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“Business and Human Rights – toward a new decade of global implementation” (UNGPs10+/NextdecadeBHR)




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Speakers’ List

<p>Order of appearance on the event’s agenda Anita Ramasastry, Chairperson, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p>	<p>Ms. Anita Ramasastry is the Roland L. Hjorth Professor of Law and the Director of the Graduate Program in Sustainable International Development at the University of Washington School Of Law. She researches and teaches in the fields of law and development, anti-corruption, international commercial law and business and human rights. From 2009-2012, Ramasastry served as a senior advisor to the International Trade Administration of the US Department of Commerce. Ramasastry has advised many intergovernmental and civil society organizations including the World Bank, USAID, the Institute for Human Rights and Business, BSR, Amnesty International and the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable. Ramasastry is a recurring visiting professor at the Irish Centre for Human Rights as well as the Central European University in Budapest. She is a founding co editor in chief of the Business and Human Rights Journal (Cambridge). Ramasastry is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School and the University of Sydney.</p>	
<p>Dante Pesce, Vice Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p>	<p>Mr. Dante Pesce is the Founder and Executive Director of the VINCULAR Center for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development at the Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile (2001-currently), working in 14 Latin American countries in outreach, capacity building and advisory services related to sustainability and responsible business practices, including business and human rights, sustainability reporting, corporate sustainability strategy. Mr. Pesce is Special Advisor on Public Policy to the United Nations Global Compact, a Member of the Stakeholder Council to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and a member of the Strategic Advisory Group within ISO26000. At a national level, he is a member of the Chilean Council on Social Responsibility for Sustainable Development which established Chile’s first National Action Plan 2015-2018. During the late 1980s he was actively engaged in the restoration of democracy in Chile and during the 1990s he was a grassroots NGO leader.</p>	




<p>Niels Annen, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office</p>	<p>Niels Annen has been Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office since 14 March 2018. He has been Member of the German Bundestag from 2005-2009 and since 2013, engaging there in Foreign Affairs, Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid, and Economic Affairs/ Energy in particular. From 2014 – 2018 he was Spokesman on Foreign Affairs of the Social-Democratic Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag. From 2011 to 2013 he worked as Advisor for International Policy Analysis at Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Berlin. He holds an academic degree in History and Spanish (Humboldt University, Berlin) as well as a Master of International Public Policy at Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C., USA.</p>	
<p>Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice</p>	<p>Before Mr Reynders (*1958) took office as European Commissioner for Belgium he was Deputy Prime Minister, Belgium (2019) and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, and Defence, Belgium (2011-2019). From 1999 to 2011 he acted as Belgium’s Minister of Finance. 2007 – 2011: Minister in charge of the National Lottery, Federal Holding and Investment Company and insurance companies, Belgium; 2004 – 2011: Minister of Institutional Reforms, Belgium</p>	
<p>John Ruggie, former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights; Berthold Beitz Professor in Human Rights and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government</p>	<p>John Ruggie is the Berthold Beitz Research Professor in Human Rights and International Affairs at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. He has also taught at the Berkeley and San Diego campuses of the University of California, and at Columbia University where he became Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs. From 1997-2001 he served as UN Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Planning in the cabinet of Kofi Annan; from 2002-2005 as Special Advisor to the Secretary-General for the Global Compact; and from 2005-2011 as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Business and Human Rights. A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, he has won numerous awards from academic and professional societies for his contributions to social science, public policy and the development of international law. He chairs the Board of the non-profit Shift and is on the Board of Arabesque Asset Management Holding Company as well as the International Advisory Council of Unilever’s Sustainable Living Plan. His book, <i>Just Business: Multinational Corporations and Human Rights</i>, has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish.</p>	



