

Sustaining Peace: Partnerships for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

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Speaker Bios

Opening Remarks



H. E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations

On 31 May 2017, the General Assembly of the United Nations elected H. E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák of Slovakia as President of its seventy-second session, which spans from September 2017 to September 2018. At the time of his election, Mr. Lajčák was serving his third term as Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, a position he held since April 2012. From April 2012 to March 2016, Mr. Lajčák also served as

Deputy Prime Minister of his country.

Mr. Lajčák has dedicated his professional life to diplomatic service, representing both the Slovak Republic and the international community on posts in Brussels, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

He joined the foreign service of the then Czechoslovakia in 1988 and was posted in Moscow from 1991 to 1993, initially as an assistant to the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, and from 1993, after Czechoslovakia peacefully split, in the same position at the newly formed Slovak Embassy there.

Upon his return to Slovakia in 1993, Mr. Lajčák played a vital role in the transformation of his young country. He actively helped to build and shape the Slovak national foreign service as Director of the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister of the newly established Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia.

In 1994, at the age of 31, Mr. Lajčák was appointed as the Slovak Ambassador to Japan, thus becoming the youngest-ever head of a diplomatic mission of Slovakia as well as the youngest foreign ambassador serving in Japan. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Lajčák served as the Executive Assistant to the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Balkans, Eduard Kukan.

Following his tenure as Slovak Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia between 2001 and 2005 Mr. Lajčák served as Political Director at the Foreign Ministry of the Slovak Republic from 2005 to 2007.

A key figure in the mediation of the post-conflict crises in the Western Balkans, Mr. Lajčák negotiated, organised and supervised the referendum on the independence of Montenegro in 2006 on behalf of the European Union High Representative for Common and Security Policy, Javier Solana.

In 2007, Mr. Lajčák was appointed High Representative of the International Community and European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. During his tenure, Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the landmark Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union. From 2009 to July 2010, Mr. Lajčák served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Lajčák helped shape the newly formed diplomatic service of the European Union, the European External Action Service, as its Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia. In addition, he also served as the EU's Chief Negotiator for the Association Agreements of the EU with Ukraine and Moldova, as well as the EU Representative for the "5+2 Talks" on the Transnistrian Settlement Process.

Mr. Lajčák is a graduate of the Moscow State Institute for International Relations and has a law degree from the Comenius University in Bratislava.

He is married and has two daughters.



Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chef de Cabinet, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti was Under-Secretary for Asia and the Pacific in the Government of Brazil from 30 September to December 2016, where she also had special responsibility for the BRICS. A career diplomat since 1976, she served most recently as Ambassador to Germany from 2013 to 2016 and as the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations from 2007 to 2013.

Prior to those roles, Ms. Viotti was posted in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brasília, where she served as Advisor to the Minister (1990-1993), Head of the South America Division I (1996-99), Director-General for Human Rights and Social Issues (2004-06) and Director-General for International Organizations (2006-07), among other positions.

Earlier in her career, she was appointed to the Mission of Brazil to the United Nations from 1985 to 1988 and again from 1999 to 2004, and to the Embassy of Brazil in La Paz, Bolivia, from 1993 to 1995.

Born in 1954, in Belo Horizonte, Ms. Viotti is married and has one son. She attended the Rio Branco Institute, the Brazilian diplomatic academy, and holds a bachelor's degree in economics.



Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Director of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

Jeffrey D. Sachs is a world-renowned professor of economics, leader in sustainable development, senior UN advisor, bestselling author, and syndicated columnist whose monthly newspaper columns appear in more than 100 countries. He has twice been named among Time Magazine's 100 most influential world leaders. He was called by the New York Times, "probably the most important economist in the world," and by Time Magazine "the world's best known economist." A recent survey by The Economist Magazine ranked Professor Sachs as among the world's three most influential living economists of the past decade.

Professor Sachs serves as the Director of The Center for Sustainable Development and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Millennium Development Goals, having held the same position under former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. He is Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He is co-founder and Chief Strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance, and is director of the Millennium Villages Project. Sachs is also one of the Secretary-General's MDG Advocates, and a Commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development. He has authored three New York Times bestsellers in the past seven years: *The End of Poverty* (2005), *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (2008), and *The Price of Civilization* (2011). His most recent books are *To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace* (2013) and *The Age of Sustainable Development* (2015).

