

Who's Who: Speakers Profile

10:00-10:45

Opening Session



Angel Gurría
Secretary General, OECD

Born on May 8th, 1950, in Tampico, Mexico, Angel Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service, including two ministerial posts.

As Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs from December 1994 to January 1998, he made dialogue and consensus-building one of the hallmarks of his approach to global issues. From January 1998 to December 2000, he was Mexico's Minister of Finance and Public Credit. For the first time in a generation, he steered Mexico's economy through a change of Administration without a recurrence of the financial crises that had previously dogged such changes.

As OECD Secretary-General, since June 2006, he has reinforced the OECD's role as a 'hub' for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernization and reform. Under his leadership, OECD has expanded its membership to include Chile, Estonia, Israel and Slovenia and opened accession talks with Russia. It has also strengthened links with other major emerging economies, including Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa, with a view to possible membership. The OECD is now an active participant in both the G-8 and the G-20 Summit processes. As OECD Secretary-General, since June 2006, he has reinforced the OECD's role as a 'hub' for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernization and reform. Under his leadership, OECD has expanded its membership to include Chile, Estonia, Israel and Slovenia and opened accession talks with Russia. It has also strengthened links with other major emerging economies, including Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa, with a view to possible membership. The OECD is now an active participant in both the G-8 and the G-20 Summit processes.

Mr. Gurría has participated in various international not-for-profit bodies, including the Population Council, based in New York, and the Center for Global Development based in Washington. He chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All and continues to be deeply involved in water issues. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of Governors of the Centre for International Governance Innovation, based in Canada, and was the first recipient of the Globalist of the Year Award of the Canadian International Council to honour his efforts as a global citizen to promote trans-nationalism, inclusiveness, and a global consciousness.

Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico), and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He speaks: Spanish, French, English, Portuguese, Italian and some German.

He is married to Dr. Lulu Quintana, a distinguished ophthalmologist, and they have three adult children.



Oh-Seok Hyun,
President, Korean Development Institute

Oh-Seok Hyun, a Korean national, is currently President of the Korea Development Institute (KDI), a leading think tank of Korea.

He is a member of the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness, Presidential Committee on Green Growth, Presidential Committee on Regional Development, Advisory Council on Presidential Committee for G-20 Summit and Prime Minister's International Development Cooperation Committee.

Dr. Hyun also served as Chairman of NPSO (the Non-governmental Public Serving Organization) Evaluation Board for the Ministry of Strategy and Finance. He has been President of the Institute for International Trade of the Korea International Trade Association.

Dr. Hyun has extensive experience in policy making and research in the public sector, a unique career path for a government official in Korea. He formerly served as Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economy and Special Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economy. He contributed in formulating and coordinating the national agenda, working as Secretary for Economic Affairs of the Office of the President and Director-General of the National Economic Advisory Council. He also served as Director-General of Bureau of Economic Policy and Bureau of Treasury of the Ministry of Finance and Economy.

Dr. Hyun successfully managed the administration of the ASEM III (Third Asia Europe Meeting) in Seoul as Executive Director. He also worked as an economist at the World Bank and served as Dean of the National Tax College. He also served as a professor at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



José Manuel Barroso
President, European Commission

Academic career

- Degree in law, with honours, from the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon.
- Diploma in European Studies, with honours, from the European University Institute, University of Geneva.
- Master's degree in Political Science, with honours, from the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Geneva, with a thesis on "Le système politique portugais face à l'intégration européenne".
- Internships and short courses at Columbia University (New York), Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.), the International University Institute (Luxembourg) and the European University Institute (Florence).
- Successively, teaching assistant at the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon, teaching assistant at the Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, and visiting professor at the Department of Government and School of Foreign Service (Center for German and European Studies), Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (1996-1998). Head of the International Relations Department, Lusíada University (October 1995 - March 1999).
- Scholarships from the Swiss Confederation, the Commission of the European Communities, the Volkswagenwerk Foundation, NATO and the Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research.
- Founder of the University Association for European Studies in 1979.

