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HOSTS

Angel Gurría, *Secretary-General, OECD*



As Secretary-General of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 2006, Angel Gurría has firmly established the Organisation as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture including the G7, G20 and APEC, and a reference point in the design and implementation of better policies for better lives. He has broadened **OECD's membership with the accession of Chile, Estonia, Israel, Latvia** and Slovenia, and has made the Organisation more inclusive by strengthening its links with key emerging economies. Under his watch, the OECD is leading the effort to reform the international tax system, and to improve governance frameworks in anti-corruption and other fields. He has also heralded a new growth narrative that promotes the well-being of people, including women, gender and youth, and has scaled up the OECD

contribution to the global agenda, including the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, holding positions such as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s. For the first time in a **generation, he steered Mexico's economy through a change** of Administration without a recurrence of the financial crises that had previously dogged such changes. Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico) and M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He has received Honorary Degrees from Universidad de Valle de México, Rey Juan Carlos University and the Universities of Leeds, Haifa and Bratislava. Additionally Mr. Gurría has received several awards and decorations from more than 30 countries.

Georgios Kaminis, *Mayor of Athens (Greece)*



Georgios Kaminis was elected Mayor of Athens in November 2010 and re-elected to a second term in May 2014. Prior to his election as a Mayor of Athens, he served as Greek Ombudsman for 7 years and in the 1990s worked as a lecturer and assistant professor of constitutional law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Athens. He studied law at the University **of Athens and holds a doctoral degree (Doctorat d'Etat) from the University of Paris I.** He was born in New York City and has lived in Osaka, Paris, Madrid and Heidelberg. He speaks English, French, Spanish and German fluently. He is married and has two children.

Mayor Kaminis took office in an extremely difficult period for Athens. Being a fervent advocate of human rights, equal opportunities and the fight against all sorts of discrimination, he has made the protection of the most vulnerable members of society his main priority.

MAYORS

Virginio Merola, *Mayor of Bologna (Italy)*



With a Degree in Philosophy, Virginio Merola was appointed Regional Secretary of the Italian Association of Municipalities, Provinces and Regions in 1989. In 1995, he was elected President of the Savena District of Bologna for two subsequent terms. From 2004 to 2009, Mr. Merola was Deputy Mayor in charge of Urban Planning and Housing. He was then President of the Provincial Council until February 2011. In May 2011, he was elected Mayor of Bologna. Since January 2015, he is also Mayor of Bologna Metropolitan City. In June 2016, Mayor Merola was re-elected for a second 5-year mandate.

Richard Mallié, *Mayor of Bouc-Bel-Air & Vice-President of Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropole (France)*



Richard Mallié became Mayor of Bouc-Bel-Air in 1989. He was re-elected in 1995 and 2001 — the same year he also became General Counsellor of the canton of Gardanne. In 1994, Mr. Mallié became the First Vice-President of the Pays d'Aix Community. He was also elected MP in the 10th district of Bouches-du-Rhone (Gardanne) in 2002, and was re-elected in 2007. After his tenure as Secretary of the National Assembly from 2005 to 2007, he was elected First Quaestor of the National Assembly in 2007. In July 2010, he became a founding member of The Popular Right (Collectif parlementaire de la Droite populaire). He was re-elected Mayor of Bouc-Bel-Air in 2014. In 2015, he was re-elected as Department Councillor.

Ricardo Rio, *Mayor of Braga (Portugal)*



Ricardo Rio is the Mayor of Braga since 2013, having been re-elected for the second term in 2017. From 2015 to 2017, he was the President of the Euro-region “Eixo Atlântico” where he is currently the President of the General Assembly. He was also the President of the Association of Municipalities of the Minho Region - Quadrilateral and he is currently the President of the Inter-municipal Community of Cávado. He is one of the Portuguese representatives in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2017. From this year on, he is a member of the Portuguese delegation of the Committee of the Regions. During his term, Braga joined various important international organisations such as EUROCITIES, ICLEI, and UCCLA as well as endorsing international

movements such as the Global Covenant of Mayors and the Global Parliament of Mayors. In his professional life, he was the Secretary-General of the Portuguese Association of Financial Analysts and the Director of the Capital Markets Institute of Euronext Lisbon. Mayor Rio was also a professor at the University of Fernando Pessoa, Superior Institute of Administration and Management of Oporto, the University of Lusiada and Superior Institute of Financial and Tax Studies.

