Speaker Profiles

Hon. Dr. Najeeb Saeed Ghanem AL-DOBAI
Member of Parliament of Yemen

Dr. Najeeb Saeed Ghanem Al-Dobai is a Yemeni member of parliament and an academic. He is a former Yemeni Health Minister (1993-1997), and since 2003 he has been the Chairman of the Health & Population Committee in the Yemeni Parliament.

Dr. Ghanem has been instrumental in establishing a number of Yemeni healthcare initiatives, such as: Establishing professional postgraduate Medical Training for Physicians, providing Rehabilitation Care for Disabled Children suffering from Cerebral Palsy, Countering the phenomenon of Increasing Maternal & Infant mortality rate, Helping Yemeni Youth (Boys & Girls) to acquire some skills in order to meet market needs inside & outside Yemen, and launching campaign to Eradicate Kat Chewing Habit from the Yemeni Society.

Mr. Ahmad ALHENDAWI
United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Ahmad Alhendawi of Jordan is the first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. He assumed office in February 2013.

Mr. Alhendawi previously worked as a Team Leader for the World Bank funded programme to the League of Arab States on Institutional Development to Strengthen Arab Policy and Participation. Prior to this, he served as the Youth Policy Advisor in the League of Arab States in Cairo and as an officer in the Technical Secretariat of the Arab Youth and Sports Ministers Council. Past experience also includes serving as a Team Leader for the National Youth Policy Project in Iraq, a Youth Programme Associate at the Iraq office of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and as an Emergency Programme Officer at the non-governmental organization Save the Children. As a regional consultant, Mr. Alhendawi supported the Danish Youth Council's projects in the Middle East and North Africa.

Born in 1984, Mr. Alhendawi holds a Master’s degree in Advanced European and International relations, a diploma as “Policy Officer in European and International Organizations” from the Institut Européen in Nice, and a Bachelor’s degree in computer information systems from the Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan.

Mr. Alhendawi is a strong youth advocate at the national, regional and international levels. He was among the cofounders of All Jordan Youth Commission and the Youth for Democracy Network at the Jordanian Commission for Democratic Culture which he headed. Internationally, he is a cofounder of the International Youth Council, based in New York.

Mr. Alhendawi has written extensively on youth and civil society, including: “Working with Youth in the MENA Region, an Introductory Guide to NGO programming in Support of the Inclusion of Youth”, published by the Danish Youth Council and on the role of civil society in the Arab spring: A comparison between the role of social movements and NGOs in the
Egyptian uprising. In addition, he is a recipient of the Youth Action Net Fellowship as a Young Social Entrepreneur by the International Youth Foundation in Washington DC.

Ms. Line BAREIRO  
Political Scientist, Lawyer, Paraguay

Line Bareiro is a Paraguayan political scientist and lawyer, (National University of Asuncion, Paraguay and the University of Heidelberg, Federal Republic of Germany). She is Member from CEDAW Committee (UN) and was coordinator of the initiative undertaken by the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW (2000-2001), academic Director of the Shadow Report to CEDAW Paraguay (2004), designed the Program for Women’s Active Citizenship for the Government of Costa Rica (1995), evaluated Paraguay’s First Plan on Equal Opportunities for Women (2002), was advisor to the Plan of Equal Opportunities and Rights for Women for the Government of Uruguay (2006), and founder and coordinator (until August 2009) of the Paraguayan Network Against All Forms of Discrimination.

Ms. Bareiro has taught graduate courses in Gender Studies at Universities in Bolivia, Costa Rica, Spain, Nicaragua and Chile as well as the Interdisciplinary Course in Human Rights at the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights (IIDH) and currently (since 2002) teaches the Seminar on Democracy, Citizenship and the State, for the Master from the Regional Programme on Gender and Public Policies (PRIGEPP) at the Latin American College of Social Sciences (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales - FLACSO), Argentina. She is a researcher from the Center for Documentation and Research (CDE-Paraguay), Member of the General Assembly from the Inter American Institute of Human Rights (IIHR – Costa Rica) and from Water Lex. Her work (Books and Papers) is about democracy, women’s equality and citizenship from a Gender and Human Rights perspective.

Prof. Alaka BASU  
Senior Fellow UN Foundation,  
Professor of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Alaka Basu is a social demographer and has published widely in the areas of reproductive health and family planning, gender and development, child health and mortality, and the context and politics of population policy. She has served on the governing boards of the Population Association of America (PAA), the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) and the Population Council in New York. She served for six years as the Director of the South Asia Program at Cornell University. She has also taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi and at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Prof. Leonel BRIOZZO  
Professor/ Doctor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology,
Undersecretary of the Uruguayan Ministry of Public Health

He has held the position of Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health since July 2011. Previously, he served as Director of Strategic Planning in Health. He is a clinical obstetrician and gynaecologist, and a university professor (Rank-V Full Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Medical School of the University of the Republic).

Professor/Doctor Leonel Briozzo specializes in four major areas of women's and perinatal health: bioethics and medical professionalism; sexual and reproductive health and rights; pelvic floor dysfunctions and perinatology; foetal health and, more specifically, intrapartum foetal monitoring. He has published tens of scientific articles and academic books in these areas.

Between 2001 and 2010 he was managing director and founder of the Civil Association Iniciativas Sanitarias (Health Initiatives), which developed and implemented the risk- and harm-reduction strategy known as Contra el Aborto Provocado en Condiciones de Riesgo (Health Initiatives against Abortion in Unsafe Conditions). This project succeeded in significantly reducing maternal deaths and the number of abortions performed in Uruguay. At present, it is promoted by PAHO-WHO and the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics as a model of public policies aimed at reducing risk and harm in the context of restrictive abortion legislation.

In 2008, he was awarded the National Grand Prize for Medicine by the National Medical Academy for his work with an interdisciplinary group of professionals in Iniciativas Sanitarias.

His academic practice and production in bioethics and medical professionalism earned him the recognition of the medical community, who appointed him Chairman of the Board of Arbitration of the Medical Union of Uruguay.

Hon. Dr. Shirin Sharmin CHAUDHURY
Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament

Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP is the Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament for the second time. She is the first ever woman Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament. She is a Member of the 10th Parliament of Bangladesh (24 Rangpur-6) from Bangladesh Awami League. She was also Member of 9th Parliament. Dr. Chaudhury was the State Minister for Women & Children Affairs (2009-2013). Serving in the said position Shirin actively engaged in promoting gender equality and women empowerment. National Women Development Policy 2010, Children Policy 2011 and Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act 2010 were formulated under her leadership.

