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Chair

Canada



Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos

MP for Québec and Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

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Before entering politics, Minister Jean-Yves Duclos was a tenured professor at l'Université Laval and a well-published author, conference speaker, and renowned economics expert. Minister Duclos held the Industrial Alliance Research Chair on Economics of Demographic Change and was President-elect of the Canadian Economics Association, among other things. In 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He was elected as Member of Parliament for Québec and was appointed Minister of Families, Children and Social Development in 2015.

Minister Duclos has worked with his fellow ministers to implement the Canada Child Benefit and to improve the income security of lower income seniors. He has also improved the Employment Insurance system, launched the first National Housing Strategy and provided more flexible parental leave, among other achievements. Minister Duclos earned his master's and doctoral degrees in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Vice Chairs

Greece



Ms. Effie Achtsioglou

Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity

Effie Achtsioglou is a lawyer and holds a Phd in European Labour Law and a Master's degree in Public Law and Political Science. She has been Head of the Minister's Cabinet, at the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity and she was the Ministry's chief negotiator in charge of the negotiations of the Greek Government with the EC, ECB, IMF, ESM on labour market and social security issues. She was a member of the Management Board of the Greek Public Employment Service and member of the Greek Supreme Labour Council. She has been Head of the Alternate Minister's Cabinet, at the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction and Accredited Parliamentary Assistant at the European Parliament (2014). She has also been Assistant to the Department of Civil Law, Civil Procedural Law and Labour Law at the Faculty of Law in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2009-2013) and research associate at the Greek Centre of International and European Economic Law (2009).

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Portugal



Mr. José António Vieira da Silva

Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security

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José António Vieira da Silva is an economist and, since November 2015, Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of the XXI Constitutional Government of Portugal. Previously, between 2011 and 2015, he was Member of Parliament and president of the ad hoc Committee for the monitoring of the financial assistance programme to Portugal. During this period he was also Visiting Professor at Instituto Superior do Trabalho e da Empresa (ISCTE-IUL). Between 2005 and 2011 he took on the positions of Minister of Economy, Innovation and Development and Minister of Labour and Social Security of the XVII and XVIII Constitutional Governments, respectively.

Sweden



Ms. Annika Strandhäll

Minister for Health and Social Affairs

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Ms. Annika Strandhäll has been Minister for Health and Social Affairs since 2017, and was previously Minister for Social Security from 2014-2017. Ms. Strandhäll has a long history as a trade unionist with both national and international assignments. She was a member of the Government appointed Delegation for Gender Equality in Working Life between 2011-2014 and has extensive experience from Labour Organisations and Boards.

As a member of the Swedish Social Democratic Party, Ms. Strandhäll believes that the welfare system is the backbone of the Swedish model, playing a crucial role in people's security throughout their lives. Smart, robust universal systems for healthcare, social services, redistribution and financial security at different stages of life ensure a society that not only stands together – but that also enables people to grow and take chances.

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Participating Countries

Argentina



Mr. Sebastián Welisiejko

Secretary for Socio-Urban Integration

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Argentinian economist (MSc - University of Sussex, UK) specialized in economic development, impact investment, conflict economics and urban development, with extensive global experience. Secretary for Socio Urban Integration, National Ministry of Social Development, Argentina.

Prior to joining the Ministry, Sebastian acted as senior advisor to the Cabinet Office (Argentina). He was also chief economist of The Portland Trust, a British non-profit promoting peace and stability between Palestinians and Israelis through economic development, and Executive Director of the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (based in London).

Australia



Mr. Michael Lye

Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Security

Michael Lye is the Deputy Secretary responsible for the Department of Social Services Disability and Carers Stream. Michael's responsibilities include disability and carers policy and programs, the National Disability Strategy, the National Disability Insurance Scheme and Disability Employment Services.

Michael is the Indigenous Champion, overseeing the Department's efforts to increase employment of Indigenous Australians. Michael has a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in psychology and a Master of Social Welfare Administration and Planning, both of which are from the University of Queensland.

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Austria



Ms. Edeltraud Glettler

Director General for European, International and Social Policy Issues

Edeltraud Glettler has been Director General for European, International and Social Policy Issues at the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection since 2007. Her responsibilities include senior citizens and intergenerational relations, active aging, human rights and means-tested minimum income. She currently chairs the bilateral working group on social policy matters between Austria and the Russian Federation.

She previously was a Member of the European Union's Committee on Social Protection, a Member of the Board of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, an advisor to the former Minister of Social Affairs Ms. Eleonora Hostasch, as well as an expert on gender equality, education and European integration matters in the Austrian Trade Union Federation and various other non-governmental organisations.

She holds a graduate degree in history and German studies.

Belgium



Mr. Dirk Moens

Advisor International relations at the Ministry of social security

Holds a degree of Applied economic sciences of the Catholic University of Leuven and is Advisor International relations at the Belgian Ministry of social security, after having worked in the statistical and study department since 1987, more precisely in the field of statistics on social protection and health.

Is member of the Belgian delegation at the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs committee and is head of delegation in its working party on social affairs.