Dr. Gábor Tamás Nagy, *District Mayor of Budapest (Hungary)*



Dr. Gábor Tamás Nagy has been the Mayor of District I of Budapest since 1998, having been re-elected in 2014 for his fifth consecutive term. In line with the new regulation, he is automatically a member of the General Assembly of Budapest. After joining the Fidesz party in 1989, he was elected from party list into the General Assembly of Budapest in 1990, holding position of Chairman of the Committee for Minorities and Human Rights. In 1993, he became a member of the Hungarian National Assembly. In 1994, he was elected as a local government member and then Vice Mayor of the District I of Budapest. During his tenure as District Mayor of Budapest, he has also held several important positions such as Vice Chairman of the Committee for External Affairs, and Chairman of the American-Hungarian

Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (2010), Chairman of the Association of Local Governments of Budapest (2011). In 2014, he received the Golden Ring Award from the Association of Hungarian Local Governments. Dr. Nagy graduated from both Faculty of Law and Faculty of Humanities (Degree in Sociology) at the Eötvös Loránd University. He worked as Research Fellow of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and was a Lecturer at Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Sociology of Law.

Mohamed Sefiani, *Mayor of Chefchaouen (Morocco)*



Electromechanical engineer by profession, Mohamed Sefiani has been the Mayor of Chefchaouen since 2009. He is also President of the UCLG Forum on Intermediary Cities, the Mediterranean Network of Medinas and the Moroccan Association for Eco-cities. Mayor Sefiani is a member of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Sōichirō Takashima, *Mayor of Fukuoka (Japan)*



Sōichirō Takashima served as a TV presenter for variety programs and environmental talk shows from 1997. Mayor Takashima became Mayor of Fukuoka City in 2010 and was re-elected in 2014 and 2018, each with a record number of votes. In 2017, he was the first Japanese mayor to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting. As a young political leader, Mayor Takashima has been actively promoting Fukuoka globally. Fukuoka's projects align with its strategies on city management, aiming to create a positive cycle that improves quality of life and urban growth, increase the number of visitors and establishments, and foster citizens' trust in the government. Fukuoka now ranks globally as a liveable city. Thanks to his focus on business creation, Fukuoka was designated a National Special

Zone in 2014. Mayor Takashima has also assumed many national positions, such as adviser to the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020.

Susan Aitken, Mayor of Glasgow (United Kingdom)



Susan Aitken became Leader of Glasgow City Council when the Scottish National Party (SNP) became the largest party on the Council and formed a minority administration in May 2017. She was elected as a councillor for the Langside ward, where she lives, in 2012 and has been leader of the SNP group since 2014, having previously served as the group spokesperson on health and social care. Before being elected, Mayor Aitken worked in a variety of policy and research roles in the Scottish Parliament and the third sector, and as a freelance writer and editor specialising in health and social care policy. She grew up in Biggar in South Lanarkshire, moved to Glasgow aged 17 and is a graduate of both Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities.

Zoran Janković, Mayor of Ljubljana (Slovenia)



Zoran Janković started his professional career in 1978 at the Slovenian Post. In 1990, he founded the Electa company and served as director until 1997 when he was appointed CEO of Mercator until 2005. A year later, having received 62.99% of votes cast **in the first round, Mr. Janković** was elected Mayor of the capital of the Republic of Slovenia. He continued to win elections as an independent candidate in the first round in 2010 (64.79%), 2012 (60.99%), 2014 (57.5 %) and 2018 (60.47%). For his successful economic work, and later as Mayor of the City of Ljubljana, he has received 24 recognitions, among which he was named Mayor of the Month in 2011 and ranked among the top 25 mayors in the world in 2012 by The City Mayors Foundation, which promotes good city governance globally. Mayor

Janković is married and father to two adult sons, as well as a proud grandfather to three grandchildren.

