

## People’s Republic of China (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 November 17, 2023, and will be updated on a semiannual basis.

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## UN Secretariat

### Department of Economic and Social Affairs



**Junhua LI, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs:**<sup>1</sup> Mr. Li was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs in July 2022. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Li was China's Ambassador to Italy and San Marino. He also served as the Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences at China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2013 to 2019. Mr. Li started his career at China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985. Mr. Li holds a master's degree in international public

policy from the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

[Key Words: DESA, UNSG, MOFA]



**Min ZHU, Board Member on the High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs (HLAB-II):**<sup>2</sup> Dr. Min Zhu is Chairman of the National Institute of Financial Research at Tsinghua University and a member of the Board of Trustees at the World Economic Forum. In his previous capacity, Dr. Zhu is a former Deputy Managing Director at the International Monetary Fund and served as a Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China (PBOC) as well as a Group Executive Vice President of the Bank of China.<sup>3</sup> Dr. Zhu also worked at the World Bank from 1990 to 1996 and taught economics at both Johns Hopkins University and Fudan University. Among his accolades, Dr. Zhu was awarded as a China Economic

Leader in 2014, Global Influential Chinese in 2015, and CFV-10-year Global Financial Leader in 2016. He graduated from Fudan University with a bachelor's degree in economics in 1982, followed by an MPA from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He went on to earn his doctorate in economics and another MA in economics from Johns Hopkins University.

[Key Words: UNSG, WEF, IMF, World Bank]

## International Court of Justice (ICJ)

*The ICJ is the UN's principal judicial organization.\**



### **Hanqin XUE, Judge of the International Court of Justice:<sup>4</sup>**

Ms. Xue has been a member since June 2010 and was reelected in February 2012 and November 2020. She served as Vice-President of the court from February 2018 to February 2021. Ms. Xue entered the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980, where she took up the role of Legal Counsel between 2008 and 2010. Prior to this position, she served as China's Ambassador to the Netherlands from 2003 to 2008. Before that, she was the Director-General in the Department of Treaty and Law from 1999 to 2003 as well as the Deputy Director-General in the Department of Treaty and Law from 1994 to 1999. She earned a BA from Beijing Foreign Language

Studies University in 1980, an LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law in 1983, and a JSD from Columbia University School of Law in 1995.

[Key words: ICJ, MOFA]

## UN Funds and Programs

### **UN Development Program (UNDP)**

*Administration/Leadership Team*



### **Haoliang XU, UN Under-Secretary-General, UNDP Associate Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Program Support:<sup>5</sup>**

The UN Secretary-General appointed Mr. Xu as UN Under-Secretary-General and UNDP Associate Administrator in June 2023. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Xu held the roles of UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Region UN Assistant Secretary-General, and UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Program Support. Previously, he served as the UN Assistant-Secretary General and UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific from 2013 to July 2019. Before that, he served in a variety of roles, including: Deputy Regional Director of the Regional

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\* 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>.

Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) 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); and Program Officer/Junior Professional Officer, UNDP Kazakhstan (1997–1999). Mr. Xu was also 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), as well as a Research Assistant at the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in New York (1994). Prior to joining the UN, Mr. Xu was a computer-aided design engineer with Louis Berge International Inc. in New Jersey and an Assistant Lecturer at Tongji University in Shanghai, China. Mr. Xu is a Chinese national and holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Tongji University, an MSc in management from the Stevens Institute of Technology, and a master's degree in international affairs in economic development and policy analysis from Columbia University.

[Key Words: UNDP, UNOPS, UNCDF]

## **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)**

*Senior Management Team*



**Jian LIU, Director of Early Warning and Assessment Division:**<sup>6</sup> Dr. Liu is currently the Director of the Early Warning and Assessment Division. From 2017 to 2021, he also served as the Chief Scientist of the UN Environment Program. From 2011 to 2016, he was the founding Director of UNEP's International Ecosystem Management Partnership (IMEP). From 2008 to 2010, he established UNEP's first Climate Change Adaptation Unit as the founding Chief. He was first appointed to the UN in 2005, where he was the Deputy Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change until 2007. Prior to joining the UN, he worked at the Chinese Academy of Sciences from 1986 to 2004, where he took on a number of senior posts such as the Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Resources and Environment and Director of the Chinese Ecosystem Research Network, among other posts. Dr. Liu has over 30 years of professional experience in science and policy in the domains of ecosystems management, climate change, environment, and agriculture at national, regional, and global levels. He holds a doctorate in physical geography from the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China.

