

JOHN STEFFENS, *Executive Director Emeritus*, University of Oklahoma

Dr. John Steffans holds a PhD in general administration from the University of Oklahoma and served as Executive Director of PSI. His background incorporates a broad spectrum of educational experiences, including teaching and administration in schools, international programs, development of a broad variety of human and social service programs, the evaluation of social service programs, and the organizational analysis of schools and social service organizations. He has served as a special consultant to the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Advisory Council on Equal Educational Opportunity, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Institutes of Health, the U.S. departments of Energy, Defense, and Labor, the Urban League, the U.S. Air Force, the Organization of American States, and a host of other state, local, and community agencies, departments and programs, nationally and internationally.

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DAVID NEELY, *President and CEO*, Affecting Change International (ACI)



David Neely is the President and CEO of Affecting Change International (ACI), an international nonprofit based in Kansas. ACI works to mobilize individuals and non-governmental organizations to improve the physical, emotional, and economic conditions of the underprivileged around the world through collaborative partnerships. He has traveled extensively throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, Central and Eastern Asia, the Middle East, and Canada. David has been an ardent supporter of and participant in the Infopoverty World Conference of the United Nations since 2006 and has promoted ICT4D-UNSDGs as a collaborator partner with the Public Service Institute of the university of Oklahoma (PSI/OU) and the Education and Training Institute (ETI). He co-founded the Unfinished Task Network and the Indigenous Church Planting Network in May 2017. He recently retired after 15 years as the Executive Pastor of Blue Valley Church, in Overland Park, KS where he lead all BVBC multi-site missions efforts, counseling with specific emphasis in PTSD-trauma recovery, made hospital/homebound ministry visits, all the while directing all personnel and operational aspects of the church. Having lived and worked in East Africa for eleven years and has led development projects in the region for over twenty-eight years, Mr. Neely held a number of leadership positions within the nonprofit community, including: Executive Director of Brackenhurst International Conference Center in Kenya, Logistics Coordinator for the Northern Frontier Cluster of the International Mission Board in Southern Sudan, Northern Uganda, and Northern Kenya, member of the regional Member Care Team, Director of Operations and Development for Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, to name a few. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Trinity Theological Seminary.

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GIACOMO MAZZONE, *Secretary-General, EUROVISIONI*



Giacomo Mazzone is the Secretary General of Eurovisioni but is also a Public Service Broadcasting and Media Manager with 30 years of experience in the fields of news, sports and international relations. A journalist by training, he has gained extensive experience in international companies and organizations (RAI, Euronews, Eurosport and, since 2002, at the EBU, European Broadcasting Union, a member of the WBU, World Broadcasting Union). He has worked for all traditional media (press, radio, general interest TV) but also for new media (all-news channels, Internet portals). An expert in European and multilateral negotiations, he was chosen to represent the Italian government at UNESCO in the negotiations for the Convention on Cultural Diversity. From 2011 to 2020, he was Head of Institutional Relations and Southern Member Relations at the European Broadcasting Union, in charge of monitoring members from the MENA region (Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Tunisia, Lebanon) and the northern shore of the Mediterranean (Italy, France, Spain, Malta, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey, etc.).

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ALDO TORREGGIANI, *High-Level Advisor for Sustainable Policies*

Aldo Torreggiani is AD and Senior Project Manager at T&C Company specializing in residential, field training and distance learning projects for healthcare professionals. We use the most innovative teaching methods to make training interesting, engaging and useful in clinical practice through the use of role-plays, group work, case discussions. We use innovative technologies for content delivery, such as interactive tables, webinars, simulation centres, cadaver workshops.

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IMTIAZ DHARKER, *Poet, Chancellor, Newcastle University*



She is a poet, artist and video filmmaker. She was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2014 and became Chancellor of Newcastle University in 2020. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, she has been Poet in Residence at Cambridge University Library and has worked on several projects across art forms in Leeds, Newcastle and Hull, as well as the Archives of St Paul's Cathedral. Her six collections include *Over the Moon* and the latest, *Luck Is the Hook*, all published by Bloodaxe Books UK, and her poems have been broadcast widely on BBC Radio 3 and 4 as well as the BBC World Service. She has had eleven solo exhibitions of drawings around the world, and scripts and directs video films, many of them for non-government organisations working in the area of shelter, education and health for women and children in India.

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PIERPAOLO SAPORITO, *President*, OCCAM and Infopoverty Programme



As President of OCCAM – Observatory on Digital Communication established in 1996 by UNESCO and in Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC since 2005, Saporito chairs the Infopoverty World Conference, the annual forum gathering experts and stakeholders at UNHQ in New York to elaborate concrete solutions for the development of disadvantaged communities and promote a better society. As President of the International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication, ICFT – CICT at UNESCO, Saporito valorizes cinema as the expression of different cultures in the digital era. Saporito also plays a longstanding pioneering role in studying and experimenting ICTs and new technological applications. As founder of Environmedia, during the 70s the Venice Biennale appointed Saporito to a project of community communication involving over 200.000 people in an open process of participation. The same years see him occupied with the magazine 'IN Argomenti e Immagini di Design' that he founded and directed. As Architect and Planner with a universalistic imprint, he enriched his professional portfolio realizing projects such as Milano Central Station Renewal Plan for Ferrovie della Stato, and exhibitions including Les Temps des Gares at Centre G. Pompidou in Paris. Saporito also conducted research on new materials for ENI, planning the dismissed railways in large areas and the urban Bastion Circle for the City of Milan, private villas, social housing and public buildings empowered by advanced solutions and clean technology. His experimentation on new 3D printing was awarded in 2019 by UN-HABITAT/ WB Resilient Homes Design Challenge competition. Cofounder at the Oklahoma University of the Infopoverty Institute, he is a distinguished speaker at Conferences and a High-level advisor for public and private institutions facing the emerging challenges of the Digital Revolution to build a more sustainable development and fairer society.