Renan Barrera Concha, Mayor of Mérida (Mexico)



Renan Barrera Concha first became Mayor of of the city of Mérida from 2012 to 2015. With a record number of more than 211,000 votes, Mayor Barrera Concha was recently elected for the second term as the City Mayor (2018 – 2021). He has been a party member of Partido Accion Nacional since 1999 and an active member since 2009. He was the Coordinator of the PAN caucus during the local administration from 2007 to 2010. In 2010, won the election as a Local Deputy for the IV District in Mérida. In 2011, Mr. Barrera Concha was presented as a pre-candidate for Mérida’s City Hall, winning the internal PAN election. In 2012, he contested for Mérida’s City Hall for the 2012 – 2015 period, which he won with 47.7% of the total votes. At 33 years old, he has been the youngest Mayor of the City. He holds a degree

in Law and is a lawyer specialising in Public Administration.

Miguel Anxo Fernández Lores, *Mayor of Pontevedra (Spain)*



Miguel Anxo Fernández Lores is one of the most veteran mayors of the Spanish State. Elected single councillor of the Galego Nationalist Bloc in 1987, his project gradually gained social support until he became mayor in 1999. Since then he continues to lead the urban transformation project of Pontevedra and was able to coordinate a team at the service of the city. During his tenure, Pontevedra managed to successfully recover public space for citizens, significantly reduce CO2 emissions reduction, and implement road safety as well as other environmental measures. These achievements were recognised internationally through numerous international awards such as the Intermodes Award of the European Union, the UN Habitat Award, Euroasia Award, City Slow Award or the Leadership

in Active Design Award: Excellence Award granted by the Foundation Center of Active Design Center New Bloomberg, York, among others. He is frequently invited to join expert groups and conferences on mobility and urban design policies.

Luis Mella, *Mayor of Quillota (Chile)*



A surgeon by profession, Luis Mella has been the mayor of the community of Quillota for seven consecutive terms since 1992. He has also founded several social solidarity initiatives such as Homes for the Terminally Ill, BanAmor "Bank of Solidarity", Residential Centre for Drug and Alcohol Detoxification, among others. BanAmor was awarded Best Practice in the Southern Hemisphere (2016) by Florida International University and Miami County. Mayor Mella also pioneered the concept of public policies based on the happiness and well-being of people. The progress made by Quillota in terms of social, health and urban development has been widely recognised by many other countries such as Colombia, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Peru, United States, Russia, Dubai and Brazil.

Claudio Castro, *Mayor of Renca (Chile)*



Claudio Castro is a Civil Engineer of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC) where he used to be President of the Student Federation of the PUC (FEUC) during his undergraduate years. He holds a M.A. in Public Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Mayor Castro is a member of the Christian Democratic Party (DC) party. He was also Social Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the NGO Techo and worked in the Ministry of Education. In 2016, he became the Mayor of Renca, a commune located in Santiago, the capital of Chile.

Dagur Bergþóruson Eggertsson, *Mayor Reykjavik (Iceland)*



Dagur B. Eggertsson, M.D., has been the Mayor of Reykjavík City since 2014. First elected to the city council of Reykjavík in the 2002 election, he was then Vice-chair of the Social Democratic Alliance from 2009 to 2013. Mayor Eggertsson studied, trained and worked as a physician. He also holds a M.A. in Human Rights and International Law from the University of Lund in Sweden. He was chair of the City Planning Committee from 2004 to 2006 and was Mayor from 2007 to 2008. From 2010 to 2014, he was chair of the City Executive Council. In his capacity as a leader for Reykjavík City, Mayor Eggertsson has been a keynote speaker at various international conferences and forums. He was re-appointed mayor for a four-year term following the municipality elections of 2018.

