

PATRIZIO CIVILI, *Special Advisor to the Director General, IDLO; Former UN Assistant of Secretary-General*



PATRIZIO M. CIVILI is currently serving as Special Advisor to the Director General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) after acting as IDLO's Permanent Observer to the United Nations in New York from 2007 to 2020. From 1998 to 2007 he was the highest-ranking Italian official in the United Nations Secretariat in New York, serving as Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Interagency Affairs in the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs and acting simultaneously as Secretary of the Chief Executives' Board (CEB) which comprises, under the chairmanship of the UN Secretary-General, the Executive Heads of all Specialized Agencies and UN Programs and Funds.

Mr. Civili joined the UN Secretariat in New York in 1969. Serving under 5 successive UN Secretaries-General, he held a number of senior positions concerned with economic cooperation, policy coordination, and institutional affairs with posting in Port of Spain for ECLAC and in New York and Geneva including: in the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation; as Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; management Director and senior member in the cabinet of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD; and Director in the Executive Offices of Secretaries-General Boutros Boutros Ghali and Kofi Annan.

Mr. Civili holds a degree of doctor in Political Science from the University of Rome, with specialization in Comparative Constitutional Law, and an MA in Comparative Government from the University of Washington in Seattle. He has also attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) in Bologna. In 2014, Mr. Civili was awarded the title of 'Commendatore' of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, which recognized his international career at the United Nations as exceptional "merit acquired by the nation" in the public service field.

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BELINDA BISCOE, *Senior Associate Vice President, The University of Oklahoma*



Belinda P. Biscoe, PhD, serves as Senior Associate Vice President for Outreach/College of Continuing Education at The University of Oklahoma. Trained as a research psychologist, she has nearly 30 years of experience with school- and community-based programs, including higher education as an administrator, researcher, and program developer. In her current role, she bears responsibility for 26 departments and 10 support units employing over 600 professionals. Biscoe's years of service to adult and higher education include expertise in research and evaluation, administration, program development, grant writing, and promoting diversity and equity in higher education. A momentous force for continuing education worldwide, she has led programs and support units that focus on higher education, common education, disability education and educational training, social justice and human relations, juvenile justice, executive training and team development, health and human services, public radio, American Indian education and health, research and

evaluation, mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention. Frequently asked to speak on social justice issues, Biscoe was invited to join two panels at the United Nations during the Week of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2018. She strongly believes in the importance of civic engagement, having served in leadership roles for many nonprofit agencies, including the Oklahoma City Metropolitan YWCA, where she was elected as the first African American president. She is co-founder of Eagle Ridge Institute, a community-based, nonprofit drug and alcohol treatment and prevention agency, and in 1989 founded Positive Tomorrows, a school for homeless youth and their families.

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NICCOLÒ RINALDI, *Head of Unit Asia, Australia and New Zealand, European Parliament*



Niccolò Rinaldi graduated in political science. He was responsible for UN information in Afghanistan, living between Peshawar, Kabul and the rest of the country. In 1991, Rinaldi left the United Nations to start working in the European Parliament as a political advisor, working mainly on Africa and Central Asia. Nine years later he became Deputy Secretary-General at the ALDE Group in Parliament. In 2009, Niccolò Rinaldi was elected member of the European Parliament with Italia dei Valori as independent and remained an MEP until 2014. During that period, he was vice-president of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, member of the Committee on International Trade and draftperson on the EU/Malaysia and EU/India Free Trade Agreements, and also member of Delegation for relations with South Asia, of the Delegation for the relations with Central Asia, and of the Delegation for the relation with Palestine, as well as member of the Steering Committee of WTO. From 2016 is the Head of Unit Asia, Australia and New Zealand at the European Parliament.

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HOSSAM BADRAWI, *Chairman, Nile Badrawi Foundation for Education & Development*



Prof. Hossam Badrawi, a prominent physician and a well-known politician, President of the Badrawi Foundation for Education and Development. He is the founder and the honorary chairman of the Egyptian Council of Competitiveness ENCC. <http://www.encc.org.eg/> and chaired the OB/GYN department in Cairo University's Medical School 2009/2010. Academically, He graduated from Cairo University kasr El Aini 1974, with an honors degree. He fulfilled his graduate studies during 1979-1983 in Wayne State University-Detroit-Michigan, in the use of scanning electron microscopy. He completed post-graduate studies at North Western University-Chicago-Illinois. In Boston University-Boston-Massachusetts, he had intense graduate studies in methodologies for development of curricula and study programs in education. His academic activities include the publication of more than 120 research papers and participations in 8 textbooks in his academic field. He published his last

book about Education reform in Arabic November 2011. In 2007, Prof. Badrawi received an honorary PhD. in science from Sunderland University in the United Kingdom, for outstanding work in higher education reform in the Middle East region. He is a visiting Professor in political science in center of Altiero Spinelli at University of Roma. In 2014, Prof. Badrawi received a new award Honorary Fellowship from Cardiff University in the UK 2014.

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REMY SIETCHIPING, *Chief, Policy, Legislation and Governance Section, UN-Habitat*



Dr. Remy Sietchiping is the Chief of Policy, Legislation and Governance Section within the Urban Practices Branch of UN-Habitat. He oversees the development of strategic programmes of UN-Habitat including National Urban Policy, legislation, governance, urban-rural linkages, smart cities, metropolitan development and the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning. He has coordinated global, regional and country projects and programmes for UN-Habitat in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Dr. Sietchiping has over 25 years working experience in the UN system, academia, private and public sector and NGOs in Australia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Jamaica and worldwide. He holds a Ph.D in Geography from the University of Melbourne, Australia. He is fluent in English and French.

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LIBERATO BAUTISTA, *President, CoNGO, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations*



Rev. Dr. Liberato C. Bautista is the President of CoNGO—The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. CoNGO is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1948 that relates to the United Nations through its General Consultative Status granted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Bautista concurrently serves as the main representative to the UN for the United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), the international public policy and social justice agency of The United Methodist Church. He has represented GBCS at the UN for the last 25 years. Bautista teaches, writes, and lectures extensively in a variety of fields, including international affairs; NGO and civil society dynamics; social and political ethics; theology and religion; ecumenism and religious liberty; human rights and human dignity; indigeneity and indigenous peoples; and peace, justice, and social transformation. He has taught politics and civil society at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea, and the dynamics of culture and community organizing at Saint Andrews {Episcopal} Theological Seminary in the Philippines. He occasionally teaches an online course on Christian social ethics at John Wesley College in Tuguegarao City. Bautista studied political science, history, and international studies at the University of the Philippines

in Manila. His doctoral studies at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, focused on religion and social and political ethics.

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