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#### **Mr Leonardo Beltran Rodriguez**

Deputy Secretary for Planning and Energy Transition, Secretariat of Energy, MEXICO



Mr. Beltran was appointed Deputy Secretary for Planning and Energy Transition on December 10, 2012 by the President of the Mexico. In 2005, Deputy Secretary Beltran joined the Secretariat of Energy (SENER) as Director of International Negotiations. Under this capacity, he participated in high level meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation-Energy Working Group (EWG), the International Energy Agency, the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum, North American Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), as well as bilateral negotiations with Australia, Canada, Denmark, Spanish, United States, Iceland, India and New Zealand. In 2010, he was appointed Director-General for Information and Energy Studies at SENER, where he participated in the National System of Science and Technology and collaborated in the information system of technology and scientific research of the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), as well as in the development of the Special Program of Science and Technology. He also coordinated the inter-sectorial working group on Carbon Capture, Use and Storage (CCUS) and a working group for the development of a Sustainable Buildings' Mexican Standard. He was responsible for the organization of the Energy Efficiency and Access Forum held in Mexico City on September 2010. Mr. Beltran has been consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, as well as the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Deputy Secretary Beltran holds a Masters in Public Administration in International Development from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor of Science in Economics by the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), and studied Law at the Faculty of Law of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

**Dan Glickman**

Vice President and Executive Director, Congressional Program, the Aspen Institute, *Washington, D.C.*



Prior to joining the Aspen Institute, Mr. Glickman served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in the Clinton Administration (1995-2001). Under his leadership, the Department administered farm and conservation programs; modernized food safety regulations; forged international trade agreements to expand U.S. markets; and improved its commitment to fairness and equality in civil rights. He currently co-chairs with Catherine Bertini (former executive director of the United Nations World Food Program) the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Initiative on Global Food Security. Mr. Glickman is also a Senior Fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center where he is co-chair of its Democracy Project. In addition he served as Chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. and Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He received his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan and his JD from The George Washington University. He is a member of the Kansas and District of Columbia bars.

**Mrs Monique Barbut**

Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification



Formerly CEO & Chairperson of the GEF (2006 – 2012), Director of the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Program (2003-2006), and, at the Agence Française de Développement Group (AFD), the main French public institution for aid in development (1981-2003). During the period at AFD, Mrs Barbut held different positions related to French aid system particularly project financing activities in the French overseas territories, and activities relating to ex post evaluation. Throughout the 1990s, she became increasingly involved with the issue of financing sustainable development, for the

French government and in the international scene in general. In 2003, she was appointed as Executive Director for all Caribbean, Pacific, and Indian Ocean activities. As a member of the French government delegation to the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, was a key player in the financing negotiations, and later an active negotiator in the creation of the GEF as well as the French Global Environment Facility (FGEF).

### **Shenggen Fan**

Director General, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), *Washington, D.C., USA*



Dr Fan joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He went on to lead IFPRI's program on public investment before becoming the director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division in 2005. Since 2012, he has served as Chairman of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food and Nutrition Security. In 2014, he received the Hunger Hero Award from the World Food Programme in recognition of his commitment to and leadership in fighting hunger worldwide. Dr Fan holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Nanjing Agricultural University in China; and PhD in Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota.

### **Dr Sara J. Scherr**

President and CEO, EcoAgriculture Partners, Washington, DC



Dr. Scherr is an agricultural and natural resource economist specializing in land and forest management policy in tropical developing countries. Founder of EcoAgriculture Partners, she now serves as its President and CEO. In 2011-12 she led the founding of the Landscapes for

People, Food and Nature Initiative, for which EcoAgriculture Partners now serves as secretariat. She currently serves on the board of international agricultural biodiversity research organization Bioversity International, as well as on the advisory board of Food Tank, the Scientific Advisory Board for the ASSETS (Attaining Sustainable Services from Ecosystems) research program, as a member of the UN Agri-food Task Force, and on the design team of the Solutions from the Land initiative. She is also a member of the scientific editorial boards of the journals Agroforestry Systems, International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability, and Land Use Policy. Before founding EcoAgriculture Partners, Dr. Scherr held positions as adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, USA; co-leader of the CGIAR Gender Program; senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, D.C.; and principal researcher at the World Agroforestry Centre. She was previously a Fulbright Scholar (1976) and a Rockefeller Social Science Fellow (1985-87). Dr. Scherr received her BA in Economics at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and her MSc and PhD in International Economics and Development at Cornell University in New York.