



**2011 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and  
UNA-USA Members Day at the UN**

***The United Nations and America:  
Relations in a Complex World***

**Sponsored by  
United Nations Association of the USA  
UNA-USA Mid-Atlantic Region  
The Century Foundation**

**Friday, February 11, 2011  
United Nations Headquarters  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## Welcome Message

On behalf of the Conference planning committee, we want to welcome you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and Members Day at the United Nations. We especially welcome those who have traveled across the country to participate, including members of the UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Divisions Steering Committee and also members of the Council of Organizations. Welcome too to faculty and students from colleges and universities throughout the area..

We have arranged a day of presentations on issues of great importance to the U.S. and globally. Many high-level speakers have dedicated their time to share their knowledge and insight. This conference marks a first in a new strategic alliance between UNA-USA and the UN Foundation as we seek to strengthen the role of grassroots information and influence on U.S. foreign policy.

We look forward to the enlightening presentations and your participation in addressing questions to the panelists. We especially hope that you will use new information and ideas and a passion to help strengthen a positive role of US leadership at the UN.

If you are not already a member, this is a great time to join UNA-USA.

Cordially,

Jeanne Betsock Stillman and Meron Demisse  
Conference Co-Chairs

**Conference Executive Director:** George A. Garland

**Committee Members:** Marcia M. Brewster, Jeffrey Laurenti, Padmini Murthy, MD, David Stillman, PhD, Catherine D. White

“...given the continued need to develop cooperative responses to the shared threats and challenges of our time, we see no choice but to continue to work multilaterally, to ensure that the United Nations is strong enough to bear the burdens we must place upon it in the decades to come.” *Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, in a speech at the Brookings Institution, February 1, 2011*

## **PROGRAM AGENDA**

### **9:00 Registration**

### **9:30 Introduction of Morning Session**

Opening – Jeanne Betsock Stillman, Conference Co-Chair

Welcome to the UN – Ambassador Lazarous Kapambwe, President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations

### **9:45 Keynote Speakers**

A. Edward Elmendorf, Executive Director, UNA-USA, UN Foundation

Mike Beard, Director, Better World Campaign, UN Foundation

### **10:10 Today's Headlines: Upheaval in the Arab World**

Jeffrey Laurenti, The Century Foundation

Hanny Megally, International Center for Transitional Justice

### **10:25 Energy and Climate Change**

Moderator: George A. Garland, Conference Executive Director

Leslie Black Cordes, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, UN Foundation

Paul Loeffelman, American Electric Power

Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies;

Inter-Governmental Panel for Climate Change; NYC Climate

Change Task Force

Q and A

### **11:40 New Dimensions in Health, Gender, and Development**

Moderator: Dr. Padmini Murthy, New York Medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice; Medical Women's International Association

David Aylward, mHealth Alliance, UN Foundation

Chris van der Walt, UN Global Pulse

Anne-Marie Goetz, Governance, Peace and Security, UN Women

Q and A

### **12:45 Options (Lunch / Career Event / Chapter-Building Skills Session)**

### **1:00 Your Path to a Career in International Affairs**

(Conference Room 1),

Introductions: Meron Demisse, Conference Co-Chair

Moderator: Fasil Amdetsion – Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

Natalie Reid – (International Law), Debevoise & Plimpton

Eric Olson – (International Development), UN Dep't of Economic & Social Affairs

Cindy Helen Brea – (International Finance), Deutsche Bank

Q and A

**1:00 Chapter-Building Skills Event – Informal**

Liubov Grechen, UNA-USA

Roger Nokes, UNA-USA

Jeanne Betsock Stillman

Catherine D. White, UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Divisions  
Steering Committee

**2:15 Introduction of Afternoon Session:** Jeanne Betsock Stillman

**2:20 Keynote Speaker**

Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on  
Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries,  
Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

