



**MEMBER OF COUNCIL REPORT  
ON OUT-OF-PROVINCE CONFERENCE**

(To be circulated to standing committees and posted on the internet)

Councillor Michael Thompson

**Name of Member of Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Conference:** The International Forum of the Americas World Strategic Forum

**Location:** Miami, Florida

**Date(s) Attended:** 12/04/2015 to 14/04/2015

I confirm I attended the following sessions (please use additional sheet if required):

DATE	TIME	NAME OF SESSION
13/04/2015	8:00 am	Opening of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the World Strategic Forum
13/04/2015	9:00 am	Global Economy: Growth in a Diverging World
13/04/2015	10:30 am	Fine-Tuning Monetary Policy in the Americas
13/04/2015	11:00 am	Real Estate Market: Boom or Bust
13/04/2015	12:00 pm	Building Resilience in a New Economic Order
13/04/2015	3:00 pm	The Infrastructure Imperative
13/04/2015	4:30 pm	The Evolution of the Luxury Industry
14/04/2015	7:30 am	Solar: Powering the Future
14/04/2015	8:30 am	The Americas: What's Next
14/04/2015	10:30 am	Aviation Connectivity and the Economy
14/04/2015	11:00 am	Global Food Challenges

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5<sup>th</sup> EDITION



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MIAMI

APRIL 13 & 14, 2015

THE BILTMORE HOTEL

# ENGINEERING THE RESILIENT ECONOMY

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## Message from the Governor



**Rick Scott**

As Governor of the Sunshine State, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 World Strategic Forum. Florida is on a mission to be the number one destination in the world for job creation. During the past four years, we have cut taxes more than 40 times and eliminated over 3,100 regulations. As a result, Florida businesses have created over 728,000 jobs since 2010.

In order to continue our incredible growth, we will continue to make Florida the number one state for families to live and work. We will achieve this goal by investing in the next generation, by increasing per-pupil K-12 education funding to the highest level in Florida history, keeping higher education more affordable, and cutting another \$1 billion in taxes over the next two years. As part of my commitment to invest \$1 billion in our ports during my time as Governor, Florida has already provided over \$850 million in state funding directly to seaports over the last four years.

I encourage you to consider expanding your business in Florida. As the gateway to Latin America, our state offers many advantages as a global hub for business. You have my best wishes for a memorable and successful forum, and I hope each of you will visit Florida often and consider moving to our great state.

Sincerely,

**Rick Scott**  
Governor  
State of Florida

## Message from the Mayor



**Carlos A. Gimenez**

Greetings!

As Mayor of Miami-Dade County and on behalf of our 2.6 million residents, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone gathered for the Miami World Strategic Forum, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, hosted by the International Economic Forum of the Americas. This year's theme is Engineering the Resilient Economy.

Miami-Dade County is home to people from over 156 countries who communicate in more than 64 different languages. Diversity is one of the hallmarks that defines us. We draw strength from our diversity and are very much the better for it.

The Miami World Strategic Forum gathers top leaders including Heads of State, and members of the business and banking community. Their insight about critical issues such as financial, business, energy, and international trade, will be an asset to all participants, creating a platform for new partnerships and business opportunities.

I wish all of the organizers and attendees every success and an enjoyable experience. If you are visiting, I encourage you to take advantage of our world-class beaches, hotels, restaurants, shopping, attractions, arts and culture, sports, and recreation.

Sincerely,

**Carlos A. Gimenez**  
Mayor  
Miami-Dade County





## Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer



**Nicholas Rémillard**

I am pleased to welcome you to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Strategic Forum!

In the face of the myriad political, economic and environmental opportunities and challenges confronting countries and businesses around the world, the central theme of this year's Forum – Engineering the Resilient Economy – examines the issues and trends driving the global economy in the areas of finance, infrastructure, luxury, energy and trade.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our speakers, who have come from near and far and agreed to share their invaluable expertise on the main issues facing the global community today, and the prospects they envision for the future. I also wish to thank our sponsors and partners, particularly the State of Florida and its Governor, Rick Scott, the Miami-Dade County and its Mayor, Carlos Giménez, and the City of Coral Gables and its Mayor, James Cason, for enabling us to host this exciting global event.

On behalf of the International Economic Forum of the Americas, I extend a warm welcome to all of you, I wish you all a successful and fruitful conference, and I invite every one of you to next year's World Strategic Forum on April 11 and 12, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

**Nicholas Rémillard**

*President and Chief Executive Officer  
International Economic Forum of the Americas*





# Monday, April 13

GLOBAL ECONOMY, FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LUXURY

PRESENTED BY BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH

7:00

## REGISTRATION

8:00

## OPENING OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE WORLD STRATEGIC FORUM (*COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM*)

Welcoming  
Remarks

**Carlos A. Giménez**, Mayor, Miami-Dade County (United States)

Introduced by

**Gil Rémillard**, Founding Chairman, International Economic Forum of the Americas

Thanked by

**Matt Alvarez**, Vice-President, Florida Operations, CH2M HILL (United States)

Introductory  
Remarks

**Carlos Lopez-Cantera**, Lieutenant Governor, State of Florida (United States)

Introduced by

**Fabiola Brumley**, Palm Beach County President, Southeast Region Executive,  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch (United States)

9:00

## INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION (*COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM*)

### Global Economy: Growth in a Diverging World

Seven years after the global economy fell into one of the deepest recessions in history, the United States has re-emerged as the world's major economic engine, while most of the world – despite the benefits arising from the drop in oil prices – is experiencing a slowdown trend characterized by sizeable macroeconomic imbalances that endanger prospects for growth. What are the main risks that threaten growth and stability? What can emerging markets do to prevent a further slowdown, and adapt to the volatility in commodity prices and the spillover from the appreciation of the dollar? Will quantitative easing effectively stimulate the Eurozone economy and protect the region from a recession?

Chair

**Steven Sonberg**, Managing Partner, Holland & Knight (United States)

Moderator

**Christopher Jamroz**, President and Chief Operating Officer, Garda World Cash Services (United States)

Introduction

**Wilfredo R. Cerrato Rodríguez**, Minister of Finance, Republic of Honduras

Speakers

**Willem Buiter**, Global Chief Economist, Citi (United States)

**Herman Daems**, Chairman, BNP Paribas Fortis (Belgium)

**Justin Chinyanta**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Loita Group; and Executive Vice-President,  
Africa Business Roundtable (South Africa)

**Warren Jestin**, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Scotiabank (Canada)

Concluding  
Remarks

**Marcos Buscaglia**, Head of Latin America Economics and Fixed Income Strategy,  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research (United States)





# Monday, April 13

GLOBAL ECONOMY, FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LUXURY

10:30

## FORUM 1 (GRANADA)

### Fine-Tuning Monetary Policy in the Americas

*Presented by the University of Miami School of Business Administration*

Latin American economies were very resilient in the 2008 global financial crisis; however, new macroeconomic and monetary policy dilemmas may have emerged, following the drop in commodity prices, the unprecedented monetary expansion in large industrialized countries, and the possible exit from low interest rate policies. How does an appreciating U.S. dollar affect monetary policy in the Americas? Are Latin American countries prepared for sudden capital outflows, and for lower – and possibly more volatile – commodity prices? What strategies are central banks implementing to boost inclusive economic growth and combat poverty and inequality?

Chair **Anuj Mehrotra**, Vice-Dean, Graduate Business Programs and Executive Education, University of Miami School of Business Administration (United States)

Moderator **Sandro C. Andrade**, Associate Professor, Finance, University of Miami School of Business Administration (United States)

Speakers **Julio Velarde**, Governor, Central Bank of Peru

**Carlos G. Fernández Valdovinos**, Governor, Central Bank of Paraguay

**Frank L. Holder**, Chairman, Latin America, FTI Consulting (United States)

**Nicholas P. Sargen**, Chief Economist and Senior Investment Advisor, Western & Southern Financial Group (United States)

10:30

## FORUM 2 (MERRICK)

### Real Estate Market: Boom or Bust?

*Presented by Florida International University*

Although global direct real estate investment returned to pre-recession levels in 2014 (\$700 billion), driven by an influx of capital from emerging countries and institutional investment lured by low interest rates, fears of another housing crisis continue to generate uncertainty among investors. Will investments in property markets slow down or contract, or will we actually witness sustained growth in the years to come? Where in the world, and in which sectors, are the real estate opportunities? What role have emerging economies played in the reactivation of the real estate industry?

Moderator **William G. Hardin**, Chair, Tibor and Sheila Hollo School of Real Estate and the Jerome Bain Real Estate Institute, Florida International University (United States)

Speakers **Harvey Hernandez**, Chairman and Managing Director, Newgard Development Group (United States)

**Ramy Khorshed**, Co-founder and Chief Information Officer, KBI Ventures (Egypt)

**Michael Thompson**, Councillor, City of Toronto; Chair, Toronto's Economic Development and Culture Committee; and Chair, Invest Toronto (Canada)

**Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz**, Real Estate Partner, Holland & Knight (United States)







# Monday, April 13

GLOBAL ECONOMY, FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LUXURY

12:00

## LUNCHEON (COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM)

### Building Resilience in a New Economic Order

*Co-presented by FTI Consulting and Florida Realtors*

#### Part 1 – Restoring Confidence

Keynote  
Speaker

**Fred P. Hochberg**, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States

Introduced by

**Frank L. Holder**, Chairman, Latin America, FTI Consulting (United States)

Thanked by

**William D. Talbert III**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (United States)

#### Part 2 – Reaching Stability in an Era of Uncertainty

Discussion

**Shaukat Aziz**, Former Prime Minister of Pakistan

**Strobe Talbott**, President, The Brookings Institution (United States)

Introduced by

**Andrew Barbar**, President, Florida Realtors (United States)

Thanked by

**Christopher Hodgkins**, Chief Executive Officer, Miami Access Tunnel (United States)

Moderated by

**Demetri Sevastopulo**, US Political Correspondent, *Financial Times* (United States)

15:00

## AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION (GRANADA)

### The Infrastructure Imperative: Financing for Development

*Presented by PortMiami*

Infrastructure development is a major economic and social driver of sustained growth that requires the public and private sectors to convene on a common strategy for both the financing and execution of key infrastructure projects around the world. How can infrastructure investment best be financed at a time when we are experiencing tighter fiscal constraints? Under what conditions are public-private partnerships (PPPs) a real value-for-money mechanism to finance infrastructure projects? What role do private lenders and investors play in infrastructure financing?

Moderator

**Emilio C. Sanchez**, Business Development Director, EFE News Services (United States)

Introduction

**Jean-Jacques Bouya**, Minister for Spatial Planning and Delegate-General for Major Public Works, Republic of the Congo

Speakers

**Ernesto Torres Cantú**, Chief Executive Officer, Citi Mexico; and Chief Executive Officer, Grupo Financiero Banamex (Mexico)

**Amadou Diallo**, Chief Executive Officer, DHL Freight (Germany)

**Andrés Ortega Rezk**, General Manager, OPAIN (Colombia)

**Samuel I. Schwartz**, President, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Sam Schwartz Engineering (United States)





# Monday, April 13

GLOBAL ECONOMY, FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LUXURY

16:30

## ROUNDTABLE (GRANADA)

### The Evolution of the Luxury Industry: New Opportunities and Challenges

Following years of double-digit growth, primarily driven by emerging markets and the rise of new global brands, the luxury industry continues to adapt to ever-changing market realities and consumer trends that offer new opportunities for growth. What does luxury mean to the consumer today? In terms of products, services and experiences, what are the luxury trends for 2015? As key markets experience a slowdown, where in the world – and in which sectors – can we expect growth for the luxury industry to come from?

Moderator **Sophie L'Hélias Delattre**, Senior Fellow, Governance, Conference Board; and Senior Fellow, Heyman Center on Corporate Governance, Cardozo Law School (United States)

Speakers **Ketty Pucci-Sisti Maisonrouge**, Founder, KM&Co. (United States)

**Gonzalo E. Villarreal**, Founder, Tiempo y Forma Consultores y Servicios; and Former Managing Director – Latin America, Brevia Geneve (Mexico)

**Richard Bradley**, Editor-in-Chief, *Worth* (United States)



# Tuesday, April 14

## ENERGY, GLOBAL TRADE AND AGRICULTURE

7:00

### REGISTRATION

7:30

### BREAKFAST 1 (MERRICK)

#### Solar: Powering the Future

While concerns over energy security and the threat of climate change have helped stimulate investment in solar power and other forms of alternative energy sources, the unprecedented decline in fossil-fuel prices may well shape the future of renewables. What impact are falling oil prices having on the solar energy market? How can the public and private sectors collaborate in building a solid foundation for solar energy growth? What role does technological innovation play in boosting solar energy's competitiveness?