Brazil



Mr. Vinicius Botelho

Vice-Minister for Evaluation and Information Management, Ministry of Social Development

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Vinicius Botelho has been the Vice-Minister for Evaluation and Information Management at the Ministry of Social Development of Brazil since July 2016. In 2017 he took office, as Vice-Minister for Social and Productive Inclusion. Previously, he worked as an associate researcher at Getúlio Vargas Foundation/Brazilian Institute of Economy and as a consultant at the World Bank.

Throughout his career, Mr. Botelho conducted research in the areas of economic, energy, social and educational policies. Botelho is an economist and holds a master's degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, as well as an undergraduate degree from Insper – Institute of Education and Research.

Chile



H.E. Alejandro Marisio Cugat

Ambassador of Chile to Canada

Ambassador Marisio is an Economist who graduated from the University of Concepcion, Chile (1974-1979) and a graduate of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile "Andres Bello" (1984-1986).

He has served at the Embassy of Chile in Peru and as Consul General of Chile in Lima (2009-2013). He also served at the Embassy of Chile in the United States, in charge of the relations with the House of Representatives during the approval process of the Chile-US FTA (2002-2006). He served at the Mission of Chile to ALADI, as Deputy Chief of Mission in Uruguay (1995-1999), and as Consul of Chile and Secretary at the Consulate and Embassy of Chile to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1988-1992).

In April 2014, he was appointed Ambassador and Director General of Consular Affairs and Immigration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile. He is Ambassador of Chile to Canada since June 15, 2016.

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Colombia



Ms. Griselda Janeth Restrepo Gallego

Minister of Labor

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Minister Restrepo has a broad social view of the country and has defended, from the political and parliamentary arena, the equity of Colombian women in a traditionally patriarchal society.

She has occupied important popularly elected positions in the public administration serving as councilor of Palmira, representative to the House of Representatives and Senator of the Republic, Secretary of Government of the Valle del Cauca and was the Manager of the Charity Actions of this department.

In 2014, she took the lead of the Superintendence of the Family Subsidy where she led its administrative restructuring that allowed it to refine the system of control and surveillance.

As a result of the different public responsibilities she has exercised, the hallmarks of her management have been the different public policies she has promoted and which have a common denominator: the great social commitment tending to improve the quality of life of the workers and lower-income families.

Czech Republic



Mr. Petr Hůrka

Deputy Minister for legislation, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Doc. JUDr. Petr Hůrka, Ph.D. is a Labour law specialist and an associate professor at the Labour Law and Social Security Law Department of the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague. He participates in preparation of new labour law regulations, namely the Labour Code and its amendments, at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, like the Deputy Minister for Legislation.

Dr. Hůrka was a member of expert panel for the preparation of concept amendment to the Labour Code and a member of expert group for preparation of a new Labour Code. He formerly worked at the Office of the Government and at the Legal Department of the Czech Social Security Administration. Dr. Hůrka is the member of the Labour Law and Social Security Law Committee of the Government Legislative Council, represents the Czech Republic in the European Labour Law Network, and is a member of the Czech Community for Labour Law and Social Security Law.

Dr. Hůrka acts as a mediator and arbitrator in collective labour law disputes, as well as a lecturer. He is a member of advisory board of a periodical *Právník*, *Právní rádce* and *Soukromé právo*, publishes in expert media and is an author or co-author of many labour law publications.

Denmark



Ms. Ellen Klarskov Hansen

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Children and Social Affairs

Ellen Klarskov Hansen is Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Danish Ministry for Children and Social Affairs. She holds a MSc in Economics from Aarhus University. She was part of a program at the Danish School of Media and Journalism and a recipient of the Georgia Rotary Scholarship. Prior to her current position, she has held positions within the Ministry of Finance, the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry for Economic Affairs and the Interior. Since joining the Ministry for Children and Social Affairs in 2015 she has lead the work of developing and implementing an ambitious data strategy covering all the areas of responsibility of the ministry. The aim is to gain an in-depth knowledge as well as promote the management and prioritization of the ministry's work based on analyzes of comprehensive data and with a focus on initiatives that work in practice.

Estonia



Mr. Rait Kuuse

Deputy Secretary General on Social Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs

Mr. Kuuse has been working since 1999 in the Estonian public sector. He started his career as a probation officer, moved in 2001 to the Ministry of Justice. Since spring 2014, he is working as a deputy secretary general on social policy in the Ministry of Social Welfare. His field of responsibility is the coordination of the country's social policy and its agenda setting. More specifically, under his direct supervision are the issues of social insurance, social welfare services, child and family benefits and policy, equality policies.

He is currently also a chair of a board in the foundation responsible for care home services for 200 persons and a board member of Estonian Prison Industry.

Mr. Kuuse is skilled at international cooperation, his experience involves working many years as an expert for various international organizations. Mr. Kuuse is currently active at EU level, holding a position of the vice chair of the Social Protection Committee.

He has diploma in social work, graduated MBA programme on European studies at the Tartu University and is currently active in doctoral studies programme in the University of Tallinn on the subject of deinstitutionalisation.

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Finland



Ms. Pirkko Mattila

Minister of Social Affairs and Health

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Mattila is a second-term Member of Parliament. She has been active in local and regional politics since 2005 and has served as a Member of Parliament since 2011. She chaired the Administration Committee of Parliament from June 2012 until August 2016.