<p>Mourad Wahba, Acting Associate Administrator of UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States</p>	<p>As of May, 2019 Mr. Mourad Wahba (Egypt) is Acting Associate Administrator of UNDP. He also serves as the UNDP Regional Director for Arab States. Mr. Wahba has had many years of distinguished service at the United Nations and UNDP.</p> <p>Most recently, he served as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Haiti. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Director and Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Regional Bureau of Arab States, UNDP, in New York (2013-2015)...</p> <p>Before joining the UN, Mourad was an Associate Professor of Economics at the American University in Cairo, and a Visiting Lecturer on International Political Economy at the Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt (1987-1993).</p>	
<p>Peggy Hicks, OHCHR, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division</p>	<p>Since January 2016, Peggy Hicks has served as director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division at the UN's human rights office. From 2005 to 2015, she was global advocacy director at Human Rights Watch, where she was responsible for coordinating Human Rights Watch's advocacy team and providing direction to its advocacy worldwide. Ms. Hicks previously served as director of the Office of Returns and Communities in the UN mission in Kosovo and as Deputy High Representative for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has also worked as the Director of Programs for the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights), clinical professor of human rights and refugee law at the University of Minnesota Law School, and as an expert consultant for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Hicks is a graduate of Columbia Law School and the University of Michigan.</p>	
<p>Jens Frølich Holte, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</p>	<p>Jens Frølich Holte holds a Masters in Economic History from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and a Master in Economics and Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH).</p> <p>He has worked as a political adviser to the Norwegian Conservative Party Parliamentary Group as well as the Ministry of Climate and Environment and has served as a State Secretary for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2017.</p>	
<p>Silvia Lara Povedano, Vice Minister of the</p>	<p>Silvia Lara studied at the University of Costa Rica, where she obtained a Master's degree in Sociology. In her professional and personal career she has distinguished herself for his commitment and specialization in human rights, social inclusion, the fight against poverty and</p>	

<p>Presidency, Costa Rica</p>	<p>inequality and the challenge of sustainable development. She has worked in the public sector, in non-governmental organizations, in the academy, as a consultant for international organizations, with the business sector, and has directly involved with civil society organizations. Her professional experience highlights her work as Technical Director of the National Women's Institute, as Executive President of the Mixed Institute of Social Assistance, and Executive Director of the Business Association for Development. This life and work experience has allowed her to understand the challenges of development from very different perspectives, promote social dialogue and build alliances around key objectives for a fair, inclusive and sustainable development.</p>	
<p>Krystyna Marty, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</p>	<p>Krystyna Marty studied sinology, history and international law at the University of Zurich. Before joining the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), she was a delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Sri Lanka and Bosnia and Herzegovina. She joined the diplomatic service in 1996 and served in various capacities at the FDFA, including at the Swiss embassy in New Delhi, the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), and the International Organisations Division of the Directorate of Political Affairs. From 2002 to 2007 she was deputy head of mission at the Swiss embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. From 2007 to 2011 she worked at the Swiss embassy in Beijing, China, first as head of the trade and economics section and subsequently as deputy head of mission. From 2011 to 2016 she was the Swiss ambassador in Pristina, Kosovo. In 2016, the Federal Council appointed Krystyna Marty as deputy state secretary and deputy head of the Directorate of Political Affairs. Since 1 January 2020 she has been state secretary and head of the Directorate of Political Affairs ad interim.</p>	
<p>Stefano Sannino, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues at the European External Action Service (EEAS) of the European Union.</p>	<p>Before Stefano Sannino took office as Deputy Secretary General at the EEAS, he was Ambassador of Italy to Spain and Andorra (2016-2020). From 2013-2016 he held the position of Permanent Representative of Italy to the EU in Brussels.</p> <p>After a period at the Cabinet of the President of the Commission (from 2002 to 2004) he joined the Directorate General for External Relations as Director for Crisis Management and Representative at PSC (2004-2006), then Director for Latin America (2008-2009) and finally as Deputy Director General for Asia and Latin America (2009-2010). In 2010 he moved to the Directorate General for Enlargement as Deputy Director General and later as Director General, a position he held until June 2013. From 2006 to 2008 he was the Diplomatic Advisor to the Italian Prime Minister and his Personal Representative to G8 summits. He has also held the position of Ambassador and Head of the OSCE Mission in Belgrade from 2001 to 2002 and several postings within the Italian Diplomatic Service.</p>	