Moderator **Ferry de Kerckhove**, Former Canadian Ambassador to Egypt, Indonesia and Pakistan

Speakers **Wandee Khunchornyakong**, Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer, SPCG Public Company Limited (Thailand)

**Sherife AbdelMessih**, Chief Executive Officer, Future Energy Corporation (Egypt)

**Juan Carlos Navarro**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, NSOLAR; Founder, National Association for the Conservation of Nature; and Former Mayor of Panama City (Panama)

7:30

### BREAKFAST 2 (GRANADA)

#### Total Wealth and Real Estate Share: The China Factor

*Co-presented by MiaChina Exchange and FIABCI Florida Council*

The International Monetary Fund estimates that nearly 70% of the world's wealth is invested in real estate, and that the Chinese economy is worth \$17.6 trillion, slightly higher than their \$17.4 trillion estimate for the U.S. economy. Is the real estate share of total wealth expected to increase in the coming years? Considering the "China growth miracle," what is the role of the local real estate market, and what impact does it have on the U.S. and Latin America? Given that the World Bank Group compiles "Doing Business" indicators for all countries, how could technology/smart real estate impact doing business in a country?

Speakers **Hulya Ulku**, Senior Economist, Development Economics Vice-Presidency, World Bank Group

**Alessandro Rebucci**, Professor, Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School, Real Estate Program (United States)

**Maurice Veissi**, 2012 President, National Association of Realtors (United States)

**Roberto R. Muñoz**, President, BBVA Compass Bank, South Florida; and Chairman, Florida International Bankers Association (United States)





# Tuesday, April 14

## ENERGY, GLOBAL TRADE AND AGRICULTURE

8:30

### A SPECIAL CONVERSATION (COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM)

#### The Americas: What's Next?

Speakers **José Miguel Insulza**, Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS)

**Leonel Fernández**, President, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE); and Former President of the Dominican Republic

Introduced by **Richard Carleton**, Chief Executive Officer, CNSX Markets (Canada)

Interviewed by **Andrés Rozental**, President, Rozental & Asociados; Eminent Ambassador of Mexico; Chairman, ArcelorMittal Mexico; Founding President, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (Mexico)

9:00

### OPENING PLENARY SESSION (COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM)

#### Redrawing the World Energy Map

The world is undergoing an energy revolution with simultaneous booms in oil, gas, renewables and energy efficiency; however, geopolitical energy dilemmas remain and the volatility of oil prices continues to disrupt global energy markets. Will the price of oil stabilize or is volatility the new normal? What short and long-term effects will price fluctuations have on energy producers in the emerging world? How are renewables – such as agrofuels, hydro, solar and wind – impacting the energy agenda?

Moderator **John Yearwood**, World Editor, *Miami Herald*; Chairman, IPI North American Committee; and Editor, Issues & Ideas, *Miami Herald* (United States)

Speakers **Marie-José Nadeau**, Chair, World Energy Council (WEC); and Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs and Secretary General, Hydro-Québec (Canada)

**Aziz Mahamat Saleh**, Minister of Economy, Trade and Tourism Development, Republic of Chad

**Wandee Khunchornyakong**, Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer, SPCG Public Company Limited (Thailand)

**Sherife AbdelMessih**, Chief Executive Officer, Future Energy Corporation (Egypt)

**Raymond S. Wood**, Managing Director, Head of U.S. Power & Renewables, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (United States)





## Tuesday, April 14

ENERGY, GLOBAL TRADE AND AGRICULTURE

10:30

### FORUM 1 (GRANADA)

#### Aviation Connectivity and the Economy

*Presented by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department*

The aviation industry continues to grow at an unprecedented rate as the global economy expands and markets in the developing world mature; however, the sector faces various challenges that need to be addressed in order to effectively meet the increasing global demand for air transport, aircraft manufacturing and airport infrastructure needs. How has the threat to aviation security shifted the business strategies of airlines, aircraft manufacturers and airport operators? What impact are new technologies – 3D printing, drones and others – having on aircraft manufacturers? In light of the threat of climate change, how will aviation become more sustainable?

- Chair **Emilio T. González**, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (United States)
- Moderator **Seth Kaplan**, Managing Partner, *Airline Weekly* (United States)
- Speakers **Barry Eccleston**, President, Airbus Americas (United States)
- Andrés Ortega Rezk**, General Manager, OPAIN (Colombia)
- Sridhar Kota**, Founder and President, FlexSys; Former Assistant Director for Advanced Manufacturing, White House; and Herrick Professor of Engineering, University of Michigan (United States)

10:30

### FORUM 2 (MERRICK)

#### Global Food Challenges: The Role of the Americas

*Co-presented by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)*

The Americas, rich in biodiversity and natural resources, could help meet the world's growing food needs, however agricultural productivity and competitiveness require suitable technologies, public policies and innovation to grasp this opportunity. What public policies foster the innovations needed for agriculture in the Americas? How can the agri-food sector continue to be an engine for economic growth and employment while using natural resources in a prudent, sustainable manner? Against the backdrop of climate change, what new knowledge and technologies are required in the Americas to take advantage of opportunities and adapt to threats?

- Chair **Víctor Villalobos**, Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
- Moderator **Stephen McGurk**, Vice-President of Programs, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Canada)
- Speakers **Blair Fortner**, Chief Economist, Monsanto (United States)
- Margaret Zeigler**, Executive Director, Global Harvest Initiative (United States)
- Ted Menzies**, President and Chief Executive Officer, CropLife Canada
- Muhammad Ibrahim**, Associate Director, Technical Cooperation, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
- Cassio Luiselli**, Emeritus Professor, Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM); and Former Mexican Ambassador to Uruguay, South Korea and South Africa





# Tuesday, April 14

## ENERGY, GLOBAL TRADE AND AGRICULTURE

12:00

### LUNCHEON (COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM)

#### Globalization at a Crossroads

*Co-presented by Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Atlantic Broadband*

Chair **Raymond S. Wood**, Managing Director, Head of U.S. Power & Renewables, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (United States)

#### Part 1 – Integrating the Americas

Speaker **Enrique García**, President and Chief Executive Officer, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America

Interviewed by **John D. Negroponte**, Chairman, Council of the Americas; and Vice-Chairman, McLarty Associates (United States)

Thanked by **Gene Schaefer**, President, Miami Market Executive – Commercial Banking, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (United States)

#### Part 2 – Leadership in an Era of Disruption

Speaker **Gerard Lopez**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Nekton; Founding Partner, Mangrove Capital; Founder, Genii Capital; and Chairman, Lotus F1 Team (Luxembourg)

Introduced by **Louis Audet**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cogeco (Canada)

Interviewed by **Diane Brady**, Interviewer, Author and Media Entrepreneur (United States)

Comments and Conclusion **Bill Johnson**, Secretary of Commerce, State of Florida; and President and Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Florida (United States)

15:00

### AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION (GRANADA)

#### Navigating the Global Trading System: The Next Frontier

*Presented by Port Everglades Department of Broward County*

The patterns and routes of global trade have shifted noticeably over the last twenty years; the IT revolution has brought buyers and sellers from around the globe closer together; the rise of developing economies (which now make up a significant share of global output) is prompting the emergence of new transport corridors; and the increasing number of trade agreements continues to further globalize the marketplace. What are the main factors that will shape world trade in the decades ahead? Can we expect future political shocks to the trading system, and can these shocks be anticipated and avoided? How can companies adapt to the new trade routes and ground rules dictated by technological advancements?

Chair **Steven Cernak**, Chief Executive and Port Director, Port Everglades Department of Broward County (United States)

Moderator **Andrés Rozental**, President, Rozental & Asociados; Eminent Ambassador of Mexico; Chairman, ArcelorMittal Mexico; and Founding President, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (Mexico)

Introduction **Yacouba Isaac Zida**, Prime Minister of Burkina Faso

Speakers **Bill Johnson**, Secretary of Commerce, State of Florida; and President and Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Florida (United States)

**Jean-Louis Ekra**, President and Chairman, African Export-Import Bank

**Mohsin Khalid**, Executive Director, Ittehad Steel Group; and Chief Executive Officer, ITC Logistics (Pakistan)

**Víctor Villalobos**, Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

17:00

### CLOSING OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE WORLD STRATEGIC FORUM

Closing Remarks **Nicholas Rémillard**, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Economic Forum of the Americas





## Biographical notes



**Sherife AbdelMessih**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Future Energy  
Corporation (Egypt)

### Sherife AbdelMessih

Sherife AbdelMessih is the Chief Executive Officer of Future Energy Corporation (FEC), the leading company serving the renewable energy industry in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Initially, Mr. AbdelMessih built FEC as a R&D startup, designing disruptive solar energy technologies for MENA, and then grew it into a renewable energy company with project development, consulting and R&D divisions. He then further grew the company's business into Europe, Latin America and Asia. He was named by Yahoo! as one of the top 10 social entrepreneurs in Egypt; profiled as one of the 500 most influential people in the Middle East by Arabian Business magazine; and chosen as one of the 200 young economic leaders in Africa by L'Institut Choiseul. Mr. AbdelMessih is regularly invited to speak at industry events hosted by institutions such as the Financial Times, Bloomberg, World Bank, and prestigious universities. Mr. AbdelMessih holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from MIT. He is Egyptian and speaks English, French and Arabic.



**Matt Alvarez**  
Vice-President, Florida  
Operations, CH2M HILL  
(United States)

### Matt Alvarez

Matt Alvarez is Vice-President of Florida Operations for CH2M HILL's Water Business Group. He is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology and has more than 20 years of professional experience in the engineering and construction industry. In addition, Mr. Alvarez has held key management, operations and technical roles in the infrastructure and water sectors. Currently Mr. Alvarez is serving as CH2M HILL's Program Director for the \$5.2 billion Miami-Dade County Ocean Outfall Program.



**Sandro C. Andrade**  
Associate Professor,  
Finance, University  
of Miami School of  
Business Administration  
(United States)

### Sandro C. Andrade

Sandro Andrade is Associate Professor of Finance at the University of Miami School of Business Administration. Professor Andrade's main research areas are International Finance and Investments. His research has been published in major academic journals, such as the Journal of Financial Economics and the Review of Financial Studies. Professor Andrade is Associate Editor of the Journal of Banking and Finance. Prior to pursuing his doctoral degree in Finance at the University of California, Berkeley, Professor Andrade was a Senior Advisor at the Central Bank of Brazil.



**Louis Audet**  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer,  
Cogeco Inc. (Canada)

### Louis Audet

Louis Audet has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Cogeco Inc. and Cogeco Cable Inc. since 1993 and has led the drive to establish the company as a leader in the telecommunications sector. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of Cogeco Inc. and Cogeco Cable Inc., and a member of their respective Strategic Opportunities Committee. He joined Cogeco in 1981, occupying several positions including Vice-President, Marketing and Development, Executive Vice-President, as well as President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Audet has also served on a large number of Boards of Directors, including the Canadian Cable Telecommunications Association, Clarica, CableLabs, and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters. Mr. Audet served as Governor of the Council on Canadian Unity; was named Member of the Order of Canada in 2013 and inducted into the Club des entrepreneurs du Conseil du patronat du Québec in 2012. He graduated from the École Polytechnique of Montréal with a degree in Engineering, Electronics and Communications and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School.







## Biographical notes



**Shaukat Aziz**  
*Former Prime Minister  
of Pakistan*

### Shaukat Aziz

His Excellency Mr. Shaukat Aziz was elected as Prime Minister of Pakistan and served from 2004 to 2007, following five years as Finance Minister from 1999. Mr. Aziz was the first Prime Minister of Pakistan to complete a full term in office. Mr. Aziz restored his country's credibility at home and abroad and is renowned for his strategic approach, structural reforms, transparency and ability to focus on the best (as opposed to the most politically expedient) approach. His policies were based on the principles of liberalization, deregulation and privatization, accompanied by strong regulatory oversight. Mr. Aziz's tenure was marked by high economic growth, an increase in per capita income, a reduction in poverty, an upsurge in investments and improved debt and economic indicators. He became Finance Minister in 1999 and was named "Finance Minister of the Year" for 2001 by Euro Money and The Banker's Magazine. Having presided over impressive economic growth in his country, Mr. Aziz offers an expert view and is a frequent speaker on the challenges facing the world, including structural reforms, diplomacy, geopolitics and security.



**Andrew Barbar**  
*President,  
Florida Realtors  
(United States)*

### Andrew Barbar

Andrew Barbar is the 2015 president of Florida Realtors, the state's largest professional association with 140,000 members. He has over 30 years of experience in South Florida real estate, ranging from development and construction to sales and leasing of both residential and commercial properties. Licensed in 1982, Mr. Barbar began his career in his family's land development company where he learned the importance of honesty, quality and integrity. He has long been active in local, state and national Realtor associations, including serving as President of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches and being named its 2006 Realtor of the Year. In 2011, his dedication, professionalism and service to the real estate industry culminated in his being honoured as the state association's Realtor Achievement Award winner. Today, Mr. Barbar is the operating principal and broker of Keller Williams Realty Services in East Boca Raton.