**2:30 Africa's Transformation in the 21st Century: Capturing its  
Economic Dynamism**

Moderator: Meron Demisse

Tegegnework Gettu, Assistant Administrator and Director, Africa  
Bureau, UNDP

Steven Fox, Veracity Worldwide

J. Skyler Fernandes, South African Chamber of Commerce in America

Gustavo Eiben, Aureos Capital

Q and A

**3:30 Break**

**3:45 Afghanistan: Is A Negotiated Settlement Possible?**

Moderator: Jeffrey Laurenti

C. Christine Fair, Georgetown University

Ambassador Robert Finn, Princeton University; Member,  
Brahimi-Pickering Task Force on Afghanistan;  
former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan

Ambassador Abdullah Hussain Haroon, Permanent Representative of  
Pakistan to the United Nations

Ambassador Dr. Zahir Tanin, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan  
to the United Nations

Q and A

**4:50 Wrap up**

**5:00 Adjourn**



**Jeanne Betsock Stillman** is President of the Southern New York State Division of the United Nations Association of the USA and Co-Chair of the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / UNA-USA Members Day at the UN.

Stillman consults in non-profit management, international public health, and program development. She has been a staff member or consultant with non-governmental organizations, international organizations and universities. She is President of Strategies

for Development, Inc. She represents the Public-Private Alliance Foundation to the UN Department of Public Information. She has also produced the video series ***Going Global with the UN***.

Stillman designed and led training programs for health professionals in the US, many sub-Saharan African countries, Tunisia, Haiti, Pakistan and for Afghan refugees. She was part of a team that drafted a Five-Year Master Plan for Rural Development in Madagascar. She was Associate Editor of the ***International Encyclopedia of Population***. Stillman holds a BA from the American University School of International Service, an MSPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and carried out doctoral coursework at Columbia University.



**Ambassador Lazarous Kapambwe** was elected 67th President of the UN Economic and Social Council on 18 January 2011. He is the Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations.

Amb. Kapambwe was co-facilitator of a UN General Assembly group on Implementation of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis (2009-2010). Previously he was Zambia's Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union, (2003-2007), and concurrently Ambassador of Zambia to

Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia.

Amb. Kapambwe held diplomatic posts at the Zambian Embassies in Bonn, Germany (1993-1996) and Washington, D.C. (1988 -1993). He was Counsellor for Political Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the UN (1987-1988). He previously held several posts in his Government. Amb.. Kapambwe obtained a bachelor's degree in political economy from the University of Zambia. He has a post-graduate diploma in international relations from Nairobi University, Kenya and a certificate in contemporary American politics from New York University.



**A. Edward Elmendorf** is currently Executive Director of UNA-USA in the UN Foundation, and was previously President and CEO of UNA-USA. He was an officer or board member of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area, (UNA-NCA) for about 15 years, President of UNA-NCA from 2004-2008, and thereafter chaired the UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Divisions.

Elmendorf started his professional career in the 1960s in the US Foreign Service at the US Mission to the United Nations. He went on to a 30-year career at the World Bank, in policy planning, lending, personnel, country assistance strategy and macroeconomic policy. His work

focused on North and West Africa, the Horn of Africa, and Indian Ocean countries.

Since 2000, Elmendorf has taught at Johns Hopkins University and consulted for the World Bank, WHO, UNDP, the African Development Bank, and the US Institute of Medicine. He has a BA magna cum laude from Yale University, an MA in economics from George Washington University, and a master's in public health from Johns Hopkins University.



**Mike Beard** joined the UN Foundation in 2009 after five years on Capitol Hill. As Director of the Better World Campaign, he works with the House, Senate, and the Administration on strengthening US-UN relations, including helping to ensure that US dues to the UN are paid on time and in full. The BWC also works with all other UN Foundation programs to ensure their voices are heard on the Hill and in the Administration.

Throughout the past year, Beard worked with Ed Elmendorf of UNA-USA and Peter Yeo

and Gillian Sorensen of the UN Foundation toward a strategic alliance of the two organizations. On November 18, 2010, UNA-USA became part of the UN Foundation family. UNA-USA chapters and divisions will retain their name and the grassroots identity that is vital to their work but will have the grassroots and campaign expertise of the UN Foundation to amplify their message.