Political career

- President of the Academic Association of the Law Faculty, University of Lisbon (1975-1976).
- Member of the European Movement since 1991, when the Portuguese section was relaunched.
- Member of the Social Democratic Party (PSD) since 1980; formerly member of the PSD's National Council, member of the National Policy Committee, co-director of the National Studies Bureau and Chairman of the International Relations Committee; elected President of the Party by the XXII Congress in May 1999, and re-elected three times.
- Elected Member of Parliament six times consecutively since 1985, Chairman of the Portuguese Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee between 1995 and 1996.
- State Secretary for Home Affairs in the X Constitutional Government, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Minister for Foreign Affairs in the XI and XII Constitutional Governments.
- Prime Minister in the XV Constitutional Government since April 2002.
- Led and took part in a number of international missions, including in the self-determination process in East Timor and the peace process in Angola in 1990/1991, head of the International IDEA

(Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Stockholm) delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina in September 1996, and adviser to the UN for the Project for Peace Process in Africa (Tanzania), October 1997.

- Member of various informal advisory groups to the Secretary General of the United Nations, including the Secretary General's Resource Group on the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Vice President of the European People's Party from 1999 until 2002 and Vice President of the Center Democrats International from 2001 to 2005.

Europe-related work while in Foreign Affairs

- Besides European Council meetings, informal meetings of the Heads of State and Government, meetings of the Council (General Affairs) and informal meetings of Foreign Ministers ("Gymnich"), the following should be mentioned: San José Ministerial Conferences, European Community/Rio Group meetings, inaugural conference for a Stability Pact for Europe, Review and Extension Conference for the Non-Proliferation Treaty and ministerial meetings of the Mediterranean Forum (five plus five).
- During the first Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union (1992) coordinated EU Presidency delegation to United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro), and Portuguese Presidency of WEU.
- Signed on Portugal's behalf the Europe Agreements with Romania, Bulgaria, the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic (1993), the Treaty of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the European Union, in Corfu (June 1994) and the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Russia, in Corfu (1994).

Europe-related work while Prime Minister of Portugal

- Participated in all European Union events requiring Portugal to be represented at the Head of State and Government level, in particular the European Councils. Key events include the signing of the Accession Treaties with Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, the accession ceremony for these 10 countries, meetings of the European Convention, the Intergovernmental Conference and the adoption of the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe.



Aart de Geus

Deputy Secretary General, OECD

As Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. Aart de Geus is responsible for the OECD agenda in the areas of Employment, Labor, Social Affairs, (including Pensions, Health and Migration), Education, Public Governance and Territorial Development. He also oversees the coordination of the horizontal project on Making Reforms Happen, the OECD activities on Gender and Diversity Issues, the preparation of Ministerial Council Meetings.

Mr. de Geus, a Dutch national, was Minister of Social Affairs and Employment in the Netherlands from 2002 until 2007. As Minister, Mr. de Geus introduced major reforms in the Dutch social security system, notably by turning it into an activating system where citizens, employers and local authorities take their own responsibilities. During the four years of his tenure, he concluded major national agreements with social partners on wages, reforms of social security and tax-facilities for early retirement. He chaired the OECD Social Policy Ministerial Meeting in 2005 and has served in various functions at local, national and international level.

From 1998 until 2002, Mr. de Geus was a partner in Boer & Croon, an Amsterdam-based company for strategy and management, where he worked in the fields of governments, health care, pensions and human resource development.

Mr. de Geus served as vice-chairman of the executive board of the National Federation of Christian Trade Unions from 1993 to 1998, where he focused on social security, health care, pensions, labor market policy, income policy and education. He had been member of the Trade Union's executive board since 1988. Prior to that, Mr. de Geus worked as a lawyer in the industry sector of the Christian Trade Union.

Mr. de Geus has a law degree from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and post-graduate studies in labor law from Nijmegen University. Mr. de Geus is married and has three children.

