



# SDG 16 CONFERENCE

## Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



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**Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, former President of Chile**

On September 1, 2018 Ms. Bachelet assumed her functions as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ms. Bachelet was elected President of Chile on two occasions (2006 – 2010 and 2014 – 2018). She was the first female president of Chile. She served as Health Minister (2000-2002) as well as Chile's and Latin America's first female Defense Minister (2002 – 2004). During her presidential tenures, she promoted the rights of all but particularly those of the most vulnerable. Among her many achievements, education and tax reforms, as well as the creation of the National Institute for Human Rights and the Museum of Memory and Human Rights stand out, as do the establishment of the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality, the adoption of quotas to increase women's political participation, and the approval of Civil Union Act legislation, granting rights to same sex couples and thus, advancing LGBT rights.

Since the early 1990s, Ms. Bachelet has worked closely with many international organizations. In 2010 she chaired the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, a joint International Labor Organization (ILO) and World Health Organization (WHO) initiative, which sought to promote social policies to stimulate economic growth and social cohesion.

In 2011, she was named the first Director of UN Women, an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights of women and girls internationally. Economic empowerment and ending violence against women were two of her priorities during her tenure. She has recently pledged to be a [Gender Champion](#), committing to advance gender equality in OHCHR and in international fora.

After finishing her second term in March 2018, she was named Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, an alliance of more than 1000 organizations in 192 countries from the sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health communities. As Co-Chair of the [High-Level Steering Group for Every Woman Every Child](#), Ms. Bachelet launched [Every Woman Every Child Latin America and the Caribbean](#), the first platform for tailored, regional implementation of the EWEC Global Strategy.



**Mr. Hector Leonel Ayala, Minister of Governance and Decentralization, Honduras**

Héctor Leonel Ayala Alvarenga, was born in Honduras. He has a university degree in Industrial Engineering. In his professional career he has held different positions in both the public and the private sector.

In the public sector, he currently holds the position of Minister of the Interior, Justice and Decentralization. He also serves as Presidential Commissioner for Development Issues in Region 01 in the northern part of the country and

is the current president of the Board of Directors of the Commission for Flood Control of the Sula Valley of Honduras.

Previously, he was elected as a member of the National Congress and served as president of the Public Works and Transportation Commission of the legislative body. He was also a member of the Legislative Security, Defense, and Energy Commissions.

Additionally, he was part of the Negotiating Commission of Honduras with the Government of the United States of America for the extension of the benefits of the Trade Agreement to the Textile Industry of the member countries of the Caribbean Basin, and was also a member of the National Commission for the Renegotiation of the Concession of Airports from Honduras.

In the private sector, he has held senior positions in companies in the real estate and services industries, as well as in the textile industry. He also serves as a University Professor.



**Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union**

Martin Chungong made double history in 2014 by becoming the first African and first non-European to be elected IPU Secretary General.

For more than three decades he has dedicated his professional life to promoting and building democracy worldwide. He has become a leader in the field of developing programmes to help parliaments become more transparent, accountable, representative and

effective democratic institutions and has further contributed to establishing governance benchmarks to strengthen democracy.

Since 2012, Martin Chungong has made a push to strengthen parliamentary engagement on sustainable development and accountability through his role as Parliamentary Representative on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, an international group which helps nations, business and organizations work better together to end poverty.

Martin Chungong has built an impressive portfolio in the promotion of dialogue and conflict resolution, issues that are at the heart of IPU work.

Martin Chungong is also leading IPU's work to dramatically reduce maternal and child mortality rates through effective legislation and its implementation, as well as ensuring governments' accountability to international commitments in this area. He was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as one of the global leaders committed to fighting malnutrition through the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. In addition, he chairs the Global Board of the International Gender Champions, a network of decision-makers, male and female, who have committed to breaking down gender barriers.



**Mr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary-General, International IDEA**

Mr. Casas-Zamora is the Secretary-General of International IDEA since 1 August 2019.