**Mario Bergara**  
*Governor, Central Bank  
of Uruguay*

### Mario Bergara

Mario Bergara is the Governor of the Central Bank of Uruguay, a position he also held from 2008 to 2013. He is former Head of the Department of Economic Studies at the Central Bank of Uruguay; former Member of the Board of the Communication Services Regulatory Agency; former Vice-Minister of Economy and Finance (2005-2008); and a former Minister of Economy and Finance of Uruguay (2013-2015). Mr. Bergara has a doctoral degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, a degree in Economics and Accounting from the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Administration of the Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay, and is a Professor of Contract Theory, Economics of Regulation and Microeconomics of Banking at the Economics Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay. He is also a recipient of the Elise and Walter Haas International Award, 2008 from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Bergara regularly teaches courses in Argentina, Perú, Cuba and Paraguay.



**Jean-Jacques Bouya**  
*Minister for Spatial  
Planning and  
Delegate-General for  
Major Public Works,  
Republic of the Congo*

### Jean-Jacques Bouya

Jean-Jacques Bouya has been a sitting Member of Parliament since July 2012, and Minister at the Presidency for Spatial Planning and Delegate-General for Major Public Works since September 25, 2012. From 1997 to 2003, he was Transportation Advisor to President Sassou N'Guesso, and in 2003 was named Delegate-General for Major Public Works. In June 2009, Mr. Bouya joined President Sassou N'Guesso's campaign for the 2009 presidential election. On October 7, 2011, Mr. Bouya was elected as one of the 51 party executives of the Congolese Party of Labour (PCT). During the July 2012 parliamentary election, Mr. Bouya was elected to the National Assembly as the PCT candidate for the district of Tchikapika, located in the Cuvette region. He was born on May 24, 1962 in Mouembé in the Cuvette region and is a pilot by training.







**Richard Bradley**  
Editor-in-Chief,  
Worth (United States)

### Richard Bradley

Richard Bradley is Editor-in-Chief of Worth magazine. He is also the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *American Son: A Portrait of John F. Kennedy, Jr.* A seasoned and respected editor and journalist, Mr. Bradley's career has always combined journalism and academia. *American Son* generated tremendous national attention, including placing him on the cover of People magazine and leading to a guest appearance on NBC's Today Show. Mr. Bradley was also the subject of a Barbara Walters interview on ABC's 20/20. *American Son* spent seven weeks on the New York Times non-fiction bestseller list, ultimately climbing to number one. In addition to his jobs as magazine editor and his book writing, Mr. Bradley has authored articles for numerous publications, including: The New York Times, The Washington Post, Vanity Fair, George, The New Republic, Rolling Stone, Boston Magazine, Salon.com, The Washington Monthly, Worth, and Mother Jones. He has also written a media analysis column for the website TomPaine.com.



**Diane Brady**  
Interviewer, Author and  
Media Entrepreneur  
(United States)

### Diane Brady

Diane Brady has interviewed many of the world's leading business and political figures, both for her back-page column at Bloomberg Businessweek and on stage at global events. As Senior Editor/Content Chief, Ms. Brady oversaw corporate coverage and initiated partnerships, events, and cross-platform ventures at Bloomberg. She speaks on business trends and is a frequent guest on networks like NPR and BBC. Her book *Fraternity* was named an Amazon Best Book of 2012 and shortlisted for the NAACP Image Award. Ms. Brady previously worked at The Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong, Maclean's in Toronto, and the UN Environment Programme in Nairobi. She is currently working on a new media venture.



**Fabiola Brumley**  
Palm Beach County  
President; and  
Southeast Region  
Executive, Bank of  
America Merrill Lynch  
(United States)

### Fabiola Brumley

Fabiola Brumley is a Southeast Region executive at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. In this role, she is responsible for the business banking segment in a nine-state area: Maryland through the mid-Atlantic and south to Florida. She is also the Palm Beach County President, a position held since April of 2007. Ms. Brumley earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and International Master of Business Administration degree from Florida Atlantic University. She is a member of the Executive Committee and past Chair of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the Executive Board of the Economic Council of PBC and the Board of Directors of the United Way of PBC. Ms. Brumley is the executive sponsor of the Bank's South Florida Chapter of LGBT and recently served as an Ambassador in Brazil under the Global Ambassador Program, a Vital Voices/Bank of America partnership connecting women leaders from emerging countries with established women executives from a range of business sectors.



**Willem Buiter**  
Global Chief Economist,  
Citi (United States)

### Willem Buiter

Willem Buiter joined Citi in January 2010 as Global Chief Economist. One of the world's most distinguished macro economists, he was Professor of Political Economy at the London School of Economics and is a widely published author on economic affairs. Mr. Buiter was an advisor to Goldman Sachs (2005-2010). Prior to this, Mr. Buiter was Chief Economist for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (2000-2005) and a founder and external member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England (1997-2000). He has been a consultant to the IMF, the World Bank, the IDB and the ADB, the European Commission and an advisor to many central banks and finance ministries. Mr. Buiter has held other leading academic positions, including Cassel Professor of Money and Banking at the LSE (1982-1984), professorships in Economics at Yale University (1985-1994), and Professor of International Macroeconomics at Cambridge University (1994-2000). Mr. Buiter has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Cambridge University and a doctoral degree in Economics from Yale University. He has been a member of the British Academy since 1998 and was awarded the CBE in 2000 for services to Economics.





## Biographical notes



**Marcos Buscaglia**  
*Head of Latin America  
Economics & Fixed  
Income Strategy,  
Bank of America Merrill  
Lynch Global Research  
(United States)*

### Marcos Buscaglia

Marcos Buscaglia is the head of Latin America Economics & Fixed Income Strategy at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research. Prior to joining the firm in September 2010, he was Latin America Chief Economist at Citibank. He previously held various senior administrative and teaching positions at Universidad de San Andrés, IAE Business School and the University of Pennsylvania. He has also worked at Goldman Sachs and Ricardo Arriazu & Asociados. Mr. Buscaglia received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Universidad Católica Argentina and a doctorate in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Richard Carleton**  
*Chief Executive Officer,  
CNSX Markets Inc.  
(Canada)*

### Richard Carleton

Richard Carleton is the Chief Executive Officer of CNSX Markets Inc. In this role he is responsible for the strategic direction and management of the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE). Prior to this appointment, Mr. Carleton served as Vice-President, Corporate Development with responsibility for the technology, operations and trading sales teams for the CSE. Prior to joining the exchange, he worked as a business development consultant, after spending twelve years with the Toronto Stock Exchange, serving most recently as a member of the exchange's senior management team. Active in industry affairs, Mr. Carleton served two terms as Chair of the market data industry's global trade association in the late 1990s, is a frequent panelist at market structure and trading technology events and serves as a member of the TMX Information Processor Governance Committee. A member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 1987, Mr. Carleton received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Ottawa (1981) and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto (1985). He has also completed the Executive Development Program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



**Steven Cernak**  
*Chief Executive &  
Port Director,  
Port Everglades  
Department of Broward  
County (United States)*

### Steven Cernak

Steven Cernak was appointed the Chief Executive & Port Director for Port Everglades on March 5, 2012. He leads a self-supporting enterprise fund that generated more than \$147 million in FY2013. The Port is the top container port in Florida, one of the three leading cruise ports in the world and South Florida's main seaport for receiving petroleum products including gasoline, jet fuel and alternative fuels. Mr. Cernak previously served as the Port Director and Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Galveston, TX, from 1999 until his selection for the top position at Port Everglades. During this time, the Port of Galveston's revenues doubled and it became the top cruise home port in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to moving to Texas, Mr. Cernak was the Manager of Port Development for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Mr. Cernak has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Dowling College in Oakdale, NY.



**Wilfredo R. Cerrato Rodríguez**  
*Minister of Finance,  
Republic of Honduras*

### Wilfredo R. Cerrato Rodríguez

Wilfredo Cerrato Rodríguez was born in Tegucigalpa, Department of Francisco Morazán, and graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree from the INCAE Business School in Nicaragua. He was sworn in as the Secretary of State for Finance of the Republic of Honduras in August 2012. His main functions and achievements during his tenure as a Secretary of State are as follows: formulating, managing and implementing the Republic's general budget of revenues and expenditures; managing, negotiating and administering the Republic's public credit; coordinating, promoting and developing public-private partnerships (P3s). In addition, Mr. Rodríguez acted as the incumbent Governor of Honduras for the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the alternate Governor for the International Monetary Fund, and the General Coordinator for Management and Placement of Sovereign Bonds in the Global Market, worth US \$1,000 million. Mr. Rodríguez is also an active member of Honduras' Economic Cabinet, the body that negotiated an agreement with the IMF that was approved in December 2014 for a term of three years.



**Justin Chinyanta**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Loita Group; and Executive Vice-President, Africa Business Roundtable (South Africa)*

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### Justin Chinyanta

N. Justin Chinyanta is a co-founding shareholder and Chief Executive Officer of the Loita Group, Fintech International, and Loita Transaction Services. He has been involved in the financial markets of Sub-Saharan Africa for over 25 years, covering commercial and investment banking and has led the development of African capital markets and debt instruments for Loita's various clients, exceeding USD 3 billion. Mr. Chinyanta is a non-executive board member of Ecobank Malawi, Group 5 and AAR Credit Kenya and Uganda (Board Chair). He serves as Vice-Chair of the Zambia Bond and Derivatives Exchange, Executive Vice-President for the Africa Business Roundtable and a pioneer member of General Colin Powell and Ms. Madeleine Albright's Initiative for Global Development Frontier 100 CEOs. A former senior officer at Citibank and HSBC's African offices, Mr. Chinyanta is a graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University) and Fellow of Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. He is an advocate of the High Court for Zambia, and resides in Johannesburg, South Africa.



**Herman Daems**  
*Chairman, BNP Paribas Fortis (Belgium)*

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### Herman Daems

Herman Daems is Chairman of the Board of BNP Paribas Fortis, Chairman of the Board of KU Leuven and Chairman of the Board of BARCO. Dr. Daems was Chairman of the Board of Gimv from May 1999 till June 2011, before turning to a career in academia, policy-making and consulting. He is an Emeritus Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Management of KU Leuven, Belgium. He was Chairman of EVCA, the European Association of Private Equity and Venture Capital in 2004-2005, member of the Executive Committee of EVCA between 2002 and 2006 and Chairman of IPEV from 2005 till 2012. He has chaired the Belgian Corporate Governance Committee which sets, as provided by law, the governance code for boards of listed companies in Belgium. Dr. Daems is a member of the Executive Committee of the VBO/FEB, the Belgian employers association and holds several board positions.



**Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz**  
*Partner, Holland & Knight (United States)*

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### Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz

Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz is a partner in Holland & Knight's Miami office and a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice. Ms. de las Cuevas-Diaz has extensive experience in complex real estate transactions for both private and public clients, representing institutional lenders in commercial lending for various types of projects and developments in the United States, and in asset-based loans secured by real estate, inventory, equipment receivables and securities. In addition, Ms. de las Cuevas-Diaz has experience representing developers in a range of projects, including land development, condominium, office and single family development and hotels. She also handles the financing for these types of developments, including institutions and mezzanine financing. Ms. de las Cuevas-Diaz focusses on guiding institutional lenders toward resolutions for troubled loans and complex workouts. She is called on to assist clients in developing solutions for complex real estate transactions. Ms. de las Cuevas-Diaz represents clients in the purchase and sale of commercial and residential properties, development of commercial properties, commercial leasing and related transactions.



**Ferry de Kerckhove**  
*Former Canadian Ambassador to Egypt, Indonesia and Pakistan*

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### Ferry de Kerckhove

Ferry de Kerckhove entered the Canadian Foreign Service in 1973. His postings included Iran, NATO and Moscow. At CFS Headquarters he worked on European affairs, in policy planning and on economic relations with developing countries. In 1995 he became Associate Chief Air Negotiator, then Deputy Head of the Policy Branch and Director-General, Federal-Provincial Relations. He was High Commissioner to Pakistan from 1998 to 2001 and Ambassador to Indonesia from 2001 to 2003. In 2004, he became Director-General, International Organizations and in 2006 he was also the personal representative of the Prime Minister for Francophonie. His last posting was Ambassador to Egypt in 2008-2011; he retired from the Foreign Service in 2011. Mr. de Kerckhove is a Senior Fellow at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and a Distinguished Alumnus of the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute. He is the Executive Vice-President and a board member of the Conference of Defense Associations Institute. Mr. de Kerckhove is also a former board member of WIND Mobile Canada. He is President of Ferry de Kerckhove International Consultants Inc.





