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**ALBERT S. VAN JAARVELD** | Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) (Austria)

Albert was appointed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Director General of IIASA in 2018. Prior to this, he served as Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, and President and CEO of the South African National Research Foundation. He received his doctorate in zoology (University of Pretoria), pursued postdoctoral studies and research in conservation biology and global security in Australia and the UK, and underwent leadership training at Harvard University. His research has focused on biodiversity, conservation planning, biodiversity and climate change, and ecosystem services. Albert has served as Co-Chair of MEA Follow-up: Sub-Global Assessments; member of the International Council for Science Nominations Committee; IPBES Focal Point; Chair of Senior Officials Group of G8 Science Ministers on Global Research Infrastructure; Member of external review panel of Future Earth, and more.

**ALICIA GARCIA-HERRERO** | Chief Economist, Asia Pacific Natixis (Spain)

In addition to her position at Natixis, Alicia is an independent Board Member of the AGEAS insurance group. She has served as Chief Economist for Emerging Markets at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria; Member of the Asian Research Program at the Bank of International Settlements; Head of the International Economy Division of the Bank of Spain; Economist at the International Monetary Fund, and more. Alicia is a Member of the Board of the Center for Asia-Pacific Resilience and Innovation (CAPRI), a member of the Council of Advisors on Economic Affairs to the Spanish Government, a member of the Advisory Board of the Berlin-based Mercator Institute for China Studies and an advisor to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's research arm. She also serves as a non-resident Senior Fellow at the East Asian Institute of the National University Singapore and Adjunct Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

**AMITABH KANT** | G20 Sherpa of India (India)

Amitabh Kant is a governance reformer and a public policy change agent for India, having driven key reforms and initiatives during his tenure as the CEO of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022) and the Secretary of the Department for Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) (2014-2016), Government of India. At NITI

Aayog, he drove a vast range of national-level developmental and policy initiatives which catalyzed India's social and economic development and have brought about a paradigm shift in policy-making. At DIPP, Amitabh spearheaded the Start-up India movement that positioned India as the third-best ecosystem for startups globally, with over 70,000+ start ups and over 101+ Unicorns. He has been a key driver of other flagship national initiatives such as Make in India, Incredible India, Kerala: God's Own Country and the Aspirational Districts Program.

**ARUNABHA GHOSH** | Public Policy Expert, Author, Columnist and Institution Builder; Founder-CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) (India)

Arunabha is a public policy expert, author, columnist, and institution builder, also renowned as the founder-CEO of CEEW. Currently, he serves on the Government of India's G20 Finance Track Advisory Group and provides guidance to the Sherpa Track for India's G20 Presidency in 2022-23. In 2022, he was appointed by the UN Secretary-General to the High-level Expert Group on the Credibility and Accountability of Net-Zero Announcements by Non-State Actors. Additionally, he holds the position of Vice-Chair of the UN Committee for Development Policy and serves on various international expert advisory groups, including the Global Commission on the Economics of Water and the High-Level Group of Economists for the One Planet Lab. He advises India's Prime Minister's Office, ministries, state governments, and international organizations on a wide range of subjects.

**ASHIMA GOYAL** | Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) (India)

Ashima, Emeritus Professor at IGIDR is widely published in international finance and governance, has received national and international awards, edits a Routledge journal, is active in the domestic policy debate, and has served on several boards and policy committees including the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. Currently, she is a member of the RBI Monetary Policy Committee and chair of a task force on repurposing the international financial architecture in T20. Her research has received national and international awards, including two outstanding research awards from GDN in Tokyo (2000) and Rio de Janeiro (2001). Ashima was selected as one of the four most powerful women in economics and

business, and a thought leader by *Business Today*; was the first Professor P.R. Brahmananda Memorial Research Grant Awardee; and received the SKOCH Challenger Award for Economic Policy.

**B.V.R. SUBRAHMANYAM | CEO, NITI Aayog (India)**

B.V.R. joined as Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog in 2023. An Indian Administrative Service Officer of the 1987 batch (Chhattisgarh cadre), he has led important assignments over the last three decades in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Jammu and Kashmir, along with a stint at The World Bank. He has served as Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir; Principal Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh; and has held positions in the Prime Minister's Office.