He has more than 25 years of experience in democratic governance as a researcher, analyst, educator, consultant and public official. He embodies the rare combination of a distinguished academic career—strongly focused on electoral systems and democratic institutions—with practical experience as a high-level public official in his

home country as well as multilateral organizations.

Mr. Casas-Zamora is Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington, D.C.-based policy research centre. Until recently, he was a member of Costa Rica's Presidential Commission for State Reform, and managing director at Analitica Consulting (Analitica Consultores). Previously, he was Costa Rica's Second Vice President and Minister of National Planning; Secretary for Political Affairs at the Organization of American States; Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; and National Coordinator of the United Nations Development Program's Human Development Report.

He has taught at Georgetown University, George Washington University, and the University of Texas at Dallas, among many higher education institutions.

He has authored several studies on campaign finance, elections, democratization, citizen security and civil-military relations in Latin America. His doctoral thesis, entitled "Paying for Democracy in Latin America: Political Finance and State Subsidies for Parties in Costa Rica and Uruguay", won the 2004 Jean Blondel PhD Prize of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and was published in 2005 by the ECPR. He was selected as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2007. In 2013, he became a member of the Bretton Woods Committee.



**Mr. Xing Qu, Deputy Director General, UNESCO**

Born in 1956, Mr Qu holds a master's degree and doctorate in Political Science from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (IEP) in 1988 and 1992 respectively.

Before assuming the current position as the Deputy Director-General of UNESCO, Mr Qu has served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Belgium (since 2014).

Mr. Qu was President of the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) at China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (from 2009 to 2014), prior to which position he occupied the post of the Permanent Representative of China to the International Exhibitions Bureau (BIE) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. With BIE Mr Qu managed Chinese cooperation and coordinated preparations for the World Expo 2010 Shanghai China (Expo 2010). At the same time, as Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Qu served as Minister at the Chinese Embassy in France. He was responsible for bilateral affairs and administration of the internal functioning of the Embassy. He also supervised the Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO.

Mr. QU Xing is a former President of China Institute of International Studies (CIIS). Additionally, he lectured in international relations at the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), continuously served as Assistant President of CFAU and successfully held the post of Deputy Dean of the Department of Diplomacy of CFAU. As Vice-President, Professor and Doctoral Supervisor at CFAU he trained young diplomats and was in charge of administering the University's academic and budgetary affairs.

Mr. Qu has published plentiful books and articles on China's foreign affairs and international relations.



**Ms. Liv Tørres, Director, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies**

Ms. Tørres is the director of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, hosted by the Center on International Cooperation at New York University. Pathfinders is a coalition of UN member states, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector working to accelerate peace, justice and inclusion (SDG16+).

Ms. Tørres has worked on humanitarian, peace, and development issues, as both a scholar and practitioner, for three decades. Before joining Pathfinders, she was the executive director of the Nobel Peace Center. She previously served as the secretary general and before that the head of the international department of Norwegian People's Aid, a humanitarian, development, and disarmament organization

operating in over 40 countries. She has also worked for many years on labour issues, as a political advisor for Norway's Minister of Labour and Social Inclusion; the manager of the first National Labour Force Survey in South Africa, and with several publications on trade unionism, labour relations and social dialogue.

Her academic background includes several years at the Fafo Institute for Labour and Social research, including as research director as well as previous positions as senior advisor for development research at the Research Council of Norway and associate professor at the University of Oslo. In the 1990s, she established and managed Fafo South Africa, an international policy research center. More recently, since 2017, she has served as a visiting professor at Wits University in Johannesburg.

Ms. Tørres is an active commentator whose expertise is in demand in fields including peacebuilding, conflict resolution, justice and equality, inclusive societies, development policy, and democratization.



**Ms. Elizabeth Andersen, Executive Director, World Justice Project**

Elizabeth Andersen is Executive Director of the World Justice Project, leading its work to advance the rule of law through data collection, research, and support for an active global network of stakeholders.. Andersen has more than 20 years of experience in the international legal arena, having served previously as Director of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), as Executive Director of the American Society of International Law, and as Executive Director of Human Rights Watch's Europe and

Central Asia Division.