11:15-13:00

Session I

Fiscal Consolidation and Structural Reforms - Getting it Right (Actual Policy Dilemmas)



William White

Chair, Economic and Development Review
Committee, OECD

Mr William White joined the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in June 1994 and was appointed to the position of Economic Adviser and Head of the Monetary and Economic Department (MED) in May 1995. As Economic Adviser, Mr White continued to publish regularly on topics pertaining to monetary and financial stability. He also oversaw the preparation of the BIS Annual Report, for which he wrote the Introduction and Conclusions. As Head of the MED, he had overall responsibility for the department's output of research, data and information services, as well as the organisation of meetings for central bank Governors and staff around the world. Mr White was also a member of the Executive Committee which manages the BIS. He retired from the bank on 30 June, 2008.

In October of 2009, Mr White was appointed Chairman of the Economic Development and Review Committee (EDRC) at the OECD in Paris. This Committee carries out regular evaluations of the policies of both member countries and aspiring members of the OECD. In his capacity as Chairman, he also contributes to meetings of WP1 and the Economic Policy Committee of the OECD. He is a member of the Issing Committee, advising the German Chancellor on G20 issues. Since retiring from the BIS, Mr White has continued to publish articles on topics related to monetary and financial stability as well as the process of international cooperation in these areas. Mr White speaks regularly to a wide range of audiences.

Mr White began his professional career at the Bank of England, where he was an economist from 1969 to 1972. Subsequently he spent 22 years with the Bank of Canada. His first six years at the Bank of Canada were with the Department of Banking and Financial Analysis, first as an economist and finally as Deputy Chief. In 1978, Mr White took on different responsibilities as the Deputy Chief of the Research Department and was made Chief of the Department in 1979. He was appointed Adviser to the Governor in 1984 and Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada in September 1988.

In addition to these permanent positions, Mr White spent six months (1985-86) as a Special Adviser to the Canadian Minister of Finance and six years as a member of Statistics Canada's Advisory Panel on the National Income Accounts. He has sat on a number of advisory and editorial boards over the course of the years. Since the late 1980s, he has been an active participant in many international committees, including the EPC and WP3 at the OECD, the G-10 Deputies, and the Bellagio



Mitja Gaspari,
Minister for Development and European Affairs of the
Republic of Slovenia

Mitja Gaspari was born on 25 November 1951 in Ljubljana. In 1975, he graduated in financial and monetary economics from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana. He earned his MSc in monetary economics at the Faculty of Economics in Belgrade.

He began his career at the Bank of Slovenia where he first worked as an analyst in 1981 and then as the Director of the Analysis and Research Centre.

In 1987 he became Deputy Governor of the Bank of Slovenia and then Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Yugoslavia.

In September 1991 he went to work for the World Bank in Washington D.C. for a year. He worked as a Senior Financial Economist in the Trade & Finance Division, Technical Department and the Europe & USSR Region. Between 1992 and 2000 he was Minister of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia.

In the autumn of 2000 he was elected an MP, but gave up his seat in April 2001 to become Governor of the Bank of Slovenia. During his mandate Slovenia successfully introduced the euro as the country's currency.

He has written several articles for international journals and publications and participated in numerous debates and conferences. Before he became Minister for Development and European Affairs, he worked at the Economic Institute of the Law School.

Ahmed Darwish

Minister for Administrative Development, Egypt



Ahmed M. Darwish was born in Egypt in 1959. He received his B.Sc. in Electronics and Communication Engineering and M.Sc. in Computer Engineering from Cairo University, in 1981 and 1984 respectively. He received his Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of California, Davis in 1988. During the academic year 1988/89, he was a lecturer and post-doctoral researcher with the Department of Electrical and Engineering and Computer Science at the University of California, Davis. In 1989, he joined Cairo University as an assistant professor, where later, he became an associate professor then a professor with the Computer Engineering Department in 1994 and 1999 respectively. During the year 96/97 he was on sabbatical leave with the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Virginia Tech; He cooperated on several research projects with the Mobile and Portable Radio Research Group.