Ahmed Aboutaleb, *Mayor Rotterdam (Netherlands)*



Ahmed Aboutaleb has been the Mayor of Rotterdam since 5 January 2009, having re-appointed in 2014 for another six-year term. Prior to his tenure as Mayor of Rotterdam, he was State Secretary for Social Affairs and Employment in the fourth Balkenende government in 2007. From 1991 to 1994, he was a press officer at the Ministry of Welfare, Health and Cultural Affairs. Up to 1997, he was Head of Information at the Social and Economic Council (SER) and until 1998 Manager of the Communications and Publications Sector at Statistics Netherlands (CBS). In 1998, Mr. Aboutaleb became director of the FORUM Institute for Multicultural Development and in 2002 of the Social, Economic and Cultural Development Sector of the municipality of Amsterdam. In 2004, he was appointed to Amsterdam's

Municipal Executive as Alderman for Work and Income, Education, Youth, Diversity and Urban Policy. Mr Aboutaleb was also a member of the Supervisory Board of the Mondriaan Education Group in The Hague, and of the Education Council. He helped set up the Dutch Coalition for Peace in the Middle East. He has also been a member of the urban policy review committee, the board of Babylon, and a centre for multicultural studies at the University of Tilburg.

Gleam Davis, *Mayor of Santa Monica (United States)*



Mayor Gleam Davis has served on the City Council since February 2009 when the Council selected her to fill the seat left vacant by the passing of Herb Katz. Her current term ends in November 2020. As Mayor, she continues to advocate for the character, liveability, sustainability, and safety of **Santa Monica's** neighbourhoods. She also maintains her strong commitment to lifelong learning and educational opportunity. Gleam graduated from Harvard Law School in 1981 and from University of Southern California in 1978. She was born in Los Angeles and grew up in San Gabriel and Arcadia. Gleam and her husband, John Prindle, have one son, Jackson, who currently attends the United States Military Academy.

Basílio Horta, *Mayor of Sintra (Portugal)*



Basílio Horta has been the Mayor of Sintra since 2013. Over the course of his career he has occupied the following roles: Member of Parliament; Minister for Commerce and Tourism in the second and sixth governments; Deputy Minister of State for the Prime Minister in the seventh government; Minister for Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries in the eighth government; and member of the Council of State. He also served as an Ambassador to the OECD, Chair of the board of AICEP, and Vice-President and economic coordinator of the Parliamentary Group of the Socialist Party. Mr. Horta was president of the Lisbon metropolitan area (Metropolitan Council) from 2015 to 2017. He has been a member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) since 2014. Mr. Horta graduated with a degree in law from the University of Lisbon's Faculty of Law, and was an associate professor at the

School of Social and Political Sciences.

Dr. Mohamad Maliki Osman, *Mayor of South East District (Singapore)*



As Mayor of the South East District, Dr. Mohamad Maliki Osman champions interfaith engagement and appreciation through innovative programmes like the Common Senses for Common Spaces Interfaith Forum Series. He has also been a Member of Parliament (MP), first for the Sembawang Group Representation Constituency (GRC) from 2001 to 2011, and then for East Coast Group Representation Constituency since May 2011. After his re-election as an MP for the East Coast GRC in September 2015, Dr. Maliki was promoted to Senior Minister of State for Defence on 1 October 2015. He was concurrently appointed as Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. He continues as Mayor for the South East District of Singapore. Dr. Maliki Bin Osman graduated with his Bachelor and Masters degrees from

the National University of Singapore (NUS). He obtained his PhD in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1998 and became an Assistant Professor at the NUS Department of Social Work and Psychology that year.