**DEBJANI GHOSH | President, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) (India)**

Debjani is a veteran of the technology industry, serving as the fifth president of NASSCOM and the first woman at the helm. As president, she is responsible for establishing new growth areas for the technology industry in India and works with governments and industry stakeholders to establish policies and initiatives that help accelerate the growth of the sector in India and across the world. Prior to this, she was the first woman to lead Intel India and the Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology; and was a member of the executive council at NASSCOM. In January 2018, Debjani was felicitated by the President of India under the auspices of the 'First Ladies' program, which honors exceptional women pioneers in their respective fields. She has also been listed in the '100 Most Influential Woman in UK-India Relations: Celebrating women' list.

**DEEPAK MISHRA | Director and Chief Executive the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) (India)**

Prior to joining ICRIER, Deepak was the Practice Manager at the World Bank's Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment Global Practice, responsible for East Asia and Pacific region. He has held various positions at the World Bank, including the Co-director of the World Development Report 2016 (Digital Dividends), Country Economist for Ethiopia, Pakistan, Sudan and Vietnam. Deepak's research work has been published in various academic journals including the *Journal of*

*Development Economics*, the *Journal of International Economics* and the *Journal of Agriculture Economics*.

**DONALD KABERUKA | Chairman and Managing Partner of South Bridge and Former President, the African Development Bank (AfDB) (Rwanda)**

Donald is the seventh elected president of AfDB since its establishment in 1963. Before joining the bank, he had a distinguished career in banking, international trade and development and government service. A national of Rwanda, he was the country's Minister of Finance and Economic Planning between 1997 and 2005. During his service at the AfDB, Donald presided over a major strategy redirection for development and poverty reduction in Africa. To that end, the AfDB laid increased emphasis on the private sector and on the importance of major infrastructure developments in areas such as road, railways, power plants and communications, especially in their role in promoting regional integration in Africa. During his tenure, the AfDB became Africa's premier financial institution.

**FRANÇOIS BOURGUIGNON | Global Development Network (GDN) Board Chair; Professor Emeritus, Paris School of Economics; and former Chief Economist, World Bank (France)**

François chairs the GDN Board, and is also emeritus professor of economics at the Paris School of Economics. He has been the director of the Paris School from 2007 to 2013. Before that, he was the chief economist and senior vice-president of the World Bank in Washington. He spent most of his research career as a professor at the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* in Paris. His work bears mainly upon inequality and corrective policies in developed and developing countries as well as at the global level. François has authored a large number of academic papers and books, and has received several awards and merits for his works. He is also active in the international development community, lecturing and advising leading international agencies, as well as, governments.

**HANAN MORSY | Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (Egypt)**

Hanan is a dynamic Senior Executive with extensive experience of leading top-quality economic research, policy dialogue and development work for international financial institutions. These include the

International Monetary Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the African Development Bank and the private sector. She is a global economic and public policy expert, who has provided quantitative policy analysis to governments around the world on macroeconomic, fiscal and financial issues, private sector development and structural reforms. Hanan was the Director of Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department at the African Development Bank (AfDB), before which, she was the Regional Lead Economist for Southern and Eastern Mediterranean at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and has also worked at the International Monetary Fund.

**HAROON BHORAT | Professor, University of Cape Town (South Africa)**

Haron is a Professor of Economics and Director of the DPRU. He holds an NRF B2 rating, and with a total citation estimate of over 7800 and an h-index of 47, he is one of the most cited South African economists globally. He currently serves on the Presidential Economic Advisory Council (PEAC), established by President Ramaphosa to generate new ideas for economic growth, job creation and addressing poverty in South Africa. Haroon holds the DST/NRF SARCHI Chair in Economic Growth, Poverty and Inequality Research. He is a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; a Research Fellow at IZA, the Institute for the Study of Labour in Bonn; and is a member of the UCT College of Fellows. He sits on the editorial advisory board of the *World Bank Economic Review*, and is a Board Member of the National Research Foundation and UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research, previously sitting on the HSRC Board.

**HOMI KHARAS | Senior Fellow, Center for Sustainable Development, Brookings Institution (USA)**

In his capacity as senior fellow at Brookings, Homi studies policies and trends influencing developing countries, including aid to poor countries, the emergence of the middle class, and global governance and the G20. He previously served as interim vice president and director of the Global Economy and Development program. He served as the lead author and executive secretary supporting the High-Level Panel co-chaired by President Sirleaf, President Yudhoyono and Prime Minister Cameron, advising the UN Secretary General on the post-2015 development agenda (2012-2013). His report, *A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and*

*Transform Economies through Sustainable Development*, was presented in 2013. Prior to joining Brookings, Homi spent 26 years at the World Bank, serving for seven years as Chief Economist for the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific region and Director for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Finance and Private Sector Development.

