PRC Representation in International Organizations

Note on methodology: This memo identifies Chinese nationals serving as the heads of key international organizations and in other top leadership positions in United Nations (UN) Principle Organs, UN Funds and Programs, UN specialized agencies, other UN Entities and Bodies, and International Trade and Financial Institutions. Top leadership positions are broadly defined as positions at the board of directors and senior management team level. Positions at the board of governors level are not included as Governors are appointed by their governments and are typically a member country’s top official, such as the minister of finance or central bank governor. This document reflects data as of April 20, 2020, and will be updated on a semi-annual basis.

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International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Houlin ZHAO, Secretary-General: Mr. Zhao was elected Secretary-General of the ITU in October 2014 with a four-year mandate starting in January 2015. He was reelected in November 2018 and began his second four-year term in January 2019. Mr. Zhao is the first Chinese national to lead the ITU. Previously, he served as ITU Deputy Secretary-General (2007-2014), where he supported the Secretary-General with managing the implementation of the ITU Strategic Plan and the operations of the ITU Secretariat. Mr. Zhao has held other senior positions with the ITU, including Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (1999-2006). Before joining the ITU, Mr. Zhao served as an engineer in the Design Institute of the former Chinese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.* Born in 1950 in Jiangsu, Mr. Zhao graduated from Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications and holds an MSc in Telematics from the University of Essex. [Key words: ITU, MIIT]

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Fang LIU, Secretary General: Ms. Liu began her first term as Secretary General of ICAO in August 2015 and was reappointed for a second three-year term lasting until July 2021. Prior to her appointment as Secretary General, Dr. Liu served for eight years as the Director of ICAO’s Bureau of Administration and Services. Prior to joining ICAO, Dr. Liu served the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC), where over the course of twenty years she held the posts of Legal Counsel, Deputy Director, Director and Deputy Director General, Department of International Affairs and Cooperation. During her career with the CAAC, Dr. Liu was elected chair of the Aviation Group of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and was nominated by China to sit on the Air Transport Regulation Panel in ICAO. [Key Words: ICAO, CAAC, APEC]

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Yong LI, Director General: Mr. Li has served as the Director General of UNIDO since June 2013. Previously, Mr. Li served as Vice Minister at China’s Ministry of Finance and member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the People’s Bank of China from 2003 to 2013, where he was involved in setting and harmonizing fiscal, monetary, and industrial policies in support of economic growth in China. Mr. Li has also served as Secretary General of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (1999-2002), Executive Director for China at the World Bank (1996-1998). Mr. Li previously served in the Ministry of Finance as and Deputy Director General and then Director General of its World Bank department (1992-1996). [Key words: UNIDO, MOF, PBOC, World Bank]

* The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications was absorbed into the Ministry of Information Industry in 1998, which was superseded by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology in 2008.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Dongyu QU, Director-General: Dr. Qu took office as Director-General of FAO in August 2019. Before coming to FAO, Dr. Qu served as PRC Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Prior to this, he served as Vice Governor of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region (2008-2011); Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) (2001-2008); and Deputy Director General in the Human Resources Department for the China Three Gorges Project Development Corporation (2005-2006). Between 1986 and 2002 he served in a series of research and leadership positions at the CAAS Institute of Vegetables and Flowers. Dr. Qu studied horticultural science at Hunan Agricultural University and then plant breeding and genetics at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He later added environmental science to his knowledge portfolio while earning a PhD at Wageningen University, in the Netherlands.

[Key Words: FAO, MARA, NHAR, CAAS]

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Liqun JIN, President: Mr. Jin is the inaugural President and Chairman of the Board of Directors at the AIIB. Before being elected as the Bank’s first president, Mr. Jin served as Secretary-General of the AIIB Multilateral Interim Secretariat tasked with establishing the Bank. He has served as Chairman of China International Capital Corporation, Limited, China’s first joint-venture investment bank, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of China Investment Corporation, and as Chairman of the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds. Mr. Jin previously served as Vice President, and then Ranking Vice President, of the Asian Development Bank, and as Alternate Executive Director for China at the World Bank and at the Global Environment Facility. He spent nearly two decades at the Chinese Ministry of Finance, reaching the rank of Vice Minister. Mr. Jin holds an M.A. degree in English Literature from Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages (now Beijing Foreign Studies University). He was also a Hubert Humphrey Fellow in the Economics Graduate Program at Boston University from 1987 to 1988.