[Key Words: UNEP, Chinese Academy of Sciences]

## **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at the UNFPA.*<sup>7</sup>

## United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat)

### Senior Management



**Rong YANG, Inter-Regional Adviser:**<sup>8</sup> In 2023, Mr. Yang was involved in China’s observance of “World Cities Day 2023,” including the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities (Shanghai Award), hosted in Shanghai, China.<sup>9</sup> The Shanghai Municipal Government referred to Mr. Yang as the “China affairs coordinator of UN-Habitat.” In June 2022, his title was referred to as Officer-in-Charge of the UN-Habitat Regional Programs Division. Mr. Yang has been involved in the UN-Habitat Program Division since 2016, including a post as Inter-Regional Advisor 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.<sup>10</sup> 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).

[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.*<sup>11</sup>

## World Food Program (WFP)

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at the WFP.*<sup>12</sup>

## UN Specialized Agencies

### Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

*Director General*



**Dongyu QU, Director-General:**<sup>13</sup> Dr. Qu first took office as the ninth Director-General of the FAO in August 2019 and was re-elected for a second four-year term in July 2023. He also represents the FAO as a board member of the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.<sup>14</sup> Before coming to the FAO, Dr. Qu served as PRC Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.<sup>15</sup> 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.<sup>16</sup> 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*<sup>17</sup>



**Guoqi WU, Associate Vice-President, Corporate Services Department:**<sup>18</sup> Dr. Wu joined the IFAD as the Associate Vice-President of the Corporate Services Department in July 2018.<sup>19</sup> Dr. Wu oversees human resources, administrative services, safety and security, and information technology resources for IFAD. For over 20 years, Dr. Wu has worked with international financial institutions to promote global development cooperation. He was previously the Alternate Director for China at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the New Development Bank (NDB), where he was involved in a number of strategies, operational policies, business plans and budgets, and investment projects in addition to working on membership expansion and partnership agreements. Before serving in these positions, he worked as the Alternate Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Prior to that, he served in the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF) in various positions, including Chief of the G20/BRICS Division. Dr. Wu earned his PhD in economics from the Research

Institute for Fiscal Science at China's Ministry of Finance and an MSc in development finance from the University of Manchester.<sup>20</sup>

[Key words: IFAD, AIIB, NDB, ADB, MOF]



**Wei WANG, Chief Partnership Officer, South-South and Triangular Cooperation and Global Engagement, Special Adviser to the President:**<sup>21</sup> Wei Wang leads the South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) and Global Engagement Unit within the Global Engagement, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization Division at IFAD. Ms. Wang was first appointed to IFAD in October 2017 in the position of Chief, Asia and Pacific Liaison Office in the Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office and Special Adviser to the President.<sup>22</sup> Prior to joining IFAD, Ms. Wang served as the Director of Financial and Risk Management Division in the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation of the Chinese Ministry of Finance. She holds an MBA from McNeese State University in Louisiana in 1994 and a BS from Renmin University of China in 1991.<sup>23</sup>

[Key words: IFAD, MOF]

## International Labor Organization (ILO)



**Bin HAO, Assistant Director-General for Corporate Affairs:**<sup>24</sup> Mr. Hao was appointed the Assistant Director-General for the Corporate Services Cluster in January 2023. Previously, Mr. Hao served as Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation for the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS). Mr. Hao participated in the 57th to 59th sessions of the General Assembly of the UN as a delegate and counsellor to its Fifth Committee. Since 2013, Mr. Hao led the coordination of China's participation in ILO activities, promoting social justice through agreements on labor and employment cooperation in the G20 countries and in Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS countries) and negotiating bilateral trade and investment treaties through labor cooperation. He joined the civil service of the PRC in 1992. Mr. Hao holds a master's degree in law from China Foreign Affairs University and a bachelor's degree in English literature from Shanghai International Studies University.

