


## Strengthening UNITAR's structure and autonomy





The 2007 reforms have allowed UNITAR to strengthen its position as an intellectual catalyst for innovation and change within the UN family. Although the Institute is already widely-known for its people-centred approach based on knowledge transfer and leadership promotion, UNITAR today takes pride in showcasing its work and new identity through the use of its social networks.

Since its establishment in the mid-1960s, UNITAR has grown within the UN family. Led by its “knowledge to lead” philosophy, its Executive Director and a fully engaged Board of Trustees, the Institute is devoted to honouring and strengthening partnerships with different universities, foundations, governments and entities in the private sector.

**“The Advisory Committee commends UNITAR for the progress it has made in the reform of its overall operations”.**

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“UNITAR equipped me with essential knowledge and skills, that I am currently successfully using in my present position as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations. The numerous exiting, realistic and challenging educational activities that are offered by UNITAR are crucial for the training of professionals, since the lack of skilled human resources is the most significant predicament in the development struggle of many developing countries”.

Henry L. Mac Donald, Permanent Representative of Suriname to the UN, New York

## Governance and leadership

UNITAR is supported by an engaged and pre-eminent governance body, its Board of Trustees, which meet on an annual basis.

The Institute is also guided by a solid set of oversight mechanisms and policy directives which include several new internal boards dealing with personnel issues, implementation of the delegation of procurement authority granted to the current Executive Director, as well as integrity and ethics.

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### ***Mr. Lakhdar BRAHIMI***

Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi serves as Special Adviser to the UN Secretary- General. In 2000 he chaired the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations, and more recently, in 2008 the Panel on safety, security of United Nations personnel and premises. Mr. Brahimi served as Under-Secretary- General for Special Assignments in Support of the Secretary-General's Preventive and Peacemaking Efforts. He is former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria from 1991 to 1993.

### ***Mr. Simon COMPAORE***

Honorable Mayor Simon Compaoré serves as the Mayor of the city of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, since 1995. Mayor Compaoré is the Chairman of the Association of Municipalities of Burkina Faso and of the Municipal Development Partnership Board, Treasurer of the International Association of French-speaking Mayors (AIMF), a member of the Executive committee of United Governments and Local Authorities and United Cities and Local Governments' world council.

### ***Ms. Shirin EBADI***

Dr. Shirin Ebadi is a lawyer specialized in human rights and as such a strong promoter of human rights and democracy. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003. Dr. Ebadi also teaches at the University of Tehran. She wrote a number of books on the subject of human rights, with emphasis on women and children's rights. In the years 1975-1979 she served as the president of the city court of Tehran, one of the first female judges in Iran.

### ***Ms. Shirley FRANKLIN***

Honorable Mayor Shirley Franklin has been serving as the 58th Mayor of Atlanta, U.S.A., since 2001. Mayor Franklin became the first female mayor and the first African American woman to serve as mayor of a major southern city in the United States. She previously served for the City of Atlanta with executive management responsibility for over 13 years.

### ***Ms. Geraldine Joslyn FRASER-MOLEKETI***

Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi has been appointed the Democratic Governance Practice Director in the Bureau for Development Policy of UNDP. Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi served as Minister for the Public Service and Administration of the Republic of South Africa from 1999 to September 2008. Prior to that, she occupied the position of Minister of Welfare and Population Development.



### ***Mr. Chen JIAN***

Mr. Chen Jian is President of the UN Association of China. He was Under-Secretary- General of the UN from 2001 to 2007 and China's Ambassador to Japan from 1998 to 2001. As a career diplomat he served as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1998 and Spokesperson and Director-General at the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 1994 to 1996. He was also Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, from 1992 to 1994.

### ***Ms. Radha KUMAR***

Professor Radha Kumar is Director of the Mandala Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Jamia Millia Islamia University in Delhi, India. A specialist on ethnic conflicts and peace processes, Dr. Kumar is a former Senior Fellow in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York from 1999 to 2003.



### ***Mr. Henri LOPES - Chairman of the UNITAR Board of Trustees***

Prior to his nomination as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Congo to France, Ambassador Henri Lopes was Assistant Director General for Culture and then, Deputy Director for Africa at UNESCO for the period from 1981 to 1998. He has been Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo from 1973 to 75. Ambassador Lopes earned the Grand Prix de la Francophonie de l'Académie Française in 1993 for his overall contribution to literature.

### ***Mr. Valery LOSHCHININ***

Ambassador Valery Loshchinin serves as Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva as well as to the Conference on Disarmament since January 2006. Prior to this appointment, he occupied positions of First Deputy Minister from 2002 to 2005 and Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation from 2001 to 2002.

### ***Ms. Elena MARTINEZ***

Ms. Elena Martínez is Adviser to the Ibero-American Secretary General. Ms. Martínez was UN Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNDP, from 1999 to 2005. She previously served as acting director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in New York, from 1995 to 1997, and, from September 1997 to April 1999, as director of the Operations Support Group in New York.

### ***Mr. Jean-Baptiste MATTEI***

Ambassador Jean-Baptiste Mattéi serves as Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Prior to this appointment, he was Director for Communication and Information and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France. From 2000 to 2004, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels after having worked as director of the office of the French Minister Delegate for European Affairs from 1995 to 2000.

### ***Mr. Nicolas MICHEL***

Dr. Nicolas Michel is Professor in International Public Law at the University of Geneva and at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva), since September 2008. He served as Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel. Between 1998 and 2003 he worked as an International Public Law Director of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.



**Mr. Henri PROGLIO**

Mr. Henri Proglío is Chief Executive Officer of Electricité de France and Chairman of the Board since November 2009. He also serves as the Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Environment. He had previously acted as Chief Executive Officer at Vivendi Environnement since 2003. He also occupied senior managerial positions at Compagnie Générale des Eaux, Vivendi Water and Compagnie Générale d'Entreprises Automobiles.

**Ms. Anne Kristin SYDNES**

Ms. Anne Kristin Sydnès is Director of International Programs of the Norwegian Church Aid. She served as Minister of International Development Cooperation of Norway from 2000 to 2001. She occupied various senior positions at Statoil ASA. Ms. Sydnès served as Senior Advisor to the UNDP in its Division for Business Partnerships while on leave from Statoil during the period 2004-2005.