[Key words: AIIB, ADB, World Bank, MOF]

UN Principal Organs

Secretariat

Senior Management Group

Zhenmin LIU, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs: Mr. Liu was appointed Under-Secretary General of the United Nations for Economic and Social Affairs in June 2017. Previously, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China (2013-2017). Prior to this position, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (2011-2013). Mr. Liu started his career at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1982, serving in various capacities.

[Key Words: DESA, UNSG, MOFA]
Haoliang XU, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP; UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director for the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support:
Mr. Xu was appointed UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director for the Bureau for Policy and Programme support by the UN Secretary General in July 2019. Previously, Mr. Xu was UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific since 2013. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Regional Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States in New York (2010-2013); UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Kazakhstan (2007-2010); Country Director in Pakistan (2005-2007); Deputy Resident Representative for Program, Pakistan (2004-2005); Country Manager and Senior Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Timor-Leste (2002-2004); Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Iran (2000-2002); Program Manager, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, New York (1997-1999); Program Officer/Junior Professional Officer, UNDP Kazakhstan (1997-1999). Mr. Xu was a consultant for the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) working as Associate Project Management Officer in the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, New York (1994-1995); and as a Research Assistant with the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in New York (1994). [Key Words: UNDP, UNOPS, UNCDF]

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

The ICJ is the UN’s principal judicial organization.*

Hanqin XUE, Vice-President: Ms. Xue has been a member of the Court since June 2010; reelected in February 2012, she has served as Vice-President of the Court since February 2018. Ms. Xue entered China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1980, where she has served as Legal Counsel (2008-2010); China’s Ambassador to the Netherlands (2003-2008); Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law (1999-2003); and Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law (1994-1999). Born in Shanghai in 1955, Ms. Xue holds a B.A. from Beijing Foreign Language Studies University (1980), a LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law (1983), and a J.S.D. from Columbia University School of Law (1995). [Key words: ICJ, MOFA]

* The ICJ is composed of 15 judges elected to nine-year terms of office by the UN General Assembly and the Security Council. The Court may not include more than one national of the same country. According to the ICJ website, “Once elected, a Member of the Court is a delegate neither of the government of his own country nor of that of any other State. Unlike most other organs of international organizations, the Court is not composed of representatives of governments. Members of the Court are independent judges whose first task, before taking up their duties, is to make a solemn declaration in open court that they will exercise their powers impartially and conscientiously.” International Court of Justice, “Members of the Court.” https://www.icj-cij.org/en/members.
UN Funds and Programs

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Administration/Leadership Team

Haoliang XU (see above, UN Principal Organs)

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Senior Management Team

Jian LIU, UN Environment Chief Scientist and Acting Director of the Science Division: Dr. Jian Liu is currently the Chief Scientist of UN Environment and Acting Director of the Science Division, UN Environment. Dr. Liu has over 30 years of professional experience in science and policy, in the specific domains of ecosystems management, agriculture, environment and climate change at national, regional and global levels, in particular in developing countries. He was the Director of UN Environment’s International Ecosystem Management Partnership, the first global center on ecosystem management in the global south, which he established, as the founding director. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Chief of UN Environment’s Climate Change Adaptation Unit and the Deputy Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. His earlier posts include Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Resources and Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Director of the Chinese Ecosystem Research Network, and Manager of Environment Program of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development.11

[Key Words: UNEP, Chinese Academy of Sciences, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)]

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at the UNFPA.12

United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat)

Senior Management

Rong YANG, Officer-in-Charge, Regional Programmes Division: Mr. Yang serves on the Senior Management for UN-Habitat as the Officer-in-Charge of the Regional Programmes Division.13 He has been involved in the UN-Habitat Programme Division since 2016, including as the Inter-Regional Advisor stationed at Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. He is also one of four current Vice Presidents of the International Conference on Canadian, Chinese and African Sustainable Development (ICCCASU), a joint initiative between UN-Habitat and the University of Ottawa. Prior to this, Mr. Yang served as Director-General of the Department of Building Energy Efficiency and Science & Technology in the PRC Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD) (2008-2016), and as Deputy Permanent Representative of the PRC Mission to UN-Habitat (2001-2003).14 [Key words: UN-Habitat, ICCCASU, MOHURD]
United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at UNICEF.¹⁵

World Food Program (WFP)

Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at the WFP.