[Key words: ILO, MOHRSS]



## International Maritime Organization (IMO)

*Senior Management Committee*<sup>25</sup>



**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.<sup>26</sup> He has also served as Chair of the IMO Council since 2017.<sup>27</sup> Mr. Zhang graduated from World Maritime University in 1999 with an MSc in maritime affairs.<sup>28</sup>

[Key words: IMO]

## International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in the ITU General Secretariat.*<sup>29</sup>

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

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in UNESCO's Secretariat.*<sup>30</sup>

## United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)



**Ciyong ZOU, Deputy to the Director General and the Managing Director of the Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development:**<sup>31</sup> Mr. Zou has been the Deputy to the Director General and Managing Director of the Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development since June 2022. The Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development oversees the organization's contribution to sustainable development goals in addition to supporting and advancing the application of strategies and interventions for sustainable industrial development in the environment, energy, and subject matter expert areas. Mr. Zou is also the Director General's Special Representative for the G77 and China. Mr. Zou has worked at UNIDO since 2013 and was the architect of UNIDO's Program for Country Partnership. Prior to joining UNIDO, he performed multiple roles, including

the Deputy Director General of the International Department at the Chinese Ministry of Finance, Alternate to the Chinese Executive Director at the World Bank, and Global Environment Facility

Operational Focal Point for China. Mr. Zou holds a PhD in economics from China's Ministry of Finance Graduate School, Research Institute for Fiscal Science.

[Key words: UNIDO, MOF, World Bank]

## **Universal Postal Union (UPU)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in top leadership positions at UPU.*<sup>32</sup>

## **World Health Organization (WHO)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve on the WHO's Headquarters Leadership Team.*<sup>33</sup>

## **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**

*Senior Management Team*



**Binying WANG, Deputy Director General – Brands and Designs Sector:** Ms. Wang has served as the Deputy Director General for the Brands and Designs Sector since 2009.<sup>34</sup> Ms. Wang has held a series of leadership positions at 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.<sup>35</sup> She currently administers three other programs under WIPO: the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs, and the Lisbon System for the International Registration of Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications.<sup>36</sup>

Prior to taking over as Deputy Director General for the Brands and Designs Sector in 2009, she worked in a number of other roles at the organization, including 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).<sup>37</sup> Before transitioning her career to WIPO, Ms. Wang served in a number of positions at China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC), including Managing Director for the China Trademark Service and Acting Director General for the Department for Registration of Enterprises and Foreign Companies.<sup>38</sup> She received her bachelor's degree in English, communication, and transportation from Zhongnan University in 1975. In 1985, she received her diploma in American commercial law from Columbia Law School, and in 1986 she

received her LL.M in U.S. law, including industrial property law, from the Law School of University of California Berkeley.

[Key Words: WIPO, SAIC]

## **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**

### *Secretariat*



**Wenjian ZHANG, Assistant Secretary-General:**<sup>39</sup> Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary-General of the WMO in September 2016, Dr. Zhang was Director of the WMO Observing and Information Systems Department and the WMO Space Program. Dr. Zhang served as Deputy Administrator of China Meteorological Administration (CMA) from 2006 to 2008; Director-General of the Observing and Information Systems Department of CMA from 2004 to 2006; and Director-General of National Satellite Meteorological Center of China from 1998 to 2004. In his role at CMA, he supported strategic studies and plans for the modernization of the meteorological field in China. He also oversaw the development and implementation of the Ten-Year (2000–2010) Plan of the Chinese Meteorological Satellite Program as well as development and operations of the FY-2 (geostationary) and FY-3 (polar-orbiting) series of satellites. Dr. Zhang obtained an MSc from the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences in 1989 and a PhD from Peking University in 1993.