Mattila holds a Master of Arts degree and is a trained anaesthetic nurse and teacher. Earlier, she worked as a nurse and trainer at Oulu Adult Education Centre.

France



M. Olivier Noblecourt

Délégué interministériel à la prévention et à la lutte contre la pauvreté des enfants et des jeunes, Ministère des Solidarités et de la Santé

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Olivier Noblecourt a démarré sa carrière par l'exercice de fonctions exécutives puis électives à la mairie de Grenoble. Devenu adjoint au maire de Grenoble en 2008 et vice-président de la communauté d'agglomération Grenoble-Alpes Métropole (2008-2014), il a également assuré la présidence du centre communal d'action social de la ville.

Parallèlement, il a travaillé à l'élaboration du plan pluriannuel de lutte contre la pauvreté (2012). Il est également l'auteur de rapports sur la petite enfance (Terra Nova, 2013), l'intégration des femmes migrantes (2014) ou l'expérimentation sociale dans les collectivités territoriales.

De 2014 à 2017, Olivier Noblecourt a exercé plusieurs fonctions en cabinet, auprès de la ministre Mme Najat Vallaud-Belkacem successivement à l'Egalité entre les Femmes et les Hommes, à la Jeunesse et à l'Éducation nationale. Le 15 novembre 2017, il a été nommé Délégué interministériel à la prévention et à la lutte contre la pauvreté des enfants et des jeunes.

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Germany



Ms. Björn Böhning

Permanent State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

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Since March 2018 Bjoern Boehning has been State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, where he is responsible for employment and social policy. He is also in charge of the policy field future of work related to digitization and automation. From 2011 to 2018 he was Head of the Federal State Government of Berlin, reporting directly to the Governing Mayor of Berlin. Additionally, he was responsible for the media, film and digitization policy of the Federal State of Berlin.

From 2004 to 2011 he was a member of the Executive Board of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) and from 2004 to 2007 Federal Chairman of the SPD's Young Socialists. State Secretary Boehning also serves as a member of the administrative council of the German Federal Film Board. Bjoern Boehning, born in 1978, holds a Master of Political Science from the Freie Universität Berlin.

Greece



Ms. Theano Fotiou

Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity

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She was one of the first to participate in the movement of the assistant and associates, which changed the Greek universities and actively participated in all the movements against the privatization of the Greek universities.

As a member of the Parliament (2012- 2014) she was involved with issues related to education and research and she participated in the program committee of SYRIZA. She worked in the field of social solidarity structures that the Greek people had created in order to survive and resist.

At the elections of January 2015 she was elected MP representing the Second constituency of Athens and on 27th January 2015 she was appointed Alternate Minister of Social Solidarity.

She has a son and grandson.

Iceland



Ms. Elly Alda Thorsteinsdottir

Director General, Department of Social Services, Ministry of Welfare

Ms. Thorsteinsdottir has a MA-degree in Management from the University of Kent in England, BA-degree in Sociology and qualification as a Social Worker from the University of Iceland. Ms. Thorsteinsdottir has been working for the Ministry of Welfare from March 2017 as Director General in the Department of Social Services where matters of gender equality, services for families and individuals, immigrants, refugees and the disabled as well as child protection and housing are dealt with. Before Ms Thorsteinsdottir joined the Ministry, she worked for the City of Reykjavik, Department of Welfare, where she was responsible for the management, development and evaluation of welfare services and child protection.

Ireland



Ms. Regina Doherty

Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection

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Regina Doherty was appointed Minister for Employment and Social Protection in June 2017.

Previously, from May 2016, she was Government Chief Whip and Minister of State at the department of the Prime Minister (Taoiseach).

Regina began her career in the IT sector before entering public office in 2009. She served as a councillor in the local council in her native County Meath, before being elected to Dáil Éireann (the Irish parliament) in 2011.

During the last parliamentary term (2011-2016), she sat on committees for both health and children, and finance and public expenditure. She chaired several all-party parliamentary groups for special education, children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and on mental health reform.

In her current ministerial role, she has set about reforming Ireland's pension system, and the systems around Ireland's work contracts. She has provided greater supports for victims of domestic abuse and has started a review of Ireland's Gender Recognition Act as it relates to young people.

She lives in County Meath with her husband of 20 years and their four children.

Israel



Mr. Yekoutiel (Couty) Sabah

Head of the Research, Planning and Training Division, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs

Mr. Sabah's position entails the responsibility for the formulation, the diffusion and the utilization of the knowledge needed by decision makers at all levels of the social services system in Israel. In this framework, he is in charge of the redaction of the Israeli social policy and of the strategic planning at the Ministry headquarters, the development of tools used to measure social services outcomes as well as of the on-the-job training of the professional community. Previously, he had served as the Israeli Liaison Officer to the International Labor Organization in Geneva, as Director of the Fund for Research and Preventive Action and as the Head of Civil Service Reform Taskforce at the Israeli Civil Service Commission.

Couty holds a BSW as well as an MA degree from Hebrew University School of Education (cum laude), and a MPA from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. His PhD thesis at the HU School of Social Work is currently under review.