UN Specialized Agencies

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Director General

Dongyu QU (see above, Chinese Heads of International Organizations)

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Secretariat

Fang LIU (see above, Chinese Heads of International Organizations)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Senior Management ¹⁶

Guoqi WU, Associate Vice-President, Corporate Services Department: As Associate Vice-President, Corporate Services Department, Mr. Wu is responsible for providing IFAD with the human resources, administrative services, safety and security and information technology resources required to allow IFAD to deliver its mandate. Mr. Wu has over 20 years of experience working with international financial institutions to promote global development cooperation. He previously held the position of Alternate Director for China at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the New Development Bank, actively engaging on general and sector strategies, operational policies, business plans and budget, investment projects, as well as on membership expansion and partnership agreements. He also served as Alternate Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank. Prior to that, he worked for the Chinese Ministry of Finance in different positions, including Chief of the G20/BRICS Division. Mr. Wu holds a PhD in Economics from the Research Institute for Fiscal Science at China’s Ministry of Finance and a MSc in Development Finance from the University of Manchester.¹⁷ [Key words: IFAD, AIIB, NDB, ADB, MOF]

International Labor Organization (ILO)

Currently, no PRC nationals hold positions on the ILO global management team.¹⁸

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Currently, no PRC nationals hold positions on IMO’s Senior Management Committee.¹⁹
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

General Secretariat

Houlin ZHAO (see above, Chinese Heads of International Organizations)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Currently, no PRC nationals serve in UNESCO’s Secretariat.

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Director General

Yong LI (see above, Chinese Heads of International Organizations)

World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Secretariat

Shanzhong ZHU, Executive Director for Technical Cooperation and Services:
Mr. Zhu joined the UNWTO in 2013 as Executive Director for Technical Cooperation and Services. From 2008 to 2013 he was Vice-Chairman of the China National Tourism Administration (CNTA), overseeing international relations, marketing and promotion in domestic and overseas markets, tourism information centers, tourism security, and the establishment of a public service network.* From 1989 to 2008 he served CNTA in different capacities, including Director of CNTA Sydney Office, Director of CNTA New York Office, Deputy Director-General of International Marketing and Director-General of the Marketing and Communication Department. From 1985 to 1989 he was Department Manager of China International Travel Service, the biggest travel company in China. He received his Master’s Degree in Tourism Economic Management from the New School in New York and a B.A. in English Language and Literature from Nanjing University. [Key Words: UNWTO, CNTA]

Universal Postal Union (UPU)

Currently, no PRC nationals serve in top leadership positions at UPU.

World Health Organization (WHO)

*Headquarters Leadership Team*

Minghui REN, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage / Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases: Dr. Ren Minghui has served as WHO Assistant Director-General for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases since January 2016 and is continuing this work under his new title Assistant Director General, Universal Health Coverage / Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases. Prior to this role, he was Director-General for International Cooperation at China’s National Health and Family Planning Commission. He has nearly 30 years of public health experience at the PRC Ministry of Health, where he focused on health systems research and health insurance reform. In addition, he has served as Vice-chair of WHO’s Executive Board, a member of the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board, and a representative of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

[Key Words: WHO, China’s National Health and Family Planning Commission, MOH, UNAIDS]

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

*Senior Management Team*

Binying WANG, Deputy Director General – Brands and Designs Sector: Ms. Wang has held a series of leadership positions at the WIPO. Before becoming Deputy Director General for the Brands and Designs Sector in 2009, she served as Assistant Director General of Administrative Support Services and General Assembly Affairs (2006-2009); Executive Director of Administrative Support Services and General Assembly Affairs (2003-2006); Director of Inter-office and General Assembly Affairs in the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development (1999-2003); Senior Counselor in the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development (1997-1999); Counselor and later Senior Counselor in the Office of the Director General (1994-1997); and Senior Program Officer in the Bureau for Development Cooperation for Asia and the Pacific (1992-1994). Prior to joining WIPO, Ms. Wang served in a variety of roles at China’s State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) including Managing Director, China Trademark Service and Acting Director General, Department for Registration of Enterprises and Foreign Companies. In early 2020, Ms. Wang ran as China’s nominee in a high profile race for WIPO Director General, where she was ultimately defeated by Daren Tang of Singapore.

