



## 2021 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

### Biographies



#### **H. E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of ECOSOC**

His Excellency Munir Akram was elected seventy-sixth President of the Economic and Social Council on 23 July 2020. Ambassador Akram is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York. Ambassador Munir Akram previously served as Pakistan's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York for six years between 2002 and 2008, after serving as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva for seven years from 1995 to 2002.



#### **Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant-Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General**

Volker Türk is Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Prior to that, Mr Türk served as Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva. Mr Türk previously served as the Director of the Division of International Protection from September 2009 to February 2015, where he positioned the Division as the key actor in the progressive development of international law, standards, and protection policy relating to forced displacement and statelessness.



#### **Mr. Jens Wandel, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Reforms, and Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 Recover Better Fund**

Jens Wandel is Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Reforms, and Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 Recover Better Fund. He is also the Chairperson of Sustainable Now and a member of the AIDHUB International Advisory Board. He has extensive experience with international organizations with special emphasis on management, adaptive change and sustainable development. Prior to his current roles, Mr. Wandel also served as Director of the UNDP Bureau for Management Services. He holds a Master's degree in political science and government from Aarhus University in Denmark.



**Ms. Christy Davis, Executive Director of the Lien Centre for Social Innovation, Singapore Management University**

Christy Davis is a champion for changemaking and social innovation and has 30 years of experience in Asia across government, business and NGOs. She made the jump from corporate to social impact work with UNDP following the 2004 Asian tsunami as a private sector partnership advisor, building on previous regional positions in the public and private sectors. Now at Singapore Management University, she leads the Lien Centre for Social Innovation. LCSi is on a mission to drive social consciousness and enable partnership-driven innovation. It offers research that translates into action for positive social

change, and programmes that both strengthen capacity and harness the collaborative power of the social, private and public sectors.



**Ms. Anousheh Karvar, Delegate of the French Government to the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization and Chair of SDG Alliance 8.7 (Global Partnership on Eliminating Child Labour)**

Anousheh Karvar is the Delegate of the French Government to the ILO's Governing Body, as well as the Labour & Employment Task Officer to the G7 and G20. She currently chairs the Global Partnership against Child Labour, Forced Labour, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery (Alliance 8.7). She was

formerly Deputy Director of the Minister of Labour's cabinet (2016-2017), and Social Counsellor to the President of the Parliament (2017-2018). In 2012, she joined the General Inspectorate for Social Affairs, the French Government audit, evaluation and inspection office for health, social protection & labour policies, as a Senior Officer and Head of Labour and Employment Section (2013-2016).



**Mr. Richard Hatchett, Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations**

Richard J. Hatchett, MD, is Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), a partnership of public, private, philanthropic and civil organizations that supports the development of vaccines against high priority public health threats and technology platforms to allow the rapid development of vaccines against emerging

infectious diseases such as COVID-19. Dr. Hatchett was previously the acting Director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and served as Director of Medical Preparedness Policy on the Homeland and National Security Councils under Presidents Bush and Obama, respectively.



**Mr. Markus Hottenrott, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners**

Markus Hottenrott is a Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners (MSIP). He has been a part of MSIP since inception and has been with Morgan Stanley for over 20 years. Prior to joining MSIP, Mr. Hottenrott co-headed Morgan Stanley's European transportation and infrastructure industry group in the Investment Banking Division, where he specialized in privatizations and structured finance transactions in Europe and the Middle East. Before that, in the Firm's German office, he concentrated on the public transportation and infrastructure sectors.



**Ms. Charlotte Arribe, Representative of the Citypreneurs (Urban Innovation Challenge Competition)**

Ms. Charlotte Arribe is a Sustainable Development Consultant at the UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office. Her main areas of work focus on policy around innovation & technology, youth, gender, urban regeneration and regional integration. In this context, she works on the Citypreneurs Initiative to help cities to simultaneously address their urban challenges and the SDGs, to mobilize multistakeholder cooperation to lead cities towards inclusive growth, prosperity and well-being, and provide opportunities to young people to solve challenges they care about through innovation.



**Mr. Liu Zhenmin, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs**

Mr. Liu Zhenmin was appointed as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs in 2017. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China since 2013. Among his various diplomatic assignments, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (2011-2013). Mr. Liu brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on the promotion of bilateral, regional and global issues.



**Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact**

Sanda Ojiambo is the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact, which is the Secretary-General's strategic policy and advocacy initiative calling for the alignment of business operations and strategies with 10 universal principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. It also motivates companies to integrate the SDGs into their core

business strategies and operations. With more than 10,000 corporate participants and other stakeholders from over 160 countries engaged through 68 country networks, the Compact is the largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative in the world.