Italy



Mr. Raffaele Tangorra

Director General in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies

Raffaele Tangorra, Director General in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies since 2006, is currently appointed DG for the Fight against Poverty and for Social Planning. Mainly responsible for the recent introduction of a generalized minimum income scheme in Italy, he joined the public administration in 1999 as Senior Economist in the Dept. for Economic Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office and worked since then in the area of welfare and social policies.

B.Sc. in Economics at Bocconi University, M.Sc. in Economics at the London School of Economics and Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Pavia.

He has represented Italy in a number of international working parties and committees and chaired the EU Task-force that produced the Report Growth, Jobs and Social Progress (2009). He published several articles and reports in the area of social policies.

Japan



Ms. Mizuho Onuma

Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare

Ms. Mizuho Onuma is currently a member of the House of Councillors, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Japan. In August 2017, she was appointed as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

A 2004 graduate of the Graduate School of Law, Keio University (LL.M.), she began her career by joining the NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation). Subsequently, she has held various positions such as Special Research Fellow, Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan; Research Fellow, The Tokyo Foundation; and Senior Policy Research Fellow, Secretariat of the Council for the Promotion of Regulatory Reform, Cabinet Office in Japan.

Ms. Mizuho Onuma was first elected to the House of Councillors in 2013, where she has served as Director of the Committee on Health, Welfare and Labour; Director of the Committee on General Affairs; Director of the Special Committee on Official Development Assistance and Related Matters; and Director of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Kazakhstan



Mr. Arman Umerbayev

Director of the department of international cooperation and integration, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

Arman Umerbayev was born on January 6, 1982, in Astana (the then Tselinograd) in the Republic of Kazakhstan. In 2004 he got his Bachelor's Degree in Public administration from one of the leading universities of Kazakhstan - Eurasian National University named after Lev Gumilev. In 2013, Arman Umerbayev earned a Master's Degree in public policy from Bristol University, United Kingdom. Since 2004, he has been working on various positions in the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning and Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. Throughout his career, Arman Umerbayev remained committed to social protection sphere and dealing with people. In October 2017, he was appointed as Director of International Cooperation and Integration Department of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Kazakhstan. Arman Umerbayev is married, has a daughter.

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Korea



H.E. Dr. Neunghoo Park

Minister of Health and Welfare

Minister Neunghoo Park is a renowned professor and seasoned expert in social welfare. He obtained his B.A. in Economics from Seoul National University in 1980, and his Ph.D in Social Welfare from the University of California at Berkeley in 1998. He has devoted his 30-year long career as a scholar to advancing Korea's social welfare research and policy. His past experience includes a Research Fellow position at the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA), and teaching at the Department of Social Welfare at Kyonggi University, where he served as Dean of the Graduate School of Public Administration and Social Welfare. He has also served on various policy committees and headed academic societies advocating poverty reduction and welfare promotion. In July 2017, he took office as Minister of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea, and has since worked diligently to achieve the national vision of creating an inclusive welfare state.

Latvia



Mr. Jānis Reirs

Minister for Welfare

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Mr Jānis Reirs is Minister for Welfare of the Republic of Latvia (Unity Party ("Vienotība") / EPP group), and his responsibilities include social protection, employment, labour law, family and children's rights, equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and gender equality.

Mr Reirs, having a business background, was elected to the Saeima (Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia in 2002 and subsequently was appointed Minister for Special Assignments on e-Government (2004 – 2006). In the Parliament, Mr Reirs was member of the Public Expenditure and Audit Committee and later chaired the Budget and Finance Committee (2010 – 2014). After the Parliamentary elections of 2014, Mr Reirs was appointed Minister for Finance (2014 – 2016) and served in that position during the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council (2015).

Mr Reirs has also been active in the field of Baltic cooperation. As Member of the Parliament, he held the position of Head of the Latvian delegation as well as President and Presidium Member of the Baltic Assembly.

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Lithuania



Mr. Linas Kukuraitis

Minister of Social Security & Labor

Former Director of Caritas under Archdiocese of Vilnius, lecturer of social work at Vilnius University, and establisher of public entity the Blessed J. Matulaitis Social Center.

Linas Kukuraitis was actively engaged in the establishment of Lithuanian youth teaching methodologies and programmes, lead trainings in the field of youth social pedagogical activity, such as social work with young people, promotion of voluntary work. Also, he was leader of projects of fight against poverty, promotion of social innovations, and integration of people after detention.

Luxembourg



Mr. Romain Schneider

Minister of Social Security, Sport, Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Romain Schneider was appointed Minister of Social Security, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Minister of Sport on 4 December 2013.

A member of the LSAP since 1981, Romain Schneider served as the party's secretary general from 2004 to 2009.

At local level, Romain Schneider initially served as a municipal councillor in Wiltz from 1994 to 1999, then as mayor from 2000 to 2009, an office he held until his appointment to the government in July 2009.

Elected to Parliament while standing for the LSAP in the constituency of the North in 2004, Romain Schneider was particularly involved in issues regarding employment, the environment, agriculture, health and social security. He was re-elected as a member of Parliament in 2009 and 2013.