<p>Mthunzi Mdwaba, Vice-President, International Organisation of Employers and CEO, TZoro IBC</p>	<p>Professor Mthunzi Perry-Mason Mdwaba is the vice-president of the International Organisation of Employers, vice-chairman of the International Labour Organisation and chairman of Productivity South Africa. He is a passionate advocate for business in all its diverse forms and across developing and developed nations, and is a fierce defender of skills development, the conditions required for sustainable enterprises and business and human rights. He is the founder, president and CEO of TZoro IBC, an investment and business consultancy that provides a niche global strategic advisory service that involves brokering deals, human capital development coaching and mentoring interventions, leveraging the vast networking Mthunzi possesses spanning over 185 countries. He holds undergraduate and postgraduate degrees (BA LLB) from the University of Witwatersrand.</p>	
<p>Sharan Burrow, Secretary-General, ITUC</p>	<p>Sharan Burrow was elected General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) in 2010. She was ITUC President from 2006-10, and before that President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (2004-06). She is the first woman to have held any of these positions. Sharan began her career as a teacher and became involved in labour activism as a community organizer for teachers' unions in Australia. The ITUC represents 200 million workers in 163 countries and territories and has 332 national affiliates.</p>	
<p>Sanda Ojiambo, CEO and Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact</p>	<p>Sanda Ojiambo is the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact. Launched in July 2000, the United Nations Global Compact is the Secretary- General's strategic policy and advocacy initiative calling for the alignment of business operations and strategies with 10 universal principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. It also motivates companies to integrate the SDGs into their core business strategies and operations.</p> <p>Ms. Ojiambo brings 20 years of experience to lead the UN Global Compact. She has served as Head of Sustainable Business and Social Impact, Safaricom Plc, Kenya since 2010. Ms. Ojiambo was also the Senior Manager of Safaricom and MPESA Foundations, Kenya from 2008 to 2010, during which she led the implementation of several public-private partnership initiatives between Safaricom and UN organizations.</p> <p>Throughout her career, she has cultivated and managed relationships with key business entities and civil society organizations, including her capacity development work in Somalia with UNDP and CARE International.</p> <p>Ms. Ojiambo holds a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota, USA, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Development from McGill University, Canada.</p>	


<p>Christine Kaufmann, Chairperson, Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, OECD</p>	<p>Christine Kaufmann is the Chairperson of the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct. Ms. Kaufmann is an international expert on responsible business conduct (RBC) having worked for over 20 years in different roles with business, governments, inter-governmental and civil society organisations. As professor of International, Constitutional and Administrative Law at the University of Zurich and founder of its Centre of Human Rights Studies, Ms. Kaufmann is a leading academic in Business and Human Rights, with specific expertise in the financial sector, trade law and international investment law. She also has in-depth experience with the OECD’s unique network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Responsible Business Conduct, and has served as co-Chair of the Advisory Board of the Swiss NCP.</p>	
<p>Joseph Wilde-Ramsing Senior Researcher, SOMO, and Coordinator, OECD Watch network</p>	<p>Dr. Joseph Wilde- Ramsing, Ph.D., was born in Wilmington, North Carolina (USA). In 2001, Joseph graduated from the University of North Carolina with two Bachelor’s degrees in political science and Spanish, both with honors. After working at the US embassy in Madrid, Spain, Joseph returned to the US to complete a Master’s degree in political science from Tulane University in New Orleans in 2004. In 2005, Joseph began work as a researcher at the Amsterdam-based Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO) and Coordinator of the OECD Watch network. Joseph currently leads SOMO’s research and policy advocacy on energy, natural resources, and public services and SOMO’s Rights, Remedy and Accountability program. As coordinator of OECD Watch, he frequently represents civil society organisations in negotiations at the OECD and UN and has conducted extensive research and analysis of OECD Guidelines cases. Joseph serves as an Independent Advisor to the Social and Economic Council (SER) of the Netherlands. In 2013, he earned the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Twente’s Centre for Studies in Technology and Sustainable Development (CSTM) with a dissertation on sustainable development and corporate accountability in the global energy sector.</p>	
<p>Victor van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises Department, ILO</p>	<p>After completing a law degree Victor started his working career at the South African Department of Justice. Thereafter he moved into the private sector as a corporate legal advisor and human resources director at executive level in large corporates. Victor later helped establish a unified South African business federation, Business Unity South Africa, and was appointed as the first Chief Operations Officer. In February 2009 Victor was appointed as the Director: International Labour Organization, Southern and Eastern Africa covering 23 countries. In January 2016 Victor was appointed as the Director Enterprises Department at the International Labour organisation Office, Geneva. Victor is currently the chairman of COPAC (The Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives), the UNTFSSSE (United Nations Task Force of the Social and Solidarity Economy) and chairman of the PAGE Management Board (Partnership for Action in the Green Economy).</p>	