**Jeffrey Laurenti** is senior fellow and director of foreign policy programs at The Century Foundation. He is the author of numerous monographs on subjects ranging from international peace and security to terrorism, U.N. reform, and narcotics policy. He was executive director of policy studies at UNA-USA until 2003, and then served seven years on the association's Board of Directors. He also served as deputy director of the United Nations Foundation's United Nations and Global Security initiative in 2003-05.

Laurenti is a Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region of the Council of Chapters and Divisions Steering Committee of the UNA-USA. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He was candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986 and from 1978 to 1984 was executive director of the New Jersey Senate. He earned an A.B. *magna cum laude* in government from Harvard College and his masters from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He speaks Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese.



**Hanny Megally** is Vice-President for Programs at the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). He has over 33 years of professional experience in the field of human rights in the Middle East and North Africa, beginning at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in 1977. From 1984 to 1994 he headed the Middle East Research department at Amnesty International, London. Subsequently he ran the Ford Foundation's social justice program in the Middle East from its Cairo office, and from 1997 to 2003 he was the executive

director of the Middle East and North Africa Division of Human Rights Watch.

Megally joined ICTJ in 2004 to set up and direct its Middle East and North Africa program. In the following years he visited and helped establish ICTJ's programs in Iraq, Israel/Occupied Territories, Lebanon and Morocco and led delegations on visits to Algeria and Bahrain. He has traveled widely in the region, including leading human rights research missions and conducting high-level meetings with heads of state and government officials



**George A. Garland** is Executive Director of the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / UNA-USA Members Day at the UN. He is also a Mid-Atlantic Representative on the Council of Chapters and Divisions Steering Committee of UNA-USA

Garland recently was Executive Director of the World Energy Forum. He was Executive Director of the National Membership Department for UNA-USA and prior to that, Executive Director of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area.

Garland had a career with the Federal Office of Solid Waste at US Environmental Protection Agency spanning 34 years. From 1988 to 1992 he was Chief Technical Advisor for Toxic Chemicals and Pollutants for WHO's Regional Office for South East Asia, working with India, Indonesia, Burma, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. He worked with the World Bank in the Russian Federation to establish a national hazardous waste management system and in Nizhni Tagil with USAID to improve their water supply system. He has several articles in ***Biocycle*** magazine on organics management (compost).



**Leslie Black Cordes** has 23 years of professional experience working on climate change, clean energy, and other global environmental issues in the legislative branch, executive branch, and non-profit sector. She is Senior Director for Partnership Development at the UN Foundation and is concurrently Interim Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, a new public-private partnership to promote clean cookstoves in the developing world.

Cordes previously served as chief of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Supply and Industry Branch, and spent eight years at the non-profit Alliance to Save Energy, where she served as Acting Co-President, Vice President for Program Development, and Director for International Programs. She also designed and implemented energy efficiency and climate projects as deputy director of USAID's Energy Efficiency Program and spent eight years on the staff of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Cordes has a B.A. from UC Berkeley and an M.S. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.





**Paul Loeffelman** is the managing director, corporate external affairs for American Electric Power. In this role, he works to develop corporate positions on environmental and clean energy public policies. He is responsible for international cooperation, building and sustaining international relations with foreign businesses and coalitions, foreign governments and non governmental organizations. He coordinates company interactions across 11 states served by AEP. He actively participates in the work of industry and policymaker coalitions to enact public

policies, particularly at regional and state levels, that protect the environment and assure affordable, reliable generation and delivery of electricity.



**Cynthia Rosenzweig** is a Senior Research Scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies where she heads the Climate Impacts Group. She recently co-chaired the New York City Panel on Climate Change, a body of experts convened by the Mayor to advise the city on adaptation for its critical infrastructure. She co-led the Metropolitan East Coast Regional Assessment of the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change, sponsored by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. She was a Coordinating

Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II Fourth Assessment Report, and served on the IPCC Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis.

A recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, she joins impact models with climate models to predict future outcomes of both land-based and urban systems under altered climate conditions. She is a Professor at Barnard College and a Senior Research Scientist at the Earth Institute at Columbia University.