[Key Words: WIPO, SAIC]
World Meteorological Organization

Secretariat

Wenjian ZHANG, Assistant Secretary-General: Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary-General in September 2016, Mr. Zhang was Director of the WMO Observing and Information Systems Department and the WMO Space Program. Mr. Zhang served as Deputy Administrator of China Meteorological Administration (CMA) from 2006 to 2008; Director-General of Observing and Information Systems Department of CMA from 2004 to 2006; and Director-General of National Satellite Meteorological Centre of China from 1998 to 2004. During his tenure at CMA, he supported strategic studies and plans for the modernization of China’s meteorology. He led the effort to develop the 10-year (2000-2010) Plan of the Chinese Meteorological Satellite Program and oversaw its implementation, including the development and operations of FY-2 (geostationary) and FY-3 (polar-orbiting) satellites. Mr. Zhang obtained a MSc from the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences in 1989 and a PhD from Peking University in 1993. [Key Words: WMO, CMA]

Other UN Entities and Bodies

Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
Currently, no PRC nationals serve on UNAIDS’ leadership team.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at UNCTAD.

United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR)
Currently, no PRC nationals serve on UNHCR’s Senior Executive Team.

United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Currently, no PRC nationals serve on UNOPS’ leadership team.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at UNRWA.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at UN Women.
International Trade and Financial Institutions

International Monetary Fund (IMF) *

Senior Officials 38

Tao ZHANG, Deputy Managing Director: Mr. Zhang assumed the role of Deputy Managing Director at the IMF in August 2016. Previously he served as the Deputy Governor of the PBOC and was the IMF’s Executive Director for China from 2011 to 2015. Prior to his position as the Deputy Governor, Mr. Zhang held a number of high-level positions in the People’s Bank of China: Director-General of the Legal Affairs Department; Director-General of the International Department; and, Director-General of Financial Survey and Statistics Department. Mr. Zhang also worked at the World Bank from 1995 to 1997 and at the Asian Development Bank from 1997 to 2004. Mr. Zhang holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in International Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, as well as a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and an M.S. in Finance from Tsinghua University in Beijing.39 [Key words: IMF, World Bank, ADB, PBOC]

Jianhai LIN, Secretary of the Fund and Director, Secretary’s Department: Mr. Lin assumed the role of Secretary of the Fund and the International Monetary and Financial Committee in March 2012. He oversees the Secretary’s Department that has operational responsibility for the 24-member Executive Board and serves as the official contact point of the IMF’s 189 member countries on institutional matters. Mr. Lin previously served in senior positions at the IMF including in the Secretary’s, Finance, Policy Development and Review, and Asian and Pacific Departments. Mr. Lin studied at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China, and the University of California at Berkeley, and earned his doctorate from the George Washington University. Before joining the Fund, he worked in the financial sector and academia.40 [Key words: IMF]

Executive Board†

Zhongxia JIN, Executive Director for China: Mr. Jin joined the IMF in February 2015. Prior to joining the fund, Mr. Jin held various positions in the People’s Bank of China (PBOC) in Beijing, including as director-general of the PBOC Research Institute, deputy director-general of PBOC’s monetary policy department, and as deputy director-general of PBOC’s international department. Mr. Jin holds a PhD in International Finance from the University of Hawaii and a MA in Macroeconomic Management and BA in International Economics from Peking University.41 [Key words: IMF, PBOC]


Shaolin YANG, Managing Director and World Bank Group Chief Administrative Officer: As Managing Director and World Bank Group Chief Administrative Officer since February 2016, Mr. Yang is responsible for organizational strategy; budget and strategic planning; information technology; corporate procurement; general services and corporate security; the sanctions system; and the conflict resolution and internal justice system. Mr. Yang also leads the development and review of the World Bank Group’s strategic agenda through 2030 and oversees the alignment of resources with corporate strategies. Previously, he served as Director General for International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China’s Ministry of Finance. Mr. Yang also served as the Executive Director for China at the World Bank from 2009-2013, the Alternate Governor for China at the IFAD, and the Alternate Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank.  