Mexico



Mr. Eviel Pérez Magaña

Minister of Social Development

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He holds a BA in Business Administration from Tecmilenio University, in Mexico. He has strengthened his education with several courses in Public Policy; Management and Local Government; Governance and Rule of Law, and Local Public Finance for Competitiveness and Development.

In April 2016, he was named Undersecretary of Social and Human Development in the National Ministry of Social Development. In 2012, he won a seat in the Senate, where he presided the Indigenous Affairs Commission. He is currently on leave of absence. He has been elected Federal Deputy in two different occasions (2003 and 2009). He has served as Minister of Public Works and as General Director of the Housing Institute in his home state, Oaxaca. From 2002 to 2003, he was Mayor of San Juan Bautista Tuxtepec, Oaxaca.

Mexico



Mr. David Arellano Cuan

Undersecretary of Social Welfare at the Ministry of Labour

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David Arellano Cuan has worked for nearly 20 years for the Mexican Federal Government. He works on matters related to Justice, Finance, Governance, Technology and Policy Making.

He is currently the Undersecretary of Social Welfare at the Ministry of Labour. He currently manages public policies on labour inclusion; safety and health at work; and social welfare.

He has represented the Mexican Government before different international organisations such as APEC and the OECD.

He holds a Law Degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. He has LL.M. degrees from the University of Ottawa and Tulane University; as well as certificates from Université Libre de Bruxelles, Harvard School of Government and Yale University.

He has been professor at several highly recognised universities in Mexico and has also been guest lecturer on a variety of issues on his areas of expertise.

Mexico



Mr. Javier García Bejos

Undersecretary of Planning, Evaluation and Regional Development

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Javier García Bejos has a degree in Economics from the ITAM. His professional career started almost 20 years ago during which he has worked in different jobs in the public and private sector. His trajectory includes working in CONSAR, the Secretariat of Energy, as Corporate Director of "Compañía Inversora Corporativa S.A. de C.V.", General Director of the Toluca International Airport and being Secretary of Labor of the Government of the State of Mexico.

Currently, he works as Undersecretary of Planning, Evaluation and Regional Development in the Secretariat of Social Development of the Federal Government. His responsibilities include planning, designing and evaluation of strategies, programs and actions related to social development policy in Mexico. From this position, he is committed to building a State Social Policy based on the use of technology, information and operating rules; focused on constant improvement to achieve a more efficient operation of social actions and programs.

Netherlands



Mr. Arjan Dikmans

Director for Social Protection Issues and General Insurances, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

Arjan Dikmans studied economics at the University of Tilburg. After graduating he started working at a research institute on government expenditures. He soon realized that as a policy maker he could contribute to evidence based policy making and he worked in several areas of government: from the environment to social protection. He was the first Managing Director of a public private partnership in reducing CO2 in the Rotterdam area.

At the moment Arjan is working as Director Strategy and National Insurances at the Dutch ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

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New Zealand



Mr. Brendan Boyle

Chief Executive of the Ministry of Social Development

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Brendan became Chief Executive of the Ministry of Social Development in October 2011. Brendan also sits on many different cross-government groups including the Social Investment Board, that is set up to provide advice on the strategic direction, priorities and joint results for the social sector in areas where better results cannot be achieved without a collective approach.

Prior to joining the Ministry, Brendan was Chief Executive of Internal Affairs from February 2008 and Chief Executive of Land Information New Zealand from August 2003. Before that Brendan was the inaugural Director of the e-Government Unit of the State Services Commission, charged with leading the development of an e-government strategy and work programme.

Brendan has a law degree (1990) from Otago University and an MBA (2000) from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also completed further executive education at the Harvard Business School and the AVIRA Leadership Programme at INSEAD in France (2010).

Norway



Ms. Anniken Hauglie

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

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Anniken Hauglie (born 10 September 1972) joined Prime Minister Erna Solberg's first cabinet as Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in December 2015, and continues in the same post in Solberg's second cabinet after the parliamentary election in 2017. She is a member of the Conservative party.

The Minister of Labour and Social Affairs has the main responsibility for labour market policy, working environment and safety policy, pensions policy, and welfare and social policy.

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Peru



Mr. Carlos Manuel Gil de Montes Molinari

Deputy Head of Mission, Minister

A career diplomat in the Peruvian Foreign Service with 30 years of experience. After having held several positions abroad in Spain, Belgium, Argentina, and Colombia, he was appointed as the Deputy Head of the Peruvian Diplomatic Mission in Canada in 2014.

Minister Gil de Montes Molinari has also held several positions within the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, such as Second and Third Secretary of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Desk Officer (“Europe” and “Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina and Uruguay” - accordingly) in the Sub-secretary for Political Affairs and Director of Security and Defense.

Poland



Mr. Bartosz Marczuk

Undersecretary of State responsible for Coordination of Family Policies

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He received a master degree in Sociology from the University of Warsaw. He completed the post-graduate National Security School and a doctoral programme in Economics at the Institute of Labour and Social Studies. He worked as a journalist and a head of department in Dziennik Gazeta Prawna. He was also deputy editor in chief of Rzeczpospolita, Wprost and Rzeczy wspólne, a quarterly magazine.