An expert in international human rights law and rule of law development, Ms. Andersen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Williams College as well as on the governing and advisory boards of several international non-profit organizations. Ms. Andersen is the recipient of a number of awards for her work in the international rule of law field, including a Williams College Bicentennial Medal, the American Society of International Law Prominent Woman in International Law Award, and the ABA Section of International Law World Order Under Law Award.

Andersen began her legal career in clerkships with Judge Kimba M. Wood of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and with Judge Georges Abi-Saab of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.





**Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

Ms. Waly is the Director-General/ Executive Director of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV)/ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) since 1 February 2020. She holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Ms. Waly's work experience includes 28 years in the field of poverty reduction and social protection. She served as Minister of Social Solidarity of Egypt from March 2014 until December 2019. She also served as the Coordinator of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Social Justice and chaired the Executive Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs in the League of Arab States from 2014 to 2019. She was the Chairperson of Nasser Social Bank, a pro-poor developmental financial institution. She chaired the boards of the National Center for Social and Criminology Research, the National Fund for Drug and Addiction Control and the National Authority of Pensions and Social Insurance, which serves 25 million Egyptians.

Prior to that, she held leadership positions as Managing Director of Social Fund for Development (SFD), a multimillion-dollar SME Fund, and as Assistant Resident Representative for poverty reduction at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), where she was responsible for coordinating the Millennium Development Goals reports and launched the National Strategy for Micro Finance. She was also Program Director of CARE International in Egypt, working in the field of poverty alleviation, and Chairperson of the Red Crescent Association.



**Mr. Alfredo Durante Mangoni, Chair, G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy**

H.E. Mr. Durante Mangoni, Minister Plenipotentiary, is Coordinator for Anticorruption since June 2016. In this capacity he partakes in the main multilateral fora active on anticorruption, integrity and compliance as part of the global agenda, including the G20 Anticorruption Working Group, currently as Chair. At national level, H.E. Mr. Durante Mangoni coordinates the Tavolo inter-istituzionale di Coordinamento anticorruzione dealing with global anticorruption policies. The Tavolo has been acknowledged as a best practice in the UNCAC Second cycle review Report on Italy (2019). He launched the project Italian Business Integrity Days, to accompany major industrial groups to present their compliance programs abroad. He is also partnering with civil society in the framework of the Milan-based Fondazione Premio Giorgio Ambrosoli, as well as with Transparency International Italia.

H.E. Mr. Durante Mangoni deals with legal diplomacy and the justice/economy juncture since 2013, when he was appointed diplomatic adviser to the Justice Minister. He is a contributor

to reviews on legal affairs and a lecturer in these matters at Italian Universities, High School of the Judiciary, and specialized Masters. His foreign posts include: Moscow (1995-99), as first secretary; Benghazi (1999-2002), as consul general; and Tokyo (2008-2012) as Minister and deputy Head of Mission. In Rome he previously worked on development cooperation, economic affairs, and EU issues (including Justice and Home Affairs), as deputy Asia director and as diplomatic adviser to the Labor and Welfare Minister. In 2019 he edited the book *La diplomazia giuridica*.



**Ms. Věra Jourová, Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission**

H.E. Ms. Jourová has served as European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency since 2019. Prior to that, beginning in 2014, she was European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality.

In the Czech Republic, H.E. Ms. Jourová has held several government positions. In 2014, she was Minister for Regional Development of the Czech Republic, and from 2003 to 2006 she served as Deputy Minister for Regional Development. At the subnational and local levels, she was Head of the Department of Regional Development of the Vysočina Region from 2001 to 2003, and Secretary and Spokesperson of the Třebíč Municipal Office between 1995 and 2000.

In addition, H.E. Ms. Jourová engaged in consultancy activities in the Western Balkans relating to EU accession between 2006 and 2011. She was also Managing Director at Primavera Consulting Ltd. as an EU funds consultant from 2006 to 2013.