## Biographical notes



**Amadou Diallo**  
*Chief Executive Officer,  
DHL Freight (Germany)*

### Amadou Diallo

Amadou Diallo has been Chief Executive Officer at DHL Freight and a member of the DHL Global Forwarding, Freight Management Board since 2011. Based in Bonn, he is responsible for the performance and long-term strategic development of the unit. Mr. Diallo was previously Chief Executive Officer of Africa and South Asia Pacific for DHL Global Forwarding. He was appointed to head the South Asia Pacific region in June 2008, prior to which he was Chief Financial Officer of DPDHL Logistics Divisions and Managing Director for the integration of Exel and DHL. Renowned for his expertise and forward-thinking approach towards corporate integrations, Mr. Diallo played a lead role in shaping the development and structure of the DHL Logistics Division through the Exel integration, which remains the largest corporate integration in the transportation and logistics industry to date. Mr. Diallo is Chairman of the supervisory board of Amref Health Africa in Germany and a member of the Universal Business School of Mumbai. He was born in Senegal and is fluent in several languages including English, German, French, Fulani, Wolof and Spanish.



**Andrew Duffell**  
*President and  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Florida Atlantic  
Research &  
Development Authority  
(United States)*

### Andrew Duffell

Andrew Duffell is a recognized thought leader on the strategic role of business recruitment, retention and expansion as a foundation for the Florida economy. In his current role as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Mr. Duffell has brought renewed energy to the alliance between FAU and the Research Park. The opportunity for technology tenants to collaborate with students and academic staff at the FAU College of Engineering and Computer Science, the FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and the FAU College of Business has sparked a new round of growth at the Research Park. Previously Mr. Duffell helped orchestrate the recruitment and expansion of local, national and international companies, which continue to add approximately \$3 billion annually to the regional economy. Due in part to Mr. Duffell's work, South Florida is now home to the Max Planck Florida Institute, one of the most revered bioscience research institutes in the world. In 2010 he was awarded the Young Leader of the Year award from the Urban Land Institute Southeast Florida/Caribbean Chapter. He was named the 2008 South Florida Business Journal's Up-and-Comer of the Year for finance and economic development.



**Barry Eccleston**  
*President,  
Airbus Americas Inc.  
(United States)*

### Barry Eccleston

Barry Eccleston was appointed President of Airbus Americas in August 2005. In this position, he oversees all efforts of Airbus in North America and Canada, including sales and marketing, engineering, service and training. Mr. Eccleston came to Airbus from the Engines, Systems and Services division at Honeywell, where he served as Vice-President and General Manager of the Propulsion Systems Enterprise. Prior to that, Mr. Eccleston served as Honeywell's Vice-President of Commercial Aerospace for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Before Honeywell, he spent four years at Fairchild Dornier Corporation. Mr. Eccleston's career in aviation began at Rolls-Royce where he started as a flight test engineer. He held increasingly senior positions with the company for 29 years, including President and Chief Executive Officer, Rolls-Royce Industries Canada, and culminating in his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of International Aero Engines. He is a private pilot, served as Chairman of the Washington, D.C. branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and is a past member of the Flight Safety Foundation Board of Governors. He serves on the board of the Wings Club and is a member of the British-American Business Association Board of Directors.



**Jean-Louis Ekra**  
*President and  
Chairman, African  
Export-Import Bank*

### Jean-Louis Ekra

Jean-Louis Ekra has been President and Chairman of the Board of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) since January 2005, after successively holding the positions of Executive Vice-President and Senior Executive Vice-President. Under his leadership, the Bank achieved an investment grade credit rating from Fitch, Moody's and S&P's, and won many awards and prizes. Mr. Ekra was re-appointed as President and Chairman for a second term in July 2010. Prior to joining Afreximbank, he held senior positions in various institutions including: Vice-President, International Financial Institutions, Citibank NA; Managing Director, Société Ivoirienne de la Poste et de l'Épargne (SIPE); Country Manager, West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) region, Meridien BIAO; and Partner, DKS Investment. He was Honorary President of the Global Network of Exim Banks and Development Finance Institutions (G-NEXID). He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Stern School of Business, NYU, and a Maîtrise en Sciences Économiques from the University of Abidjan. In 2011, Mr. Ekra was listed among the 100 most influential people in Africa by New African Magazine. In 2013, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from African Banker.







**Carlos G. Fernández Valdovinos**  
Governor, Central Bank  
of Paraguay

### Carlos G. Fernández Valdovinos

Carlos Fernández Valdovinos was appointed President of the Central Bank of Paraguay in October 2013. A graduate of the Federal University of Paraná in Curitiba, Brazil in Economics, he received a Master of Science degree in Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1994) and a doctoral degree in Economics at the University of Chicago (1999). He has wide experience in teaching and served as a member of the faculty at leading universities at home and abroad, to wit: the National University of Asuncion, Nuestra Señora de La Asunción Catholic University, San Andrés University, Georgetown University, and the University of Chicago. He is also a published researcher. Mr. Valdovinos' previous duties at the Central Bank of Paraguay included the posts of Advisor to the Manager of Economic Studies (1999-2001) and Manager of Economic Studies (2001-2004). He has occupied the post of Senior Economist at the World Bank (2004-2006). Mr. Valdovinos joined the International Monetary Fund in 2006, remaining with this institution until his appointment as President of the Central Bank of Paraguay.



**Leonel Fernández**  
President, Global  
Foundation for  
Democracy and  
Development (GFDD)  
and Fundación Global  
Democracia y  
Desarrollo  
(FUNGLODE); and  
Former President of the  
Dominican Republic

### Leonel Fernández

Former Head of State of the Dominican Republic for three four-year terms (1996 – 2000 and 2004 – 2012), in 1996, Leonel Fernández became the youngest democratically elected president of the Dominican Republic and the first of the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD) over which he currently presides. His administration focused on the modernization of the State, institutional strengthening and transparency, public services and economic and social development. Additionally, he is also president of FUNGLODE. Mr. Fernández graduated with honours from law school at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in 1978, where he later became a faculty member of that institution. For his contributions to political science, he was awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa by several renowned universities. In addition to his local responsibilities, he is a member of various international institutions such as the Montevideo Circle, Council of Freely Elected Heads of Government, Inter-American Dialogue and Club of Madrid. Since the year 2000 he has chaired the Executives Club USA-Caribbean. Mr. Fernández is Vice-President of the Eminent Persons Group of ACP Countries and a founding member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at Georgetown University.



**Blair Fortner**  
Chief Economist,  
Monsanto  
(United States)

### Blair Fortner

Blair Fortner serves as Monsanto's Chief Economist and as a member of the company's global strategy team. He directs the company's proprietary modeling, forecasting and analysis, which serve as the basis for corporate planning and evaluation of new opportunities in developed and emerging agricultural markets. He also speaks extensively on how to feed an increasingly hungry world. Prior to joining Monsanto, Fortner held positions at the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. House of Representatives, Smith Barney and the U.S. Soybean Export Council. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Arkansas.



**Enrique García**  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer,  
CAF – Development  
Bank of Latin America

### Enrique García

Enrique García has been the Executive President of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America since December 1991. Former honourable positions include: Bolivia's Minister of Planning and Coordination and Head of the Economic and Social Cabinet (1989-1991), Vice-Minister of Planning and Coordination and a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Bolivia, and Manager of Operations at Banco Industrial S.A., among many others. At an international level, he occupied senior positions at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) for 17 years, including that of Treasurer of the Institution. Mr. García acted as Bolivia's Governor at the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the River Plate Basin Development Fund (FONPLATA); he also represented Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay and Paraguay as a member of the IMF/IBRD Development Committee. Mr. García has been a Professor at both the Higher University of San Andres as well as the Catholic University in Bolivia and holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master's degree in Economics and Finance from St. Louis University and a doctoral degree from the American University.



## Biographical notes



**Carlos A. Giménez**  
*Mayor, Miami-Dade  
County (United States)*

### Carlos A. Giménez

Carlos A. Giménez was re-elected as Miami-Dade County's Mayor on August 14, 2012. As the County's top elected official and chief administrator, Mayor Giménez is responsible for the leadership and management of an organization with over 25,000 employees and an annual budget of nearly \$6 billion. He is also focused on creating a fair regulatory environment that will stimulate job creation, expand international trade, and attract businesses and industries to diversify Miami-Dade County's economic base. Prior to this election, Mayor Giménez served on the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for seven years. He was first elected on November 2, 2004 and subsequently re-elected for a second term without opposition in August 2008. He has also held many more honourable public administrative positions preceding these posts. Mayor Giménez is an alumnus of Christopher Columbus High School and earned his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University. In 1993, he completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



**Emilio T. González**  
*Director, Miami-Dade  
Aviation Department  
(United States)*

### Emilio T. González

Emilio González is the Director of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. He directs the operations at Miami International Airport (MIA) and four general aviation (GA) airports in the Miami area. MIA handles more than 40 million passengers and two million tons of cargo annually, and is among the nation's busiest international passenger and cargo airports. Dr. González is overseeing the completion of one of the largest airport expansion programs in the U.S., a \$6.5-billion capital improvement program that has added new terminals, roadways and other infrastructure to MIA and the County's GA airports. A graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies, Dr. González also earned Master's degrees in Latin American Studies from Tulane University and in Strategic Studies and National Security Affairs from the U.S. Naval War College. He was awarded a doctoral degree in International Relations from the University of Miami. Dr. González is a member of various boards in the banking, technology and social services industries, as well as the Council on Foreign Relations.



**William G. Hardin**  
*Chair, Tibor and Sheila  
Hollo School of Real  
Estate and the Jerome  
Bain Real Estate  
Institute, Florida  
International University  
(United States)*

### William G. Hardin

William Hardin's work has been extensively published in such top real estate journals as: Real Estate Economics, Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics, Journal of Real Estate Research, Journal of Real Estate Portfolio Management, Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education, Journal of Property Investment and Finance, International Real Estate Review, Journal of Property Valuation and Investment, and Assessment Journal. He has also presented his research at major real estate and finance conferences including those of the American Real Estate Society, the Asian Real Estate Society, the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, and the Financial Management Association. Dr. Hardin is co-editor of Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education and is an elected member of the Board of Directors of the American Real Estate Society. He also serves on the editorial review board of The Appraisal Journal. Prior to joining the faculty of Florida International University, Dr. Hardin held the Robert W. Warren Chair of Real Estate at Mississippi State University and served on the faculty of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.



**Harvey Hernandez**  
*Chairman and  
Managing Director,  
Newgard Development  
Group (United States)*

### Harvey Hernandez

Harvey Hernandez, founder of Newgard Development Group, currently serves as the firm's Chairman and Managing Director. Mr. Hernandez became involved with real estate development during the 1990's as a hands-on investor in the rapidly expanding Miami market, where he was able to create a dynamic formula for building, marketing and delivering condominium projects that ensured both high-quality finishes and timely completion. Mr. Hernandez formed Newgard with a vision to revitalize the high-end residential market in South Florida by developing forward-thinking, innovative luxury projects that delivered the best in location, cutting-edge amenities, finishes, design and lifestyle. Newgard's latest achievements under this visionary approach include the 374-unit BrickellHouse luxury condominium; the 352-unit Centro condominium has garnered widespread interest for urbanistic elements and contemporary designs by celebrity designer and social entrepreneur Yves Béhar. Other projects include Solaris at Brickell, Gallery Art in the Miami Arts District, and City Palms in downtown West Palm Beach, among others. Mr. Hernandez has earned several honours including being named 2013's Developer of the Year by both the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Latin Builders Association.



**Fred P. Hochberg**  
Chairman and  
President, Export-  
Import Bank of the  
United States

### Fred P. Hochberg

Fred Hochberg is Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) and one of the highest ranking business leaders in the Obama Administration. During his six years of leadership, Ex-Im Bank has supported more than 1.3 million American jobs and financed exports valued at over \$200 billion. During Mr. Hochberg's tenure, the Bank has increased its focus on customers, particularly America's small business exporters. From 2004 to 2008, he was dean of the Milano School of Management and Urban Policy at The New School in New York City. From 1998 through 2001, he served at the Small Business Administration (SBA), where he helped quadruple lending to minority- and women-owned small businesses. Mr. Hochberg is a past board member of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Citizens Budget Commission, and FINCA International Micro Finance. He has served as co-Chair of the Human Rights Campaign, and is a founder of the David Bohnett LGBT Leadership Fellows Scholarship at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Hochberg received his undergraduate degree from New York University and his Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University.



**Christopher Hodgkins**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Miami Access Tunnel  
(United States)

### Christopher Hodgkins

As the Miami Access Tunnel's Chief Executive Officer, Chris Hodgkins is in charge of the operations, maintenance, public affairs and outreach for the \$1-billion design, build, finance and operate (DBFO) contract that represents 35 years of infrastructure innovation building a tunnel to connect the Port of Miami to the I-95. The Miami Access Tunnel is the first public-private partnership (P3) in South Florida. As the Chief Executive Officer, he has been recognized for his energetic work with local communities, vendors and labor unions, for his initiation of OPERATION 305, a program to include people and businesses from the Miami-Dade area in the Port of Miami Tunnel Project. Prior to working with the Miami Tunnel, Mr. Hodgkins helped create and operate three of the nation's top public-private partnerships. Most recently he served as the Vice-President and Business Development Leader for AECOM. Mr. Hodgkins has over 20 years of experience in municipal infrastructure and public sector development.