He was co-author of the Governmental Programme of Family Policy 2006-2007 and social advisor of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy. He worked as a social policy expert at the Sobieski Institute and the Association of Large Families 3+ (Związek Dużych Rodzin 3+).

Since December 2015 he holds the position of Undersecretary of State in Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy and is responsible for coordination of family policy and support for children.

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Saudi Arabia



Ms. Tamader Al-Rammah

Vice Minister for Social Affairs at Ministry of Labor and Social Development

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Dr. Al-Rammah is the Vice Minister for Social Affairs at Ministry of Labor and Social Development in KSA. She was the Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Development and the supervisor of the Social Welfare and Family Agency. She was the Head of KSA delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Deputy Head of Delegation to Saudi CEDAW Report Review. She has played a leading role in the women's empowerment movement in KSA by bringing her experience in the health and human services field into policymaking. She has been a lifelong advocate for women's right as an educator of and mentor to young women, and an activist through her extensive policymaking work. She has been working to implement increased inclusion and participation of women as well as persons with disabilities in the labor market through the creation of training programs, capacity building workshops, and increased accountability of employers in providing opportunities as well as safe work environments.

Slovak Republic



Mr. Branislav Ondruš

State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Mr. Ondruš received a master's degree in Political Sciences at the Faculty of Philosophy of the Comenius University in Bratislava and studied European Political Systems at the Thames Valley University.

Mr. Ondruš acquired professional experience as a news presenter, economic editor and commentator on TV Markiza, speaker and later spokesman of Democratic Left Party, editor and news presenter on TV JOJ, director of Press and Information Department of Government Office of the Slovak Republic, MP and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs.

Since April 2012 Mr. Ondruš serves as State Secretary of Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic.

He is fluent in English and Russian.

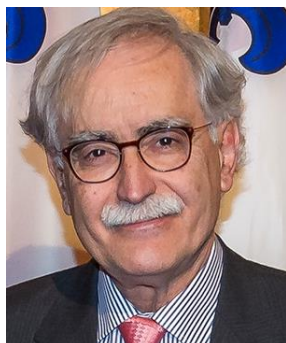
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Spain



Mr. Antonio Bullón

Minister Plenipotentiary First Class , Consul General to Canada

Mr. Bullón is Consul General of Spain in Montreal. He has served as Counsellor at the Spanish Embassies in Pretoria (1976-77) and Berlin (1984-1987). He was a United Nations Officer (UNCTAD) at the UN headquarters in Geneva (1980-1983). He was Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna (1987-1990) and Geneva (1997-2002). He has also served as Consul General in Toronto (1990-1993) and Mumbai (2009-2012). He worked as Coordinator at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the UE in Brussels (2004-2009) and Deputy Director General Of International Economic Relations (2003-2004).

He holds a Master in Law and a Master in Economics from the Complutense University in Madrid. He also holds a Diploma International Relations from the Diplomatic School in Madrid and a Master in Business Administration from CEI/IMD in Switzerland.

Switzerland



Mr. Bruno Parnisari

Secretary of State, Deputy director of the Swiss Federal Social Insurance Office FSIO

Head of the Mathematics, Analyses, Statistics and Standards Domain since August 2016. Doctorate in economics from the University of Geneva. Joined the Federal Administration in 1990. Lengthy experience as a researcher and manager (Federal Department of Finance and Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research), most notably in various areas of public finance, analysing relationships between the labour market and social policies, as head of the Short Term Economic Analyses subdepartment at the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) (2004-2016), and as deputy head of the Economic Policy Directorate at SECO (2013-2016). In mid-2017, Mr Parnisari joined the Board of Directors of PUBLICA one of the largest pension funds in Switzerland, where he represents the employer's interests; he also plays an active role in the Investment Committee. Since early 2018, he has represented the FSIO at Compenswiss board meetings, the umbrella fund for federal first-pillar pension scheme in Switzerland. In addition he currently deals with various issues related to the consequences of new technologies and digitalization on employment and social security and the social impact of the platform economy.

Turkey



Mr. Selçuk Ünal

Turkish Ambassador to Canada

Selçuk Ünal is the Turkish Ambassador to Canada since October 2014. He graduated from Ankara College and the Faculty of Political Sciences of Ankara University. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992. After his assignments in Doha, Qatar and Dublin, Ireland, he worked at the Middle East-Iraq Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He moved to the Turkish Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva in 2002. Between 2006 and 2008 he served as the Deputy Special Adviser of the Turkish Foreign Minister. He was posted to the Turkish Permanent Mission to the UN in New York during Turkey's non-permanent membership at the UN Security Council where he served as the Spokesperson and UNSC Political Coordinator for Turkey. He returned to Ankara in 2010 as the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2013 he was appointed as the Special Advisor of the Turkish Foreign Minister.