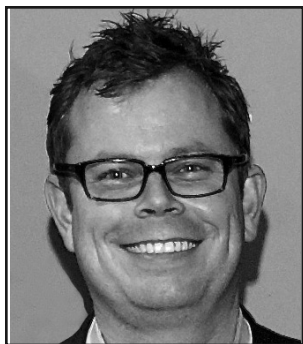
**Padmini (Mini) Murthy** is a trained OB/GYN and an activist. Additionally, she holds a Master's in Public Health and a Masters in Management from New York University.. She is Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management and Global Health Program Director at New York Medical College and Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine. She has been the recipient of several awards and has presented at numerous conferences

Murthy is the NGO Co Representative of Medical Women International Association to the United Nations. She has served as a consultant to the United Nations. Her book, *Women's Global Health and Human Rights*, was published in April 2009. Murthy serves as Chair of Women's Rights Committee of the American Public Health Association. Murthy has recently been appointed to the board of directors of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center and serves as Co-Chair of the Women's Health Task Force, Commission on the Status of Women at the UN.



**David Aylward** is the first Executive Director of the mHealth Alliance, which is hosted at the United Nations Foundation. The Alliance is dedicated to enabling quality health, and the delivery of quality healthcare, to the farthest reaches of wireless networks. It is building a public-private coalition of organizations to address the health needs of emerging economies across the world. See [www.mHealthAlliance.org](http://www.mHealthAlliance.org).

Aylward has over 35 years experience in public policy, information technology, and communications in both public and private sectors. He began his communications career as Legislative Director to U.S. Representative Timothy E. Wirth (D-Colorado). After directing staff of the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee during the advent of competition in telecommunications, the breakup of AT&T, and the emergence of the cable television industry, he established National Strategies, a consulting firm that he led for 25 years. Prior to joining mHealth Alliance, he was Director of the non-profit COMCARE Emergency Response Alliance. Aylward holds a BA from Dartmouth College and a JD with High Honors from The George Washington University Law School.



**Chris van der Walt** has served as the Strategic Communications Advisor at UN Global Pulse since May 2010. His responsibilities include design, positioning, social media and outreach strategy for the project. Prior to this he worked in the United Nations Department of Public Information in the Africa section as a web developer and graphic designer for five years and served on the New Media Task Force which designed guidelines for the strategic use of new media for the UN. Before joining the UN, van der Walt worked as a consultant new media developer and strategist for a variety of corporate and NGO clients.



**Anne Marie Goetz** is Chief Advisor for Governance, Peace and Security at UN Women. She supports programming across this new organization for preventing sexual violence as a method of warfare, supporting women's engagement in peace processes, gender-sensitive security sector reform, and inclusive post-conflict peace-building. In the area of good governance she works on building women's influence in public decision-making. Prior to joining UNIFEM in 2005, she was a professor of political science at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.

Goetz has published on the topics of gender and conflict, pro-poor and gender-sensitive approaches to public sector reforms, anti-corruption initiatives, and decentralization, and has analyzed political liberalization and state-building in fragile states and post-conflict situations. She is the author of six books on gender and politics in developing countries, including *Governing Women: Women in Politics and Governance in Development* (2009, Routledge), and *Reinventing Accountability: Making Democracy Work for Human Development* (Palgrave, 2005) (co-authored with Rob Jenkins). She holds an MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and a PhD in Politics from Cambridge University.



**Meron Demisse** is Chair of Young Professionals for International Cooperation of the Southern New York State Division of the United Nations Association of the USA, and Co-Chair of the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / UNA-USA Members Day at the UN. She has been actively involved with YPIC since 2005 as a member of its Economic Development Committee and founder of its African Affairs Committee.

Demisse consults for non-governmental organizations on sustainable development projects. She has also worked in the financial services industry, most recently as an investment banker in municipal finance. She holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and a B.A. from the University of Southern California. Demisse was born in Ethiopia, lived in Kenya and moved to the U.S. at a young age. She has traveled extensively throughout Africa, Asia, Europe and Australia. She speaks Amharic and Spanish and is studying Russian.