Professor Sachs is widely considered to be one of the world's leading experts on economic development and the fight against poverty. His work on ending poverty, promoting economic growth, fighting hunger and disease, and promoting sustainable environmental practices, has taken him to more than 125 countries with more than 90 percent of the world's population. For more than a quarter century he has advised dozens of heads of state and governments on economic strategy, in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Sachs is the recipient of many awards and honors, including membership in the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Harvard Society of Fellows, and the Fellows of the World Econometric Society. He has received more than 20 honorary degrees,

and many awards and honors around the world. Professor Sachs is also a frequent contributor to major publications such as the Financial Times of London, the International Herald Tribune, Scientific American, and Time magazine.

Prior to joining Columbia, Sachs spent over twenty years at Harvard University, most recently as Director of the Center for International Development and the Galen L. Stone Professor of International Trade. A native of Detroit, Michigan, Sachs received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at Harvard.



Ms. Shamina Singh, President of Mastercard Centre for Inclusive Growth

Shamina has spent her career building connections across the public, private and non-profit sectors to deliver strategies that contribute positively to the global economy. As president of the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, she is responsible for ensuring the Center achieves its mission to advance sustainable and equitable economic growth and financial inclusion around the world. Previously, she served as the Global Director of

Mastercard's Government Services and Solutions, where she worked to digitize social subsidy programs in over 40 countries.

In 2015, Shamina was appointed by President Obama to a six-year term on the board of the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency responsible for engaging more than five million citizens in community service. She currently serves as Board Chair. She is also a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Public-Private Partnerships, a newly-formed advisory body to the U.S. Government on policies, proposals and strategies for developing public-private partnerships that promote shared value with the private sector worldwide.

Prior to joining Mastercard, Shamina led Government and Public Affairs for Nike and spent five years with Citigroup's Global Community Development Group. Over a 15-year career in the public sector, she held senior positions in the White House and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Shamina is an alumna of the World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders program and currently serves on the Council on Economic Growth and Social Inclusion. She is on the board of Global Health Corps and the advisory boards of Data & Society and the Beeck Center for Social Impact + Innovation at Georgetown University. She is a Henry Crown Fellow with the Aspen Institute. Shamina holds an M.P.A from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Austin and a B.S. from Old Dominion University.

Panel 1: Conflict Prevention in Sustaining Peace



Ms. Paige Arthur, Deputy Director of New York University's Center on International Cooperation

Paige Arthur, PhD, is deputy director at the Center on International Cooperation at NYU, where she leads the center's work on Prevention and Peacebuilding. An established researcher in the field of human rights, she has worked with UN Women, the UN Department of Political Affairs, the Carter Center, the Ford Foundation, the US State Department, and the Counter-terrorism and Humanitarian Engagement Project at Harvard Law School, among others. Ms. Arthur was deputy director of research and deputy director of institutional development at the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) from 2006 to 2011. She is the editor of *Transitional Justice, International Assistance, and Civil Society: Missed Connections* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2018), and the editor of *Identities in Transition: Challenges for Transitional Justice in Divided Societies* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). She holds a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley.



Mr. Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General, Officer-in-Charge for Department of Political Affairs, UN

Miroslav Jenča of Slovakia assumed Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs on 1 May 2015, having been appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. As Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr. Jenča is responsible, inter alia, for overseeing the divisions in the Department of Political Affairs dealing with the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Middle East and West Asia, as well as the Decolonization Unit and the Division for Palestinian Rights.

Mr. Jenča has served as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA) in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, since 2008. He was previously Director of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, as well as Ambassador and Head of Mission to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Centre in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. He served as Ambassador and Representative of Slovakia to the Political and Security Committee of the European Union and Ambassador of Slovakia to Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia, including positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia and diplomatic missions in Ireland and Mexico.

Mr. Jenča holds a Doctor of Law degree from Comenius University in Bratislava. He studied foreign trade at the University of Economics in Bratislava, diplomacy and international relations at Moscow State Institute of International Relations, and diplomacy at Stanford University.

Born in 1965, he is married and has two children.



Mr. Narinder Kakar, Permanent Observer for the University for Peace (Costa Rica) to the United Nations

Mr. Narinder Kakar is currently accredited to the United Nations as the Permanent Observer for the University for Peace, an institution established pursuant to a UN General Assembly decision. He also served from 2007-2015 as the Permanent Observer of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the world's oldest and largest environmental network, dedicated to the cause of natural resources conservation.

Mr. Kakar has extensive experience working for programmes related to development activities. Prior to joining IUCN and UPEACE, he served the UN Development Programme (UNDP) from 1968 to 2000. During his long and distinguished career with UNDP, he served in countries like Yemen, Guyana, Turkey, China and the Maldives with progressively increasing responsibilities, culminating in the position of UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative, in addition to serving in senior positions at UNDP Headquarters.

