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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) Representatives of selected United Nations specialized agencies, departments and regional entities who participate as observers;

(e) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.



3. The term of office of each of the 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.¹

4. Maureen O'Neil (Canada) has been Chairperson of the Board since 2011. The nominated members of the Board are:

Bina Agarwal (India), Director, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi

Yesim Arat-Pamuk (Turkey), Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Evelina Dagnino (Brazil), Professor, Department of Political Science, Cidade Universitária "Zeferino Vaz", São Paulo

Peter Brandt Evans (United States of America), Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

Rosalind Eyben (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Brighton

Ping Huang (China), Director, Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

Patricia Schulz (Switzerland), Expert, Commission on the Status of Women

Annika Sundén (Sweden), Deputy Director-General, Swedish Pensions Agency, Stockholm

Julia Szalai (Hungary), Professor, Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Zenebeworke Tadesse (Ethiopia), Deputy Director, University of South Africa Regional Learning Centre in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

5. The term of office of the following three members will expire on 30 June 2013 and they are eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2015:

Bina Agarwal, Evelina Dagnino, Julia Szalai

6. Board member Yesim Arat-Pamuk, whose term expires on 30 June 2013, will not seek renomination.

7. The term of office of the following four members will expire on 30 June 2013. They will have served on the Board for six years:

Peter Brandt Evans, Rosalind Eyben, Annika Sundén, Zenebeworke Tadesse

8. At its fifty-first session, the Commission will therefore be called upon to nominate five new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2017. The Commission will also be called upon to extend the terms of office of the nominated members referred to in paragraph 5 above for an additional two-year term expiring on 30 June 2015. The biographical information of the five new candidates is contained in the annex to the present note.

¹ In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

Annex

Biographical information

Mr. Jímí O. Adésínà

Personal data

Nationality: Nigerian

Date of birth: 1956

Present position

Professor of Sociology, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Professorial Research Associate, Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden

Education

B.Sc. (Honours), Politics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

M.Sc., Labour Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Ph.D., Sociology-Labour Studies, University of Warwick, United Kingdom

Experience

President, South African Sociological Association, 2004-2006

Executive Committee Member, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Senegal, 2002-2008

External Research Coordinator, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), 2003-2005

Oppenheimer Visiting Scholar, Oxford University, United Kingdom, 2007/2008

Visiting Scholar, UNRISD, 1990

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1996-2000

Mr. Asef Bayat

Personal data

Nationality: American

Date of birth: 1954

Present position

Catherine C. and Bruce A. Bastian Professor of Global and Transnational Studies and Professor of Sociology, University of Illinois, United States

Education

B.A., Politics, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Tehran, Iran

Ph.D., Social Sciences, University of Kent, United Kingdom

Experience

Professor of Sociology and Global Studies, University of Illinois, United States

Chair of Cultures and Societies of the Middle East, Leiden University, Netherlands

Director, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Netherlands

Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford University, United Kingdom

Professor of Sociology, American University in Cairo, Egypt

Mr. David Hulme**Personal data**

Nationality: British

Date of birth: 1952

Present position

Executive Director, Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester, United Kingdom

Head, Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester, United Kingdom

Chief Executive Officer, Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre (a consortium of African, Asian, European and American research institutes), United Kingdom

Education

B.A. (Honours), Economic Geography, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Ph.D., Economic Geography, James Cook University, Australia

Experience

Professor of Development Studies, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, 1995 to date

Founder and Director of Chronic Poverty Research Centre, 2000-2010

Joint Director, ESRC Global Poverty Research Group, Universities of Manchester and Oxford, United Kingdom, 2002-2007

Visiting Professor, BRAC University, Bangladesh, 2005 to date

Visiting Professor, Institute of Developing Economies, IDE Advanced School, Japan, 1995 and 2012

Visiting Senior Lecturer, Chancellor College, University of Malawi, 1990-1991

Mr. Joakim Palme

Personal data

Nationality: Swedish

Date of birth: 1958

Present position

Professor of Political Science, Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden

Honorary Professor, University of Southern Denmark

Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, Sweden

President of Research Committee 19, Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, International Sociological Association

Education

B.A., Economic History, Stockholm University, Sweden

Filosofie doctor, Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden

Docent, Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden

Experience

Director, Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm, 2002-2011

Professor (adjunct), Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, 2003-2009

Chairman, Swedish Welfare Commission, 1999-2001

Ms. Onalenna Doo Selolwane**Personal data**

Nationality: Botswana

Date of birth: 1955

Present position

Senior Lecturer, University of Botswana

Education

B.A., University of Botswana and Swaziland, Botswana

M.Phil., University of Sussex, United Kingdom

Ph.D., University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

Experience

Head, Department of Sociology, University of Botswana, 1998-2003

Member, technical working group for the National Working Group on Monitoring and Evaluation, Botswana HIV Response Information System, 2002-2004

President, Emang Basadi Women's Organization, Botswana, 1997-2000

Team member, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) expert reference group on setting benchmarks for enhanced democratic governance within and between political parties in Africa, 2010

Member of team of experts preparing issues papers for the African Governance Report III on Elections and the Management of Diversity in Africa, Economic Commission for Africa and United Nations Development Programme, 2010

Second Vice President, Executive Committee of the African Sociological Association, 2007-2010

Chairperson, Subcommittee on Projects, Executive Committee of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Senegal, 2007-2011

Coordinator of the six-person Botswana research team, UNRISD poverty reduction and policy regimes project, 2007-2008

Member of the CODESRIA Executive Committee and representative of the Southern Africa Region, 2005-2008
