

The Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation

Since taking office, the Secretary-General has repeatedly expressed his deep concern at the spiralling complexity and human cost of conflict.

He has committed to an across-the-board surge in diplomacy for peace and taken steps to enhance the UN capacity to engage in effective diplomacy and mediation at all levels. As part of these efforts he has decided to establish a High Level Advisory Board on Mediation.

The Board is composed of internationally recognized personalities with expertise relevant to mediation and preventive diplomacy. It is gender and geographically balanced.

The Board will provide the Secretary-General with advice on mediation challenges, and will, as well, back specific mediation efforts, where appropriate.

MEMBERS

Michelle Bachelet *(b. 1951, Chile)*

Current and former President of Chile (2014-present; 2006-2010)

Former Executive Director of UN Women (2010-2013)

Former Minister of Defence (2002-2004)

Former Minister of Health (2000-2002)

Radhika Coomaraswamy *(b. 1953, Sri Lanka)*

Member of the Constitutional Council of Sri Lanka (2015-present)

Former SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict

Former Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission

Former UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (1994-2003)

Leymah Gbowee *(b. 1972, Liberia)*

Current Executive Director of the Women, Peace and Security Program, Columbia University (2017-present)

Current President of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa

Led women's peace movement, Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace that helped bring an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003

Founding member of the Women in Peacebuilding Program/West African Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP)

Awarded Nobel Peace Prize (2011) *(along with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Tawakkol Karman)*

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Jean-Marie Guéhenno *(b. 1949, France)*

Current President of International Crisis Group (2014-present)
Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (2000-2008)
Former Deputy Joint Special Envoy of the UN and LAS for Syria (2012)
Former Director of Policy Planning at France's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as Chairman of the Institute of Advanced Studies in National Defence.

Tarja Halonen *(b. 1943, Finland)*

Current Member of the Council of Women World Leaders
Former President of Finland (2000-2012)
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs (1995-2000)
Former Minister of Justice (1990-1991)

David Harland *(b. 1962, New Zealand)*

Current Executive Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2011-present)
Worked for the United Nations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Haiti and Timor Leste.
Author of the Secretary-General's report on the Fall of Srebrenica.

Noeleen Heyzer *(b. 1948, Singapore)*

Member of the Asia Foundation Board of Trustees (2016-present)
Former Executive Secretary of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Former Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste
Former Executive Director of UNIFEM (1994-2007)

Nasser Judeh *(b. 1961, Jordan)*

Current member of the Jordanian Senate
Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan (2009-2017).
Served as Minister of State for Media Affairs (2007-2009)

Ramtane Lamamra *(b. 1952, Algeria)*

Former Foreign Minister of Algeria (2013-2017)
Former AU commissioner for Peace and Security (2008-2013)
Former Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations
Former Ambassador of Algeria to the United States

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Graça Machel (*b. 1945, Mozambique*)

Current chair of the Graça Machel Trust
Member of the Africa Progress Panel
Member of the Elders
Former Minister for Education & Culture (1975-1989)
Former First Lady of South Africa and Mozambique

Asha Rose-Migiro (*b. 1956, Tanzania*)

Current High Commissioner of Tanzania to the United Kingdom
Former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
Former Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS
Former Foreign Minister of Tanzania

Raden Mohammad Marty Natalegawa (*b. 1963, Indonesia*)

Current Board Member of International Crisis Group
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (2009-2014)
Served as Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN (2007-2009)
Former Ambassador of Indonesia to the United Kingdom and Ireland (2005-2007).

Olusegun Obasanjo (*b. 1937, Nigeria*)

Former President of Nigeria (1999-2007)
Former Head of state and military (1976-1979)
Former Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the DRC

Roza Otunbayeva (*b. 1950, Kyrgyzstan*)

Current Member of the Club de Madrid
Current Board Member of the International Crisis Group
Former President of Kyrgyzstan (2010-2011)
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
Former Leader of the Opposition (2008-2010)

Michele Pierre-Louis (*b. 1947, Haiti*)

Current Executive Director of Knowledge and Freedom Foundation (FOKAL), (*NGO financed by George Soros*)
Former Prime Minister of Haiti (2008-2009)
Former Minister of Justice and Public Security

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José Manuel Ramos-Horta (*b. 1949, Timor-Leste*)

Served as Chair of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (HIPPO) (2015)

Former Prime Minister of Timor-Leste (2006-2007)

Former President of Timor-Leste (2007-2012)

Nobel Peace Prize winner (1996)

Gert Rosenthal (*b. 1935, Guatemala*)

Former Chair of the Advisory Group of Experts on the Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala (2006-2008)

Former Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations (1999-2004; 2008-2014)

Justin Welby (*b. 1956, United Kingdom*)

Current Archbishop of Canterbury (2013 – present)

Joined the Church of England in 1989

Has a particular interest in Kenya, the DRC and Nigeria, where he is involved with groups involved in the conflict in the north.
