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BIOGRAPHIES (in Agenda order)



H.E. Ambassador Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations,
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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 (Honours) from the University of Dhaka.



Professor Ambuj D. Sagar

Dean, Alumni Affairs & International Programs and Vipula and Mahesh Chaturvedi
Professor of Policy Studies, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,
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Professor 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 Professor 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.



Mr. David Biello

Associate Editor, Environment & Energy, *Scientific American*

David Biello is the award-winning online associate editor for environment and energy. He joined *Scientific American* in November 2005 and has written on subjects ranging from astronomy to zoology for both the Web site and magazine. He has been reporting on the environment and energy since 1999. He is the host of the 60-Second Earth podcast, a contributor to the Instant Egghead video series and author of a children's book on bullet trains.



Mr. Ahmed Abdel Latif

Senior Programme Manager for Innovation, Technology and Intellectual Property, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva

Mr. Abdel Latif is with the ICTSD since November 2007. He has taken an active part in international discussions on intellectual property, public policy and development. As an Egyptian career diplomat he worked at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva (2000-2004) where he was a delegate to the TRIPS Council and to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). More recently, he was Giorgio Ruffolo Research Fellow in the [Sustainability Science Program](#) at the Kennedy School of

Government, Harvard University (fall term, 2012). He holds an LL.M in Public International Law (London School of Economics and Political Science), a BA in Political Science (American University in Cairo) and the Diplôme of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (*Sciences Po Paris*).



Professor Carlos Correa

Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Industrial Property and Economics Law, University of Buenos Aires

Professor Carlos Correa followed studies on economics and law at the University of Buenos Aires from which he also obtained his doctorate. He is the Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Industrial Property Law and Economics at the same University. He has advised UNCTAD, UNIDO, WHO, CBD Secretariat, IICA, South Centre and other international and regional organizations on technology and intellectual property issues. As

FAO consultant, he participated in the negotiations of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Professor Correa is the Chair of the GRPC.



Ms. Lucinda Longcroft

Deputy Director, Development Agenda Coordination Division, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Lucinda Longcroft, a national of Australia, is a Deputy Director, Development Agenda Coordination Division, Development Sector, at WIPO

Ms. Longcroft's work focuses on the management and use of intellectual property for economic, social and cultural development. Among other responsibilities, Ms. Longcroft contributes to the implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda, and has been involved in WIPO's work with

UNCITRAL on secured transactions involving intellectual property, as well as the WIPO Internet Domain Name Processes, which led to ICANN's adoption of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), and WIPO's contribution to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). She holds a Bachelor of Law degree (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Sydney, Australia, and a Masters in International Law (Honours) from the University of Cambridge, England. She also holds a Diploma in Speech and Communication from the Australian Speech and Communication Association. Following law school, Ms. Longcroft was an Associate for The Honourable Justice Daryl Davies in the Federal Court of Australia, and an Associate to Judge Macdonald of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Before joining WIPO in 1998, she practiced as an attorney with the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Headquarters in New York. In Australia, she practiced as an attorney with the Legal Office of the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and co-wrote a Report on Designs Law for the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Dr. Krishna Ravi Srinivas

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Dr. Krishna Ravi Srinivas is an Associate Fellow with RIS, a policy research think tank based in New Delhi, India and Managing Editor of *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review*, a journal published with support from UNESCO. He holds a PhD from National Law School of India University. He was a recipient of Fulbright Fellowship and was, a visiting Scholar at Law School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and visiting Scholar at Law School, Indiana University, Bloomington. He was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at South Centre, Geneva. He has written on inter alia, intellectual property rights, open source and open innovation models, traditional knowledge, science, technology and society issues, and, climate change and technology transfer. He has been a consultant to UNDESA, Anthropological Survey of

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Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher

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Kelley Sims Gallaher is Associate Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. She directs the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at Fletcher. She is also Senior Associate of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, where she previously directed the Energy Technology Innovation Policy (ETIP) research group. Broadly, she focuses on energy and climate policy in both the United States and China. She is particularly interested in the role of policy in spurring the development and deployment of cleaner and more efficient energy technologies, domestically and internationally. A Truman Scholar, she has a MALD and PhD in international affairs from The Fletcher School, and an AB from Occidental College. She speaks Spanish and basic Mandarin Chinese, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She is the author of *China Shifts Gears: Automakers, Oil, Pollution, and Development* (The MIT Press 2006), editor of *Acting in Time on Energy Policy* (Brookings Institution Press 2009), *The Global Diffusion of Clean Energy Technologies: Lessons from China* (forthcoming from MIT Press) and numerous academic articles and policy reports.