**Fasil Amdetsion** is an attorney with the New York law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. He focuses on corporate, securities and other complex litigation, white-collar and regulatory matters, and litigation related to mergers and acquisitions. He has done *pro bono* work for LIFT (Legal Information for Families Today) and the Ethiopian Lawyers Association of North America, which he co-founded. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the African Services Committee, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing health, housing, legal, educational

and social services to over 10,000 immigrants, refugees and asylees from the African Diaspora annually. Amdetsion has written op-eds and published articles in academic journals on public international law, international affairs, and education in Africa.

Amdetsion holds a B.A., *cum laude*, from Yale University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He has been recognized as a “Global Thought Leader” by **The Huffington Post** and received the Orphans International Worldwide Global Citizenship Award.



**Natalie Reid** is a senior associate in the litigation practice of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and focuses on public international law, international litigation, and international arbitration matters. She holds a J.D. (*cum laude*) from Harvard Law School and an A.B. (*magna cum laude*) in International Relations from Brown University.

Natalie was an Associate Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia from 2004 to 2006, and clerked

for Judge Betty Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit from 2003 to 2004.

Natalie is the author or co-author of several publications concerning public international law, including the International Criminal Law Practitioner Library with Gideon Boas, James L. Bischoff, and B. Don Taylor (Cambridge University Press: Volume I, 2007; Volume II, 2008; Volume III, 2011) and "Bridging the Conceptual Chasm: Superior Responsibility as the Missing Link Between Individual and State Responsibility Under International Law" (Leiden Journal of International Law, 2005).



**Eric Olson** is an Economic Affairs Officer in the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations Secretariat. The Office supports the work of the UN Economic and Social Council, particularly in the follow-up to the UN Summits on the Millennium Development Goals.

Olson joined the UN in 1993, having passed the national competitive entrance exam in economics. His work has included technical cooperation assistance; sustainable development; social development and economic development. He first worked in management of technical cooperation projects, then on finance and trade

issues in the Division for Sustainable Development. In the Division for Social Policy and Development he worked on social policy issues and was the focal point for the United Nations Programme on the Family. He moved to the Office for ECOSOC Support and Development in 2009.

An American national, Olson earned a bachelor's degree in economics and French from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He studied French in Paris, France, and obtained a master's degree in economics at the University of Minnesota.



**Cindy Helen Brea** is a Vice President in the Debt Capital Markets, Latin America Sales group at Deutsche Bank covering institutional clients in Central America and the Caribbean. Her focus to date has been financial institutions, providing solutions both on the asset and liability side through structured note ideas and financing operations respectively. Cindy Helen joined Deutsche Bank after several years at Credit Suisse. She graduated from Harvard Business School. Her undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering was received from Columbia University in New York.



**Liubov Grechen** is the Director of UNA Membership for the UN Foundation, where she manages all United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) membership programs nationwide, including 125 chapters and divisions, the Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) and Student Alliance programs. Prior to joining the UN Foundation, Liuba was the Director of Membership at UNA-USA, where she played an integral role in developing the strategic alliance between UNA-USA and the UN Foundation.

Liuba has also worked as a consultant for the Carpathian Foundation, a unique re-granting organization which channels funds to rural areas of Eastern Europe, where she co-founded a groundbreaking initiative, the Carpathian Compact, an international movement designed to increase cooperation and promote greater synergies among the public, private, and NGO sectors to build a stronger more collaborative civil society.

Liuba has also worked in Development with International House and the EastWest Institute and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Russian from New York University.



**Roger Nokes** is Communications and Membership Services Manager for the United Nations Association of the USA at the UN Foundation. Prior to joining the UN Foundation, held that position at UNA-USA and earlier was Coordinator of Chapter Relations. He earned his Masters degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from Seton Hall University's Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations. There he was Editor of the ***Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations***. Nokes graduated from Kean Uni-

versity in 2005 with a Bachelors degree in history and political science.