**JAYANT SINHA | Member of Parliament and Chair of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance (India)**

Jayant is a Member, Global Advisory Board, Observer Research Foundation. He is the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Finance and a Member of Parliament from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. In the past, he has served as Minister of State for Finance and Civil Aviation. Prior to his career in public service, Jayant was a venture capitalist. He has degrees from the Harvard Business School, University of Pennsylvania, and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

**JEAN-LOUIS ARCAND | President, Global Development Network (GDN) (Canada)**

Jean-Louis is a Canadian economist and professor of economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, as well as, an affiliate professor at the Université Mohammed VI Polytechnic in Rabat. He is a Founding Fellow of the European Development Research Network, a Senior Fellow at the *Fondation pour les études et recherches en développement international* (FERDI) and has been a Visiting Professor at Renmin University of China in Beijing, *Universidade Federal da Bahia* and several universities in Africa and the Caribbean. He was assistant and then Associate Professor at the University of Montréal, and Professor at the *Centre d'études et de recherches en développement international* (CERDI). Jean-Louis became the president of GDN in January 2023.

**JESSICA SEDDON | Senior Fellow, Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs (USA)**

Jessica is a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at the Yale Jackson School for Global Affairs. Her work on environmental governance focuses on how new sources of data can be leveraged to enable new (and more sustainable) ways of interacting with the environment around us. Her career in India and the U.S. spans academic, program leadership, and

strategic advisory roles focused on institutional design for integrating science into policy and social initiatives. She is a co-founder of The Institutional Architecture Lab and Senior Fellow at Artha Global, a networked policy consulting organization that supports governments in the developing world to design, implement, and institutionalize policy frameworks that promote prosperity, stability, and resilience. She is also an Adjunct Fellow with the Chair in U.S.-India Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and serves on the academic council of the Indian School of Public Policy in New Delhi.

**KAPIL KAPOOR | Regional Director-Asia, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (India)**

Kapil, an Indian national, is the Regional Director for the Asia Regional Office of the IDRC. He has over 30 years of experience in international development, specializing in Africa and Asia. He was the Director General for Southern Africa, at the African Development Bank, where he was responsible for the bank's projects and programs across 13 countries in Southern Africa. He has also served as the Director for Strategy and Operational Policies at the bank, where he led the preparation of the bank's Long-Term Strategy for Africa, and its Private Sector Development Strategy. Kapil has held a series of senior positions with the World Bank Group, including the World Bank's Representative for Uganda and Zambia and the World Bank's Sector Manager for its poverty reduction, economic management and governance program in Asia.

**MANJEEV SINGH PURI | Distinguished Fellow, Earth Science and Climate Change (India)**

Manjeev joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1982 and has served as Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg, Nepal and as Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN. His expertise and experience focus on the environment, in particular climate change and sustainable development. Manjeev was a lead negotiator for India at the UN on issues relating to the SDGs and at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. He has been a key member of India's delegation at various Climate Change negotiations, including the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen in 2009 and before that at Montreal, Bali,

Bonn and Poznan. Furthermore, he was closely involved with India's participation in the G8-G5 Summits from 2005 and was the point-person on the Indian side at the Major Economies Forum. He is a Distinguished Fellow and on the Advisory Board of The Energy and Resources Institute.

**MARI PANGESTU | Former Managing Director (MD), The World Bank (Indonesia)**

Mari served as the World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships. In this role, she provided leadership and oversight of the research and data group of the World Bank (DEC), the work program of the World Bank's Global Practice Groups, and the External and Corporate Relations function. Mari joined the bank with exceptional policy and management expertise, having served as Indonesia's Minister of Trade from 2004 to 2011 and as Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy from 2011 to 2014. She has a vast experience of over 30 years in academia, second track processes, international organizations and government work in areas related to international trade, investment and development in multilateral, regional and national settings. Mari has also served as a Senior Fellow at the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs; Adjunct Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University; and a Board Member of the Indonesia Bureau of Economic Research.