During his long career with UNDP, Mr. Kakar's responsibilities included development and management of programs in human development and the broader aspect of sustainable development. Representing IUCN at the United Nations, he performed admirably to advocate the cause of environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Mr. Kakar has served on a number of boards including the Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth Haub Foundation, dedicated to promoting the cause of environmental conservation. He lectures extensively on issues related to the UN in general and to peace and conflict, and on The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. He currently serves as Adjunct Professor at Pace University School of Law, teaching a course on UN Environmental Diplomacy. He has written a number of articles and papers on socio-economic matters and has edited curriculum and training manuals on different aspects of peace education.



Ms. Teresa Jennings, Head of Rule of Law Department, LexisNexis Legal & Professional

Teresa Jennings is the Head of Rule of Law Development for LexisNexis Legal & Professional, a division of RELX Group. In this role, she supports the corporate mission of LexisNexis by advancing the Rule of Law across the globe. Ms. Jennings is responsible for cultivating relationships with diverse groups, including funding and governmental bodies, to create, develop and advance Rule of Law projects around the world. For

example, she developed and ran a Rule of Law symposium in conjunction with the Inter-American Bar Association in San Salvador, El Salvador for several high-ranking officials within the government, legal, business and academia sectors. She has been featured at venues highlighting the importance of the Rule of Law, including the Wilson Center, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and the CEELI Institute. Ms. Jennings currently serves as a Steering Committee member of the UN Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies. She received an American Bar Association Presidential appointment to serve on the ABA Advisory Council on Vietnam Lawyers Exchange and Training Program. Ms. Jennings was also selected as a UN Global Compact 2017 SDG Pioneer for the Rule of Law to showcase how business efforts can enhance achievement of the Rule of Law.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Jennings served as Head, Public Policy – US at RELX Group where she was responsible for public policy development and communication on key policy issues at the state and federal levels. In a previous role, she built and ran the state advocacy program for RELX Group and its divisions. Before her roles within RELX Group, Ms. Jennings was Director, State Government Affairs at the American Express Company in New York.

Ms. Jennings has a B.A. in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland. She earned her Juris Doctorate from George Washington University School of Law. Ms. Jennings is based in Washington, DC.



Mr. B. Abel Learwellie, Executive Director and Founder of Camp for Peace Liberia

B. Abel Learwellie is a development practitioner whose work has impacted the lives of many Liberian positively. Over the past 18 years, he has contributed significantly to Liberia’s post conflict recovery and development process through wide range of professional services provided in the areas of youth development, peace building and education. During the outbreak of conflict in his country, he was abducted at age 16 to serve as a child soldier in one of Liberia’s warring factions. During his addiction, he experienced horrors of torture, rape, and the murder of his family including his father. Abel managed to escape from his captors and flee to Neighboring country where he resumed his schooling.

He has also dedicated himself to the reintegration and vocational training of war affected and marginalized youth through the nonprofit organization he founded and currently leads, Camp for Peace Liberia as the Executive Director since 2005. Camp for Peace Liberia is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization that is helping former child soldiers and underprivileged youths, all of whom were and continue to be affected by the war in Liberia. Camp for Peace Liberia envisions a country where youth are empowered, self-sufficient, employed and contributing to the strengthening of the maintenance and stability of peace in Liberia.

Abel holds a MA in Educational Administration and Supervision, awarded with a Certificate of

Honor with High Distinction and a BA in Sociology from the University of Liberia. He currently serves on a part-time instructor of research at the United Methodist University in Monrovia

Abel is a recipient of the United States Department of State Leadership Award in Washington, D.C. in recognition for demonstrating outstanding leadership in the field of tolerance and conflict resolution (2011) and has received a number of awards for his work in the area of education and peace building.



Ms. Bridget Moix, US Senior Representative and Head of Advocacy, Peace Direct

Bridget has worked for 20 years on international peace and conflict issues, with a focus on US foreign policy. Prior to joining Peace Direct as a consultant, she served on its US board for four years. From 2013- 2015, Bridget was an Atrocity Prevention Fellow with USAID's Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation. She spent nine years lobbying on US foreign policy and peace issues with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, where she developed and led the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict program. She has also worked with the Quaker United Nations Office, Oxfam America, American Friends Service Committee, and the World Policy Institute. Bridget directed the Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City, a Quaker center of hospitality and international understanding, from 2006-2008. She also worked in Capetown, South Africa, with the Quaker Peace Centre during her graduate studies internship in 1999. Bridget holds a PhD with George Mason University's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, where she focused her dissertation on understanding the motivations of local peacebuilders and how the international community can better support them. She has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and Quaker studies at a variety of institutions, including Haverford College, Columbia University, George Washington University, and Eastern Mennonite University. Bridget is a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), serves on a number of volunteer boards, and lives with her family in Washington, DC.