**Frank L. Holder**  
Chairman, Latin  
American Region  
FTI Consulting

### Frank L. Holder

Frank Holder is Chairman of the Latin American region of FTI Consulting, which includes offices in Buenos Aires, Bogotá, Madrid, Mexico City, Panama City, Santiago, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Based out of the regional headquarters in Miami, since 2007 Mr. Holder has been leader of the Forensic and Litigation Consulting practice in Latin America. He is an expert in risk management, national security, operational risk and anti-money laundering. He has directed corporate investigations and security consulting assignments in Latin America and the United States, including large-scale internal fraud and public corruption investigations, product protection, litigation support, due diligence and hostile takeovers. As a security expert, Mr. Holder has designed the security for international airports, seaports and complex multi-jurisdictional distribution networks. Mr. Holder is the author of the book *Narcotics Trafficking: A Constructed Typology of the Deviant Market for Illicit Drugs*.



**José Miguel Insulza**  
Secretary General,  
Organization of  
American States (OAS)

### José Miguel Insulza

José Miguel Insulza was elected OAS Secretary General in 2005 and re-elected in 2010. He has a Law degree from the University of Chile, a postgraduate degree from the Latin American Social Sciences Faculty, and a Master's degree from the University of Michigan. Until 1973, he was Professor of Political Theory and then of Political Science at two separate Chilean universities. He also served as Political Advisor to the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile. In the early 1970s, Mr. Insulza played an active role in Salvador Allende's government but, following the coup, he went into exile. In Mexico, he was the Director of the United States Studies Institute at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching and taught at several universities. Mr. Insulza returned to Chile in 1988, joined the Coalition of Parties for Democracy, and held several cabinet posts. Mr. Insulza was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs (1994), Minister Secretary General of the Presidency (1999), and Minister of the Interior and Vice-President of the Republic (2000). When he left that post in 2005, he had had the longest continuous tenure of any minister in Chilean history.





## Biographical notes



**Christopher Jamroz**  
*President and Chief  
Operating Officer,  
Cash Services,  
GardaWorld*

### Christopher Jamroz

Christopher Jamroz is President and Chief Operating Officer of GardaWorld Cash Services. In this role he is responsible for all the company's Cash Services operations, including new business development, strategic client partnerships, best-in-class service and product innovation. Additionally, he oversees the effective cross-selling of GardaWorld's extensive value-added service offering. Previously, Mr. Jamroz was a Senior Client Executive at JPMorgan Chase & Co., where he was a trusted advisor to management teams and boards of leading corporations. As a public and private company advisor, Mr. Jamroz has worked with a broad spectrum of industries. He played an integral role in making Canada the fastest-growing region in new client acquisition and business development. A strategic leader with demonstrated tactical effectiveness and global perspective, Mr. Jamroz provided advice and counsel on the entire range of investment and corporate banking services. Earlier in his career, Mr. Jamroz held a variety of senior management positions in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, where he was involved with international mergers and acquisitions and evaluating and executing retail banking and brokerage expansion strategies.



**Warren Jestin**  
*Senior Vice-President  
and Chief Economist,  
Scotiabank (Canada)*

### Warren Jestin

Warren Jestin is Scotiabank's Chief Economist and has been with the Bank since 1979. He is a popular public speaker on Canadian and International economic issues, meeting with clients and experts from around the globe to keep pace with the latest economic, political and financial market developments. Mr. Jestin is on Advisory Boards for the Sobey School of Business at St. Mary's University, and the University of Guelph, where he is the Economist in Residence at the College of Management & Economics. Mr. Jestin also serves on several other advisory boards including The Vineland Research and Innovation Centre, the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education and the Markham Stouffville Hospital, where he is past Chair. He has also been a member of the C.D. Howe Institute's Monetary Policy Council and has been involved with policy committees of the Canadian and Ontario Chambers of Commerce and the Toronto Board of Trade. Before joining Scotiabank, Mr. Jestin earned a doctoral degree from the University of Toronto, worked at the Bank of Canada and taught at several universities.



**Bill Johnson**  
*Secretary of  
Commerce, State of  
Florida; and President  
and Chief Executive  
Officer, Enterprise  
Florida Inc.  
(United States)*

### Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson was appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the position of Secretary of Commerce/President and Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Florida, Inc. EFI, a public-private partnership between business and government leaders, is charged with facilitating job growth for the state through business recruitment and expansion. Prior to his appointment this year, Secretary Johnson's 35-year career with Miami-Dade County government earned him a reputation as a key trouble-shooter, problem-solver and proponent of economic development. Career highlights included oversight of the airport, seaport and water and sewer departments as well as construction of landmark projects, including the American Airlines Arena and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. A native of Akron, Ohio, Secretary Johnson holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee.



**Seth Kaplan**  
*Managing Partner,  
Airline Weekly  
(United States)*

### Seth Kaplan

Seth Kaplan's role as managing partner of Airline Weekly is an extension of a career in journalism, government and transportation. Mr. Kaplan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (journalism major) from George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Florida International University. He worked as a reporter at newspapers and television affiliates, covering aviation/transportation as well as other issues, before switching to the public sector with Miami-Dade County government, where he served in various management roles. In 2005 he left to become managing partner of Airline Weekly, where he saw an opportunity to combine his love of both aviation and journalism in an enterprise that would educate key airline industry stakeholders about the global industry. Since then, he has become a globally recognized airline expert. He is frequently asked by print and broadcast media to provide his perspective on global issues involving these sectors. Within the industry, he speaks at industry events and has taught numerous airline economics courses to executives and staff at airlines around the world, providing them with insight about factors that drive airline profitability. Mr. Kaplan lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.







**Mohsin Khalid**  
Executive Director,  
Ittehad Steel Group;  
and Chief Executive  
Officer, ITC Logistics  
(Pakistan)

### Mohsin Khalid

Mohsin Khalid is Executive Director of the Ittehad Steel group, a Pakistani conglomerate with interests in steel, logistics and renewable energy. He is also currently Chief Executive Officer of ITC Logistics, a regional transportation and supply chain provider with operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mr. Khalid is a former President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, one of the most influential business and policy advocacy platforms in Pakistan; in 2011, he served as Chairman of the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO). Under the World Bank-driven Power Sector Reforms Program he was tasked to lead the power utility's corporate restructuring and transformation into a profitable corporate entity. He helped turn around the \$2 billion public enterprise and set it on a path towards long-term sustainability and ultimate privatization. Mr. Khalid has served on the Board of Directors of several public organizations and corporations including the Islamabad Stock Exchange. He currently sits on the Board of BMA Capital, Pakistan's leading financial services and investment banking firm, and the Overseas Employment Corporation of the Government of Pakistan. Mr. Khalid holds a degree in Economics from Boston University.



**Ramy Khorshed**  
Co-founder and Chief  
Executive Information  
Officer, KBI Ventures  
(Egypt)

### Ramy Khorshed

Ramy Khorshed is one of the founders of KBI Ventures, a real estate investment firm dedicated to pioneering novel investment structures geared primarily to the Egyptian market, as well as the MENA region. Mr. Khorshed comes from a background in both technology and business, having worked since 2011 with Future Energy Corporation, the leading renewable energy company in the Middle East, on a number of projects. He has held positions in venture capital with Flat6Labs, as well as financial services with Ernst & Young. Mr. Khorshed graduated from Duke University in 2014, with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a certificate in Information Science and Information Studies.



**Wandee Khunchornyakong**  
Chairwoman and Chief  
Executive Officer,  
SPCG Public Company  
Limited (Thailand)

### Wandee Khunchornyakong

Wandee Khunchornyakong is currently Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer of SPCG Public Company Limited, the Leading Solar Farm Developer in Thailand and ASEAN. Moreover, she is the President of Solar Power Company Limited and Managing Director of 36 projects. It is also one of the largest steel roof manufacturers in Thailand and is looking to expand its business by selling solar rooftops. Ms. Khunchornyakong has over 30 years of experience in the solar industry in Thailand and ASEAN and was named by Forbes Magazines as one of Asia's 50 most powerful businesswomen last year. In 2014, SPCG will have a total generating capacity of nearly 250 megawatts made up of 36 projects, and the total project value will be over USD800 million.



**Sridhar Kota**  
Founder and President,  
FlexSys.; Former  
Assistant Director  
for Advanced  
Manufacturing,  
White House; and  
Herrick Professor of  
Engineering,  
University of Michigan  
(United States)

### Sridhar Kota

Sridhar Kota is the Herrick Professor of Engineering, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and the Director of the Institute for Manufacturing Leadership at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Between 2009 and 2012, Professor Kota served as the Assistant Director for Advanced Manufacturing at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). In this role, he developed policy recommendations and implementation strategies to enhance U.S. manufacturing competitiveness, and to foster innovation-based manufacturing and commercialization of emerging technologies. He played an instrumental role in initiating and leading President Obama's National Manufacturing Innovation Institutes. Professor Kota is the Director of Complaint Systems Design Laboratory and has pioneered a new paradigm in engineering design exploiting elasticity. He authored over 200 technical papers and over 25 patents. Professor Kota is the founder and President of FlexSys Inc., an engineering firm engaged in bio-inspired product design including shape-morphing aircraft wings.





## Biographical notes



**Sophie L'Helias**  
*Senior Fellow,  
Governance,  
Conference Board;  
and Senior Fellow,  
Heyman Center on  
Corporate Governance,  
Cardozo Law School  
(United States)*

### Sophie L'Helias

Sophie L'Helias is a Senior Fellow, Governance at the Conference Board and at the Heyman Center on Corporate Governance, Cardozo Law School in New York. An international expert in shareholder activism and corporate governance, Ms. L'Helias has advised and represented global issuers and active investors by drawing upon her experience in New York and Paris as a hedge fund activist investor and an attorney. In 1995, Ms. L'Helias co-founded the International Corporate Governance Network, a leading investor organization with an investor membership whose assets under management exceed \$26 trillion. More recently, in response to the demand for women directors on boards, she launched DirectorExchange, an international executive network to identify diverse director candidates for boards around the world. Ms. L'Helias is a frequent speaker on governance, investor activist trends and women on boards. She has published more than one hundred articles and has been profiled in leading publications. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from INSEAD and degrees in Law from the University of Pennsylvania, University Panthéon-Sorbonne in Paris and the European Comparative Law Institute in Saarbrücken.



**Gerard Lopez**  
*Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Nekton; Founding  
Partner, Mangrove  
Capital; Founder,  
Genii Capital; and  
Chairman, Lotus F1  
Team (Luxembourg)*

### Gerard Lopez

Gerard Lopez is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Nekton, a leading investment and brokerage firm in the energy sector in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. He is a founding partner and a key shareholder of Mangrove Capital, having funded some of the world's most successful tech companies including Skype, Wix, or Nimbuzz. He is also the founder of Genii Capital, an investment company that is active in the real estate, automotive and financial sectors, and is the Chairman of Lotus F1. Mr. Lopez sits on the board of Mangrove, Genii Group, Nekton, Ecotive, CiteeCar and other group companies. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Miami University Business School and founded the Act Mangrove Charity foundation, promoting education for under-developed countries. Mr. Lopez also sits on the board of the Royal Theatre of Madrid, one of Europe's most renowned theatres. He speaks English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Luxembourgish. He is also a globally respected car collector.



**Carlos Lopez-Cantera**  
*Lieutenant Governor,  
State of Florida  
(United States)*

### Carlos Lopez-Cantera

Carlos Lopez-Cantera was born in Madrid, Spain on December 29, 1973. He graduated from Miami-Dade College and continued his studies at the University of Miami, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. Mr. Lopez-Cantera served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives for the 2004-2012 period. During his 8-year term in the Legislature, he served as a member of the Governor's Property Tax Reform Committee, the My Safe Florida Home Advisory Council and the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Mortgage Fraud Task Force. In the Florida House of Representatives, he chaired the Committee on Business Regulation and the Government Affairs Committee. Mr. Lopez-Cantera served as Majority Whip (2009-2010) and as the Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives (2010-2012). In August 2012, the citizens of Miami-Dade County elected him as the Property Appraiser of Miami-Dade County. Mr. Lopez-Cantera was appointed as Lieutenant Governor on January 14, 2014, and officially began serving on February 3, 2014. He is the first Hispanic to hold this position in Florida. He has been married to his wife Renee since 2005 and they have two young daughters.



**Kevin Lynskey**  
*Deputy Director,  
PortMiami  
(United States)*

### Kevin Lynskey

Kevin Lynskey is the Deputy Director at PortMiami. He oversees cargo and cruise contract development, finance, architecture and engineering, as well as planning. Mr. Lynskey has been and remains a county point person for the Port of Miami Tunnel project and the development of its intermodal rail program. Previous to his employment at PortMiami, Mr. Lynskey supervised an internal consultancy for Miami-Dade County for nearly a decade. Prior to his employment at Miami-Dade County, Mr. Lynskey worked at the U.S. Department of State in the Presidential Management Program. Mr. Lynskey holds a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown in Foreign Service and a Master's degree from Columbia University in International Affairs where he specialized in international business.