[Key Words: WMO, CMA]

## **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in UNWTO's leadership.*<sup>40</sup>

## **Other UN Entities and Bodies**

### **Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve on UNAIDS's leadership team.*<sup>41</sup>

### **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions at UNCTAD.*<sup>42</sup>

### **United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve on UNHCR's Senior Executive Team.*<sup>43</sup>

## United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve on UNOPS's leadership team.*<sup>44</sup>

## 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.*<sup>45</sup>

## 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.*<sup>46</sup>

## International Trade and Financial Institutions

### International Monetary Fund (IMF)

*Senior Officials*<sup>47</sup>



**Bo LI, Deputy Managing Director:**<sup>48</sup> 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).<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Li holds a PhD from Stanford University, a JD from Harvard Law School, an MA from Boston University, and an undergraduate degree from Renmin University of China.

[Key words: IMF, PBOC]

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<sup>\*</sup> The All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (ACFROC) is a United Front work organization in the PRC for returned overseas Chinese and their relatives, serving as a “point of contact and coordination between overseas Chinese, the Chinese government, and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).” All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, “About Us.” <http://www.chinaql.org/GB/index.html>.

## Executive Board\*



**Zhengxin ZHANG, Executive Director for China:** In April 2022, Zhang Zhengxin replaced Jin Zhongxia as Executive Director of the IMF for China.<sup>49</sup> Mr. Zhang has previously served in a number of lesser roles at the IMF, first as the senior adviser to a former IMF executive director for China—He Jianxiong—between 2011 and 2015 and then as the Alternate Executive Director for China in 2020.<sup>50</sup>

[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 to 2013, the Alternate

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\* The IMF’s 24-member Executive Board conducts the daily business of the IMF. The directors are elected by member countries or by groups of countries. International Monetary Fund, “IMF Executive Directors and Voting Power,” October 16, 2018. <https://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/memdir/eds.aspx>.

† 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.” <http://www.worldbank.org/en/about/leadership/managers>; World Bank, “About the World Bank.” <http://www.worldbank.org/en/about>; International Finance Corporation, “Our Governance.” [https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/CORP\\_EXT\\_Content/IFC\\_External\\_Corporate\\_Site/About+IFC\\_New/IFC+Governance/](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/CORP_EXT_Content/IFC_External_Corporate_Site/About+IFC_New/IFC+Governance/).

Governor for China at the IFAD, and the Alternate Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank.<sup>51</sup>

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



**Guangzhe, CHEN, Vice President for Infrastructure:**<sup>52</sup> Mr. Chen is the Vice President for Infrastructure at the World Bank as of February 2023. In this position, he leads the bank’s global efforts to build sustainable infrastructure in developing and emerging economies and supports the World Bank Group’s strategic priorities. Infrastructure represents around \$72 billion of the bank’s portfolio. Prior to his current position, he served as the Regional Director for Infrastructure in the South Asia Region at the World Bank. From 2018 to 2020, he was the World Bank’s Global Director for the Transport Global Practice, and prior to that he was the Senior Director for the World Bank’s Water Global Practice. Mr. Chen has also served as World Bank Country Director for Ethiopia and subsequently for Southern Africa covering Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Mr. Chen has over 25 years of international experience in the field of sustainable development, infrastructure finance, and management with the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank. He holds a graduate degree in economics from Harvard University and a BA in economics from Zhongshan (Sun Yat-Sen) University in Guangzhou, China.

[Key words: World Bank, ADB]

### *Board of Directors* \*



**Junhong, CHANG, Executive Director:**<sup>53</sup> Ms. Chang is the Executive Director for China at the World Bank. She was appointed by China’s State Council in July 2020.<sup>54</sup> Previously, she was the Deputy Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China’s Ministry of Finance. From 2016 to 2019, she served as Director of the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) headquartered in Singapore. Ms. Chang joined the Ministry of Finance in 1995 and held numerous positions in the Department of the World Bank, the International Department, the Office of External Economic Cooperation, and the Department of International Economic Relations. At different

times, she also served as the Deputy Director General of the Department of International Economic Relations in the Ministry of Finance, responsible for China’s engagement with major multilateral

