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) Principal 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. This document reflects data as of December 3, 2021, and will be updated on a semi-annual basis.

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs

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]

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

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

Hanqin XUE, Judge of the International Court of Justice: Ms. Xue has been a member of the Court since June 2010; reelected in February 2012 and again in November 2020, she served as Vice-President of the Court from February 2018 to February 2021. 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*

* 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.
University School of Law (1983), and a J.S.D. from Columbia University School of Law (1995).³

[Key words: ICJ, MOFA]

UN Funds and Programs

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Administration/Leadership Team

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).⁴ [Key Words: UNDP, UNOPS, UNCDF]

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Senior Management Team

Jian LIU, 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. 5 [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. 6

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. 7 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). 8 [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. 9

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, 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]

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Senior Management

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. [Key words: IFAD, AIIB, NDB, ADB, MOF]
International Labor Organization (ILO)

Currently, no PRC nationals hold positions on the ILO global management team.\textsuperscript{15}

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Listed on page 11 under “International Trade and Financial Institutions.”

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Senior Management Committee\textsuperscript{16}

Xiaojie ZHANG, Director, Technical Cooperation Division: Mr. Zhang was appointed Director of the International Maritime Organization Technical Cooperation Division in 2020. He previously worked as Deputy Director-General for the Department of International Cooperation within the PRC Ministry of Transport. Mr. Zhang has also worked as a Director of International Organizations and Multilateral Affairs and a Director of Bilateral and Regional Cooperation, both in the Department of International Cooperation.\textsuperscript{17} He has also served as Chair of the IMO Council since 2017.\textsuperscript{18} Mr. Zhang graduated from World Maritime University in 1999 with an MSc in Maritime Affairs.\textsuperscript{19} [Key words: IMO]

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

General Secretariat\textsuperscript{20}

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

\begin{footnote}
* 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.
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1950 in Jiangsu, Mr. Zhao graduated from Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications and holds an MSc in Telematics from the University of Essex. 21 [Key words: ITU, MIIT]

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in UNESCO’s Secretariat.* 22

**United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in UNIDO’s leadership.*

**Universal Postal Union (UPU)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in top leadership positions at UPU.* 23

**World Health Organization (WHO)**

*Headquarters Leadership Team* 24

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**Minghui REN, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage / Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases:** Dr. Ren 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. 25 [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. 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. 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. [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]
World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Secretariat  

Shanzhong ZHU, Executive Director: 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), * over seeing 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.  

World Bank

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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.35

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.36

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.37

International Trade and Financial Institutions

International Monetary Fund (IMF) *
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Bo LI, Deputy Managing Director: Mr. Li assumed the role of Deputy Managing Director at the IMF in August 2021. He previously he served as the Deputy Governor of the PBOC and as the Vice Mayor of Chongqing. Mr. Li also served as the Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (ACFROC). † Mr. Li holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an MA from Boston University, and an undergraduate degree from Renmin University of China.39 [Key words: IMF, PBOC]

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. [Key words: IMF, PBOC]

World Bank†

Leadership - World Bank (IBRD & IDA)

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. [Key words: World Bank, IFAD, ADB, MOF]

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.  

Board of Directors*  

Junhong CHANG, Executive Director for China: Ms. Chang was appointed World Bank Executive Director for China in July 2020. She previously worked as the Deputy Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the PRC Ministry of Finance. Ms. Chang also served as the Alternate Executive Director for China at the AIIB from June 2019 to June 2020. From May 2016 to May 2019, she worked as the Director of the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office in Singapore. She has also worked as the Deputy Director of the Department of International Economic Relations at the PRC Ministry of Finance. Ms. Chang holds a PhD in Economics from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

* The World Bank Group Boards of Directors refers to four separate Boards of Directors for the IBRD, IDA, IFC, and MIGA. Each Board is responsible for the general operations of their respective organization. However, the Bank’s 25 Executive Directors concurrently serve on the IBRD, IDA, IFC, and MIGA Boards. World Bank, “Board of Directors.” http://www.worldbank.org/en/about/leadership/directors.
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. 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.  