	<p>Victor served on the South African Council for Higher Education, the National Economic Development and Labour Council, the International Labour Organisation Governing Body, the Council of the Pan African Employers’ Confederation and the South African Power Utility Research Advisory Board.</p>	
<p>Lene Wendland, Chief of the Business and Human Rights Unit in UN Human Rights/OHCHR</p>	<p>Lene Wendland is Chief of the Business and Human Rights Unit in UN Human Rights. She was part of the team of former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights, Professor John Ruggie, and contributed to the development and drafting of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Lene directs the UN Human Rights’ Corporate Accountability and Remedy Project, which aims to enhance accountability and access to remedy in cases of business involvement in human rights abuses. She also directs a new initiative by UN Human Rights – the B-Tech Project – applying the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to key human rights challenges related to digital technologies. Lene is a member of the FIFA Independent Human Rights Advisory Board and represents UN Human Rights in the Governance Committee of the Centre for Sport and Human Rights.</p> <p>Lene holds a Masters degree in law from the University of Copenhagen.</p>	
<p>Joan Carling, Co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Joan Carling is an indigenous activist from the Cordillera, Philippines. She has been working on indigenous issues at the grassroots to international levels for more than 20 years in advancing the rights and aspirations of indigenous peoples. She worked with indigenous organizations in the Philippines for more than 10 years and led the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) as its Secretary General from 2009 to 2016. She was an expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFii) from 2014-2016. Ms Carling received the UN Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award from the UN Environment in September 2018. She has been the co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development from March 2017 to present.</p>	
<p>Nnimmo Bassey, Defender of victims of climate change, Nigerian activist and poet</p>	<p>Nnimmo Bassey qualified as an architect and practiced in the public sector for ten years. He became active on human rights issues in the 1980s as a member of the Board of Directors of Nigeria’s Civil Liberties Organisation. In 1993, he co-founded Environmental Rights Action (ERA), a Nigerian advocacy NGO, to deal with environmental human rights issues in the country. Bassey was ERA’s Executive Director for two decades and still is the chair of its Management Board.</p> <p>Environmental Rights Action is also known as Friends of the Earth Nigeria and is the national chapter of Friends of the Earth International (FOEI), the world’s largest grassroots environmental network. From 2008-2012, Bassey served as chair of Friends of the Earth International.</p> <p>Bassey’s and Environmental Rights Action’s major campaigning focus is oil, and the enormous damage being caused to Nigerian communities and other countries in the region (Angola,</p>	

	<p>Cameroon, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Sudan), where oil is produced. He also works on supporting a broad movement across sub-tropical African countries where new finds of oil are being made.</p>	
<p>Mauricio Lazala, Deputy Director & Head of Europe Office, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre</p>	<p>Mauricio Lazala is Deputy Director & Head of Europe Office at Business & Human Rights Resource Centre. The Resource Centre is an international NGO working to promote transparency, accountability and empowerment of human rights in relation to business. As part of the senior management team, he is involved in all major strategic, operational and financial decisions. He oversees the Europe and Latin America teams, and manages the "Business, Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders" project.</p> <p>Mauricio is also member of the Board of the EIRIS Foundation, a member of the Advisory Group of the Human Rights & Business Award, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Investor Alliance for Human Rights.</p>	
<p>Salil Tripathi, IHRB</p>	<p>Salil Tripathi is a writer and policy adviser with experience in researching corporate activities in diverse environments and applying international human rights standards to identify human rights abuses, working with all sectors and stakeholders to build accountability and advocate positive change. Salil works on human rights themes such as discrimination, protection of human rights defenders, and emerging issues for business and human rights. He is also engaged in researching potential impacts of investments in countries opening up for investment after a long period of political or economic isolation. He also conducts podcasts with human rights experts and practitioners, and writes commentaries. He has also worked on issues related to land, conflict, and the information and communication technologies. Salil was at Amnesty International (1999-2005) where he conducted research missions to Nigeria and Bosnia, and developed policies and thinking on complicity, privatization, and corruption. He represented AI in the forming of the Global Compact, the Kimberley Process, and the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights. At International Alert (2006-2008) he worked on projects in Colombia and was part of the team that developed the Red Flags Initiative. He is also an award-winning journalist and author of three works of non-fiction, and chairs PEN International's Writers-in-Prison Committee. Salil graduated with Masters in Business Administration from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and holds Bachelor of Commerce degree from Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics in India.</p>	