Formerly she was the International Affairs Secretary of the Central Committee of Bangladesh Awami League.

Dr. Chaudhury is an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Enrolled with Bangladesh Bar Council, Chaudhury had been a practicing lawyer for the last sixteen years.

Having obtained Commonwealth Scholarship, Shirin completed Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy in Law) in year 2000 from University of Essex, United Kingdom. Her Thesis is on “The Right
Her area of specialization is Constitutional Law and Human Rights. Shirin completed LL.B (Honours) and LL.M. from University of Dhaka, securing First Class First position. She secured first position in the Dhaka Board SSC (Humanities) Examination and second position in Dhaka Board HSC (Humanities) Examination in the Combined Merit List.

Dr. Chaudhury has conducted many cases on violation of human rights involving constitutional issues. Dr. Chaudhury was a panel lawyer for Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2008-2009. Legal area of her practice involves cases on Judicial Review by way of Writs. She also worked on Sustainable Development area- Gender Issues; Pro-bono Public Interest Litigation; issues concerning Human Securities and Right to Life. Dr. Shirin Chaudhury has teaching experience as Resource Person in BRAC University on Human Rights and also in Dhaka International University on Human Rights and Public International Law.

She also worked with many human rights organizations and women rights organizations in promoting the cause of rights based approach. She developed dialogue/concept papers etc. with various relevant NGO's and Human Rights organizations on human rights issues. Dr. Shirin S. Chaudhury was the Editor of Bangladesh Legal Decisions (BLD), Law Report Series published by Bangladesh Bar Council. (2003-2009 (July) Edition).

Dr. Shirin was awarded Asia Society’s Humanitarian Service Award on 09 June 2010 in recognition of her role as a leader in advocating the elimination of violence against women and mainstreaming women’s empowerment and employment in Bangladesh. Dr. Chaudhury received this award from Ambassador Melanne Verveer, US Ambassador-at-Large, Global Women Issues in a gala award ceremony at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington DC.

She has participated in many national, regional and international seminars and conferences on issues relating to human rights, inclusive & sustainable development and gender. Dr. Chaudhury received Commonwealth Gender Chair on behalf of Bangladesh for year 2010-2011.

Dr. Chaudhury is married to Syed Ishtiaque Hossain, who is a Pharmacist (Pharmaceutical Consultant). She is the mother of two lovely children, daughter Lamisa (19) and son Ibtesham (10).

Mr. Bob COLLYMORE  
Chief Executive Officer, SAFARICOM

Robert (Bob) Collymore is the CEO of Safaricom Limited, a leading communications company in Africa and pioneer of MPESA, the world’s most developed mobile payment system.

His work experience spans across diverse countries such as Japan, South Africa and the United Kingdom where he’s held senior roles in marketing, purchasing, retail and corporate affairs. Bob has more than 30 years of commercial experience working in the telecommunications sector and is passionate about how businesses can be catalysts in transforming communities.

The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Mr. Collymore to the United Nations Global Compact Board. This is seen as a recognition of Safaricom’s commitment to
environmental, sustainability and anti-corruption issues as well as the work it is undertaking to address the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on maternal health and child mortality.

Mr Collymore has served as a Commissioner on the United Nations Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for women and children.

Hon. Ms. Ciara CONWAY
Vice Chairperson of the Irish Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, Children and Youth Affairs

Ciara Conway is the Labour T.D. for Waterford and is the Vice Chairperson of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, Children and Youth Affairs. Through her Vice Chair post, she played a key role in steering through the passage of the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill, enacted in January 2013. The Act provides for a termination of pregnancy where there is a real and substantial risk to a woman’s life from a physical illness, including from the risk of suicide. Ciara Conway’s key areas of interest include Health, Children, Childcare and matters of policy. She studied Public and Social Policy (B.A. Hons) in NUI, Galway and Social Work (M.A.) in U.C.C., and she is awaiting conferral of an MBA from Waterford Institute of Technology. She has been employed by the HSE as a Social Worker, and worked for Barnardos until her election to the Oireachtas. She was elected to the 31st Dáil in 2011, on her first attempt. She is the first ever female T.D. to represent Waterford for the Labour Party. Her election was also historic in the sense that she was the first woman to have been elected to represent Waterford this century; the last women T.D. elected in Waterford was Fine Gael’s Bridget Redmond, who held the seat between 1933 and 1954.

Dr. Melinda CRANE
Moderator, journalist

Dr. Melinda Crane has given speeches and moderated events and discussions for a wide range of international organizations and firms. She is a frequent guest and commentator on German television and radio and regularly analyzes US policy for the news broadcaster n-tv. An experienced TV anchor, she is chief political correspondent at DW TV and also hosts the DW talk show “Quadriga” as well as the political magazine “People and Politics.”

Dr. Crane studied history and political science at Brown University and law at Harvard. She received her PhD in political economy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

As International Affairs Consultant to the discussion show “Sabine Christiansen” she produced interviews with Kofi Annan, Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and George Bush, among others.

Areas of expertise include: transatlantic politics; energy, climate and environment; transport and communication; globalization, finance and trade; science and medicine (including pharma); migration, integration and urbanization; women, youth and education; new media and the internet.

Melinda Crane moderates in English and German and also speaks French fluently.

Ms. Nandita DAS  
Actress, director, women’s rights advocate

Nandita did her Masters in Social Work from University of Delhi and worked with various NGOs. She continues to advocate issues of social justice, especially those of women, children and the marginalised communities, through various platforms. She has been a featured speaker at many reputed universities and social forums, both, in India and abroad.

She has written, directed and acted in the play, Between the Lines - a play that deals with gender inequalities. This play marks her debut as a playwright and theatre director. She writes a monthly column called the Last Word, for the magazine, The Week. She was the Chairperson of the Children’s Film Society, India, where she made many big and small changes to revamp the organization. The French Government has conferred Nandita with the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters, their prestigious civilian award. She also became the first Indian to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the International Women's Forum. She has recently finished shooting for a Spanish film, which was with an all women crew.

Ms Valerie DeFILLIPO  
Director Family Planning 2020

Valerie DeFillipo is passionate in her belief that women and girls, no matter where they live, should have access to the reproductive health services and contraceptives they want. As the director of Family Planning 2020 (FP2020), Ms. DeFillipo leads the global effort to enable an additional 120 million women and girls to access contraceptive information, services and supplies by 2020.