He received the Egyptian National Engineering Award for the year 1999. He is a member of few scientific and professional societies and on the editorial board and a reviewer for a number of publications. He shared in the design and development (and hold 50% of the IP) of 2 wireless simulation tools. He has over 64 publications in peer reviewed journals and scientific conferences, 11 invited papers, shared in 4 books, numerous invited talks and few sponsored research programs.

Dr. Darwish was a consultant to a number of international organizations (UNESCO, FAO, ESCWA, European Union and World Bank), government organizations and companies both in the United States and Egypt. During the last 3 years prior to becoming the Minister of State for Administrative Development he acted as the e-Government Program Director at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. He led the team to prepare the National Project Document on e-government and coordinate the implementation efforts.



Jan Peter Balkenende

Former Prime Minister, The Netherlands

Jan Pieter (known as Jan Peter) Balkenende was born in Kapelle on 7 May 1956.

After completing his secondary education he went on to the VU University, Amsterdam, where he studied history (graduating in 1980) and Dutch law (graduating in 1982). He obtained his doctorate in law in 1992 with a thesis on government regulation and civil society organisations.

From 1982 to 1984 he was a legal affairs policy officer at the Netherlands Universities Council. He then served on the staff of the policy institute of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) until 1998.

Dr Balkenende was a member of Amstelveen municipal council from 1982 to 1998, and leader of its CDA group from 1994. From 1993 to 2002 he was professor (part-time) of Christian social thought on society and economics at the VU University.

From 1998 to 2002 he was a member of the House of Representatives of the States General for the CDA, and leader of the CDA parliamentary party from 1 October 2001.

He has also been a member and vice-chair of the board of the broadcasting organisation NCRV, a member of the Amsterdam Regional Forum, chair of the Association of Christian Lawyers, member of the group on socially responsible business practice in the Royal Association MKB-Nederland, which represents employers in small and medium-size businesses, and a member of the board of the Parliamentary History Group.

Since 22 July 2002 Dr Balkenende has led four successive governments as Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, entering his fourth term of office on 22 February 2007, which ended on 14 October 2010.

13:00-15:00

Lunch and Key note address



Yongmaan Park

Chairman and CEO, Doosan Corporation, Korea

YM Park is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Doosan Corporation, and also leads Doosan Infracore, Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction, Doosan Engineering & Construction and Oricom as Chairman. A grandson of the founder, Seung-Jik Park, YM has been spearheading restructuring of the 114-year-old company, the oldest in Korea. That effort has contributed to a sixfold growth in sales within a decade. Doosan's restructuring performance has been publicly recognized as one of the best business practices in Korea. As a result, Doosan is now referred to as the nation's "oldest but fastest moving company."

With an exceptionally clear vision on Doosan's global expansion, YM has been directly involved in all major cross-border deals, including the acquisition of Bobcat, a world-leading compact construction equipment business with \$2.2 billion in annual sales. He is currently devoted to building world-class processes and systems that will allow Doosan to compete with global players.

YM received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Seoul National University in 1978 and his MBA from Boston University in 1982. He is fluent in English and Japanese.

An avid photographer and dedicated athlete, YM spends his leisure time in documentary photography and cross-country trekking. His grandfather travelled the far corners of Korea as a salesman. Following in his grandfather's footsteps, YM completed a 550 km north-to-south journey and is currently hiking 280 km from west to east.

YM has been recognized for his devoted service to enhance commercial ties between Korea and other countries. He received the Order of Civil Merit of Spain and the Order of Leopold II of Belgium in 2003 and 2009 respectively. YM is Chairman of the Korea-Spain Economic Cooperation Committee, and he was also appointed as Vice Chairman of The Seoul Chamber of Commerce and Industry in February 2009.

15:00-16:30

Session II

Making Global Cooperation Happen



Jeffrey Owens

OECD Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

Jeffrey Owens, a public finance expert, completed his doctoral work at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom in 1973. In addition to his economic degrees, he is trained as an accountant.

He was a tutor at Cambridge, the American University of Paris and was a visiting fellow at Bocconi University in Italy and Queen Mary's College in London. He is an international civil servant at the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, where he has focused his activities on the tax implications of the globalisation of national economies, the broader policy issues that arise in the areas of cross-border direct and portfolio investment and tax administration. His earlier work dealt with the development of international currency markets and the implications for monetary policies and the organisation of financial institutions.

