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	<p><b>Dr. Ruth Aura-Odhiambo</b> 2020 - 2024</p>	<p>Dr. Ruth Aura-Odhiambo has a Doctorate in Law (LL.D.) and holds two Masters, in Law and in Policy, and a Bachelor's Degree in law. She has over 23 years of experience as a legal practitioner, eleven of which have been dedicated to academia. Dr. Aura-Odhiambo is a gender expert, policy analyst and human rights expert, amongst other qualifications. She is an experienced researcher in access to justice, women's land and property rights, human rights, violence against women, policy and legislative drafting and development, as well as climate change. She also works as a Senior Lecturer in law and gender, a consultant, administrator both at the domestic and international level and as a trainer of trainers. Dr. Aura-Odhiambo served as the Chairperson of the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and currently serves as the Sub-Saharan African representative on the Board of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net), based in New-York.</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Hassane Cisse</b> 2019 - 2023</p>	<p>Mr. Hassane Cisse is an experienced international development professional, executive, lawyer and advisor with nearly 30 years of international experience, including at the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. His areas of expertise include strategy development, policy formulation and implementation, change management, negotiations and conflict resolution.</p> <p>From 2014 to 2016, he was the Director of Governance and Inclusive Institutions, Governance Global Practice, at the World Bank. In this capacity, he led the Bank's operational and knowledge work on inclusive governance to support countries in building sustainable, inclusive and trustworthy governance systems. Prior to this, Mr. Cisse was Deputy General Counsel, Knowledge and Research, at the World Bank, from 2009 to June 2014. He also served earlier in the Bank as Chief Counsel, Operations Policy and as legal advisor on Governance and Anti-corruption. Prior to joining the World Bank in 1997, he worked as Counsel at the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Cisse has lectured and</p>

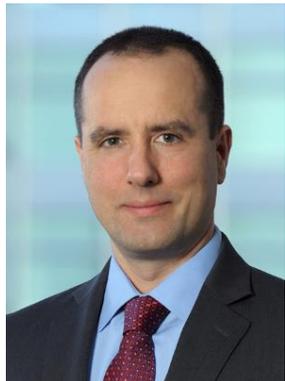
		<p>published widely on various topics and was co-editor of several volumes of The World Bank Legal Review.</p> <p>He holds an LL.B. from Dakar University School of Law in Senegal and a Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA) in International Law from the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas. He also received a DEA in International Economic Law from the Sorbonne, and a DEA in African History. He holds a Master of Laws from Harvard University. Mr. Cisse is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Justice and the Meta Council on New Architecture of Governance.</p>
	<p><b>H.E. Mehmet Hasan Göğüş</b> 2020 - 2024</p>	<p>Ambassador Mehmet Hasan Göğüş was born in 1953 in Gaziantep, Turkey. He graduated from the Faculty of Political Science, Ankara University, and obtained his M.A. degree in International Relations from the same University. He started his career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey in 1977. He served in various capacities in New Delhi, Geneva, London and Vienna.</p> <p>He was appointed as Ambassador to India (also accredited to Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives) in 2001. Subsequently, he served as Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs where he successfully coordinated Turkey's non-permanent UN Security Council membership campaign for the term of 2009-2011. Ambassador Göğüş has represented Turkey in Greece, Austria and Portugal. He also served as the Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was responsible for the EU and bilateral relations with European countries. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Okan University, Istanbul. He was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands with the decoration of "Orange Nassau". His book of memoirs, titled "Diplomacy in Difficult Capitals", was published in 2020. Ambassador Göğüş speaks English and French.</p>