Ms. DeFillipo is widely respected for her technical expertise, experience leading global multi-stakeholder partnerships, and deep commitment to reproductive health and rights. She began her career at the historic Margaret Sanger Center in New York City and later led Planned Parenthood of Greater Miami, where she designed and implemented an award-winning teen pregnancy prevention center. She has developed programs, provided technical
support, and conducted fact-finding missions in countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

She led the international public affairs division of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and is the founding director of Planned Parenthood Global Partners. As director of external affairs for International Planned Parenthood Federation, she spearheaded the integration of communication, advocacy, and resource mobilization efforts, and played a key role in organizing the civil society review of the 10th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development. Most recently, she served as president of Friends of UNFPA, where she led advocacy, fundraising and public education initiatives in support of the United Nations Population Fund.

Ms. DeFillipo received her MA from Harvard University and completed her undergraduate studies at James Madison University. She currently resides in Washington, D.C.

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H.E. Ms. Hillevi ENGSTROM
Swedish Minister for International Development

Hillevi Engström is the Swedish Minister for International Development. In 1983 she received a Degree from the Swedish National Police Academy, Ulriksdal. She completed studies in law, labour market issues and education at Stockholm and Örebro Universities.

She was elected as a Member of the Riksdag in 2002. Prior to becoming Minister for International Development Cooperation in 2013, she was Minister for Employment (2010-2013), Spokesperson for the Moderate Party on gender equality issues (2009-2010), and Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on the Labour Market (2008-2010).

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Dr. Kitty van der HEIJDEN
Director World Resources Institute (WRI) Europe Office

Dr Kitty van der Heijden is the Director of WRI’s Europe Office. Kitty is responsible for managing the liaison office, and representing WRI’s vision and strategy in Europe. Kitty leads WRI engagement in the post 2015 Development Agenda. An economist by background (Erasmus University Rotterdam), with hands-on experience in sustainable development, her prime motivation is to ensure dignified living conditions for all mankind. Prior to joining WRI, Kitty was the Ambassador for Sustainable Development and Director of the Department for Climate, Energy, Environment and Water in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, responsible for policy development on environmental global public goods and managing the sizeable aid budget of the Department. She led the Netherlands delegation to the Rio+20 summit and was awarded a national Ribbon of Honor
for her efforts to raise public awareness on the challenges and opportunities of a truly sustainable development pathway in 2013.

Prior to her secondment to the UN in Hanoi, Vietnam, where she managed the ‘One UN’ pilot to enhance effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of UN field operations, she represented her government in a multitude of UN fora in New York. She chaired the ICPD+10 negotiations, bringing them to a successful conclusion after an arduous process. Her working experience includes her tenure in New Delhi managing The Netherlands’ development programmes in India, Bhutan in Nepal as well as managing humanitarian aid in complex crisis situations, such as the immediate aftermath of the genocide in Rwanda, and reconstruction efforts in the Great Lakes region.

Mr. Dana HOVIG
Director of Integrated Delivery at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Dana Hovig is Director of Integrated Delivery at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He works with both the Global Development and Global Health programs to speed up the launch, improve the delivery, enhance integration, and scale up the use of life saving and life changing products, technologies, and service delivery innovations. He has broad experience in healthcare delivery, and has lived and worked in West Africa and Pakistan for nearly 10 years. Dana has designed, launched and managed successful health programs on five continents.

Before joining the foundation, he was Chief Executive of Marie Stopes International (MSI) based in London, UK for 7 years. MSI is one of the largest non-profit family planning organizations in the world. Dana led a global network of primary care, family planning, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention programs with over 620 health clinics, nearly 9000 staff, and offices in 40 countries. Prior to that role, he was Senior Vice President of Population Services International (PSI), where he worked for over 11 years. PSI designs, implements, and evaluates social marketing and behavior change communications programs, with offices in over 60 countries. During the 4 years he lived in Karachi with PSI, Dana designed, launched, and managed the GreenStar reproductive health social franchising network, the largest program of its kind in the world. Greenstar trained, accredited, and branded over 2000 MBBS private sector female doctors to deliver family planning, maternal health and nutrition services. GreenStar franchising and social marketing services protected the equivalent over 2 million couples per year from unwanted pregnancy. Dana has a BA from Notre Dame in Economics, and an MSc from the London School of Economics in International Political Economy. He speaks French and basic Spanish.

Hon. Mr. Haruna IDDRISU
Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Ghana
Honourable Haruna Iddrisu, Member of Parliament for Tamale South, was appointed and sworn in as Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Ghana in February 2013.

He was then Minister of Communications of the Republic of Ghana for four years. He has also been the Member of Parliament for Tamale South Constituency after retaining his parliamentary seat in the December 2008 and 2012 Presidential and Parliamentary elections respectively.

Before assuming the formal appointment as Minister, Honourable Haruna Iddrisu had been the Ranking Member of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Communications and also, the Minority Spokesman on Communications in the previous Parliament when his party was in Opposition. He is being a member of the Parliamentary Select Committees on Mines and Energy, Judiciary and Constitutional, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs. He is also a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments.

Honourable Haruna Iddrisu holds a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and he is also a Barrister-at-law. He has been a member of the Ghana Bar Association since 2002.

In charting his political career, Honourable Haruna Iddrisu played a very active part in student’s politics and was President of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) from 1996-1997. He was the National Youth Organiser for the National Democratic Congress (NDC) Party from 2002 to 2010.

On the international ICT scene, he has been leader of Ghana’s delegation to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), African Telecommunication Union (ATU) and ECOWAS meetings.

He was Chairman of the 2009 Session of Council of International Telecommunications Union (ITU) that is remembered for the consensus he achieved in the adoption of critical ITU Resolutions and Recommendations on global telecommunication issues.

In January 2011 Haruna Iddrisu was Commissioner of ITU/WHO Commission on Information and Accountability on Women’s and Children’s Health.

Haruna Iddrisu was Chairman of the ITU Council Adhoc Group on Internet Policy that also resolved fundamental differences on the Internet issues present to the World Conference on International Telecommunications in 2012.

He is Chairman, Brand Ghana Council with mandate to build a compelling image for Ghana.

Born on 8th September 1970, Honourable Haruna Iddrisu is married with three children.