He has made numerous contributions to professional journals, has published a number of books ("The Growth of the Euro-Dollar market", "Local Government Finance: an international perspective": "A Comparison of Tax Systems in North Africa and Europe") and has been the author of many OECD publications on taxation. A full list of publications can be provided on request.

Dr. Owens' position as Director of the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration at the OECD, his frequent participation in international conferences and business seminars and his high level contacts with representatives from governments and the business community have provided him with a unique international perspective on economic and tax policy issues.

Dr. Owens has maintained close links with the business and academic communities in which he worked at the beginning of his career.

Over a 30-year career as an international civil servant he encouraged both OECD and non-OECD countries to develop tax rules which facilitate cross-border trade and investment and also ensure that developing countries benefit from the process of globalisation. He has led the work of the OECD in countering the spread of tax havens and strict bank secrecy and played a key role in achieving a successful action on this work at the G20 London Summit.



Otaviano Canuto

Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, The World Bank

Otaviano Canuto is Vice President and Head of the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network, a division of more than 600 economists and other professionals working on economic policy, poverty reduction, and analytic work for the World Bank's client countries. He took up his position on May 4, 2009, after serving as the Vice President for Countries at the Inter-American Development Bank since June 2007.

Dr. Canuto provides strategic leadership and direction to Regional PREM units as well as groups working on economic policy formulation in the area of growth and poverty, debt, trade, gender, and public sector management and governance. He is also involved in managing the Bank's overall interactions with key partner institutions including the IMF, the OECD and regional development banks.

Previous assignments: Dr. Canuto was Executive Director at the Board of the World Bank in 2004-2007. He also served in the Brazilian Ministry of Finance, where he was Secretary for International Affairs. He was Professor of Economics at the University of São Paulo and University of Campinas (UNICAMP) in Brazil.

Education: Dr. Canuto holds a Ph.D. in Economics from University of Campinas and a M.A. from Concordia University in Montreal. He has written extensively on development economics and growth.

Publications: He has lectured and written widely on economic growth, financial crisis management, and regional development. His recent published work has dealt with financial crisis and economic growth in Latin America. He has published more than 70 articles in economic journals and books in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and has spoken often on development policy and global economic issues.

Languages: He speaks Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.



Kyung Wook Hur

Ambassador OECD, Korea, Former Vice Finance Minister

Mr. Hur was born in Seoul, Korea, on 14 August 1955. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in Management from Seoul National University. He also holds an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, which he obtained in 1988. From 1979 to 1994, Mr. Hur held various positions at the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank. From 1989 to 1991, he worked as a Young Professional and Investment Officer at the World Bank and IFC. He then returned to the Ministry of Finance, achieving the position of Deputy Director. In 1994, he returned to the World Bank as Task Manager at the China Department. Then, in 1997, he was appointed Director of the International Financial Institutions Division, where his main responsibilities included negotiations with the IMF during the Asian Financial crisis.

In 1999, Mr. Hur became Director of the Financial Cooperation Division and was involved in designing new financial architecture and launching the G20 financial ministers' meeting. He was then appointed Director of the International Financial Policy Division. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Hur served as a Senior Economist at the Policy Development and Review Division of the IMF. In 2004, he returned to Korea and was appointed Director-General of the Ministry of Planning and Budgeting. In 2005, he joined the Ministry of Finance and Economy as Chief of Staff. Then, in 2006, he was appointed Director-General of the International Finance Bureau at the Ministry. The following year, he was named Deputy Minister for International Affairs. In 2008, he was appointed Secretary to the President for the National Agenda.

From 2009, until his nomination as Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD, Ambassador Hur was Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance.

Ambassador Kyung Wook Hur took up his duties as Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD on 14 May 2010



Yvo de Boer

Former Executive Secretary UNFCCC

Yvo de Boer joined KPMG in July 2010 as Special Global Advisor, Climate Change and Sustainability. He is responsible for thought leadership and strategy development, and acts as a global ambassador for KPMG worldwide.