**Ketty Pucci-Sisti Maisonrouge**  
 Founder, KM & CO.  
 (United States)

### Ketty Pucci-Sisti Maisonrouge

Ketty Pucci-Sisti Maisonrouge runs KM&Co., a boutique firm that specializes in Luxury Innovation. She is the co-founder and board member of several start-ups, including Savelli, and a Board Member of J.Mendel. In 2005, Ms. Maisonrouge joined Columbia Business School as an Adjunct Professor and teaches Luxury Strategy, is a Visiting Professor at IE Business School in Madrid, at Sciences Po in Paris and at HKUST in Hong Kong. She is a guest lecturer at numerous universities including Bocconi, CEIBS in Shanghai, SKK-Business School and Yonsei University in Seoul. Ms. Maisonrouge served as the U.S. Representative of the Comité Colbert, the association of French luxury companies, and has been President of the Luxury Education Foundation since 2004. The Luxury Alchemist, published by Assouline and in its second edition, received the International Award at La Forêt des Livres. Ms. Maisonrouge graduated from Sciences Po Paris and has a Master's degree in Law from the Sorbonne. In 2009 she was named Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.



**Stephen McGurk**  
 Vice-President of  
 Programs, International  
 Development Research  
 Centre (IDRC)  
 (Canada)

### Stephen McGurk

Stephen McGurk is a trained economist and sinologist who has spent more than three decades studying Asia's rural development. Prior to acting as Vice-President, Mr. McGurk was the Director of IDRC's Agriculture and Environment program. This program is dedicated to supporting research that seeks to increase agricultural productivity as well as food and water security while ensuring environmental sustainability. Previously, he served as the Regional Director in IDRC's South Asia and China office in Delhi and in the Southeast and East Asia office in Singapore. Mr. McGurk has worked with the Ford Foundation in Beijing, where he was responsible for its economic security program in China. He has taught at the University of California and worked with the World Bank on a critical generation of investments in China's rural development. Mr. McGurk has a doctoral degree from Stanford University's Food Research Institute.



**Anuj Mehrotra**  
 Vice-Dean, Graduate  
 Business Programs,  
 University of Miami  
 School of Business  
 Administration  
 (United States)

### Anuj Mehrotra

Anuj Mehrotra is the Leslie O. Barnes Scholar, professor of Management Science and Vice-Dean of Graduate Business Programs at the University of Miami School of Business Administration. In his current capacity, he oversees all aspects of MBA and Executive MBA programs and recruitment, admissions, and advising. Previously, he served as the Chairman of the Department of Management Science. Mr. Mehrotra's research interests are in large-scale optimization and interdisciplinary applications. His research has been published in top-tier academic journals including *Management Science*, *Mathematical Programming*, *Naval Research Logistics*, and the *Inform's Journal on Computing*. Mr. Mehrotra has also served as a consultant to several corporations including American Airlines, A.T. Kearney, Goodyear, Exxon, Capital One, U.S. West, and EDS. He received his doctoral degree in Operations Research from Georgia Institute of Technology, his Master's degree from Virginia Tech, and his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in India.



**Ted Menzies**  
 President and Chief  
 Executive Officer,  
 CropLife Canada

### Ted Menzies

Ted Menzies has been President and Chief Executive Officer of CropLife Canada since January 2014, which is the trade association representing developers, manufacturers and distributors of plant science innovations for use in agriculture, urban and public health settings. Mr. Menzies has an extensive background in agriculture, international trade and government. During a lengthy career in primary grain, pulse and oilseed production, he played an active role in agricultural policy development through his work for various commodity organizations. Mr. Menzies was formerly President of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers, Vice-President of Grain Growers of Canada, President of Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance, and has been active in many more such organizations. He was elected in 2004 as Member of Parliament for the riding of Macleod. During his 10 years in office, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade, for the Canadian International Development Agency and, in 2007, to the Minister of Finance. In 2011, Mr. Menzies was appointed to the Queens Privy Council as Minister of State for Finance. He retired from federal politics in November 2013.





## Biographical notes



**Rafael Moreno Valle Rosas**  
*Governor, State of Puebla (Mexico)*

### Rafael Moreno Valle Rosas

Rafael Moreno Valle Rosas was elected Governor of the State of Puebla for the 2011-2017 term on July 4, 2010. He is the first candidate to be elected governor of Puebla through a coalition, known as *Compromiso por Puebla*. A Senator of the Republic from 2006 to 2010, during the LX and LXI sessions, Mr. Moreno Valle served as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Vice-Chair of the National Defense Committee and a member of the Committee on Trade and Industrial Development. Previously, he held the positions of Assistant Treasurer and Vice-President at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson Bank. Mr. Moreno Valle graduated *magna cum laude* from Lycoming College with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science in 1991. In 1994, he obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Boston University School of Law, and in 1995 a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University Extension School.



**Roberto R. Muñoz**  
*President, BBVA Compass Bank, South Florida; and Chairman, Florida International Bankers Association (United States)*

### Roberto R. Muñoz

Roberto Muñoz is the 2014 / 2015 Chairman of the Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA). In May 2011, Mr. Muñoz was invited by BBVA Compass to join its executive team as its South Florida Market President. Prior to this, Mr. Muñoz was an Executive Vice-President and Chief Lending Officer with Professional Bank, a de novo community bank in Coral Gables, Florida, specializing in private client services. He joined Professional Bank after serving as Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Lending Officer, and a voting member on the Board of Directors of Marquis Bank, another de novo community bank in Coral Gables. Mr. Muñoz has more than 33 years of experience in leadership positions for domestic and foreign financial institutions. He earned advanced degrees from Florida International University in Finance and International Business, and has received many diplomas and certificates in the field of banking from the University of Miami, Florida International University, the American Institute of Banking and the RMA Commercial Lending School.



**Marie-José Nadeau**  
*Chair, World Energy Council (WEC); and Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs and Secretary General, Hydro-Quebec (Canada)*

### Marie-José Nadeau

Marie-José Nadeau joined Hydro-Québec in 1993 and has been a member of the leadership team for 22 years. Besides her responsibilities with Hydro-Québec and the boards of its affiliated companies, her portfolio includes strategic planning, legal affairs, communications and public affairs, government and institutional affairs, industrial security as well as the environment. In 2013, Ms. Nadeau was elected Chair of the World Energy Council (WEC). As such, she is regularly invited as a keynote speaker at international fora. She also sits on UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Advisory Board on SE4All, on the Advisory Council of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the China Energy Fund Committee (CEFC) Initiative. She is also Vice-President of the Selection Committee for the Zayed Future Energy Prize, based in the United Arab Emirates. She graduated from Ottawa University with a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Law.



**Juan Carlos Navarro**  
*Founder and Chief Executive Officer, NSOLAR; Founder, National Association for the Conservation of Nature; and Former Mayor of Panama City (Panama)*

### Juan Carlos Navarro

Juan Carlos Navarro is widely regarded as one of Panama's most prominent national figures, and was selected as one of the planet's 100 most promising leaders by TIME magazine (1994) and as one of the key Latin American Leaders for the new millennium by both TIME and CNN (1999). In 1985, he founded ANCON, Panama's leading non-profit environmental NGO. After winning his party's primaries (October 1998) and the general election (May 1999), Mr. Navarro was elected Mayor of Panama City for a five-year term, from 1999 to 2004. In May of that year, he was re-elected in a landslide, with 60% of the votes, for a second five-year term, from 2004 to 2009. Mr. Navarro is currently the founder and Chief Executive Officer of NSOLAR, one of Panama leading solar energy start-ups, founded in 2015. He received his Bachelor's degree in Geography and Government from Dartmouth College (1983) and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University (1985).





**John D. Negroponte**  
Chairman, Council of  
the Americas; and  
Vice-Chairman,  
McLarty Associates  
(United States)

### John D. Negroponte

John Negroponte joined McLarty Associates as Vice-Chairman in 2009, following a distinguished career in diplomacy and national security. Ambassador Negroponte held government positions abroad and in Washington between 1960 and 1997 and again from 2001 to 2008. He has been Ambassador to Honduras, Mexico, the Philippines, the United Nations, and Iraq. In Washington he served twice on the National Security Council staff, first as Director for Vietnam in the Nixon Administration and then as Deputy National Security Advisor under President Reagan. He has also held a cabinet-level position as the first Director of National Intelligence under President George W. Bush. His most recent position in government was as Deputy Secretary of State, where he served as the State Department's Chief Operating Officer. While in the private sector from 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Negroponte was Executive Vice-President of the McGraw-Hill Companies, with responsibility for overseeing the company's international activities. During those years he was also Chairman of the French-American Foundation.



**Andrés Ortega Rezk**  
General Manager,  
OPAIN (Colombia)

### Andrés Ortega Rezk

Andrés Ortega Rezk is from Bogotá. He studied Business Administration at CESA and later obtained his Master of Business Administration degree from the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid, Spain. In 2008 he joined OPAIN as Administrative and Financial Manager, a position he held until his appointment as General Manager for OPAIN in 2014.



**His Imperial  
Highness Prince  
Reza Pahlavi**  
Honorary Chairman,  
IOSME; and Founder  
Iran National Council

### His Imperial Highness Prince Reza Pahlavi

Reza Pahlavi, the current Crown Prince of Iran, has been an advocate of secularism and parliamentary democracy for over thirty years, speaking out against the oppression of the Iranian people. Since the country's 2009 elections, Prince Pahlavi's message has focussed on the plight of women, children and disenfranchised Iranians. In addition to numerous articles, Reza Pahlavi has written three books on the situation in Iran: *Gozashteh va Ayandeh* (Kayhan Publishing, 2000); *Winds of Change: The Future of Democracy in Iran* (Regnery, 2002); and *Iran: L'heure du choix* (Denoël, 2009). Prince Pahlavi left Iran at the age of 17 for air force training, but the establishment of the clerical regime in Iran prevented him returning to his homeland and he has lived in exile since 1978. Prince Pahlavi then completed the U.S. Air Force Training Program at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas, to become an accomplished jet fighter pilot; he also earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Southern California. Prince Pahlavi is the Founder of the Iran National Council and Honorary Chairman of the IOSME, Institute for an Open Society in the Middle East.



**Alessandro Rebucci**  
Professor, Johns  
Hopkins University  
Carey Business School,  
Real Estate Program  
(United States)

### Alessandro Rebucci

Alessandro Rebucci has been a full-time faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School since August 2013, where he is an Assistant Professor in the research track. He holds a joint appointment with the Economics Department of the JHU Krieger School of Art and Science. He is also a non-resident faculty of the Beijing School of Foreign Studies (BSFU) School of International Business; a Research Fellow of the Center for Applied Financial Economics at the University of Southern California (USC); a Fellow of the Euro Area Business Cycle Network; and a member of the IMF Advisory committee on housing and housing finance issues. Mr. Rebucci's current research compares boom-bust cycles in house prices in emerging and advanced economies using new historical data. Another area of his research focus is the theory and measurement of macro-prudential policies, with particular attention to controls on capital flows. A last area of focus is the mapping of the Chinese flow of funds and the study of the transmission mechanism of monetary policy in China, including international spillovers.





## Biographical notes



**Gil Rémillard**  
*Founding Chairman,  
International Economic  
Forum of the Americas*

### Gil Rémillard

Gil Rémillard is Counsel for the law firm Dentons Canada LLP. He holds degrees in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and has a doctoral degree in Law. His fields of practice are corporate, regulatory and international law. The author of several books and articles on administrative and international law, he is also a professor at the École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP Montreal). Mr. Rémillard was formerly Justice Minister in the Quebec government (1985-1994). He acted as special advisor to the governments of the Czech Republic, Romania and Bulgaria on their law reform in order for them to become members of the European Union. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 2001, was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, and was made Knight of the Ordre national du Québec and Knight of the Ordre de la légion d'honneur by the President of the French Republic. Mr. Rémillard is the Founding Chairman of the International Economic Forum of the Americas (1995), which annually presents the Conference of Montreal, the Toronto Global Forum and the World Strategic Forum.



**Nicholas Rémillard**  
*President and Chief  
Executive Officer,  
International Economic  
Forum of the Americas*

### Nicholas Rémillard

Nicholas Rémillard has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Economic Forum of the Americas as well as the Toronto Global Forum and Palm Beach Strategic Forum since 2010. After graduating with a Law degree from the University of Ottawa in 2001, Mr. N. Rémillard was appointed Deputy General Manager of the International Economic Forum of the Americas Conference of Montreal. Since then, he has been contributing to the rapid expansion of the organization in his role as Executive Vice-President. In 2007, he launched the Toronto Forum for Global Cities, an international conference fostering expert dialogue on key economic issues of our times. Under his leadership, the Toronto Forum rapidly developed as a major platform for thought leadership and business opportunities. Mr. N. Rémillard has appeared in the Canadian media on several occasions over the last few years, enhancing the visibility of the International Economic Forum of the Americas as a leading conference on the global scene.