**Mr. Federico Cafiero De Raho, Anti-Mafia and Anti-terrorism National Prosecutor, Italy**

Federico Cafiero de Raho, 66, magistrate since 1977, first served as Public Prosecutor at the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Milan and, since 1984, at the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Naples. During this period he conducted numerous judicial trials and investigations against a criminal organization known as "Camorra", causing numerous fugitives to be captured and coordinating a pool of magistrates who investigated criminal gangs from Caserta.

Since the 90s he has been part of the Anti-Mafia District Direction of Naples and took part in the team of magistrates that has coordinated the investigations against the "Clan dei Casalesi", an investigative activity that then resulted in the famous "Spartacus Process", in which he represented the public prosecution by condemning hundreds of criminals.

From 2006 to March 13, 2013 he was Assistant Prosecutor in Naples and in this role he coordinated the group of magistrates engaged in the fight against the gang known as "Casalesi" and the gangs from Caserta and Benevento.

On March 13, 2013 the CSM (Supreme Council of Magistrature) appointed him Public Prosecutor of the Republic in Reggio Calabria. In this role he has personally coordinated the most important investigations against the organization called "Ndrangheta", considered today the most dangerous Italian criminal organization, also arriving to the capture of all the fugitives of said organization.

On November 8, 2017 the CSM unanimously appointed him the new National Anti-Mafia and Counter-Terrorism Prosecutor, a position he held in possession on 22 November 2017.



**Ms. Margit Kraker, Secretary-General, International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions**

Dr. Kraker assumed office as President of the Austrian Court of Audit (ACA) and Secretary General of INTOSAI on 1 July 2016. She was elected by the Austrian Parliament in June 2016 in accordance with the provisions of the Austrian Federal Constitutional Law for a term of office of 12 years.

Dr. Kraker has long-standing experience in national and international government auditing as the former director of the Court of Audit of the Province of Styria (Austria) and vice member of the Management Committee of the European Organization of Regional External Public Finance Audit Institutions (EURORAI). She held these functions until assuming office in the ACA.

Dr. Kraker also gained extensive experience as a legal expert at the Austrian Parliament, vice director of the Styrian Government's Office and member of the steering group on administrative reform, as well as supervisory board member in companies, such as the Styrian Tourism Association.



**Ms. Marta Acosta Zuniga, Comptroller General, Costa Rica**

Ms. Acosta has been Costa Rica's General Comptroller since 2012. Before her appointment, she had served as Deputy Comptroller General since 2004.

She has worked in the fields of auditing and internal control in the public sector, as well as on issues of accountability, transparency and efficiency of procurement and contracting. She has been a Board member of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions's



Development Initiative 2017-2020. She has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Costa Rica since 1986.



**Ms. Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair of International Board of Directors, Transparency International**

Delia Ferreira Rubio is the Chair of Transparency International (elected in October 2017, confirmed in October 2020). She is a Lawyer graduated from Córdoba National University (Argentina) and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Ph.D. degree in Law from Madrid's Complutense University (Spain).

She is Member of the Steering Committee of OGP - Open Government Partnership (elected 2018) and of the PACI Vanguard Steering Committee, the Partnering Against Corruption Initiative of the World Economic Forum. She is Co-Chair of the WEF Global Future Council on Transparency and Anti-corruption.

Ferreira Rubio served as Chief Advisor for several Representatives and Senators at the Argentinian National Congress from 1990 to 2005, advising the Constitutional Committee of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and also served as Advisor to the National Accounting Office for two years.

She has done consultancies on Political Finance, Anti-Corruption and Transparency related issues with various international organizations (IFES, UNDP, OAS, IADB, IDEA, NEEDS, ERIS, CAPEL, Democracy International, COUNTERPART, UNWomen among others) and NGOs around the world.

She was President of Poder Ciudadano, the Argentinian Chapter of Transparency International (2008-2010).

Dr. Ferreira Rubio has authored numerous publications on Transparency and Anti-Corruption, Political Corruption, Public and Parliamentary Ethics and Comparative Politics, among other subjects.