Congresswoman Sheila JACKSON LEE
U.S. Congress

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is an influential and forceful voice in Washington. She is serving her tenth term (20 years) as a member of the United States House of Representatives. She represents the 18th Congressional District of Texas, centered in Houston, which is the energy capital of the world. Considered by
many as the “Voice of Reason”, she is dedicated to upholding the Constitutional rights of all people.

During Congresswoman Jackson Lee’s tenure in Congress she has served on various Committees including the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Judiciary. In the 110th and 111th Congress, Congresswoman Jackson Lee served as Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection. As Chairwoman, Congresswoman Jackson Lee was a leader in support of enhanced technology, better intelligence, increased airplane cargo inspections, increased security for railroads, and implementation of the 9/11 Commission report. She currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection. Congresswoman Jackson Lee is also a senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee where she is a leader on Bullying Prevention. She was the lead sponsor of the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011 and is leading the fight once again with her current bill HR 5770 with support from producers Harvey Weinstein and Lee Hirsch - producers of the film 'Bully’. She also led the fight for passage of the Fair Sentencing Act and this year garnered unanimous support to amend the 2012 Defense Authorization Bill that creates a day of honor for the return of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. She has authored several immigration bills, such as H.R. 750, the "Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act", which sets forth a comprehensive and humane solution to the immigration problem, introduced legislation to enhance federal enforcement of hate crimes with H.R. 254, the David Ray Hate Crimes Prevention Act, played a significant role in the renewal and reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, and contributed an amendment to the NASA reauthorization bill that will ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to NASA’s education programs. In addition, Congresswoman Jackson Lee launched the Dr. Mae C. Jemison Grant Program to work with institutions serving minorities to bring more women of color in the field of space and aeronautics.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee has received numerous honors during her career in public service, including the US Dream Academy Legacy Award, the National Bankers Association Foundation Excellence Award, the Martin Luther King National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc. Champion of Courage Award, the Livingstone College Doctor of Humane Letters, the National Association of Negro Business Sojourner Truth Meritorious Service Award, the Award for Policy at the 16th Annual Phillip Burton Immigration & Civil Rights Awards, the Drum Major Award for Public Service by the Revelation Urban Development Institute, the National Minority Quality Forum Lifetime Achievement Award and the Houston Community College Joyce M. Reynolds award just to name a few. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to Science, the National Technical Association (NTA) of Scientists and Engineers honored the Congresswoman with its Top Women in the Sciences Award. She was also awarded the "Legislator of the Year" by the National Mental Health Association for her outstanding work on mental health legislation.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee is a frequent guest on network and cable news including Face the Nation and MSNBC. She is a founder, member, and co-chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus and has served several years as a member of the Democratic Caucus Health Care Task Force. Additionally, she serves on numerous Caucuses including the Azerbaijan Caucus, the Pakistan Caucus, and the Afghan Caucus. She has been hailed by Ebony magazine as one of the "100 Most Fascinating Black Women." "Congressional Quarterly" named her as one of the 50 most effective Members of Congress and "U.S. News and World Report" named her as one of the 10 most influential legislators in the House of Representatives. Her hometown newspaper, the "Houston Chronicle" named her as one of the most influential and prolific legislators on Capitol Hill. Most recently, she was named
the Member of Congress with the largest and most impressive vocabulary based on the words that may be found on the SAT. Congresswoman Jackson Lee has served in a number of positions in the Congressional Black Caucus including 1st Vice Chair, Chair of the Energy Task Force, and Co-Chair of the Redistricting Task Force for the 112th Congress. She also represents the Congressional Black Caucus on immigration reform issues.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee earned a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University with honors, followed by a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School. She is married to Dr. Elwyn Lee who is an Administrator at the University of Houston. She has two children Jason Lee a graduate of Harvard University and Erica Lee a graduate of Duke University and a Member of the Harris County School Board in Houston, Texas.

Hon. Ms. Mariam JASHI  
Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Mariam Jashi has been the Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia since November 2012. Before that she was a member of the Independent Review Committee (IRC) - The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) based in Switzerland. She has also provided technical expertise to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Bank and several UN agencies including UNICEF, UNFPA and UNAIDS for Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Belarus. Ms. Jashi is a recipient of awards from the World Health Organization EURO and the Alliance for Improved Nutrition, Parliament of Georgia. Her work was published in 2010 UN Millennium Development Goals Good Practices, 2011 Harvard Kennedy School Review and 2012 Health Policy and Planning (Oxford University Press)

She received her Master of Public Administration (MPA) at the Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government (US) and is fluent in Georgian (native), English and Russian.

Dr. Shireen JEJEEBBOY  
Senior Associate Population Council of India

Shireen Jejeebhoy is Senior Associate, Population Council, India, where she directs research activities related to young people’s health and development, gender based violence, and preventing unsafe abortion. Her research has focused on areas of gender, adolescent health and development, and sexual and reproductive matters both in India and more generally. Earlier, she was Scientist in the Reproductive Health and Research Department, World Health Organisation, Geneva. She has made
significant research contributions in the areas of women’s education and empowerment, violence, maternal health, abortion, and adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights in India and more generally, and has authored or edited seven books, and authored more than 20 book chapters, more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles, and more than 20 study reports. She works closely with partners in the Government of India and the NGO sector, and serves as a reviewer of many international journals on health, education and youth. Jejeebhoy holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in demography from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Anders B. JONSSON
IPU Secretary General

Mr. Anders B. Jonsson was elected IPU Secretary General in 1998 for an initial four year mandate. He has since been re-elected three times. Before serving as IPU Secretary General, Mr. Jonsson directed the development of IPU’s program to strengthen parliaments and promote democracy. Prior to joining the IPU in 1991, he worked for more than 15 years in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) where he held senior positions in Honduras, Pakistan, Sudan and Viet Nam, as well as at UNHCR Headquarters where he was Senior Legal Adviser to the High Commissioner. Mr. Jonsson has devoted his entire professional life to international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy. He is an expert in international law and politics, democracy, human rights, gender equality issues and parliamentary diplomacy. He is the author of several papers and articles and is frequently invited to speak on these subjects. Born in 1948 in Lund, Sweden, Mr. Jonsson - who is fluent in English, French and Spanish - obtained a Bachelor of Law degree at Lund University, studied European law and integration in Bruges, Belgium, and took a Master of Comparative Law degree at New York University. He is married to a Mexican writer with whom he shares three children.