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\* 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. Regular elections of executive directors are held every two years. Executive directors fulfill a dual function, serving as officials of the bank as well as representatives of the member country that appointed or elected them. World Bank, “Board of Directors.” <http://www.worldbank.org/en/about/leadership/directors>.

platforms such as the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meetings and ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meetings as well as bilateral economic and financial dialogues between China and other major economies. From June 2019 to June 2020, she served as the Alternate Executive Director for China at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Previously, she served as the Alternate Executive Director for China at the World Bank Group (WBG) from 2009 to 2010 and Advisor to the Executive Director for China at the Asian Development Bank from 2002 to 2004. Ms. Chang graduated with a master's degree in engineering from the Management School of Tianjin University in 1995 and a PhD in economics from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in 2012.<sup>55</sup>

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

### *Board of Governors\**



**Kun LIU, Governor:** Mr. Liu represents the PRC on the World Bank's Board of Governors.<sup>56</sup> He served as the PRC Minister of Finance from 2018 to October 2023.<sup>†</sup> Prior to becoming Minister of Finance, he served as the Vice Chair on the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress (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.<sup>57</sup>

[Key words: World Bank, NDB, MOF, NPC, Guangdong]

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\* The World Bank Group Boards of Governors consist of one governor and one alternate governor appointed by each member country. The office is usually held concurrently by the country's minister of finance, governor of its central bank, or a senior official of similar rank. They serve for terms of five years and can be reappointed. They also serve as the governor and alternate on the IFC and IDA Boards of Governors as well as the Administrative Council of the ICSID. World Bank, "Boards of Governors." <https://www.worldbank.org/en/about/leadership/governors>.

<sup>†</sup> On September 28, 2023, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) appointed Lan Fo'an as the Secretary of the Party Leadership Group of the Ministry of Finance, taking over the position from Mr. Liu. The following month, Mr. Lan succeeded Mr. Liu as the finance minister on October 24, 2023. At the time of writing this update, Mr. Liu is still listed as a representative of China on the World Bank's Board of Governors. *Reuters*, "China Names Lan Foan as New Finance Minister amid Stimulus Push," October 24, 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/china-names-lan-foan-new-finance-minister-amid-stimulus-push-2023-10-24/>; Amanda Lee, "China Appoints New Finance Head as Government Debt, Revenue Shortfalls Threaten Growth Prospects," *South China Morning Post*, September 28, 2023. <https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/3236128/china-appoints-new-finance-head-government-debt-revenue-shortfalls-threaten-growth-prospects>; China's Ministry of Finance, "Lan Fo'an (蓝佛安)." <https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:REzNIIQWEdUJ:www.mof.gov.cn/znjg/buzhangzhichuang/czblfa/grjilfa/&hl=en&gl=us>.

## 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.<sup>58</sup> 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 AIIB 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 from the Mason Program in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.<sup>59</sup>

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

### Board of Directors<sup>†</sup>



**Weihua LIU, Executive Director for China and the Development Effectiveness Committee:**<sup>60</sup> Mr. Liu was appointed by the Chinese State Council to serve as the Executive Director for China at ADB in December 2020.<sup>61</sup> 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 International Fund for Agricultural Development.<sup>62</sup> He holds a master’s degree in accountancy from George Washington University, a master’s degree in economics from

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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.” <https://www.adb.org/about/management>.

<sup>†</sup> 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) approves the bank’s budget. Asian Development Bank, “Board of Directors.” <https://www.adb.org/about/board-directors>.



the PRC Institute of Fiscal Science, and a bachelor's degree in economics from the Hunan College of Finance and Economics.<sup>63</sup>

[Key words: ADB, World Bank, MOF]

## **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

### *Senior Management*



**Liqun JIN, President and Chair of the Board of Directors:**<sup>64</sup> Mr. Jin is the inaugural President and Chairman of the Board of Directors at AIIB. He was elected to serve a second five-year term that began in January 2021. Before being elected as the bank's first president, Mr. Jin served as Secretary-General of 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 Chairman of the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds. Mr. Jin previously served as Vice President and then Ranking Vice President of ADB 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 MA 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.<sup>65</sup>