Marc-Alexandre Brousseau, *Mayor of Thetford Mines (Canada)*



Marc-Alexandre Brousseau has been the Mayor of the City of Thetford Mines since 2013. He is also President of the Association of Economic Development of the Thetford Region as well as the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) Regional Cities Caucus. Mayor Brousseau is also a board and Executive Committee member of UMQ; member of the Pension Committee for Quebec Elected Officials; and administrator of the Association of Finance for Local Infrastructures. He previously worked in the field of finance, economic development and events organisation.

Masashi Mori, *Mayor of Toyama (Japan)*



Mayor Masashi Mori graduated from the prestigious Chuo University Faculty of Law in Tokyo and in 1977 began law practice as a judicial scrivener in Toyama. He was first elected to the Toyama Prefectural Assembly in 1995 and was re-elected in 1999. In 2002, he was elected Mayor of Toyama City (before the current merged city). In 2005, six adjoining towns were merged with the historic city of Toyama, and in that year, Mayor Mori was elected as the first Mayor of the newly consolidated Toyama City. After being re-elected in 2009, 2013, and 2017, Mayor Mori is now serving his fourth 4-year term. One of the most respected mayors in Japan, Mayor Mori has energetically pursued the vision of Toyama as a model resilient compact city, designing and implementing policies to achieve an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable compact city through innovative public transportation networks and a revitalized city center. **To meet the challenge of rapid demographic change in Japan's aging and decreasing population**, his policies are designed to ensure the well-being of all citizens for the next 30 years.

Marie-Louise Rönmark, *Mayor of Umea (Sweden)*



Prior to becoming the Mayor of the city of Umeå, Marie-Louise Rönmark was a Member of the Parliament of Sweden. She also holds several prominent positions in other associations such as First Vice-President Union of Baltic Cities, President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), and Chair of SALAR Committee of Culture and Leisure. She is a member of the Committee of the Regions (SEDEC).

DEPUTY MAYORS/VICE MAYORS

Gotzone Sagardui, *Deputy Mayor of Bilbao (Spain)*



With a diverse educational background ranging from Medicine to Tourism and Public Relations, Gotzone Sagardui has devoted her professional career to the public service. She has worked for nearly twenty years in the Basque Country University, and then as a Chief of Health Care at the Socio-sanitary residence of the Provincial Council of Bizkaia, before becoming Labour Activation Director of the Basque Public Employment Service at the Basque Country Government. She left the Government in 2016 when she was elected as member of the Basque Country Parliament, where she participated in the commissions for health affairs, education, employment and social affairs. Since April 2017, Ms. Sagardui is Deputy Mayor of Bilbao in charge of Economic Development and Good Government and also **coordinates the Mayor's Office. She is a chairperson of the 7th District of**

Bilbao, as well as board member of different public companies.



Craig Cheney, *Deputy Mayor of Bristol (United Kingdom)*



Craig Cheney is the Deputy Mayor of Bristol, councillor for Hillfields and is a member of the Mayor's cabinet with executive responsibility for Finance, Governance and Performance at Bristol City Council. He is responsible for Bristol's property assets, current project deliveries totally over £100m, a capital program of over £900m and sits as the shareholder of Bristol City Council's companies. Mr. Cheney has a background in the financial sector and has been a councillor since 2015. He is also a director of the Bristol Museums Development Trust, a trustee of Hillfields Community Trust, Barton Fields Trust and a founder of the Friends of Coombe Brook and Hillfields Community Network.



Dr. Annette Tabbara, *State Secretary of Hamburg (Germany)*



Dr. Annette Tabbara has been the State Secretary and Plenipotentiary of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg to the Federation and the European Union and for foreign affairs since 2018. From 2015 to 2018, she was the Head of Office for the Federal Chancellor and Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration. She also served as Division Head at the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs from 2011 until 2014. State Secretary Dr. Tabbara used to be Personal Assistant to a Permanent State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (2007 – 2011); Desk Officer at the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (2005 – 2007); and Departmental Officer at the German Pension Fund (2005 – 2007). Prior to her public service experience, Dr. Tabbara was a lawyer and a lecturer at the University of Cologne. She

pursued her legal studies at the Universities of Hamburg and Dalhousie (Halifax, Canada), and holds a Doctor of Laws degree.