Hon. Ms. Ulrika KARLSSON
EPF Executive Committee member and Chairperson of the Swedish Parliamentary SRHR Intergroup

Ulrika Karlsson has been a member of the Riksdag since 2006 and is Chairman of the Swedish Parliamentary SRHR Intergroup. Within the moderate parliamentary group, she has responsibilities regarding the Middle East and North Africa, Democracy and Human Rights.
In Parliament she has assignments concerning EU Affairs and Foreign Affairs. She represents parliament internationally and is vice chairman of the parliamentary delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Ms. Asel KUBANYCHBEKOVA  
Young Activist, Kyrgyzstan

My name is Asel Kubanychbekova, I am 18 years old, and I am a young activist from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. I have been involved in volunteer work since 2009, my first organization, which was inspired and motivated me - is Children and Youth organization "Shyktanuu", where we were taught volunteerism, leadership and coaching on a "peer-to-peer" approach. Then, I was hired as trainer of "peer to peer" in the international project «Dance for Life», where I became an agent of change and a facilitator, the project was implemented in Kyrgyzstan by Public Union «Reproductive Health Alliance in Kyrgyzstan» and I entered into a member of this organization.

At this point, I have been working 5-year as a member of the organization, and the 2nd year board member of the Youth Committee of public union «Reproductive Health Alliance in Kyrgyzstan».

My experience in volunteering greatly influenced, when I entered to the university and have chosen my future profession. Now I am studying at the faculty “social work”

In the learning process, I organized Intercollegiate Conference «socialization of students in a modern university» to young people are actively involved and integrated in social life. In 2011 the initiative group of 5 people, where I was the facilitator, implemented social project «Test yourself for HIV», where we tried to use the uniqueness. We are on matchbook, which is used by almost everyone, on both sides pasted information about HIV and phone hotline.

In 2012, I implemented a social project "You and me are the future of our country", supported by the youth program of the Soros Foundation -Kyrgyzstan, Youth Action Fund, which was aimed at combining children from different strata of the population.

In 2013, I participated in the project «School social entrepreneurship, » which was attended by 25 active people from all regions of Kyrgyzstan. In the end, there was a contest to obtain a voucher for the implementation of its social enterprise, and my project was one of the winners of the five.

My social enterprise project is a school to prepare for childbirth, titled "We are happy parents".

In this project, we prepare young women and men to get birth. It is actual for our country, because of low awareness of young people about family planning, reproductive health and rights. Kyrgyzstan has a leading position on maternal mortality among the countries of Central Asia are particularly vulnerable internal migrants who have no residence permit and do not have basic knowledge base.

In late 2014, I became an employee of the public union «Youth Peer Education Network Y-Peer-Kyrgyzstan», as a mobilizer and trainer within the project «Stop violence against children. »
I express strong interest in participation in IPCI/ICPD conference and I believe I can contribute to the ICPD agenda on youth my experience from Kyrgyzstan.

**Congressman Jim McDERMOTT**  
U.S. Congress

Born in Chicago, Jim was the first member of his family to attend college. He graduated from Wheaton College and then attended the Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine at the University of Illinois. After completing medical school and an internship, Jim moved to Seattle to pursue his specialty in psychiatry at the University of Washington Medical Center.

When Jim finished his medical training, he joined the U.S. Navy and fulfilled his military obligation at the Long Beach Naval Station, where he treated soldiers and sailors returning from the Vietnam War.

In 1970, Jim moved back to Seattle to establish his medical practice and involve himself in the community. Shortly after returning, Jim recognized that he could do more to help improve the lives of others as an elected official, and, in 1970, he was elected to the Washington State Legislature. He continued to practice medicine on a part-time basis, and during his time in the Legislature, Jim became an influential member – first as a member of the State House of Representatives (1971-1972) and then as a State Senator (1975-1987).

After more than a decade in the State Senate, Jim decided to leave politics to serve as a U.S. Foreign Service Medical Officer in 1987. Stationed in Zaire, Jim was charged with providing psychiatric services to State Department employees, USAID staff, and Peace Corps personnel throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

In 1988, Jim returned home to run for the U.S. Congressional seat representing the Seattle area. He is now serving his twelfth term, representing the 7th Congressional District of Washington State, which includes Seattle and parts of several neighboring communities.

Jim is a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee – Congress’ tax-writing panel. During his time in Congress, Jim has worked hard to aid society’s most vulnerable populations – foster children, low-income individuals and families, unemployed Americans, and those confronting major illness or disability.

Throughout his congressional career, Jim has been a fierce advocate for the interests and issues of the greater Seattle region. Flying back to Seattle nearly every weekend of the year, Jim remains deeply involved in the community and maintains close connections with the people he represents.

Jim resides in the city of Seattle and has two grown children and three grandchildren. If he is not hosting or attending meetings and events in Seattle, there is a good chance Jim is reading, painting, gardening, or walking through Discovery Park.

Mr. Tewodros MELESSE  
Director-General of IPPF
Tewodros Melesse was appointed Director-General of IPPF in September 2011. Having worked since 2002 as IPPF Africa Regional Director, Tewodros brings almost thirty years of experience with organizations committed to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all.

IPPF is the world’s largest non-governmental organization working in this field. With a Strategic Framework adopted by over 150 Member Associations it addresses five key areas: Adolescents, HIV/AIDS, Abortion, Access and Advocacy.

Tewodros is a passionate advocate and is committed to working in strong partnership to achieve change with governments, donors and not-for-profit organizations. His leadership assisted with the development and adoption of the Africa Union Maputo Plan of Action, which he believes will save the lives of future women and girls and provides the necessary policy framework to cost-universal access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health in Africa.

Prior to IPPF, Tewodros held the position of Country Representative (Ethiopia) for Pathfinder International.

Tewodros has a degree in Economics (Catholic University, Louvain/ Belgium). A citizen of Ethiopia and a permanent resident of Australia, he is based in the United Kingdom.

Tewodros is fluent in English and French; he is married with two adult daughters.

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**Hon. Donatille MUKABALISA**  
**Speaker of Chamber of Deputies, Rwanda**

Rt. Hon.MUKABALISA Donatille, 53 years old is married with three children. She is Rwandan.  
Concerning the education level, she holds a bachelor degree in law. As far as professional experience is concerned, she worked with UNDP in Rwanda in capacity of Program Assistant from 1981 to 1996. She joined politics in 1991 when she became member of Liberal Party, one of the five political organizations which are represented in the Parliament of Rwanda. She is currently Secretary General of Liberal Party. She got several trainings as well as a technician as a politician.

