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**BIOGRAPHIES**



**H.E. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen,**  
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**Acting President of the 67th Session of the United Nations General**

Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen is the Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in New York since August 26, 2009 with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Chile and the Republic of Peru. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the UN General Assembly. He was the Chair of the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in 2011-12. Dr. Momen was the chair of LDC (Least Developed Country) in 2009 and recently he concluded as a chair of the Peacebuilding Commission. He was also Vice President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for 2011-2012 sessions. In 2010 he was the President of the UNICEF Executive Board. Previously he was also the Coordinator for NAM Peacebuilding Caucus of the UN. He was Facilitator for the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review 2010. Prior to joining the UN, he was the Chairman of the Business Administration and Economics Department at the Framingham State University, Massachusetts. Until 2003, he was working in Riyadh as an Economic Adviser under the Saudi Ministry of Finance and National Economy for few years. Prior to that, he worked as a faculty in a number of colleges and universities, including the Northeastern University, the University of Massachusetts, Cambridge College and the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University. He also worked at the MIT and the World Bank. Dr. Momen has a PhD in Economics and an MBA in from the Northeastern University (Boston), an MPA in public administration, public policy and international economics from Harvard University, a LLB in Law, an MA in development economics and a BA (Honors) from the University of Dhaka.

<http://www.un.int/wcm/content/site/bangladesh/cache/offonce/pid/12449;jsessionid=166B360D0F85E9D9247C6443E5E0B63F>



**Mr. Wu Hongbo**  
Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Wu Hongbo was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 1 August 2012. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Wu had been serving since 2009 as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Germany. His prior diplomatic postings also included New Zealand, and the Philippines, where he served as China's Ambassador. Mr. Wu has over 30 years of high-level experience, including close collaboration in international conferences and with multilateral organizations, including serving as Director-General and later Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. In his various portfolios, he has been involved in his country's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development as well as China's report on its progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. Mr. Wu graduated from Beijing Foreign Studies University and pursued his postgraduate studies at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

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**Mr. Imran H. Ahmad**

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Dr. Ahmad has been actively engaged in the areas of climate change, sustainable development, environment, renewable energy, energy policy and developmental assistance in the UN, government, non-profit, development agency, academia and private sector in Pakistan, Malaysia, Australia, Denmark and USA since 1992. He has been one of the core authors of the UN-DESA's flagship report "Promoting Development and Saving the Planet" and was Pakistan's lead Climate Negotiator and a member of UNFCCC Expert Group on National Communications from Non-Annex 1 parties (CGE) and Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT). He is a lead reviewer for undertaking review of national communications from Annex 1 parties. Dr. Ahmad has speaking engagements at some of the leading international think-tanks including Chatham House, Pew Center, East-West-Center and Wilton Park. Dr. Ahmad is currently a Senior Programme Officer (Regions) in International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) with a focus on South and Central Asian countries. He is a national of Pakistan.

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**Mr. Andrew Allimadi**

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Mr. Andrew Allimadi is a Programme Officer at the Regional Commissions New York Office, working on economic development issues. He previously worked as a Communication Officer at the Economic Commission for Africa and spent six months on secondment as speech writer for Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Allimadi was business news editor with the Financial Times and taught economics at City University, London. He holds a Master of Science in Economics and a BA (Honors) in development studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.

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**Mr. Carl J. Dahlman**

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Mr. Carl Dahlman is the Henry R. Luce Professor of International Relations and Information Technology of Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Previously, Prof. Dahlman served as Senior Advisor to the World Bank Institute, where he managed the Knowledge for Development (K4D) program. Prior to developing the K4D program, Prof. Dahlman served as Staff Director of the 1998-1999 World Development Report, Knowledge for Development. In addition, he was the Bank's Resident Representative and Financial Sector Leader in Mexico from 1994 to 1997, years during which the country coped with one of the biggest financial crises in its history. Before his position in Mexico, Prof. Dahlman led divisions in the Bank's Private Sector Development, and Industry and Energy Departments. He has also conducted extensive analytical work in major developing countries including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, India, Pakistan, China, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Prof. Dahlman earned a B.A. magna cum laude in international relations from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University. He has also taught courses at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

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**Ms. Elenita (Neth) Daño**

Program Manager, Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)

Ms. Neth Daño is a Program Manager of the Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group) based in Davao City, southern Philippines since July 2009. A researcher with extensive experience and published work on various issues in agriculture, agricultural biodiversity, biosafety, plant genetic resources and climate change and environmental governance in developing countries, particularly in Southeast Asia, she has broad knowledge of international organizations and UN bodies and procedures. Ms. Daño has been involved in international environmental governance discussions since 2005 when she worked as Associate at Third World Network (TWN) and she is the representative of environment non-governmental organizations (ENGOS) in the Advisory Board to the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) which is the operation arm of the Technology Mechanism of the UNFCCC. Throughout the years, her interest and passion over the issues in IEG have deepened. She has extensive experience in engaging government actors, civil society and communities in policy advocacy, awareness raising, research and policy development. Currently, she is directly involved in discussions on geo-engineering and other emerging technologies which impact the future of the world's food, agriculture and climate. Ms. Daño holds a Bachelor's degree in Development Studies (cum laude) from the University of the Philippines and a Masters in Community Development.