**NAGESH KUMAR | Director and Chief Executive of the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) (India)**

Nagesh heads ISID, a New Delhi-based public-funded policy think-tank. He is also a Non-Resident Senior Fellow of the Boston University Global Development Policy Centre, Boston, USA. Prior to joining ISID, he served as Director at UN-ESCAP, Bangkok for 12 years. During 2002-09, Nagesh served as the Director-General of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a policy think-tank of the Indian Government. He has also served as an Economist at UNU/MERIT, Netherlands; on the Boards of the Export-Import Bank of India; ICTSD Geneva; and SACEPS Kathmandu, and as a consultant for the World Bank, ADB, ILO, and UNCTAD, among other international organizations. A PhD from the Delhi School of Economics, he received the Exim Bank's first International Trade Research Award and GDN's Research Medal. He has authored 18 books and over 120 peer-reviewed papers.



**NANDAN M. NILEKANI** | Chairman and Co-founder, Infosys and Founding Chairman, UIDAI (Aadhaar) (India)

Nandan was the Founding Chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) from 2009-2014. He has also co-founded and is the Chairman of EkStep Foundation, a not-for-profit effort to create a learner centric, technology-based platform to improve basic literacy and numeracy for millions of children. In 2023, he was appointed as the co-chair of the 'G20 Task Force on Digital Public Infrastructure for Economic Transformation, Financial Inclusion and Development'. *Fortune Magazine* conferred him with the title of 'Asia's Businessman of the year 2003'. Nandan received the prestigious Joseph Schumpeter prize for innovative services in economy, economic sciences and politics in 2005, and was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2006. Since then he has won several awards and titles. He serves as International Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Nandan is the author of *Imagining India*, co-author of *Rebooting India: Realizing a Billion Aspirations* and *The Art of Bitfulness: Keeping Calm in the Digital World*.

**N. K. SINGH** | Chairman Finance Commission, and President, Institute of Economic Growth (India)

N.K. Singh is a prominent economist, academician, and policymaker. Prior to his current positions, he chaired the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Review Committee. Before entering politics and fiscal policy leadership, N.K. served in the Indian Administrative Services and held key positions such as Expenditure Secretary, Revenue Secretary, and Secretary to the Prime Minister of India. He played a significant part in India's economic reforms of 1991, leading negotiations with international organizations like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. N.K. has authored several books, including *Politics of Change, Not by Reason Alone*, *The New Bihar: Rekindling Governance and Development*, and more recently, *Recalibrate: Changing Paradigms*, that features essays on a wide range of subjects in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. He has also contributed as a columnist to Indian newspapers such as *Hindustan Times*, *Hindustan*, *The Indian Express*, *The Hindu*, and *Mint*. Currently, he serves as a Special Invitee to the CEEW Board.

**OTAVIANO CANUTO** | Senior Fellow, the Policy Center for the New South (Brazil)

Otaviano is currently a Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at Brookings Institute. Before that, he has worked at multilateral institutions for 15 years. As the Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management of the World Bank Group, he and his team were responsible for providing policy advice in areas such as trade, public sector management and governance, public debt management, gender equality, and poverty reduction. As the Vice President for Countries at the Inter-American Development Bank, he was responsible for client management and relationships with member governments. Otaviano also occupied positions as an Executive Director of the boards of the International Monetary Fund and of the World Bank, where he overviewed operations and policies implemented by both institutions. He has also been Deputy Minister for international affairs at Brazil's Ministry of Finance, as well as a professor of economics at the University of São Paulo and the University of Campinas.

**PAUL SAMSON** | President, Center for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) (Canada)

Paul has more than 30 years of experience across a range of global policy issues. He is currently focused on the transformation of the global economy through digitisation, scenarios for an evolving world order and institutional global governance challenges. During the 24 years with the Government of Canada, Paul's positions included Director General of Strategic Policy at the former Canadian International Development Agency and Assistant Deputy Minister-level roles with Global Affairs Canada and with International Trade and Finance, Finance Canada. At the Privy Council Office, he held several positions during the tenure of three different prime ministers. He also previously served on the Board of Directors for the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

**PETER DRYSDALE** | Emeritus Professor of Economics and Head of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research, Australian National University (Australia)

Peter is widely recognised as the leading intellectual architect of APEC. He has authored numerous books and papers on international trade and economic policy in East Asia and the Pacific, including his prize-winning

book, *International Economic Pluralism: Economic Policy in East Asia and the Pacific*. He is the recipient of the Asia Pacific Prize, the Weary Dunlop Award, the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun with Gold Rays and Neck Ribbon, the Australian Centenary Medal and a member of the Order of Australia.