Board of Directors †

Weihua LIU, Executive Director for China: Mr. Liu was appointed by the Chinese State Council to serve as the Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank in December 2020. He previously served as the deputy director general of the Department of International Economics and Financial Cooperation at the PRC Ministry of Finance and the executive director for China at the

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* ADB’s President heads a management team of six Vice-Presidents. The team supervises the work of ADB’s operational, administrative, and knowledge departments. Asian Development Bank, “About ADB – Management.”

† 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.”
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Senior Management

Liqun JIN, President and Chair of the Board of Directors: 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.

Board of Directors

- Concurrently a Chinese government official

Zhijun CHENG, Director for China: Mr. Cheng has been a member of the Board of Directors for both the AIIB and New Development Bank since 2021. He has also served as Acting Deputy Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China’s Ministry of Finance since September 2021 and represents China as Alternate Governor at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the UN. Mr. Cheng previously served as the Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank and worked as the Deputy Director General of the Department of International and Financial Cooperation at the
PRC Ministry of Finance from 2014 to 2017. He has a master’s degree in accounting from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in China.  

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

- Concurrently a Chinese government official

Gang Yi, Governor, China: Dr. Yi serves as a Governor for China in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and represents China on the Inter-American Development Bank (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.  

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*

See Gang Yi’s bio above for his position at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

New Development Bank (NDB)

Senior Management

Qiangwu ZHOU, Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer: Mr. Zhou serves as the Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer at the New Development Bank. Most recently, Mr. Zhou served as a Director General in the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation in China’s Ministry of Finance. He has also served as the Deputy for the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA), as well as the Director General for the International Economic and Finance Institute (IEFI), a think tank affiliated to the Ministry of Finance of China. From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Zhou served as a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director for China in the World Bank Group. Mr. Zhou has an MA from Peking University. [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 March 2018. Prior to becoming Minister of Finance, he served as the Vice Chair on the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the NPC between 2016 and 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

See Zhijun CHENG’s bio on page 15, listed under his position at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
World Trade Organization (WTO)

Secretariat

• Concurrently a Chinese government official

Xiangchen ZHANG, Deputy Director-General: Ambassador Zhang’s appointment as a Deputy Director-General of the WTO was announced on May 4, 2021. Ambassador Zhang also serves as a Vice Minister in the PRC Ministry of Commerce. Ambassador Zhang until recently worked as China’s Permanent Representative to the WTO and previously served as Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO. He has also held positions including Director of the Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Director-General of the Department of WTO Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce, and Director General of the Department of Policy Research of the Ministry of Commerce. Ambassador Zhang received a Master’s degree in International Relations and a PhD in International Politics from Peking University. [Key words: WTO]

Appellate Body

The Appellate Body currently has no members.  

Other International Organizations

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Secretariat

Hua LIU, Deputy Director General, Department of Technical Cooperation: Mr. Liu was appointed Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation in February 2021. Mr. Liu has held various senior positions in China, including Vice Foreign Minister of Ecology and Environment from 2018 to 2021 and Vice Minister of Environmental Protection from 2016 to 2018. He has also worked at the PRC National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) as the Administrator, an engineer, and a project manager. Mr. Liu has a Doctorate in Radiation Protection and Environment Protection and a Master’s degree in Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety from the China Institute of Atomic Energy, in addition to an Executive Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Tsinghua University. [Key words: IAEA, China Atomic Energy Authority]

* In 2018, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment replaced the Ministry of Environmental Protection.
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. Mr. Meng went missing during a trip from France to China on September 25, 2018; 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.67 A new president was elected in November 2018.

International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Executive Board 68

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 69
Hong LI, Director, External Relations: Mr. Li is a career diplomat and foreign policy expert on disarmament and nonproliferation. Prior to joining the OPCW, Mr. Li held posts in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was China’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the OPCW as well as the Secretary-General of the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association (CACDA). [Key words: OPCW, MOFA]
66 International Atomic Energy Agency, “Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation.”