Prior to joining KPMG, Mr de Boer was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - the body responsible for a multi-lateral response to the climate change challenge.

Before this, he was Director for International Affairs of the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment of the Netherlands, Deputy Director-General for Environmental Protection in the same Ministry, worked for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT) and has worked in the fields of housing and public information.

Mr de Boer has been involved in climate change policies since 1994 and seeks broad stakeholder involvement in all issues relating to the challenge. Alongside his work for KPMG he is Professional Fellow at the University of Maastricht and a Member of the Board of the Centre for Clean Air Policy.

16:45-18:15

Session III

How to Reform and be Re-elected?



Tae Shin Kwon

Former Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Korea

Tae-Shin Kwon had been the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Korea from 20 January 2009 to 11 August 2010 after serving as the Vice Minister of General Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office. He served as the Korean Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the OECD (2006-2008) and also as the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economy (2005). Having built a career in the field of finance and economy he currently enjoys the reputation of being Korea's representative specialist in international finance.

Educated at Seoul National University (BA, 1972), Vanderbilt University (MA, 1982) and City University of London (MBA, 2001), he started public service in 1977 in the Ministry of Finance and since then took up various important positions including Director-General for International Finance (2002-03), Director for Economic Cooperation, International Organization, Overseas Investment, Budget Policy (1991-96) as well as Economic Counsellor at the Korean Embassy in the United Kingdom (1998-01). His career also included work in the Office of the President as Deputy Director-General of the National Competitiveness Enhancement Committee (1997), Assistant Secretary for the Finance and Economy (1989), Economic Secretary for the Industry and Communications (2001), and Secretary for Economic Policies as well as Secretary for Coordination and Planning (2004).



Rodrigo Álvarez
Undersecretary of Finance, Chile

Mr. Álvarez graduated from Universidad Católica de Chile with a bachelor's degree in Law, from Harvard University with a Master's in Law (LL.M.) and from Navarra University with a Ph.D in Law.

Undersecretary Álvarez was member of the Chilean Parliament during three legislative periods for the 60th District. He has been member of the Permanent Commissions of Finance, Mining and National Defense, and Special Commissions for Extreme Zones of the Country, Tax Status of Private Mining and Antarctic Development.

He has also been Vice-president of the Independent Democratic Union (Unión Democrática Independiente-UDI).

Additionally, Mr. Álvarez has worked in different law firms and has been Professor of Tributary Law, Commercial Law and Competition Law at Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad del Desarrollo, Universidad Andrés Bello, Universidad Finis Terrae and Universidad Austral.



Miroslav Beblavy

Member of Parliament, Slovak Republic, Former State Secretary

Miroslav Beblavy is a Member of the Slovak parliament, a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels and Associate Professor of Public Policy at the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. He was a State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Slovakia between 2002 and 2006, where he was responsible for major social and labour market reform. He also worked as consultant for international organization, including for the OECD on the "Making Reform Happen" project.



Allan Fels

Former Chairman, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Professor Allan Fels AO is Dean of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government. This School, established by the governments of Australia, New Zealand and all State and Territory governments and by 15 leading universities, conducts programs aimed at the development of high level public sector leaders and conducts research and knowledge transfer programs.

He was the inaugural Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from 1995 until 2003. This body is responsible for the operation of competition law, consumer protection law, prices surveillance and the regulation of public utilities such as in the fields of telecommunications, energy and transport.

He was also Chairman of the two predecessor bodies of the ACCC, the Trade Practices Commission (from 1991 to 1995) and the Prices Surveillance Authority (from 1989 to 1992).

At the international level, Professor Fels co-chaired the OECD Trade and Competition Committee for many years (1996 to 2003) and was a founding member of the International Competition Network. He has been keynote speaker in recent times at the International Competition Network Annual Meeting and at the OECD Global Competition Forum.

Professor Fels is or has recently been a member of a number of advisory boards to the Australian Government and he chairs the Visy Australasia Governance Board. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 2001.