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LOCAL2030 COALITION

Biographies

OPENING

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif of Malaysia is the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), appointed by the Secretary-General, following an election by the General Assembly on 22 December 2017. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Sharif was the Mayor of the City Council of Penang Island, Malaysia. She is a champion of Gender-Responsive Participatory Budgeting and Gender Responsive Participatory Planning.



Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Under-Secretary-General & UNDP Associate Administrator

Haoliang Xu is the UN Under-Secretary General and the Associate Administrator of UNDP. He was previously the Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau of Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 2019. He has more than 25 years of experience in international development, having joined UNDP in 1994 and worked in various field and headquarters assignments in Asia-Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, New York, Iran, Timor-Leste, Pakistan and Kazakhstan. He has led large-scale change processes and built high-performance teams. Mr. Xu places strong emphasis on a clear strategic vision, a culture of collaboration and a mindset of continuous innovation, working with colleagues to deliver impactful development solutions. Before joining the United Nations, he worked in the field of civil engineering in China and the United States.



PANEL 1

H.E Mr. Patrice Emery Trovoada, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe (tbc)

Patrice Émery Trovoada is a São Toméan politician who is the 15th prime minister of São Tomé and Príncipe since November 2022. He previously served as Prime Minister from February 2008 to June 2008, from August 2010 to December 2012 and again from November 2014 to December 2018.



H.E. Mr. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana (tbc)

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo is a Ghanaian politician who has served as the president of Ghana since 2017. He previously served as Attorney General from 2001 to 2003 and as Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2003 to 2007 under the Kufuor-led administration.



H.E. Dr. Hala H. ElSaid, Minister of Planning and Economic Development of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Dr. Hala H. Elsaid was sworn in as Egypt's Minister of Planning and Economic Development on December 22, 2019. Prior to this appointment, her excellency served as the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform between February 2017 and December 2019.

Dr. Elsaid who also serves as Chair of Egypt's Sovereign Wealth Fund is a prominent Economist and Academic Figure, recognized as the Best Arab Minister by the Arab Government Excellence Award in November 2020.



Hon. Claudia López, Mayor of Bogota, Republic of Colombia

Claudia Nayibe López Hernández is a Colombian politician and activist. She serves as the current mayor of Bogotá, since January 2020. She was a Senator of the Republic of Colombia between 2014 and 2018 and the vice-presidential candidate in the 2018 presidential election for the Green Alliance party.

Prior to commencing her political career, Ms López worked as a journalist, researcher, political analyst and consultant for the United Nations. She studied Finance, Public Administration and

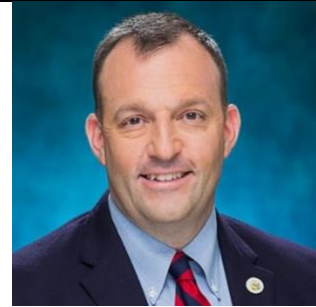


Political Science at the Universidad Externado de Colombia. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration and Urban Policy from Columbia University and a PhD in Political Science from Northwestern University in the United States.

Hon. Joshua Green, Governor of the State of Hawaii, United States of America

Joshua Booth Green is a physician and politician serving as governor of Hawaii since 2022. Prior to this, in 2018, he was elected to be the Lieutenant Governor of Hawai'i.

For the past 20 years, Governor Green cared for Big Island families as a doctor. He served in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives from 2004 to 2008. From 2008 to 2018, he served in the Hawai'i State Senate, including as Majority Floor Leader, Chair of the Health and Human Services committees, and Vice Chair of the Energy and Environment, and Human Services and Housing committees.



PANEL 2

H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, President of the Kingdom of Spain (tbc)

Pedro Sánchez has been President of the Government of Spain since June 2018. He was also secretary general of the PSOE, leader of the opposition and candidate for the Presidency of the Government between 2014 and 2016. Previously, he was a deputy in Congress for the Madrid constituency and councilor in the Madrid City Council.

In 2012, Sánchez received his PhD in Economics from Universidad Camilo José Cela, where he was a professor of Economics. Prior to his time as a university professor, he worked as an advisor to the European Parliament and was a member of the cabinet of the United Nations High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey (tbc)

Recep Tayyip is a Turkish politician, President of the Republic of Turkey since August 2014. Prior to this, he was Prime Minister between March 2003 and August 2014 as the leader of Justice and Development Party (AKP) and mayor of Istanbul (1994-1998). He also co-founded the Justice and Development Party (AKP) in 2001.



Ms. Natalia Maria Rapassi Dias Melo, Managing Director of the Brazilian Development Bank



Mr. Thomas Östros, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank



Hon. Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Republic of The Gambia.

