Individuals in Dispute Resolution by Chambers and Legal 500. He is “highlighted for his long-standing experience in advising on public law, as well as international arbitrations” and is praised for being a “true professional with legal acumen and strength in drafting”. In July 2021, he was appointed as a member to the International Court of Arbitration by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He served as the Federal Minister for Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs during the caretaker setup in 2013 under whose watch Pakistan completed its first transition of civilian rule from one elected government to another. He is a Member of the Panel of Eminent Persons of OIC and has served as the Chairman of the UN Advisory Committee on Human Rights in Geneva. He regularly advises the government on international treaties, international sanctions, UNSC Resolutions, BITs and other bilateral and multilateral issues related to public international law.</p>



Ms. Zhou Xiaoyan
2023 - 2027

Ms. Zhou was appointed Senior Consultant of the China Council for International Investment Promotion in September 2019. Prior to this role, she worked for the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China for several years since 2004, covering different positions, including Director-General of the Trade Remedy Bureau (from 2009 to 2013 and again from 2014 to 2015) and Director-General of the Department of European Affairs (from 2015 to 2019). Before working at the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, Ms. Zhou worked at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the People's Republic of China, as Division Director, for almost fifteen years since 1986, and Deputy Director-General, from 2000 to 2004, of the Department of Treaty and Law.

Ms. Zhou has significant legislative and negotiating experience, having participated in the drafting of national legislation including but not limited to the Foreign Trade Law, the Maritime Law and the Contract Law of the People's Republic of China.

During her career, Ms. Zhou has written several publications in her areas of expertise, including on international trade law, international investment law and anti-dumping law. She is also Arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, a role that she has covered since 1998. Ms. Zhou holds a Master of Law from the Faculty of Law of Peking University.

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