She served as Deputy from Transitional period up to First Legislature of the Chamber of Deputies in Parliament of Rwanda which came to its end by 05 October, 2008. She stopped
for private service and joined the Senate in 2011 where she left after getting elected as Deputy. On 4th October 2013, she was elected the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies making her the second woman Speaker in the Rwandan history.

As a Deputy, she served as Deputy-Chairperson of the Committee on Economy and trade in Transitional period while she served in Committee on Political Affairs in Capacity of Deputy-Chairperson in First Legislature. In the Senate, she worked in the Committee on Political Affairs and Good Governance in capacity of Deputy-Chairperson. She also served as a Secretary General of the Rwandan Parliamentary Network on Population and Development.

As politician, she participated actively in identifying all discriminatory laws existing in Rwandan legal system and proposed their amendment or abrogation. She also campaigned for putting in place the new gender sensitive laws. She is among a Group of Deputies who initiated the gender based violence law which was adopted in 2008.

Loreen
Swedish artist and human rights advocate

Loreen represented Sweden in the Eurovision Song Contest 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan, with her entry "Euphoria" and won the contest with 372 points. She has a history of human rights activism and has worked with a number Swedish civil society organisations.

Dr. Babatunde OSOTIMEHIN
Executive Director of UNFPA

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin is the fourth Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Before this appointment, he served as the Minister of Health of Nigeria. Prior to that position, he was the Director-General of the Nigerian National Agency for the Control of AIDS, which coordinates all HIV and AIDS work in a country of more than 150 million people.

Dr Osotimehin is medical doctor, a member of the United Kingdom’s Royal College of Physicians and was, between 1996 and 1997, a visiting fellow at the Harvard Centre for Population and Development Studies. He was appointed as a Professor at the University of
Ibadan in 1980 and headed the Department of Clinical Pathology before being elected as Provost of the College of Medicine of the same university in 1990. He held the position until 1994.

Dr Osotimehin’s interests include youth and gender, within the context of reproductive health and rights.

Prof. Hans ROSLING
Edutainer

Hans Rosling is professor of International Health at Karolinska Institutet, the medical university in Stockholm, Sweden. When working as a young doctor in Mozambique he discovered a previously unrecognized paralytic disease that his research team named Konzo. His 20 years of research on global health concerned the character of the links between economy and health in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

He has been adviser to WHO and UNICEF, co-founded Médecins Sans Frontières in Sweden and started new courses and published a textbook on Global Health. He is a member of the International Group of the Swedish Academy of Science and of the Global Agenda Network of the World Economic Forum in Switzerland.

He co-founded Gapminder Foundation with son and daughter-in-law. Gapminder promotes a fact based world view by converting the international statistics into moving, interactive, understandable and enjoyable graphics.

Hon. Ms. Bertha SANSEVERINO
Member of the Health and Population and Development Commissions of the Parliament of Uruguay

Ms. Sanseverino was born in Colonia, Uruguay on April 25, 1946 and attended elementary, high school and University through the public education system of Uruguay obtaining the degree of Advocate. She has a daughter Inés and is also a visual artist.

At the end of the late 60’s she was actively involved in the student movement and social uprisings that in 1968 marked her social and political commitments. She was the leader of the Law Students’ Center and was involved with the Uruguayan Federation of University Students (FEUU).

In 1971 Ms. Sanseverino was involved in the foundation of the political party “Frente Amplio”. She also joined the University Socialist Brigade and in 1973 the Communist Party of Uruguay. During the dictatorship in 1977 she had to live in exile in Lyon, France, where
she participated in different support activities in Lyon, Grenoble and Paris. In 1985 she returned to her country Uruguay.

In November 1994 she was elected Departmental Mayor of Montevideo and re-elected in May 2000, chairing the Human Rights Commission of the Departmental Board of Montevideo for two consecutive periods (1995-2005). She joined the Commission for Social Equity and Solidarity established by the Mayor of Montevideo, Arq. Mariano Arana, on April 12, 2002 to coordinate social interventions in critical situations resulting from the great crisis of 2002.

In March 2005 she was appointed Coordinator of the National Plan of Care for Social Emergency (PANES for its acronym in Spanish), under the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES). In 2007 she was designated as Director of the National Critical Assistance under the Ministry of Social Development and Social Inclusion.

In February 15, 2010 she was elected a Member of Parliament representing Frente Amplio. She has participated in many forums, panels and seminars as speaker in departmental, national and international conferences. She is a member of the Health and Population and Development Commissions. She has supported legislation on the interruption of pregnancy, the law on assisted reproduction, and is working on a specific law on HIV. She is currently a Board Member of the Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (IAPG).

Ms. Laura Schoch
President of the Austrian National Youth Council

Laura Schoch is one of the presidents of the Austrian National Youth Council, the representative body of children and young people in Austria. In 2013, during the first year of her presidency, she was leading the implementation of a working group on youth and sexuality, followed by a policy paper on sexuality education, reproductive rights and the prevention of sexually transmitted infections amongst young people. Access to knowledge, information and contraceptives as well as a special regard to anti-discrimination and empowerment are key issues of the paper. Based on this policy paper the Austrian National Youth Council will start a broad campaign on youth and sexuality in mid 2014, placing the demands of young people in public discourse. A few of her other main topics in her political work are: youth (un)employment, poverty of young people and children and distributive justice.

Born in 1988 Laura Schoch grew up in Vienna and joined the Socialist Youth more than 10 years ago. From 2011 to 2013 she was secretary for women's politics of the Socialist Youth Austria (SJÖ) and vice-president of Socialist Youth Vienna while also being the representative of the women's committee of the Austrian National Youth Council between 2009 and 2013. She is currently studying Cultural Anthropology and Law at the University of Vienna, focusing on gender politics, public space and youth rights. Since the beginning of 2014 she is working as a project coordinator for the Austrian Women's Shelter Network.
Mr. Remmy SHAWA  
MenEngage Africa Regional Coordinator at Sonke Gender Justice

Mr. Remmy Shawa, MenEngage Africa Regional Coordinator at Sonke Gender Justice, has over 9 years experience in the field youth SRH. Mr. Shawa is a member of the ESA High Level Group on the commitment to Comprehensive Sexuality Education - an initiative being spearheaded by UNESCO, UNAIDS and UNFPA. He is also a member of the Youth Steering Committee for the ICPD Africa Review. Mr. Shawa chaired the advocacy subcommittee for the ICASA 2011 and 2013 Youth Force.