**Andrés Rozental**  
*President, Rozental &  
Asociados; Eminent  
Ambassador of Mexico;  
Chairman,  
ArcelorMittal Mexico;  
and Founding  
President, Mexican  
Council on Foreign  
Relations (Mexico)*

### Andrés Rozental

Andrés Rozental has more than 35 years of service as a diplomat and holds the lifetime rank of eminent Ambassador of Mexico. A former deputy foreign minister of Mexico, he also served as Mexican Ambassador to both the United Kingdom and Sweden. The founding president of the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations, Ambassador Rozental is still an active participant in discussions on Mexico's role in the world and how it is being influenced by globalization. After retiring from active government service, he founded Rozental & Asociados, an international consulting firm specializing in providing political and economic advisory services to Mexican and foreign companies, with a special focus on Latin America. Ambassador Rozental is currently Chairman of ArcelorMittal Mexico and a board member of: ArcelorMittal Brazil, Dufry South America and the New India Investment Trust Company. He is also a board member of the Center for International Governance Innovation and the Migration Policy Institute. Ambassador Rozental is a member of the Inter-American Dialogue and author of four books on Mexican foreign policy and of numerous articles on international affairs.



**Aziz Mahamat Saleh**  
*Minister of Economy,  
Trade and Tourism  
Development,  
Republic of Chad*

### Aziz Mahamat Saleh

Aziz Mahamat Saleh Ahmat was appointed Minister of Economy and Tourism of the Republic of Chad in 2014, following a distinguished career in the public service. Prior to this appointment, from 2013 to 2014, he was the Economic, Financial and Budget Advisor to the Prime Minister. He served as Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad from 2010 to 2013 and, before that, from 2005 to 2006. From 2005 to 2010, he was also Director of External Finance and Director of Debt at Chad's Ministry of Finance. Mr. Mahamat Saleh graduated from ENA in Paris at the age of 39 with a major in Political Science. He also holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Private Business Law from the University of Amiens in France. Mr. Aziz Mahamat Saleh is married and has 6 children.



**Emilio C. Sanchez**  
Business Development  
Director, EFE News  
Services (United States)

### Emilio C. Sanchez

Emilio Sanchez is the Business Development Director for EFE News. His media experience in the U.S. and Latin American markets spans 25 years as the Managing Editor for the U.S. in the Washington bureau and for Latin America in Miami. As the CEO and co-founder of La Vox Media Group, in 2012 Mr. Sanchez was named Top Digital Media Professional of the Year by *Portada Magazine*. He was also named a member of George Washington University's Council for Media and Public Affairs. In 2011, Mr. Sanchez was selected as one of Florida's Hispanic Leaders by Governor Rick Scott. He is a frequent guest on U.S., Latin American and Spanish television and radio programs such as Univision's *Al Punto con Jorge Ramos*, *Andres Oppenheimer Presenta*, *CNN en Español* and PBS. Mr. Sanchez has also co-authored the book *Arriortúa. Superlópez y la guerra oculta entre General Motors y Volkswagen*, published by Ediciones Temas de Hoy.



**Nicholas Sargen**  
Senior Vice-President  
and Chief Economist,  
Western & Southern  
Financial Group  
(United States)

### Nicholas Sargen

Nicholas Sargen is the Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of the Western & Southern Financial Group. From 2003 to 2014, he served as Chief Investment Officer at Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. Prior to joining Fort Washington, Mr. Sargen's experience encompassed many years as an international economist and global money manager. He served as Managing Director for JP Morgan Chase, where he was Chief Investment Strategist for JP Morgan Private Bank. He has also served as Managing Director for Prudential Insurance Company, where he was Chief Investment Officer for Global Fixed Income Advisors. Previously, he was Director, Bond Market Research, for Salomon Brothers. His experience includes positions with Morgan Guaranty Trust, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and the U.S. Department of Treasury. Mr. Sargen was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, earned a doctoral degree and a Master's degree in Economics from Stanford University and a Bachelor's degree in Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Sargen frequently contributes research articles on global investing to various publications and appears regularly on television business programs.



**Gene Schaefer**  
President, Miami &  
South Florida Market  
Executive – Commercial  
Banking, Bank of  
America Merrill Lynch  
(United States)

### Gene Schaefer

Gene Schaefer is the President of Bank of America for the Miami market. He is also the Market Executive for Commercial Banking in South Florida, which serves companies with annual revenues in excess of \$50 million, providing comprehensive financial solutions and industry expertise. Mr. Schaefer joined Bank of America in 1989 and has subsequently held a number of positions of increasing responsibility within the bank. In 2001, he was named Market Executive for Commercial Banking and, in 2006, he was named President for Miami. Mr. Schaefer graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. He is a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Registered Principal with Series 7, 24 and 63 securities licenses. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Miami-Dade and also served as the 2012 and 2013 Campaign Co-Chair. Mr. Schaefer is on the Board of Enterprise Florida and the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Orange Bowl Committee and is on the Board of Trustees of the American Red Cross.



**Samuel I. Schwartz**  
President, Chief  
Executive Officer  
and Founder, Sam  
Schwartz Engineering  
(United States)

### Samuel I. Schwartz

Samuel Schwartz is the Chief Executive Officer of Sam Schwartz Engineering, a firm that specializes in urban transportation planning and engineering. He also writes the "Gridlock Sam" column in the *New York Daily News*. He introduced the term "gridlock" into the lexicon during the 1980 NYC Transit strike. A former NYC Traffic Commissioner he is expert at getting people out of their cars and into other forms of transportation. Mr. Schwartz has created many win-win-win situations whereby traffic moves better, pedestrians are safer and the community gains more sidewalk and green space. He has been called an Urban Alchemist for his uncanny ability to make grass grow from asphalt. He began his transportation career as a NYC cab driver. He has a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Brooklyn College and a Master's degree in Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. His latest book, *StreetSmart*, a look at the millennial revolution in transportation and what it means for the future, will be released in September 2015.





## Biographical notes



**Demetri Sevastopulo**  
*US Political Correspondent, Financial Times (United States)*

### Demetri Sevastopulo

Demetri Sevastopulo is the U.S. political correspondent for the Financial Times, covering all aspects of U.S. politics, including the 2016 presidential campaign. He recently returned from Hong Kong, where he served as the South China Regional Correspondent and Asia News Editor, running the FT network of editors and correspondents in Asia, and serving as Global News Editor during the Asian day. Before moving to China, Mr. Sevastopulo was based in Washington as the Pentagon & CIA Correspondent, and the Washington Business Correspondent. He has reported from all over the world, including China, Japan, India, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay and Russia. In a former life, Mr. Sevastopulo was a currency trader at Citibank. An Irish national, Mr. Sevastopulo graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, with a degree in Business Studies. He has a Master's degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard University, where he taught Japanese and Chinese history in the capacity of a Teaching Fellow. He studied Chinese at Peking University and Japanese at Sophia University. He speaks near-native Japanese, fluent Mandarin and basic Cantonese.



**Steve Sonberg**  
*Managing Partner, Holland & Knight (United States)*

### Steve Sonberg

Steven Sonberg is the Managing Partner at Holland & Knight. Prior to his election as Managing Partner in 2008, he served as Chair of the firm's Business Law section for five years, and previously led the Corporate Practice Group in South Florida. He also served as a member of the firm's Directors Committee for eight years. With more than 30 years of experience, Mr. Sonberg is a corporate lawyer whose practices have focused on the areas of securities law, mergers and acquisitions. His practice has included the representation of domestic and international businesses in public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, and in complex acquisitions, divestitures and sales of business entities. Mr. Sonberg has represented clients engaged in a variety of business sectors, including healthcare, pharmaceuticals, real estate and transportation.



**Jeffrey Steiner**  
*Board Member, Export Development Canada (EDC)*

### Jeffrey Steiner

Jeffrey Steiner is a Canadian lawyer and public-policy specialist based in Toronto. He is a board member of Canada's official trade credit agency, Export Development Canada. He served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) from 2002 to 2009, focusing on real estate development, green buildings and waterfront revitalization. He is currently the President of New Franchise Media Inc. which is an IP rights-ownership company in the film and television business. Mr. Steiner is an active member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO).



**William D. Talbert III**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (United States)*

### William D. Talbert III

William Talbert III, CDME, has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) for the past sixteen years, and Chief Operating Officer for the previous nine. Major accomplishments include assisting with the passage of the Travel Promotion Act of 2010; negotiating inter-local government funding agreements; and preparing four successful Super Bowl bids and three Pow Wow bids. Under Mr. Talbert's leadership, the GMCVB was awarded a prestigious accreditation from the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program in November 2007. Mr. Talbert is a current member of the following bodies: the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board; the U.S. Travel Association (USTA) Board; the Advisory Board, Brand USA; the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of VISIT FLORIDA (of which he is also its Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair); he is also past Chair of several prestigious marketing organizations. Mr. Talbert holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida. In 2006, he earned the Certified Destination Management Executive (CDME) designation – the highest educational achievement in the destination marketing industry.





**Strobe Talbott**  
*President, The  
Brookings Institution  
(United States)*

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### Strobe Talbott

Strobe Talbott is President of the Brookings Institution. Educated at Yale and Oxford, he was a foreign-affairs reporter and columnist for Time magazine for 21 years, then Deputy Secretary of State in the Clinton administration. Mr. Talbott chairs the Foreign Affairs Policy Board of the State Department. He is a member of the Aspen Strategy Group and chair of the American Ditchley Foundation. He has written or co-authored a dozen books on international relations.



**Michael Thompson**  
*Councillor, City of  
Toronto; Chair,  
Toronto's Economic  
Development and  
Culture Committee;  
and Chair, Invest  
Toronto (Canada)*

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### Michael Thompson

Michael Thompson is a Toronto City Councillor, Chair of Toronto's Economic Development and Culture Committee and Chair of Invest Toronto's Board of Directors. Councillor Thompson is a strong, active and influential leader in Toronto's efforts to build economic development relationships with partner countries around the world. Over his twelve years at City Hall, he has earned a reputation as a community-focused consensus builder and one of Toronto's hardest-working Councillors. Councillor Thompson's strong advocacy for public safety has resulted in the implementation of a City-wide Community Safety Plan. As Chair of Scarborough Community Council, he led the campaign to create the first ever TTC transit strategy for Scarborough. He also spearheaded the Taste of Lawrence Festival. Prior to entering politics, Councillor Thompson earned his business credentials as an entrepreneur in the business and financial services sector. He is the recipient of the African Achievement Award for Excellence in Politics, the York University International Award, the Jain Society of Toronto Community Award, the Bob Marley Award, and the Bob Marley Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a graduate of Concordia University in Montreal.



**Ernesto Torres  
Cantú**  
*Chief Executive Officer,  
Citi Mexico; and  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Grupo Financiero  
Banamex (Mexico)*

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### Ernesto Torres Cantú

Ernesto Torres Cantú is the Chief Executive Officer of Citi Mexico and Grupo Financiero Banamex. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of Banco Nacional de México, a role he has held since 2012. Mr. Cantú joined Banamex in 1989 as a corporate bank executive. In 1991, he became the Retail Bank Regional Director for Coahuila and Durango and, in 1997, he was named Divisional Director for the Central Region of Mexico. In 2006, he was appointed Corporate Director of the Retail Bank. In that role, his responsibilities included leadership for 1,600 branches, and he also oversaw products for individuals and small and medium enterprises in Mexico. From 2012 until September 2014, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Global Consumer Banking in Mexico. He is a member of the Board of Grupo Financiero Banamex and Banco Nacional de México. Mr. Cantú received a degree in industrial engineering from the ITESM (Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education) and a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University.



**Hulya Ulku**  
*Senior Economist,  
Development  
Economics  
Vice-Presidency,  
World Bank Group*

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### Hulya Ulku

Hulya Ulku is a Senior Economist in the Doing Business Unit of the Development Economics Vice-Presidency of the World Bank Group. Prior to joining the World Bank Group in 2013, she worked as a Lecturer in Development Economics at the University of Manchester for nine years, where she directed the Development Economics and Policy Master's Program and taught graduate-level International Trade and Macroeconomics courses. Ms. Ulku has published extensively on innovation and economic growth in developing and developed countries, and on the developmental potential of remittances, international aid and labour market regulations. Ms. Ulku holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Finance from Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey, and a doctoral degree in Economics from Brandeis University, Massachusetts.





## Biographical notes



**Julio Velarde**  
*Governor,  
Central Bank of Peru*

### Julio Velarde

Julio Velarde was appointed Governor of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru in September 2006. He holds a doctoral degree in Economics from Brown University (1978). During his academic career (1986-2003), he was Senior Professor and Dean of the Economics Department at Universidad del Pacifico (Lima, Peru). He has also served as a board member at several commercial banks and nonfinancial corporations. From 1990 to 1992 and from 2001 to 2003, Mr. Velarde was a member of the Central Bank Board. Before becoming Central Bank Governor he served as Chairman of the Latin American Reserve Fund (2004-2006). He has also been Chairman of the Governing Board of the Center of Latin American Monetary Studies (2007-2009). Mr. Velarde is the author of several books and articles on macroeconomics and economic policy, and is a frequent speaker at international events and fora.