United Kingdom



Mr. Iain Walsh

Director for Labour Market Strategy and International Affairs in the Department for Work and Pensions

Iain Walsh has, since 2015, been Director for Labour Market Strategy and International Affairs in the Department for Work and Pensions. He is responsible for advising Ministers on policies and interventions that will help move benefit claimants into work, help them progress in work and support the effective operation of the labour market. He is also responsible for the Department's engagement with the European Union (in which capacity he is involved in the current negotiations around the UK's exit from the EU) and for other international matters such as the employment strands of the G7 and G20. Between 2007 and 2015 Iain held a number of other senior policy posts in DWP on employment, benefit and health & disability issues during which time he led on the Department's response to the 2008/09 recession, introduced a range of new employment measures and began a discussion on health & disability employment reform. Prior to 2007 Iain worked in the Home Office leading on subjects ranging from immigration, criminal justice and policing to human rights.

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United States



Mr. Don Wright, MD, MPH

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health and Director of the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

From 2007 to 2009, Dr. Wright was the HHS Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health. During this time, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the alternate U.S. delegate to the World Health Organization Executive Board.

Dr. Wright leads the coordination and policy development for public health and prevention activities within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. ODPHP is responsible for Healthy People - a framework for public health priorities and actions laid out in a comprehensive set of 10-year national health objectives, as well as the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Physical Guidelines for Americans.

Dr. Wright received an undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University, a medical degree from the University of Texas, and a master's degree in public health from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is board-certified in both Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine.

European Union



Ms. Inge Bernaerts

Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Thyssen

As Head of Cabinet, Inge Bernaerts advises European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen on employment, social affairs, skills and labour mobility in the European Union. She has been involved from the outset in the development of the European Pillar of Social Rights and helps steering its implementation.

Inge has a wide experience in different Commission departments. She held a management position in the Commission's Energy department and was Assistant to the Director-General in the Competition department. Before joining the Commission, Inge was a member of the Brussels bar. She taught seminars on European law as Assistant to Professor Koen Lenaerts at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and published and lectured extensively on European law and policy.

Inge holds a law degree from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (1995, summa cum laude) and a complementary degree in European Law from the Universität des Saarlandes (1995, magna cum laude). She is Belgian, speaks Dutch, English, French and German and is the mother of two teenage sons.

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International Organisations

Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC)



Ms. Renate Hornung-Draus

Managing Director, Confederation of German Employers (BDA)

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Renate Hornung-Draus is Managing Director and Director of European and international affairs of the Confederation of German Employers (BDA). This is the top business organisation representing the interests of private employers in the fields of employment, labour and social affairs. Via its sectoral and regional member organisations it represents the interests of one million companies employing 80 % of the workforce in the private sector. Ms. Hornung-Draus directs BDA's activities in the European and international fields. This includes on the one hand representing the employers' views vis-à-vis the European institutions and the international organisations, and on the other hand providing advice and services to member organisations and companies on European and international issues, such as European works councils, international framework agreements, corporate social responsibility, labour law and industrial relations issues. She has numerous publications in the field of European social policy and industrial relations and holds a degree in Economics from the University of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany).

Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC)



Ms. Jorunn Berland

President of Confederation of Vocational Unions

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Berland is graduated from Bergen Handelsgymnasium in 1974. She started working in Bergens Privatbank i 1974. In 1982 she was elected as shop steward in the company. In 1987 she became board member of The Finance Sector Union of Norway. She was elected president i 2003, a position she held to March 2013. She also held positions i FIET/UNI from 1995 - 2013.

From 2003-2010 Bord Member in Nordic Financial Unions (NFU), from 2010-2013 as President. From 2010 she also held positions as Board Member and Member of the Presidium in The Council of Nordic Trade Unions (NFS). In 2006 she was elected Vice President of The Conferderation of Vocational Unions (YS), and in March 2013 President. In June 2016 she was elected Vice President in TUAC (Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD).

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International Social Security Association (ISSA)



Mr. Joachim Breuer

President

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Dr. Joachim Breuer is the President of the International Social Security Administration (ISSA). He studied law at the Universities of Bonn and Berlin, Germany. After working for the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for five years, he joined the Federation of German Accident Insurance Institutions (HVBG) in St. Augustin, Germany. In 1995 he became Director General of the accident insurance and prevention institution for the German mining industry.

In 2002, Dr. Breuer returned to the umbrella organization of all German accident insurance funds institutions (now the DGUV – German Social Accident Insurance) in the industrial sector as Director General. His international affiliations, most notably, are President of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), Switzerland; Co-chair of the International Disability Management Standards Council (IDMSC), Canada; Member of the Bureau of the European Forum for Accident Insurances (FORUM); Vice-President of Rehabilitation International for Europe and Board member of the Pacific Coast University (PCU), Canada.

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World Bank



Mr. Steen L. Jorgensen

Director in the Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice

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Steen Lau Jorgensen has worked on strategy and operational activities across a number of themes including economic and social development, human development, governance and community empowerment for thirty years in the World Bank. He has worked across the developing world and in transition countries. He is the co-author of the first World Bank social protection strategy as well as academic publications on social protection, community development and climate change.

Mr. Jorgensen was appointed Director of the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs Practice in August 2016. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Jorgensen was Country Director for West Bank and Gaza and Sector Director for Human Development in the Middle East and North Africa.