Prior to joining Sonke, Mr. Shawa served as Global Youth Campaigns Coordinator at the World AIDS Campaign (WAC) in Cape Town. Before joining WAC, he spent 2 years on a UNAIDS Special Youth Fellowship at the UNAIDS secretariat in Geneva and in the country office in Lusaka. He then joined UNHCR as National HIV/AIDS Project Coordinator in Lusaka. He has worked as a Programme Officer at the University of Zambia HIV Response Programme while coordinating a project he co-founded called Men ’n Gender. While at university, Remmy was honored with the Vice Chancellor’s Award for his exemplary contributions to the HIV response. In May 2013, Remmy received the Women Deliver Rising Star Award at the Women Deliver conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr. Rachel SNOW  
Demographer, reproductive biologist,  
Lead author of the UN Global Review of ICPD Post 2014

Rachel Snow, B.A, D.Sc. conducts research on the burden of reproductive and sexual health; gender and vulnerability; and the utilization of health services. Trained as a demographer and reproductive biologist, Snow has conducted research on both the demand and supply of sexual and reproductive health care across a wide range of countries. Her early work focused on contraceptive clinical trials and method preferences among women in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Her recent work includes a multi-country analysis of young men’s fertility aspirations in East Africa; the long-term impact of HIV on fertility and abortion choices in Uganda; and the health of young people working in sexual commerce in Detroit.

Snow was recently the Lead Author of the UN Global Review of ICPD Post 2014, has served on numerous expert committees at the World Health Organization, and worked as a
technical advisor to donors and AID organizations. She was a founding editor of the African Journal of Reproductive Health, now published from Nigeria, a co-author of the WHO curriculum Transforming Health Systems, and a contributor to the recent World Bank volume on Human Resources in the Health Sector in Ghana.

Snow received her doctorate in Population Sciences from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1988, where she was subsequently a MacArthur Fellow in Population and Development Studies, and Assistant Professor of Reproductive Health. From 1997-2003 she taught at the University of Heidelberg (Germany), where she was Unit Head for Sexual & Reproductive Health. In 2003 she joined the tenured faculty at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and Center for Population Studies, where she has served as Associate Director of the International Institute, and as Director of the Center for Advanced Research on Solutions for Society (CARSS), a think-tank for applied research in the social sciences.

Ms. Dianne STEWART
Director, UNFPA Information and External Relations Division

Dianne Stewart has been the Director of the Information and External Relations Division since 1 September 2012. This Division is responsible for UNFPA resource mobilization, communication, media relations and advocacy support, and the organization’s relations with its Executive Board, the General Assembly and other UN bodies, as well as for partnership with stakeholders, including the private sector, foundations, non-governmental organizations, and parliamentarian groups. Most recently she served as Vice President at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative overseeing their fundraising activities around the globe and managing advocacy, policy and communications activities. She was previously the head of Board and Donor Relations at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS.

Mr. Narayan SUNDARARAJAN
CTO, Grameen-Intel Social Business
Director, Global Healthcare – Emerging Markets
Intel Corporation

Narayan Sundararajan is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Grameen Intel Social Business, a joint venture between Intel and Grameen Trust. He oversees technology and product development as well as strategy for the company with sustainability and social impact as the key drivers.

He also serves as the Director, Global Healthcare – Emerging Markets at Intel with focus on driving the adoption of information and communications technology in healthcare and development of sustainable initiatives working closely with various Governments, NGOs and the ICT industry globally at the local, regional and national levels.
Prior to this, Narayan has traversed various technical, business and management roles at Intel working in New Business Initiatives (NBI), Digital Health Group (DHeG) and Corporate Technology Group (CTG). In NBI, he initiated projects using new platform concepts and business models to address opportunities related to remote healthcare solutions in the developing world. As part of CTG and DHeG, he helped launch the very first biotechnology research group at Intel as one of its early members, invented several key micro fluidics and biochip fabrication techniques for use in single molecule DNA sequencing applications, founded and managed a program for early cancer detection using biomarker discovery in collaboration with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Cedars Sinai Hospital. Narayan holds 20+ patents issued with 50+ pending. He also has published 24 peer-reviewed papers and co-authored a book titled “Micro fabrication for Micro fluidics” published by Artech Publishers.

Educated at the Indian Institute of Technology (B.Tech) and Cornell (M.S, Ph.D.), Narayan is also a freelance actor, documentary and film-maker.

Hon. Mr. Keizo TAKEMI
Member of the Japanese House of Councillors

Keizo Takemi is a Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) member of the Japanese House of Councillors who also served as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Obuchi Cabinet in 1999, and the Senior Vice Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in the first Abe cabinet. He is serving as Chairman of the Investigation Committee on Governing Structure in the House of Councillors and Deputy Chairman of the LDP’s General Council. He led the initiative to establish the UN Trust Fund for Human Security when he was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in 1999 and was subsequently named by then UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to serve as a member of the High Level Panel on UN System-Wide Coherence in Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and Environment. He is a senior fellow at the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), a fellow at the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, a professor of political science and economics at Tokai University, and a visiting professor of various universities including Nagasaki University School of Medicine, Fukushima Medical University, and Keio University School of Medicine. He was also a research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health from November 2007 to June 2009.

In the global health field, he was involved in various global initiatives, including the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women’s and Children’s Health (2010–2011); Global Health Workforce Alliance (2010–present), as a champion; WHO Expert Working Group on R&D Financing (2009–2010); the International Organizing Committee of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference (2009–present); and the Japan–World Bank Partnership Program for Universal Health Coverage, as a co-chair of the coordination committee (2012–present). He became the Chair of the Parliamentary Caucus on Stop TB Partnership in March 2013.

Prof. Marleen TEMMERMAN
Director of the Department of Reproductive Health and Research, and of the HRP Special Programme at the World Health Organisation (WHO)

Since 2012, Professor Temmerman is the Director of the Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), and of HRP — UNDP - UNFPA - UNICEF - WHO - World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction—at the World Health Organisation (WHO). RHR/ HRP is the main instrument within the United Nations system for research in human reproduction and sexual and reproductive health, bringing together policy-makers and programmers, scientists, health care providers, clinicians, consumers and community representatives to identify and address priorities for research to improve sexual and reproductive health.