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



**Huan CHEN, Ombudsperson:**<sup>66</sup> Mr. Chen was appointed Ombudsperson in September 2021. His mandate encompasses any staff-related issues. His principal functions involve conflict management and resolution, where he provides assistance that is both impartial and confidential. He also monitors trends and a wide range of emerging issues and provides guidance on methods to improve workplace environments. Prior to his appointment, he served as Chief Officer of AIIB since its founding in 2016. He started at China's Ministry of Finance in 1989, where he was involved in a number of positions at the Ministry's World Bank Department and International Department. Between 1999 and 2002, he worked as Advisor and Alternate Executive

Director at the Office of the Executive Director for China in the World Bank. In August 2007, Mr. Chen joined the China Clean Development Mechanism Fund Management Center as Deputy Director General and served as Director General. He has a bachelor's degree in English literature in addition to a master's degree in economics from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

[Key words: AIIB, World Bank, MOF]



at Tsinghua University.

**Yong ZHOU, Chief Officer:**<sup>67</sup> In his capacity, Mr. Zhou acts as the Chief Advisor to the President in the management and oversight of AIIB's key operations and activities while ensuring that cross-department operations and decision-making are aligned with AIIB's overall vision, goals, and corporate strategy. Mr. Zhou was appointed Chief Officer in 2021.<sup>68</sup> He also manages the Office of the President. Mr. Zhou came to AIIB in February 2016 in the role of Senior Advisor to the President. Prior to that, he held various leadership roles within the Ministry of Finance of China and also served on the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. He has an MSc in finance from the PBC School of Finance

[Key words: AIIB, World Bank, MOF]



**Ke FANG, Director General, Implementation Monitoring Department (IMD):**<sup>69</sup> As Director General since May 2021, Mr. Fang monitors AIIB's investment portfolio, including sovereign-backed and non-sovereign-backed financings, in addition to managing reporting on the project implementation performance.<sup>70</sup> He also serves as the investment committee's secretariat and coordinates the implementation of investment systems, data analysis, and knowledge management operations. Prior to joining AIIB in July 2016, Mr. Fang spent over 15 years working for the World Bank in various capacities, including Global Lead for Urban Mobility, Lead Transport Specialist, and head of the India transport team. Mr. Fang also worked on a number of projects that cover various investment activities throughout Asia and Africa. Mr. Fang has a PhD in urban planning from Tsinghua University, where he was a lecturer and served on the research staff from 1997 to 2000. He was also a Special Programs for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS) Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) between 2000 and 2001.

[Key words: AIIB, World Bank]



**Jianping HUANG, Director General, Information Technology Department:**<sup>71</sup> Ms. Huang oversees AIIB's information technology strategies in addition to the design, implementation, and operations of IT systems. Appointed as Director General in 2021, she manages a wide range of issues, including technology planning, enterprise architecture, service management, security and risk management, and data governance and management.<sup>72</sup> Ms. Huang has more than 20 years of experience working for both private and public organizations, including IBM and the World Bank. She holds a master's degree from George Washington University.

[Key words: AIIB, World Bank]



**Hua TIAN, Assistant Corporate Secretary, Corporate Secretariat:**<sup>73</sup> Ms. Tian supports the Vice President and Corporate Secretary in communications between governors, board members, and management. In her role, she leads and supervises the operation of the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors and engages shareholders in the planning and organization of the bank's annual meetings. Ms. Tian joined AIIB in 2016 as a Senior Secretariat Officer and then Manager of Shareholder Relations with the Corporate Secretariat. Prior to joining the bank, she served various roles in China's Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), including as

Director of the International Financial Cooperation Department. She also served as a diplomat in South Africa and Zimbabwe as Third Secretary to the Economic and Trade section of the Chinese embassies. Ms. Tian has MAs in both English linguistics and economics from Nankai University, an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a PhD in world economics from Nankai University.

[Key words: AIIB, MOF, MOFCOM]



**Yanning WANG, Director General - Operational Services Department:**<sup>74</sup> Mr. Wang is in charge of managing the bank's Operational Services Department (OSD). He was appointed Director General for the OSD in 2021.<sup>75</sup> These responsibilities include ensuring AIIB operations have the appropriate resources and qualified specialists to cover projects related to environment, social, procurement, and financial management aspects. He also ensures AIIB policies and standards are maintained in all of these operations.

