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Fourteen New Members Appointed to the Council of United Nations University

The United Nations University is pleased to announce the appointment of 14 new members to the governing Council of United Nations University (UN University Council). The new appointees, who replace members retiring from the Council in 2010, will serve for a term of six years (2010–2016).

The main functions of the UN University Council are to formulate the principles and policies of the University, govern its operations, and consider and approve its biennial budget and work programme.

Appointed members of the UN University Council, who serve in their individual capacity (not as representatives of their country's government), 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.

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

The 14 newly appointed members of the UNU Council are:

- **Prof. Nobuyasu Abe** (Japan), Director, Center for the Promotion of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Japan Institute of International Affairs; former UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs
- **Dr. J. Michael Adams** (USA), President, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- **Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon** (France), Director, Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques; Research Director, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
- **Dr. Rahma Bourqia** (Morocco), President, Hassan II University - Mohammedia, Casablanca
- **Sen. Cristovam Buarque** (Brazil), Member, Federal Senate; Professor, University of Brasilia
- **Dame Fiona Caldicott** (UK), Immediate Past Principal, Somerville College, Oxford; immediate Past Pro-Vice Chancellor, Personnel and Equal Opportunities, University of Oxford; Chairman, Oxford Radcliffe NHS Trust, Oxford
- **Tan Sri Dato' Prof. Gajaraj Dhanarajan** (Malaysia), Honorary Director, Institute for Research and Innovation, Wawasan Open University
- **Prof. Mohamed H.A. Hassan** (Sudan), Executive Director, The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), Trieste
- **Prof. Zellynne Doloris Jennings-Craig** (Jamaica), Director, School of Education/Deputy Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, University of the West Indies
- **Mr. Jin Xiaoming** (China), Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology
- **Prof. Konstantin Khudoley** (Russia), Vice-President of the University Council and Senate, Vice-Rector for International Affairs, St. Petersburg State University

- **Prof. Lily Kong** (Singapore), Vice President for University and Global Relations, Director of Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- **Ms. Lydia Shouleva** (Bulgaria), Former Member of the European Parliament; former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy
- **Prof. Mala Singh** (South Africa), Professor of International Higher Education Policy, Centre for Higher Education Research and Information, The Open University, UK

The 14 new members join 10 members of the UN University Council who were appointed in 2007 (and will remain in office until 2013). The incumbent members of the Council are:

- Prof. Dr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente (Mexico) [Chair of the Council], President, International Association of Universities; former Rector, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)
- Prof. Paolo Blasi (Italy), Professor of Physics, University of Florence; former Rector, University of Florence
- Ms. Angela Cropper (Trinidad and Tobago), United Nations Assistant Secretary-General; Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme
- Prof. Dr. Louise Fresco (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), Former Secretary-General, Association of African Universities; former President, International Association of Universities
- Prof. Dr. Francisco Komlavi Seddoh (Togo), Former Rector, University of Lomé, Togo; former Minister of Education and Scientific Research; former Director, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO
- Prof. Gita Sen (India), Professor, Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Adjunct Professor at the Center for Population and International Health, Harvard University
- Prof. Ivan Wilhelm (Czech Republic), Former Rector, Charles University, Prague
- Prof. Dr. Margret Wintermantel (Germany), President, German Rectors' Conference

Completing the Council membership are the Rector of the UN University and three ex-officio members: the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Director-General of UNESCO and the Executive Director of UNITAR.

“I would not want to miss the opportunity to thank the retiring members for their active involvement and for their invaluable contributions to the work of the UN University. I am very pleased and honoured to welcome the 14 new members to the Council and to the family of the University. My colleagues and I look forward to benefitting from their expertise and experience that will undoubtedly contribute to the work of the University”, said UN University Rector Konrad Osterwalder.

For more information about current and former UN University Council members, see <http://www.unu.edu/council>. To request an interview with a Council member, please contact the UNU Office of Communications (e-mail: media@unu.edu).

The United Nations University was established in 1973 by the United Nations General Assembly and commenced operations in 1975. Today, the UN University comprises a core system of research and training institutes and programmes located in 12 countries around the world, coordinated by UN University Centre in Tokyo. The mission of the UN University is to contribute, through collaborative research, education, capacity development and advisory services, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States.