Rohey Malick Lowe was elected Mayor of Banjul on May 2018. She was a founding member of the United Democratic Party and is the first female Mayor at her city. She indicated that one of her priorities is to ensure that the youth and women of Banjul, are empowered through skills and entrepreneurship training.

Prior to this, she lived in Sweden where she studied International Relations at the University of Falun. While there, she was active in politics and was a member of the party called the 'Social



Democrats' and had the opportunity to serve on the Child Welfare Committee of Nyköping Municipality.

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Mr. Jader Filho, Minister of Cities, Federative Republic of Brazil

Jader Filho is graduated in Administration from the University of Amazônia, with a specialization in Marketing and has a postgraduate degree in Public Administration from FGV. As a businessman, until 2022 he managed the RBA Communication group, one of the largest in the North of the country.

Affiliated with the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB) party since 1995, he is currently the State President of the party in Pará. He was chosen by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva as Minister of Cities, to run one of the federal government's main programs, Minha Casa Minha Vida.



Mr. Antonio Tajani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Italy (tbc)

Antonio Tajani is an Italian politician, journalist and former Italian Air Force officer, who has served as Deputy Prime Minister of Italy and Minister of Foreign Affairs since 22 October 2022. Prior to this, he served as President of the European Parliament from 2017 to 2019, as European Commissioner from 2008 to 2014, and also as a member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 2008 and again from 2014 to 2022 until he was elected to Italy's Chamber of Deputies.



Ms. Caroline Cosse, Mayor of Montevideo, Uruguay, and President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Carolina Cosse was elected mayor of Montevideo in November 2020. She was previously Senator of the Republic since February 2020. Carolina Cosse was Minister of Industry Energy and Mining under the presidency of Tabaré Vazquez from 2015 to 2019. She promoted the diversification of the national energy grid and the development of the mining and telecommunication sectors with special emphasis on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. From 2010 to 2015 she was the president of ANTEL (the state-owned telecommunication company).

Her first political position dates back to 2007 when she was appointed Director of the Information Technology Division of the



Government of Montevideo. Prior to her political career, she worked in the private sector managing various engineering projects in Uruguay and in other Latin America countries.

Mr. Juan Mari Aburto, Mayor of Bilbao, Basque Country, Kingdom of Spain

Juan Mari Aburto is a Basque politician of the Basque Nationalist Party. He was elected mayor of Bilbao in 2015.

Prior to this, he was a Deputy to provincial leader José Luis Bilbao from 2003 to 2012. In December that year he went back to the Basque Government, to be Minister of Employment and Social Policy (2012-2015) with Iñigo Urkullu, Basque President. Aburto won his second re-election as Mayor in May 2023.



Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee.

Thomas Bach has had a successful career in sports. He became an Olympic champion in 1976 and in 2006, he was named as the founding President of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB). He was an athletes' representative at the XI Olympic Congress in Baden-Baden (1981) and a founding member of the IOC's Athletes' Commission. He served as an IOC Vice-President for more than 10 years and chaired several IOC Commissions. He was finally elected as the ninth President of the IOC in September 2013.



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Ms. Adriana Figueredo, DAFI Scholar and Latin America Regional Lead, Tertiary Refugee Student Network

Adriana Figueredo is a refugee youth advocate currently coursing a degree in International Relations in the UVM (Universidad del Valle de Mexico).

She is a member of the Tertiary Refugee Student Network (TRSN) and part of the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) programme. She is also part of the Model of United Nations community since 2012.



CONCLUSIONS

Ms. Kelly Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Kelly T. Clements joined UNHCR as Deputy High Commissioner on 6 July 2015. Clements has been closely involved with refugee and displacement issues throughout her three decade career.

Before joining UNHCR, Clements was a member of the Senior Executive Service, serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) where she was responsible for humanitarian issues in Asia and the Middle East and global policy and budget. In 2014, she was Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.



Mr. Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General

Mr. Qu Dongyu took office on 1 August 2019 as Director-General of FAO.

Prior to this, he served as China's Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, where one of his achievements was to promote inclusive and innovative development and make sure information and communication technologies (ICT) were available in rural areas. He was also Vice Governor of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. His professional career includes periods in central and local government and leading research institutes.



MASTER OF CEREMONY AND MODERATOR

Dr. Shipra Narang Suri, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat and Head of Secretariat, Local2030 Coalition

Dr. Shipra Narang Suri is an urban planner with a Ph.D. in Post-War Recovery Studies from the University of York, UK. She leads UN-Habitat's Urban Practices Branch, which is the hub for UN-Habitat's normative work and the home of its portfolio of global programmes. She is also the senior advisor within UN-Habitat for local governments and their networks.