Professor Lidia Brito

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Lidia Brito holds an undergraduate degree in Forest Engineering from Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique) and MSc and PhD degrees in Forest Sciences from Colorado State University (USA). As the first Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Mozambique (2000 – 2005) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Eduardo Mondlane University (1998-2000) she accumulated extensive experience in the fields of higher education, science and technology, ICT and innovation policies and programmes. Recently, Lidia Brito has served as the Advisor of the Mayor of Maputo for Strategic Planning and External Relations.

She has more than 20 years' working experience in the fields of forestry, traditional energy (biomass and charcoal), wood science and technology as a lecturer, researcher and consultant for Eduardo Mondlane University and other national and international institutions, promoting sustainable development, and community management and development both in Mozambique and in Africa in general. She has extensive diverse experience working with local, national, and international organizations mainly in technical expertise and political support in good governance issues, energy, higher education, science and technology, ICT and their impact on social development. She has served as member of many boards, such as the UNESCO-IHE Governing Board (ongoing), UNESCO-NEPAD High-Level Group; United Nations University Council (ongoing), the Advisory Board of the Community Development Carbon Fund and the Steering Committee for the programme on Sustainable Management of Forests in Africa (ongoing).

She has participated in several congresses and world summits and has presented keynote addresses and papers related to development issues and other associated subjects.



Dr. Raul G. Cuero

Molecular Microbiologist, Inventor Scientist

Raul Cuero, PhD in Microbiology from Strathclyde University, UK, MSc in Plant Pathology from Ohio State University, USA, and a BSc from Heidelberg University, USA. He is a former Distinguished Professor and Research Scientist of Texas A&M University System on the Campus of Prairie View, Texas. Currently, he is founder, scientist and Director of the International Parks of Creativity, which main aim is invention/discovery (www.parkofcreativity.org). He is former research associate for USDA. He has many scientific inventions and publications in different scientific and technological fields including biotechnology, microbiology, molecular biology, synthetic and integrated biology, environmental and energy biotechnology, microbiology and astrobiology. Currently, he is also international consultant on Biotechnology and on creative processes for building capacity. He has received numerous scientific recognitions such as the Hispanic Scientist of the year 2013, USA, and he has received several honorary doctor degrees. He has received the NASA Brief Technology award for his inventions to NASA. He has written book on creativity, his autobiography, and currently on the effect of orphan hood on creativity and production.



Ms. Marisa Henderson

Officer-in-Charge, New York Office of UNCTAD

Ms. Henderson has been working at UNCTAD on development-related issues, specializing in international trade and sustainable development for the past fourteen years. She is currently the Officer-in-Charge of the New York Office of UNCTAD, representing UNCTAD within the UN Secretariat and at intergovernmental meetings at Headquarters and acting as focal point between UNCTAD Geneva and the UN Headquarters. Prior to coming to New York, she worked for UNCTAD Geneva over a number of years as Deputy to the Chief of the Office of the Secretary-General, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary General and Deputy Coordinator of the UNCTAD Commercial Diplomacy Program. She also worked as the focal point at the Office of the Secretary-General and the Divisions in the preparations for and logistics of the thirteenth Ministerial Conference of UNCTAD in 2012.

She previously worked as an International Trade Specialist for the Mission of Argentina in Geneva, dealing with WTO and UNCTAD. Marisa received a PhD in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick, England, and has a Masters in International Relations from FLACSO, Argentina.