**POONAM GUPTA** | Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) (India)

Before joining NCAER, Poonam was the Lead Economist, Global Macro and Market Research at the International Finance Corporation; and the Lead Economist for India at the World Bank. Before this, she has been a Reserve Bank of India Chair, professor at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economics Relations, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the Delhi School of Economics, and an Economist at the International Monetary Fund. Her research has been published in leading scholarly journals and featured in *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

**RAM MADHAV** | President, India Foundation (IF) (India)

Ram is an Indian politician, social leader, author and thinker. In over a decade of IF's existence, he has curated major annual global and national multilateral initiatives like the Indian Ocean Conference, the Dharma-Dhamma Conference, ASEAN-India Youth Summit and Counter Terrorism Conference, involving heads of governments, academics, scholars and public-spirited individuals. Most recently, Ram has been instrumental in ideating the Religion-20 Forum (R20), as part of the Indian G20 presidency. A renowned author and thinker, he has over 300 publications to his credit. He has authored several books in English and Telugu that include *The Hindutva Paradigm – Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview*; *Because India Comes First: Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Culture* and *Uneasy Neighbors: India and China after 50 years of the War*.

**RAMESH CHAND** | Member, NITI Aayog (India)

Ramesh has been involved in policy formulation for the agriculture sector for the past two and a half decades. Prior to joining NITI Aayog,

he was Director, National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi. He has worked in senior academic positions across India, Australia, and Japan and been a consultant with FAO, UNDP, ESCAP, UNCTAD, Commonwealth, and the World Bank. Ramesh has served as India's nodal officer for agriculture for SAARC for seven years and represented the country in meetings of G20, UNESCAP. He was presented with the Jawaharlal Nehru Award (1984), Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Award (2006) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Award (2018) by the Indian Economic Association.

**ROBERT LAWRENCE** | Albert L. Williams Professor of International Trade and Investment Harvard University (USA)

Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, Robert also currently serves as Faculty Chair of The Practice of Trade Policy executive program at Harvard Kennedy School. He was a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers from 1998 to 2000, and has also been a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Robert has taught at Yale University, where he received his PhD in economics. His research focuses on trade policy. His publications include *Crimes and Punishments? Retaliation under the WTO*; *Regionalism, Multilateralism and Deeper Integration*; *Single World, Divided Nations?*; and *Can America Compete?* Robert has served on the advisory boards of the Congressional Budget Office, the Overseas Development Council, and the Presidential Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy.

**ROBERT STAVINS** | A.J. Meyer Professor, Energy and Economic Development, Harvard University (USA)

Robert is the Director of the Harvard Environmental Economics Program, and Director, Harvard Project on Climate Agreements. He is a University Fellow, Resources for the Future; Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research; elected Fellow, Association of Environmental and Resource Economics; Member, Board of Directors, Resources for the Future; and Editor, *Journal of Wine Economics*. Robert was Chairman, Environmental Economics Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He was a Lead Author, Second and Third Assessment Reports, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and Coordinating Lead

Author, Fifth Assessment Report. His research has examined diverse areas of environmental economics and policy, and appeared in more than a hundred articles in academic journals and popular periodicals, plus a dozen books.

**SACHIN CHATURVEDI** | Director General Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) (India)

Sachin works on issues related to development economics, involving development finance, Sustainable Development Goals and South-South Cooperation, apart from trade, investment and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO. He is credited with the launch of Network of Southern Think Tanks, Forum for Indian Development Cooperation, and 'Delhi Process', a major forum for exchange of ideas on South-South and triangular Cooperation. Sachin was also the 'Global Justice Fellow' at the MacMillan Center for International Affairs at Yale University (2009-2010) and has served as a Visiting Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has been a Developing Country Fellow at the University of Amsterdam; Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla (2003); and Visiting Scholar at the German Development Institute. Currently, he is also Vice Chairman of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis; and ex-officio Vice Chairman of Madhya Pradesh State Policy and Planning Commission. He is also Independent Director on the Board of Reserve Bank of India.