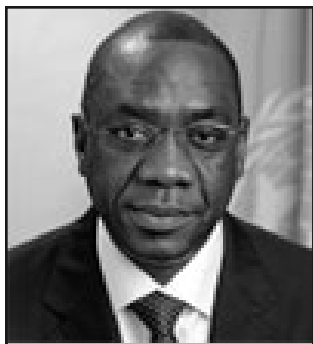


**Catherine D. White** was an advertising executive for over 30 years. She joined SSCB/LINTAS, where she served as Vice President in both the New York and Los Angeles offices. She then became a partner in Anderson, McCook, White, talent and media consultants in Los Angeles.

White joined UNIFEM in 1987, and became a National Board Member in 1988. She co-founded and was President of the Southern California chapter of the U.S. Committee for UNIFEM. White served as President of the

Southern New York State Division of UNA/USA and is currently Vice President. She is a Mid-Atlantic Representative on the UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Divisions Steering Committee.

White is a Vice President of the U.S. Chapter of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television and represents them at the UN. She also serves on the UN/NGO Committee for UN Women. She is a member of the UN DPI/NGO Executive Committee and Chair of the Communications Committee. She received the UNA-USA Eleanore Schnurr Award in 2009.



**Under-Secretary-General Cheick Sidi Diarra**, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, has over 25 years of professional experience in international relations – bilateral and multilateral, law and development. He has been actively involved in furthering African integration efforts and the African development agenda at the international level. He has served as one of the lead negotiators on these issues at African Union summits since 1982.

Diarra has made important contributions to the reform process of the United Nations aimed at strengthening the Organization's global role in economic and development matters. He was active in the intergovernmental consultation process leading up to the strengthening of ECOSOC and follow-up of the development aspects of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals. He has been a dedicated advocate for the cause of Africa, the least developed countries and landlocked developing countries. Diarra holds masters degrees in international public law and international relations from Dakar University in Senegal.



**Tegegnework Gettu** is the UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator as well as UNDP Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa. He has had a diverse career in the UNDP, academia, government and the private sector. Gettu served as Chief of Staff and Director of UNDP's Executive Office (from 2006 to 2009); UN Resident Coordinator/UN Resident Representative in Nigeria (from 2003 to 2006); Country Director for Southern Africa and Indian Ocean countries; and Acting Resident Representative in Liberia

and Sierra Leone. He has had an accomplished academic career as a fellow to Columbia University AND Assistant Professor and Lecturer at the University of Rochester in New York, Hunter College, and Addis Ababa University and also worked in Ethiopia's Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and the private sector. Gettu has his PHD, MIA and MPHIL from Columbia University New York and his BA from Addis Ababa University.





**Steven Fox** is the founder and CEO of Veracity Worldwide, an external risk advisory firm focused on emerging markets. He is a former US diplomat with experience in several African and Middle Eastern countries. Fox has focused on anti-corruption issues in emerging market environments for the past five years and has expertise on managing risk and advising on complex political issues. His work has included complex Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) investigations, due diligence, and problem-solving projects in India, Egypt, Brazil, the former Soviet Union, and West Africa.

Fox speaks regularly at seminars and conferences and is the author of several published articles on FCPA issues. In addition he is a regular contributor to Worth Magazine. He holds degrees from Princeton, Cambridge and INSEAD and speaks French.



**J. Skyler Fernandes** is COO of the South African Chamber of Commerce in America (SACCA), leading its global initiatives. In 2010, Mr. Fernandes launched the Missing Middle Initiative, presented at the World Economic Forum in Davos. The Missing Middle Initiative focuses on closing the SME finance gap for investments between \$20K-\$3M, which are largely absent in emerging markets, especially in Africa. Fernandes has worked to develop the African Entrepreneurship Platform, showcased at the Clinton Global Initiative, and the MBA Africa Alliance, a network of Africa-focused business clubs at leading graduate schools.

Fernandes currently works in venture capital at Centripetal Capital Partners, investing in early stage businesses with high growth potential. Previously, he worked in the investment banking group at Standard Bank, Societe Generale and at Credit Suisse. Additionally, he is on the Social Investment Council of Echoing Green and the Junior Board of the American Museum of Natural History. He holds a BA from New York University, summa cum laude, graduating a year early due to studies at Harvard University.



