



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MEMBERS OF THE AFRICA COMMISSION

Chairman of the Commission

Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen (Denmark)

Prime Minister of Denmark, Leader of the Liberal Party (Venstre).

Mr. Løkke Rasmussen has also served as Minister of Finance and Minister for the Interior and Health.

Members of the Commission

Dr. Christian Friis Bach (Denmark)

International Director of DanChurchAid

Dr. Friis Bach is Affiliated Professor at the University of Copenhagen and has also worked as an independent adviser, author and lecturer and served as Associate Professor of International and Development Economics at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University.

Mr. Robert Calderisi (Canada)

Economic consultant and writer

Has served at the World Bank as Country Director for Central Africa, World Bank Spokesman for Africa, Manager in the Institutional Change and Strategy Department and as Chief of the World Bank Regional Mission in Western Africa.

Ms. Luísa Dias Diogo (Mozambique)

Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique since 2004

Prior to her nomination as the first female Prime Minister of Mozambique Ms. Diogo served as Minister of Planning and Finance.

Dr. Donald Kaberuka (Rwanda)

President of the African Development Bank since 2005

Prior to this, Dr. Kaberuka served as Member of the Cabinet and Minister of Finance and Economic Planning in Rwanda and he has worked in banking and international trade.

Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj (Denmark)

Special Representative of the Secretary General of the UN in Liberia

Have also been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations and Representative of Denmark on the Security Council.

Dr. Asha-Rose Migirom (Tanzania)

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Has also served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and as Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children in Tanzania.

Mr. Lauritz Holm-Nielsen (Denmark)

Rector at Aarhus University since 2005

Prior to this Rector Holm-Nielsen served as Lead Higher Education Specialist for the World Bank. In his earlier career Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen was Rector of the Danish Research Academy and Chairman of the Nordic Academy for Advanced Study.

Mr. Jean Ping (Gabon)

Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union

Has served as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and la Francophonie of the Gabonese Republic and as Minister of Planning, Environment and Tourism.

Mr. Koen Vervaeke (Belgium)

European Union Special Representative and Head of the European Commission Delegation to the AU

During his diplomatic career Mr. Vervaeke has held a wide range of positions within the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Klaus Aagaard Bustrup (Denmark)

Chairman of the Board of Danida

Member of the Danish Board for International Development Cooperation since 1990 and Chairman since 2008. Mr. Bustrup previously held the position as CEO of the Danish Council for Agriculture.

Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas (Ghana)

President of Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS

Also served as Member of Parliament, Deputy Foreign Minister, Deputy Minister of Education in charge of Tertiary Education in Ghana, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Ranking Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Dr. Mo Ibrahim (Sudan)

Founder of Celtel and member of the board of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Dr. Ibrahim is also Founding Chairman of Satya Capital Ltd.

President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (Tanzania)

President of the United Republic of Tanzania since 2005

Member of Parliament since 1988, also serving as Deputy Minister for Energy and Minerals 1988-1990; Minister of Water, Energy and Minerals, 1990-1994; Minister for Finance 1994-1995 and Minister of Foreign Affairs 1995-2005. In 2008 he was the Chairman of the AU.

Ms. Betty Maina (Kenya)

Executive Director of the Kenya Association of Manufacturers

Prior to this Ms Maina held the position as Chief Executive of the Institute of Economic Affairs. Ms. Maina has also worked as a consultant for the World Bank and the United Nations.

Dr. Greg Mills (South Africa)

Director of the Brenthurst Foundation

Prior to this Dr. Mills was National Director of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), a council member of RUSI, a strategic adviser to President Kagame of Rwanda.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria)

Managing Director of the World Bank

Has served as Nigerian Minister of Finance and Minister for Foreign Affairs. Prior to this Ms. Okonjo-Iweala was Vice-President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group.

Ms. Ulla Tørnæs (Denmark)

Danish Minister for Development Cooperation

Member of the Danish Parliament since 1994. Prior to serving as Minister for Development Cooperation Ms. Tørnæs was Minister of Education.