Dr. Morgan D. Bazilian

Deputy Director, Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis (JISEA), National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), United States

Morgan Bazilian has two decades of experience in the energy sector – much of it outside of the USA. He has worked as a research scientist, policy-maker, and analyst in commercial, academic and government settings in the developed and developing world. His work has ranged from fiscal policy, to systems analysis, to infrastructure investment, to market regulation and governance in all areas of energy policy from upstream oil and gas to the operation of power systems. Dr. Bazilian is currently the Deputy Director of the Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis (JISEA). The Institute conducts leading-edge interdisciplinary research and provides objective and credible data, tools, and analysis to guide global energy investment and policy decisions. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Global Green Growth Institute.

Previously, Morgan was the Special Advisor to the Director-General of UNIDO on international energy policy. In this role he was deeply engaged with the design and implementation of the United Nations *Sustainable Energy for All initiative*, and managed UN-Energy. UN-Energy is the UN's interagency mechanism on all energy issues.

Prior to his time in the United Nations, he held a political appointment as Chief of Cabinet for the Minister of Energy in Ireland, after being Director of the clean energy division of Ireland's National Energy Authority for several years. Morgan has been the lead climate change negotiator for the European Union on low-carbon technology, and a member of the UNFCCC's Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT). He has been a national representative to various International Energy Agency governing bodies and executive committees, as well as to the EU's energy research and development programmes.

He holds a Ph.D. and Masters degrees related to the techno-economic aspects of energy systems, and has been a Fulbright Fellow. His book, *Analytical Methods for Energy Diversity and Security*, was published by Elsevier Science in 2008 and remains a core reference in this area of energy policy. He has been a contributing author to the IPCC and the Global Energy Assessment. He holds senior research affiliations at Cambridge University, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), and is Adjunct Professor at Columbia University, and Visiting Professor at the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology.

Dr. Bazilian is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Advisory Council, and serves as an advisor to the Novus Modus Fund, a €200M clean-tech venture capital vehicle.



H.E. Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya

Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations.

Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya, of Nepal, was appointed to the position of Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) on 5 September 2012.

Mr. Acharya as Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, contributed since 2009 as Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Group of Least Developed Countries, to the successful conclusion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the follow-up process. He was also closely involved in the 2010 Millennium Development Goals mid-term review process and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held recently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He was also a member of the Bureau of Landlocked Developing Countries and was elected Chair of the Commission on Social Development. From 2010 to 2011 he served as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission's Working Group on Lessons Learned.

Mr. Acharya brings to the position some 29 years' experience in diplomatic service involving the articulation and promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues. Over the last several years he has been consistently highlighting, advocating for and projecting the interests and concerns of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.

Prior to that, Ambassador Acharya was Foreign Secretary with the Government of Nepal (2007-2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva (2003-2007), Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry (1999-2002) and Joint Secretary (Director-General) responsible for South Asia, Europe and the Americas and Regional Organizations, Economic Relations and Coordination Divisions (1998-2003).

A strong advocate of the issues affecting LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, Ambassador Acharya has stressed that "LDC, LLDC and SIDS issues are livelihood issues requiring urgent global attention and support" and continues to call for the pro-active role of all the stakeholders in galvanising international support in a spirit of global partnership.



Dr. Alexandra Mallett

Assistant Professor at Carleton University's School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) in Ottawa, Canada.

Dr Alexandra Mallett is also a visiting fellow at the Sussex Energy Group, a research unit of the Science and Technology Policy Research (SPRU) at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. Her research examines sustainable energy technology cooperation in emerging economies including Mexico, Brazil, India and China.

Alex's background spans both academia and the public sector, including time spent working at the Organization of American States (OAS) and with the Canadian Government in relation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and environmental issues in the Americas. She holds a Ph.D. in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), a Masters in International Development from Dalhousie University and an honours B.A. in International Relations from the University of Toronto.

Her research has concentrated on energy and environmental policy issues, including climate change and renewable energy, and on urban development issues. Her current work focuses on transitions to a low carbon economy and the nexus between innovation and adoption, particularly in the developing world. She is also working on a research project examining smart grids in North America.



Mr. Errol Levy

Research and Innovation Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union, Washington, D.C.

Mr Errol Levy is a Research and Innovation Counsellor at the European Union Delegation to the United States of America, based in Washington DC since September 2012. He has 23 years of work experience in the private and public sectors. This includes roles in spacecraft and instrument systems engineering for British Aerospace plc and product manager and public affairs roles for the European Aeronautical Defence and Space Company (EADS Astrium Ltd), based in the UK.