**SANTIAGO LEVY** | Non-resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution (Mexico)

Santiago is a non-resident senior fellow with the Global Economy and Development Program at Brookings. He was previously president of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). From 2008 to 2018 he was the Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). From 1994 to 2000, he served as the deputy minister at the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico. He has also held positions across government and academia, including General Director, Mexican Social Security Institute; President, Federal Competition Commission; Director for deregulation, Ministry of Industry and Trade, and more. Santiago has received several prestigious awards in Economics and has published six books, 24 articles in academic journals, and 20 book chapters on economic growth and productivity,

social policy, education budgetary and tax policy, trade policy reform, rural and regional development, and policies for poverty alleviation.

**SUMAN BERY** | Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog (India)

An experienced policy economist and research administrator, Suman took over as the NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson in 2022. At the time of his appointment, he was a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; a Global Fellow in the Asia Programme of the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars in Washington D.C.; and a non-resident fellow at Bruegel. He was also a member of the Board of the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, New Delhi; and Royal Dutch Shell's global Chief Economist based in The Hague. Suman has served as Director-General (Chief Executive) of NCAER; member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; and has worked at the World Bank in Washington D.C. Here, he focused on research on financial sector development and country policy and strategy, notably in Latin America and the Caribbean. His experience on financial sector reform in Latin America led to an appointment as Special Consultant to the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India between 1992 and 1994.

**SURJIT S. BHALLA** | former Executive Director for India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (India)

Before his tenure at IMF, Surjit was a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council and Chairman of Oxus Research and Investments in New Delhi. He has worked as a research economist at the Rand Corporation, the Brookings Institution, in the Research and Treasury departments of the World Bank, and as a consultant to Warburg Pincus. Moreover, he has worked on Wall Street at Deutsche Bank and at Goldman Sachs. Surjit has authored several academic papers and books, including *Imagine There's no Country* (2002), *Devaluing to Prosperity* (2012), *The New Wealth of Nations* (2017), and *Citizen Raj* (2019). He is a regular contributor to Indian newspapers, magazines, and television on financial markets, economics, politics and cricket.

**TAO ZHANG** | Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific, Bank of International Settlements (BIS) (China)

Tao has been Chief Representative of the BIS Office of Asia and the Pacific since September 2022. He has served as Deputy Managing



Director of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC during which, he oversaw the Fund's engagement with more than 100 member countries and built a wide portfolio, ranging from financial stability policies, fintech and digital currencies, climate financing and sustainable growth, to engagement with other international organizations. Earlier in his career, he worked as an economist at the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Tao has also served as Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China, and Chairman of the Supervisory Board at the People's Insurance Company (Group) of China Limited.

**V. ANANTHA NAGESWARAN | Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (India)**

Prior to this appointment, V. Anantha worked as a writer, author, teacher and consultant. He has taught at several business schools and management institutes in India and Singapore, and has published extensively. He was the Dean of the IFMR Graduate School of Business and a distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics at Krea University. V. Anantha has also been a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021. He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and a doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

**VIJAY KUMAR SARASWAT | Member, NITI Aayog (India)**

Vijay is a highly esteemed scientist, renowned for his extensive experience in defense research encompassing both fundamental and applied sciences. Having served as the Secretary of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), he has made remarkable contributions to the indigenous development of missiles like Prithvi, Dhanush, Prahaar, and Agni-5, as well as the two-tiered Ballistic Missile Defence system. He played a pivotal role in establishing infrastructure to support the Nuclear Doctrine and developing cyber security technologies. Furthermore, Vijay has been actively involved in the development of alternative energy systems, such as clean coal technologies, concentrated solar power systems, and bioenergy- and hydrogen-based economies. At NITI Aayog, he has initiated the 'Methanol Economy' program, aiming to utilize methanol for transportation, energy generation, and chemical production. His outstanding achievements have been recognized through

numerous awards, including the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, as well as honorary doctorates from over 25 universities.

**VINOD K. PAUL | Member, NITI Aayog (India)**

Vinod leads the Health, Nutrition and Education verticals at NITI Aayog. He has been a key catalyst for a number of flagship schemes of the government, including Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, the world's largest health assurance program covering over 600 million people. Paul has been a part of the core team of the Union Government for COVID-19 pandemic response as the chair of the National Task Force, as well as, of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19. He was conferred with the prestigious Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize by WHO at the 2018 World Health Assembly for his globally recognized service in the field of family health.