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**Ms. Lícia de Oliveira**

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Ms. Licia de Oliveira is Fiocruz's Deputy Director at the Regional Office in Africa (Maputo, Mozambique) and Project Coordinator for the Implementation of the Antirretroviral and Other Drugs Factory in Mozambique. Besides that, she is the Coordinator of the International Cooperation Office at Farmanguinhos/Fiocruz, the technical and scientific unit of Fiocruz responsible for the public production of medicines to the Ministry of Health in Brazil. Ms. de Oliveira is a doctorate student at the "Instituto de Higiene e Medicina Tropical" of the New University of Lisbon, Portugal. Previously, she earned a Masters degree in Administration of the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) in Rio de Janeiro, where she also earned a specialization degree in Management of Health Services. Ms. de Oliveira earned her Pharmacist degree at the Fluminense Federal University, in Rio de Janeiro.

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**Mr. George Dragnich**

Consultant, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Mr. George Dragnich has been retained as a consultant by UN-OHRLLS to help that office respond to a UNGA resolution at the end of 2011 requiring it to "...undertake a joint gap and capacity analysis...with the aim of establishing a technology bank and science, technology and innovation supporting mechanism dedicated to least developed countries". Following 33 years with the US Department of State, Mr. Dragnich served as an ADG of a major UN specialized agency in Geneva, Switzerland, for two and a half years, before returning recently to the USA. His diplomatic career took him to seven overseas postings, including five in the Middle East and Africa. Two of these were at LDCs, including a tour as Deputy Chief of Mission at the American embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi. In Washington, before he retired, Mr. Dragnich directed the Office of Economic & Development Affairs in the State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs. Previously, he directed the Office of Science & Technology Cooperation. Concomitantly, he served as the US Delegate to the OECD's Committee on Science & Technology Policy; Co-Secretary of the China-US Joint Commission on S&T; Co-Chair of the Egyptian-US Joint S&T Development Fund; and, board member of the

Israel-US Binational Industrial Research & Development Fund (BIRD). Earlier, Mr. Dragnich directed an international telecommunications policy office at the State Department.

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**Mr. Daniele Giovannucci**

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Mr. Daniele Giovannucci is the President of the Committee on Sustainability Assessment (COSA). COSA is a global consortium of institutions advancing innovative ways to measure and manage sustainability. It partners with leading firms and agencies to understand the impacts of agriculture initiatives around the world. Mr. Giovannucci is a former food company executive and Senior Consultant to the World Bank Group. He began conducting research on sustainability issues of developing nations in 1992 and has since managed projects and research in more than 30 countries. He has led or contributed to the major rural development strategies of a number of governments and institutions such as the World Bank. He advises five UN agencies and their Member Governments on sustainability standards via leading organizations such as the UNFSS. In 2012, he led the global teams formulating a landmark report on Food and Agriculture produced by the UN Division for Sustainable Development's SD21 project.

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**Mr. Hans R. Herren**

President of the Millennium Institute, TWAS Associate Fellow

Mr. Hans Herren was appointed President of the Millennium Institute (MI) in May 2005. Prior to joining MI, he was Director-General of the International Center for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in Nairobi, Kenya. He also served as Director of the Africa Biological Control Center of International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), in Benin, where he conceived and implemented the highly successful biological control program that saved the African cassava crop. In 2012 he coordinated the UNEP Report on the Ecological Bases of Food Security and in 2011 the agriculture chapter of the UNEP Green Economy Report. Over the years, Mr. Herren has moved his interests toward integrated sustainable development, in particular, linking environmental, plant, animal, and human health issues. He serves on the boards of numerous organizations, including the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science & Technology (IAASTD); BioVision; the International Association of the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS); and is a member of the US Board of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BANR). Mr. Herren earned his Ph.D. at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, and holds numerous awards that recognize his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

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Mr. Claudio Huepe is currently the coordinator of the Energy and Sustainable Development Centre at the Universidad Diego Portales, in Chile. During his career, he has worked in the public and private sector as well as in academia. Mr. Huepe worked as a consultant on environmental and resource regulation issues for over 10 years. In the public sector, he was Director of the Environmental Department at the Ministry of Mining and Head of the Long Term Studies Division of the Ministry of Energy in Chile, where he led prospective analysis and energy technology policy. Mr. Huepe holds a M.Sc. in

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Mr. Ephraim Nkonya joined IFPRI in 1999, where he conducts research on land management and natural resources in sub-Saharan countries and central Asia. Mr. Nkonya has an M.S. in agricultural economics and a Ph.D. in natural resources, econometrics, and statistics from Kansas State University. He earned his B.S. in agriculture from Sokoine University of Agriculture.