Mauricio Valiente, *Deputy Mayor of Madrid (Spain)*



Mauricio Valiente is the Deputy Mayor of the City of Madrid and Councilman on Human Rights. From 2011 to 2015, he served as Regional MP in the Parliament of Madrid. A human rights lawyer by profession, Mr. Valiente is also Chief of the Legal Department of the Spanish Refugee Aid Commission (CEAR). He has extensively written on subjects such as Immigration; Asylum and International Protection to Refugees; Human Rights; Legal History; Multiculturalism; and Collective Rights. Deputy Mayor Valiente holds a Law Degree from University Complutense of Madrid (Spain) and a PhD in Law from Carlos III University of Madrid (Spain).

Anna Scavuzzo, *Vice Mayor of Milan (Italy)*



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Anna Scavuzzo is the Vice Mayor of the City of Milan and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety. She has been in charge of the Milan Food Policy since 2017. Within an innovative framework of the food system governance, she has initiated concrete actions in several fields such as reducing food waste, circular economy for food, local public procurement, and food start-ups incubator. As former Deputy Mayor for Education, she worked closely with the municipal agency for school canteens and promoted policies for a more organic local procurement and healthier diets. During her tenure as City Councillor from 2011-2016, Ms. Scavuzzo focused her attention on the rural-urban linkages. She was also Metropolitan Councillor and board member of the Agricultural Southern Milan Park. With a M.A. in Physics, she used to work on the applied information technologies, data analytics and public

Aleksi Jäntti, *Deputy Mayor of Tampere (Finland)*



Aleksi Jäntti has been a Deputy Mayor of the city of Tampere since 2017. Graduated from the Finnish National Defence College in 1999, Mr. Jäntti served as an officer in the Finnish Defence Forces until spring 2008. He has international experience in NATO's KFOR operation in Kosovo. Followed his career in the Finnish Defence Forces, he has worked as an entrepreneur in the construction business and as an account manager in the human resources sector. In addition to work, Deputy Mayor Jäntti has been involved in politics as a member of the City Council and the City Board in the municipality of Lempäälä (2005 – 2011) and in the city of Tampere (since 2013). He started as a Deputy Mayor of the city of Tampere in June 2017 and is responsible for urban development, mobility and waste management.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Gunnar Björkman, *Director of Innovation of Stockholm (Sweden)*



Gunnar Björkman has been the City of Stockholm's Director of Innovation since June 2015. In this capacity, he is also Advisor to the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Senior Advisor to Kista Science City and Chair of Stockholm IT Region. As Director of Innovation, he is responsible for developing the city's strategic cooperation with academia and higher education in the Stockholm region. Furthermore, he is responsible for the **development of the City of Stockholm's innovation strategy with the aim** to develop concrete action plans. These include, developing structures to harness and develop ideas, test solutions as well as adapting them to different areas of municipal operations. Mr. Björkman has a long career in the City of Stockholm and has held numerous positions in the city. Between 2006 and 2014, he was Deputy CEO of Stockholm, with a special

responsibility for the finance section.

Marnie McGregor, *Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Partnerships of Vancouver (Canada)*



Marnie McGregor has spent more than 20 years in the private, public and non-profit sectors in five global cities on high-profile strategic communications, urban planning and policy initiatives leading government relations, advocacy, stakeholder engagement and public consultation programs. In her role at the City of Vancouver, Ms. McGregor focuses on building strong relationships with all levels of government and First Nations, as well as key local, regional, national and global partners to advance the **City's strategic interests**, priority policies, projects and programs. In 2015, she spearheaded the City of Vancouver delegation for the COP21 Paris Climate Conference led by Mayor Gregor Robertson. Ms. McGregor has a Master of Science in Urban Planning from the University of Toronto.