**Gustavo Eiben** is the Head of North America Investor Relations for Aureos Capital, which he joined in August 2009. Aside from this, he works to develop new businesses and products that fit Aureos' overall global strategy. He is also involved with the Fund Establishment/New Funds operations globally.

Prior to joining Aureos Capital, Eiben was a senior member of the alternative investments group at J.P. Morgan Private Bank, Head of Fundraising and Business Development at Schroeder Ventures U.S. and a member of the UBS private equity funds group. He started his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Buenos Aires.

Eiben holds a BA from Universidad Nacional de Cordoba in Argentina and an MBA from Thunderbird, the American School of International Management. He is licensed by the American Certification of General Securities Representative.



**C. Christine Fair** is an assistant professor in the Center for Peace and Security Studies (CPASS), within Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Previously she was a senior political scientist with the RAND Corporation, a political officer to the UN Assistance Mission to Afghanistan, and a senior research associate in USIP's Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention. She is also a senior fellow with the Counter Terrorism Center at West Point.

Fair has written, co-written or co-edited several books and written numerous peer-reviewed articles covering a range of security issues in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. She is a member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the editorial board of *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

At the University of Chicago she earned a B.S. in Biological Chemistry, an M.A. from the Harris School of Public Policy, an M.A. in South Asian Languages and Civilizations and a Ph.D. in South Asian Languages and Civilizations.



**Ambassador Robert P. Finn** is Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer in the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs, Princeton University. Previously he was a lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern Studies and the Ertegun Visiting Professor of Turcology at Princeton. He served as the first U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan in more than 20 years, March 2002 - August 2003. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan, 1998-2001. His other diplomatic postings include Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, Turkey; Lahore, Pakistan; and

Zagreb, Croatia. He opened the U.S. Embassy in Azerbaijan in 1992. His numerous awards include two Presidential Meritorious Service Awards and one for heroism.

Ambassador Finn is the author of the book *The Early Turkish Novel*, and has translated other works. He co-edited Building State and Security in Afghanistan. (LISD-WWS-2007). He holds a B.A. from St. John's University, an M.A. in Near Eastern Studies from New York University, and an M.A. and Ph. D in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Turkey and a Fulbright scholar at Istanbul University. He reads in more than ten languages.



**Ambassador Abdullah Hussain Haroon** is the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, where he has served since September 2008. Previously he was Chairman, Griffith College Karachi 1999-2005 and President, Pakistan-China Business Forum from 1999 to 2004.

Amb. Haroon began his career in public service as election Coordinator for Pakistan Muslim League in 1970. Later he served as Councillor, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation KMC through 1979-1985, remained Trustee

Karachi Port Trust 1980-1982, Member Sindh Provincial Assembly 1985-1988, Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Sindh 1985-1986 and leader of opposition, Sindh Assembly from 1986 to 1988. He also served as Consultant, Pakistan Herald Publication 1988-1989, delegate to UN General Assembly, Member to the Board of Governors, Institute of Business Administration Karachi 1996-1999, Director Board of Directors Karachi Electric Supply Corporation 1997-1999, Amb. Haroon holds a degree from Karachi University.



**Ambassador Dr. Zahir Tanin** has been the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations since December 2006; he is also a Vice-President of the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

Amb. Tanin was appointed Vice-Chair of the Open-ended Working Group and Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform during the 63<sup>rd</sup> session and continues to chair the group. He has served as a Vice Chair of the Committee for the

Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People since 2006.

Amb. Tanin worked for eleven years for BBC World Service (1995-2006) and previously was a research fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Amb. Tanin is a graduate of Kabul Medical University. He began his career in 1980 working as a journalist in Kabul. He was Editor-in-Chief of Akhbar-e-Haftah and Sabawoon Magazine until 1992. He co-authored *The Communist Regime in Afghanistan* and wrote *Afghanistan in the Twentieth Century*. He produced a landmark 29-part program for BBC, *The Oral History of Afghanistan in the 20th Century*.

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