Before leading the OSD, Mr. Wang served as the Assistant Corporate Secretary of AIIB. He also has a wealth of experience in managing the environmental, social, and other fiduciary risks and impacts from his previous tenure as Director in the Government of China, where he oversaw a large portfolio of multilateral development banks financing activities in China. He has also served in positions at the World Bank and ADB. At the World Bank, Mr. Wang worked as Operations Advisor for the East Asia and Pacific Region, where he managed quality assurance for operational deliveries and implementation support for the investment activities. He also sat on the Board of Executive Directors of ADB. During his tenure working for the Chinese government, he managed the development of a number of East Asia regional financial integration initiatives in the aftermath of the 1997 and 2008 financial crises. Mr. Wang holds an MA in economics from McGill University and a BA in English literature from Nanjing University.

[Key words: AIIB, ADB, World Bank]



**Dan YANG, Director General, Facilities and Administration Services Department:**<sup>76</sup> Ms. Yang leads a team that focuses on a wide range of responsibilities, including corporate procurement, facilities management, administrative services, records management, and security and emergency protocols. She has held the role of Director General of the Facilities and Administration Services Department since at least 2017.<sup>77</sup> She is also in charge of AIIB's business continuity framework. Before joining AIIB in 2016, Ms. Yang worked in a number of senior positions at ADB, including director of procurement as well as deputy country director for the PRC Resident Mission. She has a bachelor's

degree in English linguistics and a diploma in development economics from the Inner Mongolian Normal University and Beijing Normal University. She also earned an MPA degree from Washington University.

[Key words: AIIB, ADB]



**Quan Zheng, Director General, Strategy, Policy, and Budget Department:**<sup>78</sup> Ms. Zheng oversees the development and implementation of AIIB's strategies and operational policies in a wide spectrum of issues, including the environment, social sciences, and procurement. She has served as AIIB's Director General for the Policy, Strategy, and Budget Department since 2017.<sup>79</sup> She also leads coordination screening investment projects in addition to their programming components. She has held various roles at China's Ministry of Finance and also served as Chair of the G20 Infrastructure and Investment Working Group in 2016. She earned a master's degree in economics from the

Graduate School of the PBOC as well as the University of Manchester.

[Key words: AIIB, MOF]

*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 AIIB and the New Development Bank since 2021.<sup>80</sup> Mr. Cheng is the Director General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at China's Ministry of Finance. He also 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 ADB 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 and a PhD in finance from the Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in China.<sup>81</sup>

[Key words: ADB, AIIB, NDB, MOF]

*Board of Governors*

- See Kun Liu's bio on page 12 for his position at the World Bank.

**Concurrently a Hong Kong government official**



**Paul M.P. CHAN, Governor for Hong Kong:**<sup>82</sup> Mr. Chan has served on AIIB's Board of Governors for Hong Kong since 2017.<sup>83</sup> He has also served as the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong since 2017. Previously, from 2012 to 2017, Mr. Chan served as Secretary for Development. Before joining the government, he held a number of public service positions, including member of the Legislative Council and Chairman of Legal Aid Services Council. Mr. Chan is a certified public accountant and a former President of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.<sup>84</sup>

[Key words: AIIB]

## European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Board of Governors\*

*Currently, the position for the Governor for China in the EBRD is vacant.*<sup>85</sup>

## Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)<sup>†</sup>



**Gang YI, Governor, China:**<sup>86</sup> Dr. Yi represents China on the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Board of Governors. He previously served as the Governor of the PBOC.<sup>87</sup> He also served as the Governor for China in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Board of Governors. Prior to becoming PBOC Governor, he was the PBOC Vice Governor since 2007 as well as Director of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) since 2009. Earlier in his career, he held a variety of other monetary policy-related positions at the PBOC, was Deputy Director of Peking University's Center for Economic Research, and held economics teaching positions at both Peking University and Indiana University. He earned a doctorate in economics from

the University of Illinois.<sup>88</sup>

[Key words: IDB, PBOC, SAFE]

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\* The EBRD is owned by 71 countries; each shareholder is represented by an individual on the Board of Governors, which has overall authority over the bank and sets its overall strategic direction. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, "EBRD Shareholders and Board of Governors." <https://www.ebrd.com/shareholders-and-board-of-governors.html>.