Omar Al-Rawi, *Member of City Council of Vienna and Regional Parliament (Austria)*



Omar Al-Rawi has been a Member of the Vienna Provincial Parliament and City Council since 2001. As a function of his political position, Mr. Al-Rawi serves on a variety of City Council Committees including urban development, traffic and transport, climate protection, energy planning, and public participation. Additionally, Mr. Al-Rawi is a member of the City Council Committee on European and international affairs, and a substitute member of the City Council Committee on housing, housing construction and urban renewal. The Council Member also serves as an expert spokesperson of the Austrian Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) on issues pertaining to urban development. Originally born in Bagdad, Mr. Al-Rawi has a civil engineering degree from the Vienna University of Technology.

OECD

Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, *Deputy Secretary-General*



Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen took up his duties as Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD in January 2019. His portfolio includes the strategic direction of OECD policy on Science, Technology and Innovation, Trade and **Agriculture, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs', Regions & Cities**. Until the end of 2018, Mr. Knudsen was Permanent Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Denmark. In this capacity, he has served numerous Danish Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Development Cooperation, Trade and European Affairs since 2013. Prior to this, he served as Sherpa and Chief Diplomatic Advisor to two Danish Prime Ministers on Security Policy, EU and **Foreign Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office**. **Mr. Knudsen was appointed** Ambassador in 2006. He served as Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO in Paris (2008-2009). Prior to this, he was Press Officer and Principal Private

Secretary to a number of Danish Ministers for Foreign Affairs. Besides his diplomatic career, which includes postings in London (2003-2004), Washington (1998-2000) and Moscow (1997), he briefly served as Group Director for International Policy in **Vodafone, London (2013)**. **He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Copenhagen (1994)**, where he also acted as external lecturer, and he has published various papers and publications on Asia, WTO, trade policy and globalisation.

Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, *Director of OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities*



Lamia Kamal-Chaoui is the Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities since 2016. As a key member of the OECD Senior Management team, Ms. Kamal-Chaoui has held several top positions at the OECD such as Senior Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General (2012-2016), Head of the Urban Programme in the Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development (2003-2012). She previously worked in the Trade Directorate and the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs. During her extensive career at the OECD, she has forged numerous strategic partnerships and collaborations for the OECD. Ms. Kamal-Chaoui **holds two Master's Degrees in Macroeconomics** (University of Paris Dauphine) and in Foreign Languages and History (University of Paris Diderot). She has also been a Lecturer at Sciences Po Paris.

Joaquim Oliveira-Martins, Deputy Director of OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities



As Deputy Director at the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities since September 2018, Joaquim Oliveira Martins works **closely with the Director to advance the OECD's work on SME and entrepreneurship policy**; regional, urban, rural and local development; subnational statistics; multi-level governance and decentralisation; and tourism. He also oversees the work of the OECD Trento Centre for Local Development. Mr. Oliveira Martins holds an M.Sc. in Econometrics and a PhD in Economics from the University of Paris-I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, and is currently Associate Professor at the University of Paris-Dauphine and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, UK (FAcSS).

Aziza Akhmouch, Acting Head of the Cities, Urban Policies, and Sustainable Development Division



Aziza Akhmouch is Acting Head of the cities, urban policies and sustainable development division within the OECD Centre for entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. Her team carries out the OECD metropolitan and national urban policy reviews that assess the performance of cities and countries and provide tailored recommendations for governments to design and implement better urban policies for better lives. The division also oversees thematic work related to, smart cities, green cities, circular economy in cities, spatial planning and land use, urban finance and governance, urban water management, cities and climate change. The division provides the secretariat for the OECD Working Party on Urban Policy, as well as multi-stakeholder and innovative networks such as the OECD Champion Mayors Initiative for Inclusive Growth, the OECD Water

Governance Initiative, the OECD Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers, and the OECD-UN Habitat-Cities Alliance National Urban Policy Platform. Aziza Akhmouch holds a PhD and Ms Degree in Geopolitics from the French Institute of Geopolitics, University Paris VIII-Vincennes, as well as a MS degree in International Business from the University of Paris-Dauphine.

