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Ten New Members Appointed to the Council of United Nations University

United Nations University (UNU) is pleased to announce the appointment of 10 new members to the governing Council of United Nations University (UNU Council). The new appointees, who replace 10 retiring members of the 24-member UNU Council, will serve for a term of six years, through 2013.

The new UNU Council members were appointed jointly by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura, in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and other concerned UN agencies and programmes, in accordance with Article IV of the United Nations University Charter.

The 10 newly appointed members of the UNU Council are:

- **Prof. Paolo Blasi** (Italy), Professor of Physics, University of Florence; former Rector, University of Florence
- **Ms. Angela Cropper** (Trinidad and Tobago), President, The Cropper Foundation
- **Dr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente** (Mexico), Rector, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)
- **Prof. Dr. Louise Fresco** (The Netherlands), Professor of Foundations of Sustainable Development in International Perspective, Universiteit van Amsterdam
- **Prof. Fadia Kiwan** (Lebanon), Professor of Political Science and Director, Faculty of Law & Political Science, St. Joseph University, Beirut
- **Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai** (Mauritius), President, The International Association of Universities
- **Prof. Dr. Komlavi Francisco Seddoh** (Togo), Former Director, Division of Higher Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris; former Rector and President of the Board, University of Lomé, Togo
- **Prof. Gita Sen** (India), Sir Ratan Tata Chair Professor at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Adjunct Lecturer at the Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University
- **Prof. Ivan Wilhelm** (Czech Republic), Former Rector, Charles University, Prague
- **Prof. Dr. Margret Wintermantel** (Germany), President, German Rectors' Conference; President, Saarland University, Saarbrücken

Members of the UNU Council serve in an individual capacity (not as representatives of their country's government). Appointed members are selected with the aim of achieving a geographic and gender balance, with due regard to major academic, scientific, educational and cultural trends as well as each member's fields of expertise. The main functions of the UNU Council are to formulate the principles and policies of UNU, govern the operations of the University, and consider and approve the UNU work programme and budget

The 10 new members join 14 members of the UNU Council who were appointed in 2004 (and will remain in office until 2010). The incumbent members are:

- **Amb. Jayantha Dhanapala** (Sri Lanka) (*Chair of the Council*), Senior Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka; former Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, New York, and former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva

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- Prof. Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad (Qatar), President, Qatar University, Doha
- Prof. Dr. Eng. Lidia R. Arthur Brito (Mozambique), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Agronomy and Forest Engineering, Eduardo Mondlane University; former Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Mozambique
- Dr. Gloria Cristina Flórez (Peru), Professor, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima
- Dr. Eduardo Carrega Marçal Grilo (Portugal), Trustee, Gulbenkian Foundation; former Minister of Education of Portugal
- Mr. Ji Fusheng (China), former Director General, Department of High Technology and Fundamental Research of China; former Counselor, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations
- Prof. Dr. Marju Lauristin (Estonia), Professor of Political Communication, Tartu University; former Minister of Social Affairs of Estonia
- Prof. Dr. Andrei Marga (Romania), Professor of Contemporary Philosophy and Logic, and former Rector, Babes-Bolyai University
- Prof. Dr. Otto S. R. Ongkosongo (Indonesia), Geologist and Research Professor, Research Center for Oceanography, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Jakarta
- Prof. Akilagpa Sawyerr (Ghana), Secretary-General, Association of African Universities; former Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law, University of Ghana
- Ambassador Terusuke Terada (Japan), President, Foreign Press Center/Japan; former Ambassador of Japan to Mexico, Belize and Republic of Korea
- Dr. Hebe María Cristina Vessuri (Venezuela), Senior Researcher and Head, Department of Science Studies, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas (IVIC), Caracas
- Dr. David Ward (United States), President, American Council on Education; former Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Prof. Alison Wolf (United Kingdom), Professor of Management and Professional Development, King's College London, University of London

The Rector of UNU is also a member of the UNU Council. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Director-General of UNESCO, and the Executive Director of UNITAR serve as ex-officio UNU Council members. For more information about current and former Council members, see <http://www.unu.edu/council>.

UNU was established in 1973 by the United Nations General Assembly [Resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]. UNU commenced operations in September 1975, and today comprises UNU Centre in Tokyo, a network of 13 Research and Training Centres/Programmes located around the world, and liaison offices at UN Headquarters (New York) and UNESCO Headquarters (Paris). The work of the core UNU system is assisted by 14 UNU Associated Institutions and hundreds of cooperating institutions, researchers and scholars.

The mission of UNU is “to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States.” New and constructive thinking that incorporates both theoretical and practical approaches is a hallmark of UNU research and policy/foresight studies. The work on the University is clustered within two main programme areas: (i) Peace and Governance and (ii) Environment and Development.

In fulfilling its mission, UNU undertakes five key roles, serving as (i) an international community of scholars; (ii) a bridge between the UN and the international academic community; (iii) a think-tank for the UN system; (iv) a builder of capacities, particularly in developing countries; and (v) a platform for dialogue and new and creative ideas. For more information, visit the UNU website at <http://www.unu.edu>.

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