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## New Development Bank (NDB)

### Senior Management<sup>89</sup>



**Qiangwu ZHOU, Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer:** Mr. Zhou was appointed as the Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer for the New Development Bank in 2021.<sup>90</sup> Immediately prior, Mr. Zhou was a Director General in the bank's Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation in China's Ministry of Finance. He has also served in a handful of other positions in his career, such as 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 with China's Ministry of Finance.<sup>91</sup> Between 2008 and 2011, Mr. Zhou was a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director for China at the World Bank Group. Mr. Zhou earned his MA from Peking University.<sup>92</sup>

[Key words: NDB, World Bank, MOF]

### Board of Directors<sup>93</sup>

- See Zhijun CHENG's bio on page 17, listed under his position at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

### Board of Governors<sup>94</sup>

- See Kun LIU's bio on page 12, listed under his position at the World Bank.

## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### Secretariat<sup>95</sup>



**Xiangchen ZHANG, Deputy Director-General:**<sup>96</sup> Ambassador Zhang was appointed a Deputy Director-General of the WTO in May 2021.<sup>97</sup> Ambassador Zhang formerly served as Vice Minister in the PRC Ministry of Commerce. Until recently, Ambassador Zhang served as China's Permanent Representative to the WTO as well as Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO. He has held various other positions, such as 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.<sup>98</sup>

Ambassador Zhang received both a master's degree in international relations and a PhD in international politics from Peking University.<sup>99</sup>

[Key words: WTO, MOFCOM]

### *Appellate Body*

*The Appellate Body currently has no members.*<sup>100</sup>

## Other International Organizations

### **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

#### *Secretariat*



**Hua LIU, Deputy Director General and Head of the 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.<sup>101</sup>

[Key words: IAEA, China Atomic Energy Authority]

### **International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)**

#### *Executive Committee*

#### **Concurrently a Chinese government official**



**Binchen HU, Delegate for Asia:**<sup>102</sup> In November 2021, Mr. Hu won one of two seats representing Asia (three-year term) on INTERPOL's executive committee.<sup>103</sup> Mr. Hu is the Deputy Director General of the International Coordination Department in the Chinese Ministry of Public Security.<sup>104</sup> His election to the position was met with international backlash from human rights activists and

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\* In 2018, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment replaced the Ministry of Environmental Protection.



a group of legislators from around the world who feared China might abuse its powers and databases through Mr. Hu's position.\* <sup>105</sup>

[Key words: INTERPOL, MPS]

## **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**

*Currently, no PRC nationals serve in senior leadership positions on the IOC Executive Board.*<sup>106</sup>

## **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

*While China is a member of IOM, currently no PRC nationals hold senior leadership positions.*<sup>107</sup>

## **Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**

*Technical Secretariat*<sup>108</sup>



**Hong LI, Director, External Relations:**<sup>109</sup> Mr. Li joined the OPCW in October 2021 as the Director of External Relations.<sup>110</sup> 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 (MOFA). 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).<sup>111</sup>

[Key words: OPCW, MOFA]

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\* Mr. Hu's election replaces former INTERPOL delegate and compatriot Meng Hongwei, a former Chinese politician and police officer who was the president of INTERPOL from 2016 to 2018. Mr. Meng reportedly went missing on September 25, 2018, when returning to China from France with a layover in Stockholm, Sweden. According to reporting from the *South China Morning Post*, Mr. Meng was arrested for questioning by "discipline authorities" upon his arrival in China. French newspaper *Le Parisien* added that he was under investigation in China, suspected of favoring a company in a cybersecurity procurement. The former INTERPOL chief was accused of bribery and sentenced to 13 and a half years in jail by a Chinese court on January 21, 2020.

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