He joined the European Commission in 2001, working in Brussels on European space policy and international Earth observation activities. During 2007-2008 he was the speechwriter for the then Commissioner for Science and Research, Mr Janez Potočnik. In his last role, during 2009-2012, he was a Policy Officer in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, responsible for Science and Technology Relations with the USA and Canada.

Adding to a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and a Master of Science degree in Remote Sensing, Errol completed in 2009 a Master of Public Policy degree (International Relations) at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, NJ, USA.



Dr. Altay Altinors

First Secretary, Permanent Representation of Turkey to the UN

Mr. Altay Altinors was the first Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN since October 2009 and has been working in diplomatic service since December 1998. Mr. Altinors served at the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the EU between 2003 and 2007 and is a specialist on water, environment, climate change, energy and sustainable development and he has a Ph.D. in civil engineering. Currently, Mr. Altinors is a visiting scholar at the Columbia University for a post-doctoral research study on fluid dynamics.



Mr. Nikhil Seth

Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

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, as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly, and, most recently, as Director of the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), where he guided the ECOSOC's work in implementing several new key mandates, including its Annual Ministerial Review and Development Cooperation Forum.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Seth served in the Indian diplomatic service, where his diplomatic assignments included Geneva, DRC, Central African Republic, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, as well as the Permanent Mission of India, New York.



H.E. Ambassador Erik Laursen

Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations.

Erik Laursen has served as Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations since 1 August 2010. Before his appointment as Ambassador Erik Laursen served from 2005 as Director, Head of Department for Human Resources, Finance and also as Head of MoFA Globalization Unit, in which capacity he facilitated a major reshuffling of the Ministry. Prior to this he was Deputy Head of Mission at the Danish Embassy in Rome, Italy, accredited also to Cyprus, Malta, and San Marino.

Earlier in his diplomatic career, Erik Laursen has worked with international security issues as well as EU policy and was, during his posting to the Danish embassy in Bangkok from 1994 to 1997, responsible for Danish development cooperation in South East Asia (Thailand, Cambodia, Burma and regional assistance to the Mekong Commission)

Erik Laursen joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark in 1992. Before this he worked as a management consultant in a large Danish company and as a researcher at University of Sydney, Australia.

He holds a Master degree in International Politics (Monterey Institute of International Studies, CA, USA) as well as MA degree in Political Science (Aarhus University, Denmark), and a degree in Journalism from Danish School of Media and Journalism, Aarhus. He was born in 1959 and is married to Mette Hald, a certified psychologist. They have three children, Cecilie, Christoffer and Sara.



H.E. Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri

Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, New York

Prior to taking over his present assignment in New York, Ambassador Puri was Joint Secretary (United Nations – Economic & Social) in the Ministry of External Affairs from March 2005 to March 2009. His charge included dealing with UN and multilateral bodies involved with economic and social issues, including in the areas of development, finance, human rights, migration, humanitarian affairs and UNESCO related matters.

Ambassador Puri was also closely involved with the Sherpa negotiations of the G8/G5 Summits from 2005 onwards and other major international fora of which India was a member, including ASEM, IBSA etc. Following the Heiligendamm Summit of 2007, he represented India at meetings of the working group on development and in several meetings on energy and climate issues leading up to the Toyako G8/G5 Summit in 2008 and thereafter.

A key element of Ambassador Puri's charge in New Delhi was climate change and he has been very closely involved with the negotiations on climate change in the context of the G8/G5 Summits and at the UNFCCC. He was a member of the Indian delegation at the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in Montreal in December 2005, Nairobi 2006 and at Bali in December 2007, where he was among the small group of negotiators in the final rounds of negotiations for the Bali Plan of Action. Ambassador Puri was also the coordinator of India's participation in the Major Economies Meeting and served on the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. After moving to New York, he has continued his association with climate change and was a member of the Indian delegation to the UNFCCC Conference of Parties held in Copenhagen in December 2009 where he participated in the high-level negotiations among the select group of countries.