Professor Temmerman is also a full Professor OB/GYN at the Ghent University in Belgium, currently with leave of absence. She is the founding director of the International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH). She has authored over 400 papers and books, and supervised masters and PhD students in international health in many parts of the world.

In 2007, Professor Temmerman was elected as a Senator in the Belgian Parliament where she was member of the Commission on Social Affairs and the Commission on Foreign Affairs. In that capacity, she was also a member of the European Parliamentary Forum and chair of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. She served as a member of the iERG (independent expert review group) till 2012.

Baroness Jenny TONGE
President of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)

Baroness Tonge was Liberal Democrat Member of Parliament for Richmond Park in London from 1997 to 2005. In June 2005 she was made a life peer as Baroness Tonge, of Kew in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, which entitles her to a seat in the House of Lords. She was elected President of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF) in mid-2013.

Hon. Ms. Chitra Lekha YADAV
Education Minister of Nepal

Honorable Chitra Lekha Yadav is a politician from the Madhesi community of Nepal. A former Deputy Speaker of the Constituent Assembly (CA) Parliament and a leader in the Nepali Congress, she got elected second time to the CA Parliament in last November and was appointed as Education Minister on 25 February 2014.
Ms. Yadav was born in 1965 in a village in Siraha district. She is the first daughter of Mr. Yamuna Prasad Yadav, who was the first from the Yadav family to graduate in the district (studying English and Economics in India's Patna University). Females children in the Yadav community were not receiving an education at that time, but because of her father's attitude towards education, she was able to complete her school education from Kathmandu.

She married at the age of 15 to Dr. Shri Krishna Yadav, who had a doctorate in linguistics. After marrying Dr. Shri Krishna, her family supported her to complete her education. Hon. Chitra Lekha Yadav completed her Master of Arts in English and Nepali from Tribhuvan University. She taught English in Siraha campus for about 18 months before joining active politics.

In 1999 Hon. Yadav did stand for the general elections in the constituency of Siraha district, at a time when there were very few women politicians from the Madhesi community. She won her first election and became one of 12 women Members of Parliament out of 205. During the November 2013 elections, her party, the National Congress became the largest party by winning 111 seats out of 605.

Hon. Ms. Nova Riyanti YUSUF
Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia

Nova Riyanti Yusuf was born in Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. She is a certified psychiatrist graduating from University of Indonesia's Medical Faculty in 2009. She gained her medical doctor degree from Trisakti University's Medical Faculty, Indonesia, in 2002.

In 2005 she enter politics a Democratic Party representative in DKI Jakarta II's constituency. A few years later, in 2009, she was elected as a Member of Parliament for the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia. She will be running for re-election on April 9, 2014 in the East Java constituency. Her first term will be over on October 1, 2014.

Upon entering Parliament in 2009 she quickly initiated Mental Health Bill and came up with model projects to support the urgency of this bill. She was quickly assigned as a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and after only a year she was assigned to a more challenging task in the Budgeting Committee. Another year passed and in 2012 she was appointed as a Deputy Chairwoman of Commission IX (Health, Manpower & Transmigration, Food & Drug, Population & Family Planning).

Her responsibility has quickly increased. To name a few, concurrently she's Chairwoman of a Working Committee on the Mental Health Bill and the Nursing Bill. She's also Co-Chair for a Special Committee on the Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers' Bill. She's not just active in drafting bills, but she's also Chairwoman of a Working Committee on the policy investigation of a graft case regarding Bird Flu vaccine's infrastructure.

Ms. Yusuf was appointed by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as a member of the International Advisors Group for Asia (2012-2014).
Ms. Pashtoon ZYAEE

Midwife, founder and president of Afghanistan Midwives Association

Ms. Pashtoon obtained her Registered Nurse Midwife with 33 years experience on Midwifery, mainly management, education, leadership and mentorship. She is the founder of Afghanistan Midwives Association (AMA), which was established in Afghanistan in 2005 to give voice to midwives and regulate midwifery programmes in the country; Ms. Pashtoon was elected as its first president. In 2008 because of her visionary leadership and great contributions towards profession, she was re-elected to the presidency of AMA.

A summary of her work experience is as follows:

- Current Job, International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), Technical Midwife Advisor
- International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) regional Midwife Advisor, Asia 2010-Dec, 2013
- Director, Afghanistan, Ministry of Health, MoPH, Ghazanfar Institute of Health Sciences and the GHIS System (2009-2010);
- Midwifery Technical Advisor then Midwifery and Nursing specialist then Midwifery and Nursing strategic Director, JHPIEGO/Afghanistan (2005-June 2010)
- Midwifery Education Manager, Management Sciences for Health (2004-2005);
- Reproductive Health Trainer, International Medical Corps (2003-2004)
- Officer, Lady Health Visitors, Save the Children US, Project for Afghan refugees, Haripur, Pakistan (1996-2003)
- Deputy chair then chair of Afghanistan National Midwifery Education Accreditation Board (2005-2010)
- Member of Institutional Review Board Ministry of Health MoPH

Ms. Pashtoon Zyaee is also involved in scholarly and publication activities related to women and newborn health and midwifery.

H.E. Mr. Per WESTERBERG

Speaker of the Riksdag

Per Westerberg was elected as Speaker of the Riksdag after the parliamentary elections in the autumn of 2006.

Between 2003 and 2006 Per Westerberg was First Deputy Speaker. As deputy speaker he led an initiative to strengthen and develop the Riksdag’s EU activities. The new work procedures were introduced on 1 January 2007.

In the Riksdag, Per Westerberg has also been chair of the Committee on Industry and Trade and of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, as well as deputy chair of the Committee on Transport and Communications. He has been a member of the Riksdag Board since 2002 and chair of the Board as Speaker. Per Westerberg has been a member of the Riksdag for the Moderate Party since 1979.
In 1991-94 under the non-socialist government he was Minister for Industry, Employment and Communications. He has been spokesperson for the Moderate Party in issues relating to industrial policy, growth and business, as well as immigration and social insurance. He was a member of the Moderate Party Executive between 2002 and 2007.

Per Westerberg has a background in the business sector. He has worked for SAAB Scania and has been a member of the board of several companies, of Södermanland County Administrative Board and of the National Post and Telecom Agency. He has also taken part in a number of government inquiries.

Per Westerberg is a graduate of the Stockholm School of Economics.