**Maurice Veissi**  
*2012 President,  
National Association  
of Realtors  
(United States)*

### Maurice Veissi

Maurice "Moe" Veissi was the 2012 President of the National Association of Realtors, the largest trade organization in the U.S., with over 1,100,000 members. He was also the 2008 President of the Miami Association of Realtors, the largest local Realtor Association in the United States, and past President (2002) of the Florida Association of Realtors, the second-largest American State Realtor Association. In 2003 and 2010, he was named Realtor of the Year for the entire state of Florida. For 46 years he has been providing quality real estate service locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. In 2012, Mr. Veissi testified before various Budget and Finance committees and subcommittees on the viability and strength of real estate markets and their relationship to the economy and the social and cultural fabric of the United States. He was past Chair of the Economic Development Board for the City of Coral Gables, Florida, and served on the Zoning Board, Miami-Dade County. He was also a member of Tax Watch Florida. He articles and videos have been published in various media outlets, including the Wall Street Journal and Miami Review.



**Víctor M. Villalobos**  
*Director General,  
Inter-American Institute  
for Cooperation on  
Agriculture (IICA)*

### Víctor M. Villalobos

Víctor Villalobos is a Mexican professional specializing in the fields of agriculture, natural resources and genetics and a public servant; he took office as the tenth Director General of IICA on January 15, 2010 in Costa Rica. He enjoys a distinguished professional reputation and has made major contributions and supported innovation in the areas of plant production and the conservation of genetic and natural resources. His degrees include: a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy at the National School of Agriculture in Chapingo, Mexico (1976); a Master's of Science degree in Plant Genetics at the Graduate College of Chapingo (1979); and a doctoral degree at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada (1983). Dr. Villalobos was appointed the Natural Resources Undersecretary in order to increase agricultural production and food security in Mexico and worldwide. He has been a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry since 2004 and received an honorary doctorate from the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) in Costa Rica. He is also a member of the Scoping Team of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).



**Gonzalo E. Villarreal**  
*Founder, Tiempo y  
Forma Consultores y  
Servicios; and Former  
Managing Director –  
Latin America, Brevia  
Geneve (Mexico)*

### Gonzalo E. Villarreal

Gonzalo E. Villarreal has extensive international experience in the luxury business. He has worked in retail, marketing, public relations, merchandising and training for various global luxury brands. After joining The Swatch Group, he launched the first Omega flagship store in Latin America in Mexico City, and later in Panama. In 2009, he founded Tiempo y Forma Consultores y Servicios, a communications and distribution services firm specialized in upmarket positioning. His clients include: Sowind Group, Roger Dubuis, Harry Winston and several independent Swiss and French brands. Mr. Villarreal was head of Bulgari Retail in Mexico and later appointed Managing Director – Latin America for Brevia Geneve. Mr. Villarreal has been leading the lobbying efforts on behalf of the luxury goods sector in Mexico and is working alongside key members of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies to streamline the reform and implementation of a new money laundering legislation. Mr. Villarreal possesses a diploma from the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the National Conference of Governors in Ceremonial and Protocol. He regularly collaborates on the Latin American editions of Tiempo de Relojes, the Watch Book of Esquire and Revolution Magazine.





**Raymond Wood**  
*Managing Director,  
 Head of U.S. Power &  
 Renewables, Bank of  
 America Merrill Lynch  
 (United States)*

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### Raymond Wood

Raymond Wood serves as a Managing Director and Head of the U.S. Power and Renewables Group at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He leads coverage teams across a variety of client sectors including regulated utilities, independent power, alternative energy and private equity sponsors. Over Mr. Wood's 25-year career, he has assisted clients on noteworthy strategic transactions and financings, a number of which have been named "Deal of the Year." He has transaction expertise across the spectrum of mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, leveraged finance, structured finance, commodities and privatizations. His recent transaction/sector focus includes: Yieldco structures (public and private); Distributed generation; Gas-fired generation, recapitalization and monetization; Utility M&A; and Cross-border M&A and flotations. Mr. Wood received a Master of Business Administration degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management and a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College



**John Yearwood**  
*World Editor,  
 The Miami Herald;  
 Chairman, IPI North  
 American Committee;  
 and Editor, Issues &  
 Ideas, The Miami  
 Herald (United States)*

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### John Yearwood

Award-winning journalist John Yearwood is World Editor of the Miami Herald and a Vice-Chair of the Vienna-based International Press Institute, the world's oldest press-freedom organization. At the Herald, he directs the paper's national and international coverage. Under his leadership, the World Desk has won numerous awards, including the Arthur Ross Award for best coverage of Latin America. Mr. Yearwood leadership of the newspaper's Haiti earthquake coverage contributed to the Herald being named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News. Mr. Yearwood is a regular guest on National Public Radio and local and national television programs, including the Tavis Smiley Show. During the course of his career, he has met with countless world leaders ranging from Nelson Mandela and Margaret Thatcher to President Obama and Jordan's King Abdullah. Mr. Yearwood was named one of the 40 most influential African-Americans under 40 in South Florida and one of the 100 most successful Caribbean-Americans in South Florida. Mr. Yearwood legacy at the Herald includes conceiving and directing the landmark "A Rising Voice" series that reported on the empowerment and civil rights struggle occurring among Afro-Latin Americans.



**Margaret Zeigler**  
*Executive Director,  
 Global Harvest Initiative  
 (United States)*

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### Margaret Zeigler

Margaret Zeigler is Executive Director of the Global Harvest Initiative. She has dedicated her career to addressing global hunger and food security, most recently serving as Deputy Director at the Congressional Hunger Center, where she spent the past 18 years working closely with the public and private sectors, non-profit organizations, industry leaders and policy makers to promote food security and reduce hunger. Ms. Zeigler is a recognized thought leader on food security issues, serving as a media commentator and writer for several publications and news networks around the world.



**Yacouba Isaac Zida**  
*Prime Minister of  
 Burkina Faso*

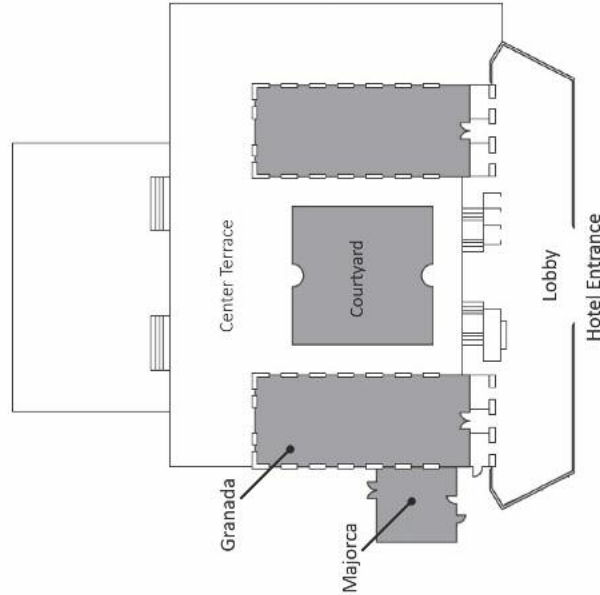
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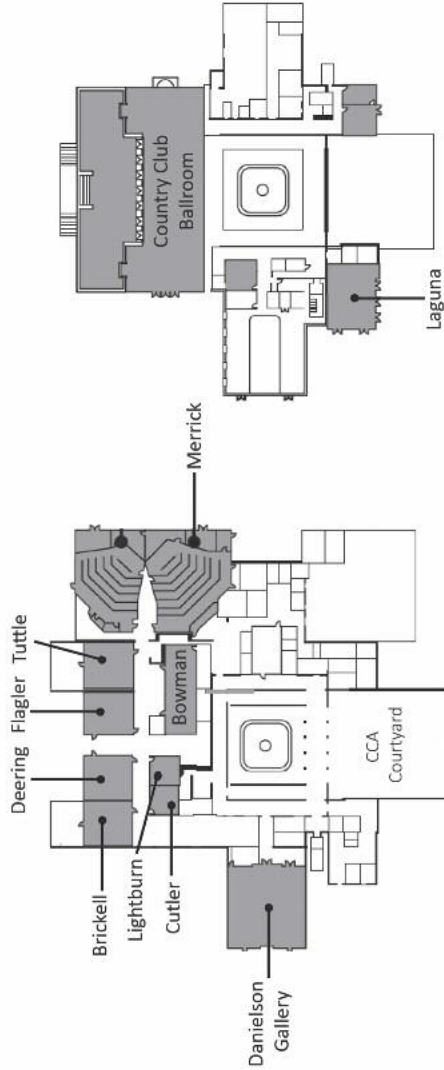
## Notes

# HOTEL BUILDING



- Granada Forum 1
- Afternoon Plenary
- Round Table
- Majorca Transportation & Protocol

# CONFERENCE CENTER



## GROUND FLOOR

- Merrick Forum 2
- Bowman Breakfast Session
- Danielson Gallery Breakfast Session
- Flagler Registration
- Tuttle Media Room
- Deering Bilateral Meeting Room 1
- Cutler Bilateral Meeting Room 2
- Lightburn Bilateral Meeting Room 3
- Brickell Bilateral Meeting Room 4
- World Strategic Forum Administration

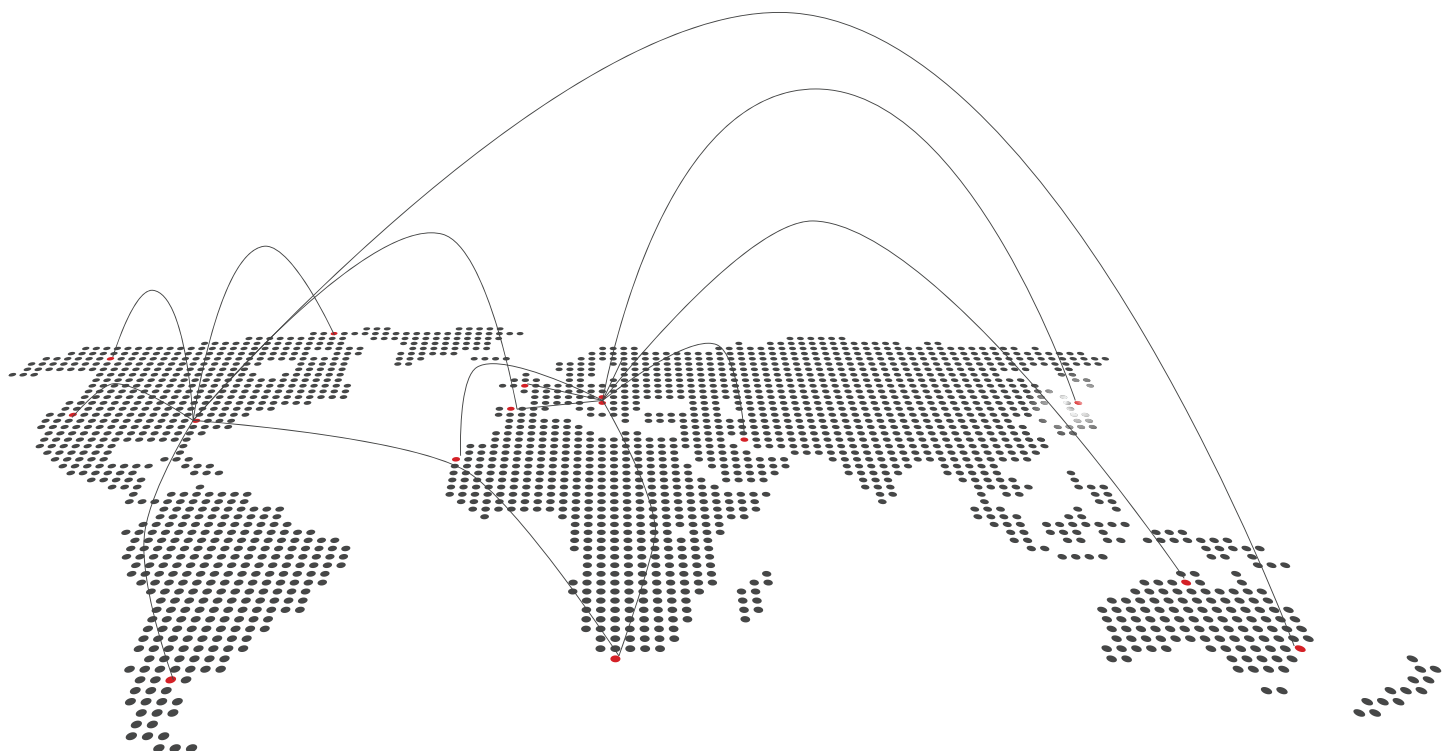
## SECOND FLOOR

- Country Club Ballroom Opening Plenary Luncheon
- Laguna FTI Consulting VIP Lounge

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