Jingdong HUA, Vice President and Treasurer of the World Bank, Pension Finance Administrator of the World Bank Group: As Vice President and Treasurer of the World Bank, Mr. Hua is responsible for capital markets operations and oversees an annual funding program of $50 to $60 billion. He leads a global team of capital markets professionals in the management of a $200 billion debt portfolio, a $170 billion asset portfolio, and $600 billion in transactions for hedging and risk management. He also heads the World Bank Treasury’s capacity building, advisory, and capital market intermediation services. As Pension Finance Administrator of the World Bank Group, he supervises the investment and administration of the World Bank Group’s $30 billion pension plans. Mr. Hua was previously Vice President and Treasurer of IFC, where he focused on the development of local currency debt capital markets and innovative financial products while safeguarding IFC’s Triple A rating. Prior to this, he held a number of positions in the treasury departments of ADB, the United Nations Development Program in New York, and the African Development Bank in Abidjan. Mr. Hua began his career in 1983 with China National Chemical Construction Corporation. He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Qingdao University of Science and Technology, an MBA Finance from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University.  

* The World Bank Group consists of five distinct but complementary organizations: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Together, IBRD and IDA make up the World Bank. Although part of the World Bank Group, IFC is a separate legal entity with separate Article of Agreement, share capital, financial structure, management, and staff. MIGA and ICSID are not included here because there are no Chinese nationals at the senior management level. World Bank, “World Bank Group Leadership.”  
https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/CORP_EXT_Content/IFC_External_Corporate_Site/About+IFC_New/IFC+Governance/.
Board of Directors*

Yingming YANG, Executive Director for China: Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Yang was Deputy Director General of the International Financial and Economic Cooperation Department and Deputy Director General of the International Department at China’s Ministry of Finance. From 2009 to 2012, he served as Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank. He has also served as the Authorized Negotiator for China on climate finance at the forum of UNFCCC, the Authorized Negotiator for China on establishing the BRICS New Development Bank, China National Coordinator and Senior Official for Greater Mekong Sub-regional Economic Cooperation and Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, Board Member of the Green Climate Fund, and Council Member of the Global Environment Facility. Mr. Yang holds two Master’s degrees, one in Literary Criticism from Beijing Foreign Studies University, and the other in Development Economics from University of Manchester.44 [Key words: World Bank, ADB, MOF]

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Management†

Shixin CHEN, Vice-President Operations 1: As Vice-President (Operations 1) since December 2018, Mr. Chen is responsible for operations in the South Asia Department and the Central and West Asia Department. Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Chen headed the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the PRC Ministry of Finance (2016-2018). From 1998, Mr. Chen held senior positions in the Ministry of Finance, overseeing areas of public finance and partnerships with multilateral development banks. From 2012 to 2014, he was a Board Director in the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility, an organization established by ADB and the members of ASEAN+3 to promote financial stability in the ASEAN+3 region.45 Mr. Chen was the World Bank’s Executive Director for the PRC from 2013 to 2016 and a Board Director for the PRC in the New Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank from 2016 to 2018. Mr. Chen holds a doctorate in Economics from the Graduate School of the Research Institute for Fiscal Science, and a master’s degree in Public Policy Management of the Mason Program of the John F. Kennedy School of Government in Harvard University.46 [Key words: ADB, AIIB, NDB, World Bank, MOF]
Board of Directors *

Zhijun CHENG, Executive Director for China: Mr. Cheng has served as Executive Director for China at ADB since March 2017. Mr. Cheng previously served as Deputy Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China’s Ministry of Finance (2014-2017) and Deputy Director General of the Finance Department (2009-2014), also at China’s Ministry of Finance. From 2007 to 2009, he served as senior advisor to the Executive Director for China at the World Bank Group. Mr. Cheng earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Accounting at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics. [Key words: ADB, World Bank, MOF]

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Senior Management

Liqun JIN, President: Mr. Jin is the inaugural President and Chairman of the Board of Directors at the AIIB. Before being elected as the Bank’s first president, Mr. Jin served as Secretary-General of the Multilateral Interim Secretariat tasked with establishing the Bank. He has served as Chairman of China International Capital Corporation Limited, China’s first joint-venture investment bank, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of China Investment Corporation, and as Chairman of the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds. Mr. Jin previously served as Vice President, and then Ranking Vice President, of the Asian Development Bank, and as Alternate Executive Director for China at the World Bank and at the Global Environment Facility. He spent nearly two decades at the Chinese Ministry of Finance, reaching the rank of Vice Minister. Mr. Jin holds an M.A. degree in English Literature from Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages (now Beijing Foreign Studies University). He was also a Hubert Humphrey Fellow in the Economics Graduate Program at Boston University from 1987 to 1988. [Key words: AIIB, ADB, World Bank, MOF]