	<p><b>Dr. Hoang Ly Anh</b> 2020 - 2024</p>	<p>Dr. Hoang Ly Anh is a Doctor of Juridical Science and currently covers the role of Acting Head of Department for Research Management and Journal Administration at Hanoi Law University. She has extensive professional experience in working with international organisations such as UNDP and UNEP, with Ministries and government agencies including the Viet Nam Environment Agency, Biodiversity Conservation Agency, and non-governmental institutions such as the Netherlands Development Agency. Since 1994, she has been an International Law Lecturer (at both post-graduate and under-graduate levels in Vietnamese and English) teaching, conducting research and writing on international law topics, including general public international law, focusing on law of the seas, international organisations, human rights law and especially international, Vietnamese, and comparative environmental laws.</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Stefano Manservisi</b> 2020 – 2024</p>	<p>Mr. Stefano Manservisi is currently Special Advisor to European Commissioner for Economy, Prof. Paolo Gentiloni. He is a Member of the Board of several foundations and serves as Advisor to a number of United Nations agencies and international organizations. He also works as a consultant on global and international affairs, and teaches at several Universities. He graduated in Law cum Laude and holds a Post Graduate – Specialised Higher Studies Diploma (DESS) in International Administration from the University of Paris I Panthéon–Sorbonne. With more than 30 years’ experience working with the European Union, Mr. Manservisi has extensive and internationally recognized expertise on International and European laws and other topics. Since 1983, he covered different roles in the European Commission, including Director-General for Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States, Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs and Director-General for International Cooperation and Development. In 2014 Mr. Stefano Manservisi was appointed Head of Delegation of the EU Delegation to Turkey.</p>



**Prof. Githu Muigai**  
2020 – 2024

Prof. Githu Muigai is an eminent Jurist who has been involved in the teaching and practice of law for over 30 years. As an academic, he has widely acknowledged expertise in the area of public law with special recognition in the areas of constitutional law, constitutional jurisprudence, constitutional litigation and comparative constitutionalism. He has advised extensively in the area of law reform and institutional review and has wise expertise in advising corporate entities on complex legal matters. As a practitioner, he has attained the rank of Senior Counsel after years of service at the Bar, achieving outstanding recognition for excellence in the representation of various parties including corporations and governments before local, regional and international tribunals in the areas of international arbitration law and dispute settlement. Prof. Githu Muigai has appeared on behalf of the Government of Kenya before both the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ).



**Mr. Patrick O'Brien**  
2019 - 2023

Mr. O'Brien is the owner of the boutique California law firm, O'Brien Law, PC, and provides leadership and support to many professional organizations including the American Bar Association, the California State Bar and local bar associations including Los Angeles and San Francisco. Mr. O'Brien has received numerous awards during his professional career and has been included in the prestigious Irish Legal 100 list for the past four years. Mr. O'Brien's writings on legal, safety and employment issues are regularly published in multiple industry related journals.

In addition to his extensive legal background, Mr. O'Brien has served as CEO, General Counsel and Board Member for several companies in the United States, the United Kingdom and Central America. Over the past ten years, Mr. O'Brien has been at the forefront of the fight for proper treatment of workers in the new Gig economy and for the past several years has participated on the Board of Directors of the Greater California Livery Association (GCLA).

Mr. O'Brien believes in and is committed to the US Constitution and safe, fair and free election. In addition to participating in civil rights litigation at various times in his career he has also monitored elections in the US on a regular basis. Mr. O'Brien received his undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University and his law degree from Gonzaga Law School.



**Ms. Zhou Xiaoyan**  
**2019 - 2023**

Ms. Zhou was appointed Senior Consultant of the China Council for International Investment Promotion in September 2019. Prior to this role, she worked for the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China for several years since 2004, covering different positions, including Director-General of the Trade Remedy Bureau (from 2009 to 2013 and again from 2014 to 2015) and Director-General of the Department of European Affairs (from 2015 to 2019). Before working at the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, Ms. Zhou worked at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the People's Republic of China, as Division Director, for almost fifteen years since 1986, and Deputy Director-General, from 2000 to 2004, of the Department of Treaty and Law.

Ms. Zhou has significant legislative and negotiating experience, having participated in the drafting of national legislation including but not limited to the Foreign Trade Law, the Maritime Law and the Contract Law of the People's Republic of China.

During her career, Ms. Zhou has written several publications in her areas of expertise, including on international trade law, international investment law and anti-dumping law. She is also Arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, a role that she has covered since 1998. Ms. Zhou holds a Master of Law from the Faculty of Law of Peking University.