International Labour Office (ILO)



Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro

Special Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations

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Mr. Pinheiro is the leading official responsible for issues related to the world of work at the UN. His portfolio includes the areas of employment and decent work, social protection, labour migration, youth employment, child and forced labour, gender economic empowerment, working conditions and labour rights. He served as senior social protection adviser to the ILO Director General since 2009.

He was the National Secretary for Social Security of Brazil (1999 -2002) responsible for designing and implementing the Pension reform, including measures to increase coverage and strengthen the social protection system. During this period he acted as Vice-Minister and Interim Minister of Social Security and as Executive Secretary of the National Social Security Council. Between 2002 and 2005 he worked in the OECD, in Paris and also provided consultancy services for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and to the World Bank in projects in Africa and Latin America.

Mr. Pinheiro is an Economist and holds a master degree in Political Science from the University of Brasília and specializations in Public Administration and Public Policies, in Evaluation of Social Programmes and Projects Pensions Schemes and Leadership in the Public Sector.

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Special Guest



Elder Ka'nahsohon Kevin Deer

Faithkeeper, Kahnawake, Quebec

Kanahsohon Kevin Deer is a Mohawk Elder who helps to perform the ceremonies, songs, speeches, and dances of the Mohawk people. As a motivational speaker, he tries to instil into the younger generation the hope that they can succeed in their life goals provided that they remain spiritually grounded.

Elder Deer lives in Kahnawake Mohawk territory near Montreal. He has been deeply involved in the Mohawk language and spiritual revitalization of his nation for the past 36 years, and has been employed as a school teacher at the Karonhianonhnha Mohawk Immersion School since 1989. In the older traditional teachings in the Longhouse as a Faithkeeper, he is a resource person on Iroquoian world view, philosophy, treaties, land claims, and native-European historical perspectives.

In February 2016 Elder Deer presented at United Nations in New York on native spirituality for World Interfaith Harmony Week. Elder Deer enjoys discussing life and is always open to learning new ways of knowing.

OECD Secretariat



Mr. Angel Gurría

Secretary-General

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Angel Gurría is the Secretary-General of the OECD since June 2006. As OECD Secretary-General, he has reinforced the OECD's role as a "hub" for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernisation and reform, and as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture including the G7, G20 and APEC, and a reference point in the design and implementation of better policies for better lives. Mr. Gurría is a Mexican national and came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, including positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s. Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico) and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He is married and has three children.

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Ms. Gabriela Ramos

Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General and Sherpa to the G20

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Gabriela Ramos is the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Besides supporting the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary General, she is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including the G20 and the G7. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges and also oversees the work on Education, Employment and Social Affairs (including gender). Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America and held several positions in the Mexican Government. Ms. Ramos holds an MA in Public Policy from Harvard University, and was a Fulbright and Ford MacArthur fellow. She was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by the President of France, François Hollande, in 2013.



Mr. Stefano Scarpetta

Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

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Stefano Scarpetta has been the Director of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) since 2013. He provides the leadership in the design, management and co-ordination of the activities of ELS and contributes to the implementation of the Secretary-General's strategic orientations in a broad range of policy areas, notably Employment, Labour, Migration, Health, Skills, Gender and Tackling Inequalities. Mr. Scarpetta joined the OECD in 1991. He led several large-scale projects, including: "Implementing the OECD Jobs Strategy"; the "Sources of Economic Growth"; and contributed to others including "The Policy Challenges of Population Ageing". From 2002 to 2006 he was at the World Bank as the labour market advisor and lead economist in charge of the Bank-wide programme of Employment and Development. He returned to the OECD in 2006 as the Head of Division in charge of Japan, Korea, Mexico, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, China and India. In 2008 he moved back to ELS as the Head of the Employment Analysis and Policy Division and the editor of the Employment Outlook. In 2010, he became the Deputy Director of ELS. He holds a PhD in Economics from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris) and an M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Mr. Mark Pearson

Deputy Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

Mark Pearson has been Deputy-Director for the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) at the OECD since 2014. Mr. Pearson works with the Director to provide leadership in the co-ordination and management of the activities of ELS and ensure that it is at the forefront of the international social, health and employment agenda. Mr. Pearson joined the OECD in 1992, initially working on tax issues. He then moved to ELS, becoming the head of the Social Policy Division from 2000 to 2008. In 2009 he became Head of the Health Division where the central focus of work was on how to deliver health care with greater efficiency, including putting much more stress on the prevention of obesity and harmful use of alcohol.



Ms. Monika Queisser

Senior Counsellor, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Monika Queisser is Senior Counsellor and Head of Social Policy Division at the OECD, where she supervises and coordinates the work on social protection spending, social indicators, pensions, family policies, tax-benefit systems and income inequality and poverty. She also leads the OECD-wide gender initiative which examines gender inequalities in education, employment and entrepreneurship. Her background is in pension system analysis and pension reform. She has been working at the OECD since 1997. In 2007-2008, she worked as an adviser to the OECD Secretary-General.

Prior to joining the OECD, Ms. Queisser worked at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the pensions and insurance group in the Financial Sector Development Department. Her first employment was with the German Ifo Institute for economic research in Munich. Her professional experience also includes employment as a journalist at daily newspapers and broadcasting in Germany