Ambassador Puri has also been actively involved with other issues relating to sustainable development and environment, including International Environmental Governance. He has been a member of the Indian delegation for the meetings of Commission of Sustainable Development since 2005 and has actively participated in UNEP's meetings of Environment Ministers. In New York he is actively involved with the discussions on the UN Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Brazil in 2012 (the Rio+20 Conference).

Ambassador Puri is a member of the Indian Foreign Service having joined the service in 1982.

In the course of his Foreign Service career, Ambassador Puri has served twice in Germany and speaks German. His first stint was in Bonn, from 1984-86, where he was the point-man for India's largest trade exhibition overseas as the Partner Country in the Hanover Trade Fair 1984. His second stint was in Berlin, from 1991-94, after Germany's unification, where he was the coordinator of the Festival of India. He also established the Indian Cultural Centre in Berlin.

He has also served in Bangkok, from 1986-89, where the Indian Embassy is concurrently accredited to UN-ESCAP and deals with the regional offices of various UN organizations. During his time in Bangkok, he was a member of the Indian delegation to the various ESCAP meetings and meetings of the FAO and for the Second General Conference of UNIDO in 1987.

Ambassador Puri's other postings have been Caracas (1989-91), when the 25th anniversary of the G-77 marked with a Ministerial Conference, Cape Town (1998- 2002) (as Head of the Indian High Commission's Office) and Muscat (2002-05) (as Minister in the Embassy of India). He has served in the Ministry of External Affairs from 1994-1998 as Deputy Chief of Protocol in-charge of high level visits.

Ambassador Puri is on the Advisory Board of TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi). He was on the Steering Committee for the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit held in February 2009. Manjeev Singh Puri (born 1959) has an MBA degree and had worked for Hindustan Unilever before joining Government. He did his BA (Honours) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, with top honours. He is married (wife: Mrs Namrita Puri) and has two children.



Dr. Yuri Yaroshevich

Head of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Belarus

Dr. Yaroshevich graduated from Diplomatic Academy, Moscow and holds a Ph.D. in Economics. Since 1994 has been working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus. 1998-2001 and was Consul of the Belarus Embassy, Washington D.C. USA.

2002-2005 Deputy Head of the Department for CIS countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2005-2009 Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Belarus to UN.

2007 - Chairman of the UN Committee on Conferences.

2010-2012 Senior Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Since August 2012 - Deputy Director General for Multilateral Diplomacy, Head of the Department for Economic Cooperation and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Dr. Louise Kantrow

Permanent Representative of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to the United Nations

Dr. Louise Kantrow was appointed ICC Permanent Representative to the United Nations in April 2007. With more than 10,000 member companies in over 130 countries, the Paris-based ICC is the largest, most representative private-sector association in the world. It has served as the voice of business at the UN since 1946, frequently taking part in UN and related multilateral deliberations in the economic, social and environmental arenas.

Since her appointment, Dr. Kantrow has been involved in multiple major UN conferences as ICC and private sector representative. She was Co-Chair of the Private Sector Steering Committee in the Follow-up International Conference to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 2008); as Co-Chair of the Private Sector Steering Committee for the Fourth UN Conference on Least Developed Countries (Istanbul, 2011); and most recently, as Co-Organizing Partner of the Business and Industry Major Group for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). In these capacities, Dr. Kantrow coordinated business and industry contributions to the political processes, represented and delivered private sector messages, and organized official UN private sector events including the Second International Business Forum in Doha, the High-Level Lunch Meeting in Istanbul, and the Business Action for Sustainable Development Business Day in Rio de Janeiro, particularly the High-Level Lunch Meeting and the 2012 World Business and Development Awards.

Dr. Kantrow's career has included posts within the UN and senior positions at non-profit, governmental and intergovernmental organizations closely associated with UN activities. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of the International League for Human Rights, one of the oldest human rights organizations in the world. Prior to that, as Executive Vice-President of the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA), she supervised a major expansion of programs at the Business Council to the United Nations.

Earlier in her career she served as Senior Advisor to the United Nations Population Fund and as Director of Operations at the Population Council. She worked for eighteen years as Economic Affairs Officer in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, following service as a senior economist with the US Agency for International Development and as a Population Affairs officer with the UN. Dr. Kantrow holds doctoral and master's degrees in demography and economics from the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.