* The 12 Directors of the ADB Board of Directors are responsible for the direction of the Bank’s general operations. The Board (i) makes decisions concerning Bank policies, and loans, guarantees, investments and technical assistance by the Bank, (ii) approves borrowing by the Bank, (iii) clears the financial accounts of the Bank for approval by the Board of Governors, and (iv) approve the Bank’s budget. Asian Development Bank, “Board of Directors.” [https://www.adb.org/about/board-directors](https://www.adb.org/about/board-directors)
Board of Directors

- Concurrently a Chinese government official:

  Wencai ZHANG, Director for China: Dr. Wencai Zhang has been a member of the Board of Directors since February 2019. He holds the concurrent position of Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China’s Ministry of Finance and also represents China as Alternate Governor at the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and as Director at the NDB. Dr. Zhang has served at the Ministry of Finance of China in various senior capacities since 1989, including as the Director General of the Department of External Economic Cooperation from 2012 to 2013, and as the Deputy Director General for the International Department from 2004 to 2012, where he worked on various bilateral dialogues, multilateral initiatives and cooperation with international financial institutions, including the Strategic and Economic Dialogue between China and the US, the G-20, the ASEAN+3, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the World Bank, Asian Development Bank. In the field of international financial institutions, Dr. Zhang served as Vice President of the ADB from 2013 to 2018 and as Director for China at the ADB from 2007 to 2009. From 1993 to 1996, he was Advisor to the Executive Director for China at the World Bank. [Key words: ADB, AIIB, NDB, World Bank, MOF]

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Although China is a member of the EBRD, there are no Chinese nationals on EBRD’s senior leadership group.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*

- Concurrently a Chinese government official:

  Gang YI, Governor: Dr. Yi represents the PRC on the IDB Board of Governors. He concurrently serves as the Governor of the People’s Bank of China (PBOC), a position that he has held since March 2018. Prior to becoming PBOC Governor, he had served as PBOC Vice Governor since 2007 and as Director of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) since 2009. His earlier experiences include a variety of other monetary policy-related positions at PBOC, Deputy Director of Peking University’s Center for Economic Research, and economics teaching positions at Peking University and Indiana University. He received a doctorate in Economics from the University of Illinois. [Key words: IDB, PBOC, SAFE]

New Development Bank (NDB)

Senior Management

Xian ZHU, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer: Over the past three decades, Mr. Zhu assumed various senior management roles in the public sector. Most recently, Mr. Zhu served as Vice President and Chief Ethics Officer at the World Bank Group (WBG) from 2012 to 2015. Between 2002 and 2012, he served at the WBG as Strategy and Operations Director for South Asia, Country Director for Bangladesh and Country Director for the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Timor Leste. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Zhu served as Executive Director for China in the WBG. In 2001, Mr. Zhu served in Asian Development Bank. Until the late 1990s, Mr. Zhu worked at China’s Ministry of Finance in various capacities. [Key words: NDB, World Bank, MOF]

Board of Governors

- Concurrently a Chinese government official:

Kun LIU, Governor: Mr. Liu represents the PRC on the NDB Board of Governors. He concurrently serves as the PRC Minister of Finance, a position that he has held since 2018. Prior to becoming Minister of Finance, he served as the Director of the Budgetary Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress (2016-2018), PRC Vice Minister of Finance (2013-2016), and Vice Governor of Guangdong Province (2010-2013). He graduated with a degree in finance and banking from Xiamen University in 1982 and spent most of his career in the government of Guangdong Province. [Key words: NDB, MOF, NPC, Guangdong]

Board of Directors

- Concurrently a Chinese government official:

Wencai ZHANG, Director: Dr. Wencai holds the concurrent position of Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China’s Ministry of Finance and also represents China as Alternate Governor at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (“IFAD”) and as a member of the board of Directors at AIIB. Dr. Zhang has served at the Ministry of Finance of China in various senior capacities since 1989, including as the Director General of the Department of External Economic Cooperation from 2012 to 2013, and as the Deputy Director General for the International Department from 2004 to 2012, where he worked on various bilateral dialogues, multilateral initiatives and cooperation with international financial institutions, including the Strategic and Economic Dialogue between China and the US, the G-20, the ASEAN+3, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the World Bank, Asian Development Bank. In the field of international financial institutions, Dr. Zhang served as Vice President of the ADB from 2013 to
2018 and as Director for China at the ADB from 2007 to 2009. From 1993 to 1996, he was Advisor to the Executive Director for China at the World Bank. 58 [Key words: NDB, ADB, AIIB World Bank, MOF]

**World Trade Organization (WTO)**

*Secretariat* 59

**Xiaozhun YI, Deputy Director-General:** Mr. Yi began his first term as Deputy Director-General of the WTO in October 2013 and was reappointed to a second four-year term, starting in October 2017. Mr. Yi’s administrative portfolios cover market access; services trade; intellectual property, government procurement, and competition; and economic research and statistics. Mr. Yi represented China as a key negotiator in China’s WTO accession process and was China’s ambassador to the WTO in 2011. Previously, Mr. Yi was Assistant Minister and subsequently China’s Vice Minister of Commerce in charge of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and cooperation. He worked as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in the United States for more than four years from the late 1980s to the early 1990s. Mr. Yi received a Master’s degree in economics from Nankai University in China in 1999.60 [Key words: WTO, MOFCOM]

*Appellate Body*

**Hong ZHAO, Appellate Body member:** Ms. Zhao’s term of office as a member of the Appellate Body is from 2016 to 2020. She also serves as Vice President of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, a research institution under China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM). Previously, she served as Minister Counsellor in charge of legal affairs at China’s mission to the WTO, during which she served as Chair of the WTO’s Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs). Ms. Zhao then served as Commissioner for Trade Negotiations at MOFCOM’s Department for WTO Affairs. Ms. Zhao has experience in China’s judiciary system, serving as Juror at the Economic Tribunal of the Second Intermediate Court of Beijing between 1999 and 2004. She holds a PhD in law from Peking University.61 [Key words: WTO, MOFCOM]

**Other International Organizations**

**International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

*Secretariat*

**Dazhu YANG, Deputy Director General, Department of Technical Cooperation:** Mr. Yang was appointed Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation in July 2015. Prior to joining IAEA, Mr. Yang held various senior positions in China, including Director General for International Cooperation of the China Atomic Energy Authority and Minister-counsellor of the Permanent Mission of China to the IAEA. Mr. Yang also worked for 10 years at the Institute of Nuclear Energy and Technology of Tsinghua University as a researcher and associate professor. 62 [Key words: IAEA, China Atomic Energy Authority]
International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)

While China is a member of INTERPOL, currently no PRC nationals hold senior leadership positions. Hongwei Meng—a Chinese national—served as President of INTERPOL from November 2016 to October 2018. In October 2018, Mr. Meng was reported missing during a trip to China; on October 7, China’s Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, announced he was under investigation on “suspicion of violating the law” and was “under the supervision” of the anticorruption body.63

International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Executive Board 64

Zaiqing YU, Vice-President: Mr. Yu has served as a member of the IOC’s Executive Board since 2004 and as Vice President from 2008 to 2012 and since 2014. Prior to joining the IOC, Mr. Yu was Vice Minister of China’s General Administration of Sport (1999-2011); Assistant to the Governor of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (1995-1999); Director-General, State Commission for Physical Culture and Sport (1993-1995); and General Manager, China Sports Development Co. Ltd. (1991-1993). [Key words: IOC, General Administration of Sport]

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

While China is a member of IOM, currently no PRC nationals hold senior leadership positions.

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

Technical Secretariat 65

Kai CHEN, Director, External Relations: Mr. Chen is a career diplomat and foreign policy expert on disarmament and nonproliferation. Mr. Chen was appointed Director for External Relations in June 2016. Prior to joining the OPCW, Mr. Chen held posts in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and he was China’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the OPCW from 2009 to 2012. From November 2013 to May 2016, Mr. Chen served as the Vice President and Secretary-General of China Arms Control and Disarmament Association (CACDA). Mr. Chen graduated in 1992 from Beijing Foreign Languages Institute and holds a Master of International Policy and Practice from George Washington University.66 [Key words: OPCW, MOFA]
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