Panel 2: How Partnerships Can Support Sustaining Peace



Mr. Andrew Tomlinson, Director and Quaker UN Representative, Quaker United Nations Office

Andrew Tomlinson is Quaker United Nations Representative and Director of the Quaker UN Office (QUNO) in New York. He holds Masters Degrees from the University of Cambridge and the University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in South Asia and the Middle East. Andrew joined QUNO in 2008 after working in international finance and socially responsible investing in London and New York.

The Quakers have been active at the United Nations in New York and Geneva since 1947, upholding the UN's work on peace and justice through facilitation and quiet advocacy. The New York office is focused on the issues of peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict, and connects with partners doing peace work on the ground and at a policy level around the world. QUNO's sister organization, the American Friends Service Committee, works with people affected by violent conflict in 15 countries.

Quaker agencies in the US and the UK were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947. QUNO convenes the New York Peacebuilding Group, co-convenes the Civil Society UN Prevention Platform, and is on the steering group of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council. Current topics in QUNO's work include peacebuilding perspectives on the implementation of the new UN frameworks for peace and development, peacebuilding and human rights, civil society inclusion, and reconciliation and dialogue. In 2013, QUNO was named as one of the most influential global actors in armed violence reduction.



H.E. Ms. María Emma Mejía Vélez, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN

Ambassador Mejía Vélez is a Colombian journalist and diplomat with extensive experience in international affairs inside and outside her country. She has held high positions in the government for more than two decades. Likewise, she has devoted a large part of her career to peace issues and relations among Latin American countries.

Ambassador Mejía is a journalist from the Universidad del Valle, with studies at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana; likewise, she took the course in film directing and production at the BBC in London, later joining the Latin American radio service of that same entity.

Her first public position was as the Director of the National Fund of Cinematography, Focine, where she managed to strengthen the production of national cinema and the alliances for Latin American co-productions.

In 1987, she was linked to the campaign of presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galán in his communications team. After his assassination, she was appointed as Secretary-General of the presidential campaign of César Gaviria and after his election she assumed the Presidential Office for Medellín between 1990 - 1993. She visited the areas stigmatized by the influence of the Medellín Cartel to offer young people diverse recovery opportunities with a social reintegration project that earned her wide national recognition.

In 1993, she was appointed Ambassador of Colombia in Spain, the first woman to hold this position. In 1995 she returned to the country as Minister of Education, where she stood out for the preparation and implementation of the First Ten-Year Education Plan and for the publication of the Handbook for Being a Child, written by Gabriel García Márquez. In 1996 she became Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the exercise of this position she became the first (and so far the only) woman to be a Delegate Minister with presidential functions for one day, in January 1998.

In 1999, she participated as one of the negotiators in the nascent peace process with the FARC. In addition, she was a member of the Civil Facilitation Commission for the peace dialogues between the government and the ELN.

Since 1999, she has been a member of the Foreign Affairs Advisory Committee of the Government of Colombia.

Between 2003 and 2011 she was Executive President of the Pies Descalzos Foundation, created by the Colombian singer-songwriter Shakira; She was part of its Board of Directors until 2014. In 2011, she was appointed by the heads of state of the Union of South American Nations, Unasur, as Secretary-General, based in Quito, Ecuador.

She is a member of the boards of philanthropic foundations, adviser to the Reflection Group of the Secretary General of the OAS, and Head of the Electoral Observation Mission of the OAS and Unasur in Paraguay 2009, in Costa Rica 2010 and in Ecuador 2013.

She worked as a journalist for the opinion programs Protagonistas de fin de siglo, El Radar and Entérate con María Emma, del Caracol TV.



Mr. Owen Pell, Partner, White & Case

Owen Pell represents and advises clients on a broad range of litigation matters. He draws on years of experience and knowledge to lead clients through numerous complex commercial matters including litigation relating to the extraterritorial reach of US law, securities litigation, RICO litigation, litigation involving foreign sovereigns and their state-owned entities, and cases involving issues of public international law.

