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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt

Acting Administrator, The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt is Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. Prior to joining USAID, Ambassador Lenhardt most recently served as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, a position he held from 2009 to 2013. He has also served in leadership positions at the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), The Shaw Group and the Council on Foundations. In 2001, Ambassador Lenhardt was appointed the 36th Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the United States Senate and became the first African American to serve as an officer of the Congress. With more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Army, Ambassador Lenhardt retired in 1997 as Major General.

Michael Anderson

Chief Executive Officer, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)

Michael Anderson joined CIFF as CEO in 2013. He was previously Prime Minister David Cameron's Special Envoy for UN Development Goals, and Director General for Policy and Global Programmes at the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Michael was the UK policy lead on development issues at the G8 Summits in 2012 and 2013. His ten years at DFID included serving as head of DFID's programmes in India and the Middle East, as well as policy lead on rule of law and on fragile states. He was also Chair of the UK International Climate Finance Committee, UN Commissioner on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children, and Co-Chair of the OECD working group on aid effectiveness in conflict-affected and fragile states. Prior to joining DFID, Michael served in leadership positions at a think tank and a private company, and taught law at the London School of Economics. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Global Innovation Fund and The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.

Mamadou Biteye

Managing Director for Africa, The Rockefeller Foundation

Mr. Biteye oversees the Foundation's work across Africa, bringing with him decades of experience and expertise in the development sector in Africa. He joined the Foundation from Oxfam Great Britain's West Africa Regional Center, where he was the Regional Director responsible for strategic program leadership and overall management of the West Africa region, including eight country offices. Mr. Biteye has held previous leadership roles at the African Development Foundation, the World Conservation Union, the National Agricultural Credit Bank of Senegal. He is an agricultural economist by training, with over 20 years of experience in strategic leadership, HR and financial management, program development and implementation, and other areas, as well as extensive field experience in Africa.

Ann Mei Chang

Executive Director, U.S. Global Development Lab, USAID

Ann Mei Chang is the Executive Director of the U.S. Global Development Lab at USAID. The Lab is the newest bureau at USAID and aims to transform global development through science, technology, innovation and partnerships. Prior to joining USAID, Ann Mei was the Chief Innovation Officer at Mercy Corps, an international NGO. She also served as the Senior Advisor for Women and Technology in the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues at the U.S. Department of State. At State, she developed partnerships, influenced policy and became a public voice on leveraging technology to improve the lives of women and girls in developing countries. She conceived and launched the Alliance for Affordable Internet, a public-private partnership which aims to provide Internet access to the next billion. Ann Mei has more than 20 years of engineering and leadership experience in Silicon Valley. Among other roles at Google, she served as a Senior Engineering Director for eight years, where she led worldwide engineering for Google's mobile applications and services. She has also held leadership roles at Apple, Intuit, SGI and a few startups. Ann Mei was recognized as one of the Women In the World: 125 Women of Impact for 2013 by Newsweek/ The Daily Beast.

Moses Engadu

U-Report Global Coordinator, World Scout Bureau

Moses Engadu is the U-report Global Coordinator for the World Scout Bureau and is based in Nairobi, Kenya. He is responsible for coordinating the global partnership between UNICEF and WOSM on U-report and Youth Engagement, specifically coordinating and promoting the use of the global U-report platform to establish communication-sharing and opinion polling amongst Scouts globally. Mr. Engadu joined scouting in 1991 at the age of 10 and has been actively involved in scouting at national, regional and international levels. In 2010, he joined Uganda Scouts Association as the Director of Resource Mobilization and Capacity Building, where he led efforts to position scouting as the leading education youth movement and developed strong partnerships with the Government of Uganda and development partners like UNICEF and UNESCO. In 2009, he was recruited as the Executive Director and led the team that organized the 2009 Third World Scout Interreligious Symposium in Uganda.

Ewen McDonald

Deputy Secretary, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr. McDonald joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as a Deputy Secretary in November 2013 following the integration of the Department and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). He commenced at the Agency as Deputy Director General in 2011. From 2008, Mr McDonald was a Deputy Secretary in the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). Before taking up his Deputy Secretary position, Mr McDonald undertook senior management roles in education covering policy, program and corporate. Mr McDonald commenced his career in the Victorian Public Service in 1978. He worked in a range of departments on various policy and program matters

Torbjörn Pettersson

Director, Department for Africa, Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

Prior to his current role, Mr. Pettersson was Ambassador of Sweden in Kabul, Afghanistan from 2010–2012 and the Secretary General of the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan from 2008–2010. A development economist and political scientist by training, Mr. Pettersson has spent his professional life in politics, diplomacy and development cooperation. Prior roles include Minister Counsellor and Head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Tanzania and Deputy Director General and Head of the Department for Finance and Corporate Development at Sida. Mr. Pettersson has also served as Secretary General of the Swedish Liberal Party and Political Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sweden.

Dr. Peter Singer

Chief Executive Officer, Grand Challenges Canada

Dr. Singer is Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada. He is also Director of the Sandra Rotman Centre at the University Health Network and Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Singer is Foreign Secretary of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and chaired the Academy's assessment on Canada's Strategic Role in Global Health. In 2014, he was named Co-Chair of Every Woman Every Child's Innovation Working Group. He has advised the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the UN Secretary General's Office, the Government of Canada, Pepsico, BioVeda China Venture Capital Fund and several African governments on global health. Dr. Singer was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2011 and is a recipient of the Michael Smith Prize as Canada's Health Researcher of the Year in Population Health and Health Services. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, the U.S. Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). He has published over 300 research articles and co-authored a book.