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**Mr. David O'Connor**

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Mr. David O'Connor is the Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA. He headed the Rio+20 Secretariat's analytical cluster, supporting the negotiations on the Outcome Document. Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked for a decade and a half at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development as a senior economist at the OECD Development Centre. He has authored and edited several books on sustainable development and has written extensively on climate change and development, including on the co-benefits of climate policies in developing countries and on REDD (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation). He holds degrees from Yale, Wisconsin, and the University of London, where he completed his doctorate.

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**Mr. Khalil Rahman**

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Mr. Khalil Rahman is currently heading the Least Developed Countries programme at the Office of the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. Previously, he served at the UNCTAD secretariat where he headed a number of organizational units, including the Technology and Logistics Division, the Trade Analysis Branch, and the New York Office of UNCTAD. Mr. Rahman also served as Principal Officer for Economic, Social and Development Affairs at the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations during 2007-08. He began his public service career as a foreign service officer of Bangladesh and was his country's delegate to the Second Committee of the UNGA during 1985-90.

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**Mr. Jorge Rogat**

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Mr. Jorge Rogat joined the UNEP Risoe Centre in June 2000 where he has been working mainly in the area of sustainable transport and Technology Needs Assessments. He has implemented sustainable transport projects and edited several guidebooks on the implementation of sustainable transport in Latin America. He is currently involved in a project being implemented in India on Low Carbon Transport. Mr. Rogat started working in the area of technology needs assessment in 2009 and has been the regional coordinator for Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) region in the Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) project since then. In December 2011, he became the global project manager of the TNA project, which is being implemented in 36 developing countries in



Africa, the Mediterranean, Asia, CIS and the LAC region. Previously, Mr. Rogat spent 2 years at the Global Water Partnership as Regional Officer for LAC. His PhD thesis, from January 1998, was on “The Value of Improved Air Quality in Santiago, Chile”.

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**Mr. Ambuj D. Sagar**

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Mr. Ambuj Sagar is the Vipula and Mahesh Chaturvedi Professor of Policy Studies and the Dean of Alumni Affairs & International Programs at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. While Prof. Sagar’s current research focuses mainly on energy innovation and climate policy, he also studies, more broadly, various facets of technology innovation, environmental politics and processes, and engineering education and research. He currently works with/advises various agencies/ministries of the Indian Government and several multilateral and bilateral organizations. He has also been a member of the Indian Planning Commission’s Expert Committee on a Low-Carbon Strategy for Inclusive Growth. While in the United States, he worked with a range of private and public-sector organizations, including as a staff researcher for a major study on energy R&D for the White House. Prof. Sagar is a Board member of the U.S.-India Educational Foundation and the U.S.-India Track-II Dialog on Climate and Energy. Prof. Sagar did his undergraduate studies in Mechanical Engineering at IIT Delhi and subsequently he received an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan and then an M.S. in Materials Science, a Ph.D. in Polymer Science, and an M.S. in Technology and Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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**Mr. Roberto Schaeffer**

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Mr. Roberto Schaeffer teaches and conducts research in the Energy Planning Program of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he currently holds an Associate Professor position in Energy Economics. In 2008 he was offered, and accepted, a Chair of Visiting Professor in Brazilian studies in Canada, lecturing in five different Canadian universities with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada. Previously, in 1991-1993, he was a Visiting Professor at the Center for Energy and the Environment, and a Lecturer at the Wharton School, both at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schaeffer has been contributing to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports and assessments since 1994 both as a Lead-author and a Coordinating-lead-author on various issues such as mitigation potential and costs, and transport. Between April 2002 and June 2010, Dr. Schaeffer was an Expert Member for the panel on guidelines for methodologies for baselines and monitoring plans for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board. He was a member of the International Energy Agency (IEA) Advisory Board between June 2010 and December 2011 and since 2002 he has been an International Adviser for the International Atomic Energy Agency. Dr. Schaeffer has been awarded with several prizes for outstanding academic records. He holds a Ph.D. in Energy Management and Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, a M.S. in Energy Planning from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Federal University of Parana.

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**Mr. Nikhil Seth**

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Nikhil Seth is currently the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). As Head of the Rio+20 Secretariat, he spearheaded the preparations for the UNCSD Conference in Rio in 2012. During his career with the United Nations since 1993, Mr. Seth has served as Special Assistant and Chief of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly, and as Director of the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, where he guided the ECOSOC's work in implementing several new key mandates, including its Annual Ministerial Review and Development Cooperation Forum. Before joining the UN Secretariat, he was a delegate to the UN in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and involved with various UN conferences and summits including the Rio Summit on Environment and Development, the Copenhagen Summit on Social Development, the Monterrey Conference on Financing for Development, the Mauritius Conference on Small Island Developing States, the Millennium Summit, World Summit on Sustainable Development and the UN World Summit. He joined the Indian diplomatic service in 1980 and his diplomatic assignments included Geneva, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

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