Owen has extensive experience representing financial institutions and companies in connection with government investigations and the litigation that may arise from those investigations. He has conducted internal investigations with regard to the FCPA, fraud, lender liability, and historical reparation issues.

Owen has been involved in a number of high profile cases. He represented Deutsche Bank and UBS in class action, securities and bankruptcy litigation relating to the collapse of Enron, and has represented corporations, including the major Russian oil company, TNK-BP, a large Kazakh bank, and multiple sovereigns with regard to transnational claims.

Owen has also handled major cases in the area of corporate social responsibility. He represented Citigroup in class actions relating to the bank's activities in South Africa during the apartheid era, and JP Morgan Chase in class actions relating to a predecessor bank's alleged connections to African slavery in the United States. He also represented major U.S. and French banks, and an agency of the French state, in class actions arising from the activities of banks in France during World War II, and participated in the successful negotiations between the US and France to resolve these cases. He also represented the Republic of Peru in a case which resulted in Yale University returning artifacts from Machu Picchu.

Owen has lectured widely on a variety of issues. He was invited to lecture at the SEC on the changing nature of financial institution liability, and gave a TED talk on "Diplomacy 2.0", discussing the ways in which multinational companies and NGOs are changing how international legal norms are formed.

As part of his pro bono activity, Owen formulated a proposal for creating a title-clearing and dispute resolution entity to address claims to works of art looted from individuals during the Holocaust. The proposal was endorsed by the European Parliament. Owen also works closely with the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, and the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect on a range of projects, including training programs for state officials in the prevention of genocide and mass atrocity crimes. Most recently, he contributed a chapter on corporate behavior and atrocity prevention to *Reconstructing Atrocity Prevention* (S. Rosenberg ed.), published by Cambridge University Press.

Owen also has endowed an honors thesis program at Binghamton University. The program allows a select group of students in the Philosophy, Politics and Law department to spend a year writing thesis papers that are then defended and a thesis prize is awarded.



H.E. Mr. Hahn Choong-hee, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN, Chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)

Hahn Choong-hee is currently Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York (2014-). Ambassador HAHN's major positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs include Director-General for Cultural Affairs (2012-2014), Sous-sherpa and Spokesman for the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit (2011-2012), Director-General for Human Resources (2010), and Deputy Director-General for North Korean Nuclear Affairs (2007-2008). Ambassador Hahn also served in the Ministry as Director for North American Affairs (2005-2007) and was Director for Policy and DPRK at the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) in New York (2002-2005).

As a career diplomat, his areas of expertise include North Korean nuclear affairs, nuclear non-proliferation, regional architecture surrounding the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, North American, European and African affairs, as well as public diplomacy. He also served at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. (1991-1994), Lagos (1994-1996), Vienna (1999-2002), and Paris (2008-2010).

Ambassador Hahn received an M.A. in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania, a B.A. in French from Seoul National University and studied at University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne) in its training program.



Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman, Director of Policy, UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)

Henk-Jan Brinkman is Chief Policy, Planning and Application in the Peacebuilding Support Office of the United Nations. Previously he was Senior Adviser for Economic Policy in the World Food Programme, based in New York, and chief Economic Analysis and chief Food Security Policy and Markets in the Office of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme in Rome, Italy.

From 2001 to 2006 he was a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations, where he advised Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette on economic, social and environmental issues.

Between 1989 and 2001, he was in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, where, inter alia, he contributed to the World Economic and Social Survey.

He holds an M.A. in economics from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands and a Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

He has written on such topics as economic adjustment in Africa and human stature as a measure of the standard of living. He is the author of *Explaining Prices in the Global Economy: A Post-Keynesian Model*, which was published by Edward Elgar in 1999.

He holds Dutch citizenship.



Mr. Alexandre Marc, Chief Specialist, Fragility and Conflict, World Bank

Alexandre Marc has over two decades of experience working in areas related to conflict and violence in the Middle East, Latin America, Europe and East Asia. At the World Bank, he led the social cohesion and violence prevention team from 2009-2012, and was responsible for post-conflict reconstruction programs in Eastern Europe, as Sector Manager for Social Development, Europe and Central Asia Region. During this time, he also served as Director of the Roma Education Fund, an International Foundation based in Budapest that supports the inclusion of Roma children in education systems. Before joining the Bank, Marc did research and consulting on Africa at Oxford University (St. Antony's College) and for the Société de Études et Économiques et Sociales in Paris. In 2005 he was a visiting fellow at the Paris Centre d'Études et de Recherche Internationale (CERI) where he undertook research on cultural identity and minorities.