Vincent Fouchier, Chair of the OECD Working Party on Urban Policy



Vincent Fouchier is Chair of the OECD Working Party on Urban Policy and delegate representing France. He is also Director of the Aix-Marseille-Provence metropolitan area planning project. Previously he was Deputy Director General of the Institute of Urban and Regional Planning in the Île-de-France Region (IAU-ÎdF) where he co-ordinated the Department of Planning and Sustainable Development. Mr. Fouchier teaches at Sciences-Po, Paris, and lectures at the University of Paris I (Sorbonne) and the Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées. Mr. Fouchier holds a doctorate in urban planning from the University of Paris VIII. He has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite.

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS

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James Anderson, *Head of Government Innovation programs*



James Anderson leads the Government Innovation programs at Bloomberg Philanthropies, which helps city leaders solve their most vexing challenges through innovation, data and evidence, and collaboration. More than 250 cities worldwide are currently supported through grants, technical expertise, and educational and networking programs. Before joining Bloomberg Philanthropies, Mr. Anderson served as communications director to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. Previously, he served as senior **advisor to the commissioner of the City's homeless services agency, and as** communications director for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF LAND POLICY

Dr. George McCarthy, *President and CEO*



Dr. **George "Mac"** McCarthy is President and CEO of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Lincoln Institute seeks to improve quality of life through the effective use, taxation, and stewardship of land. A non-profit private operating foundation whose origins date to 1946, the Lincoln Institute researches and recommends creative approaches to land as a solution to economic, social, and environmental challenges. He has worked as Professor of Economics at Bard College, Resident Scholar at the Jerome Levy Economics Institute, Visiting Scholar and Member of the **High Table at King's College of Cambridge University, Visiting Scholar** at the University of Naples, Italy, and Research Associate at the Centre for Social Research in St. Petersburg, Russia. Dr. M received a B.A. in Economics and Mathematics at the University of Montana; an M.A. in Economics at Duke University; and, a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCLG)

Emilia Sáiz, *Secretary General*



Emilia Sáiz has been Secretary General of UCLG since 2017. Prior to her recent appointment, she was Deputy Secretary General of UCLG and has worked with the international movement of local and regional governments in different capacities since 1998. She has led programmes dedicated to institutional capacity building, women empowerment and decentralized cooperation. She is currently Secretary General of UCLG and Co-Chair of the Gender Programme of Cities Alliance. She also facilitates the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for Post-2015 Development Agenda towards Habitat III and inputs of the constituency to the UN process. Ms. Saiz, studied European Studies and Law specializing in international law with a **Master's Degree in Local Governance in Information Society**.

UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE

Brian Gallagher, *President and CEO*



Brian A. Gallagher is President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way **Worldwide, the world's largest privately funded non-profit**. Under his leadership, United Way has shifted the focus of its mission to driving community change. Today, United Way is engaged in nearly 1,800 communities around the world to create sustainable solutions to the challenges facing our communities, focusing on education, financial stability, and health. Supported by nearly 3 million volunteers, 9 million donors worldwide, and \$4.7 billion raised every year, United Way is engaging millions of people to change their communities, whether it is through donating, volunteering or speaking out. Mr. Gallagher holds several key positions in WEF. **He served as a member of President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighbourhood Partnerships**, is former Chair of

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WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE

Leo Horn-Phathanothai, *Director of Strategy and Partnership at WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities & Head of London Office*



Leo is Director for Strategy and Partnership for the Ross Center for **Sustainable Cities and Head of WRI's London Office**. **He is a non-profit entrepreneur, environmental economist, author and advocate dedicated to realizing the promise of a world rid of extreme poverty and hunger, in balance with nature.** He has made a career out of working with governments to turn seemingly intractable sustainable development challenges into irresistible opportunities for businesses and communities, in during his time at the World Resources Institute, and before that at the UN, World Bank, and as a British diplomat working to advance Sino-UK cooperation.



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