<p>Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the European Parliament</p>	<p>Heidi Hautala is Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the European Parliament in the Greens/EFA group and former Minister for International Development and State Ownership Steering in Finland. She was born in 1955 in Oulu, Finland, and has a master's degree in agriculture and forestry. She was elected as a Vice-President of the European Parliament in October 2017 and continues in the office. Heidi serves on the Committee on International Trade, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and as a substitute on the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament. In 2017 Heidi established a Working Group on Responsible Business Conduct in the European Parliament. She has complemented her extensive political career at national and European level with other professional activities (journalist, founder of a restaurant) and combined it with her various voluntary work commitments related mostly to human rights.</p>	
<p>Fiona Reynolds, CEO, PRI</p>	<p>Fiona Reynolds is the CEO of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), a UN supported organisation with more than 3,000 signatories representing over US \$90 trillion in AUM. Appointed in 2013, Fiona has 25 years' experience in financial services. She joined the PRI from Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees, where she spent 7 years as CEO. Fiona serves on the Board of the UN Global Compact, is a member of the International Integrated Reporting Council, the Global Advisory Council on Stranded Assets at Oxford University, the UN Business for Peace Steering Committee, the Global Steering Committee for the investor agenda on climate action and the Steering Committee for Climate Action 100+. Fiona has been a member of the UK Government Green Finance Taskforce and is on the Advisory Board for the UK Green Finance Centre. In 2018 Fiona was named one of the 20 most influential people in sustainability by Barron's magazine.</p>	
<p>Jeanette von Wolfersdorff, Director of Commission for Transparency, Quality and the Impact of Public Expenditure, Chile</p>	<p>Jeanette von Wolfersdorff is a German commercial engineer and has worked on various transparency initiatives. In 2017 she was elected to join the board of the Santiago Securities Exchange, the first woman to do so. Since January 2020, she has served as Director of the Commission for Transparency, Quality and the Impact of Public Expenditure at the Ministry of Finance of Chile.</p>	

<p>Dr. Liang Xiaohui Chief Researcher, Office for Social Responsibility, China National Textile and Apparel Council Adjunct Professor, Peking University Law School</p>	<p>Dr. Liang joined the Office for Social Responsibility of China National Textile and Apparel Council as Chief Researcher in 2005, in charge of the development and promotion of CSC9000T, China’s first voluntary social responsibility standard. Since 2008, Dr. Liang has been the lead expert in the development of other Chinese industry-specific CSR initiatives, including infrastructure, ICT, automobile, mining and forestry sectors. Since 2006, Dr. Liang has taught the course “Business and Human Rights” at Peking University Law School and he is the first Chinese scholar teaching this course in China. Dr. Liang is also advising several Chinese ministries in sustainable development and BHR issues. In 2016, Dr. Liang was recognized by the United Nations Global Compact as one of the world’ ten Pioneers in Sustainability Development Goals.</p>	
<p>Ron Popper, CEO, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights</p>	<p>Ron Popper has been working on the business and human rights agenda as a practitioner and advisor for nearly 20 years. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights, and a member of a number of Boards, including the Institute for Human Rights and Business. He also lectures widely on different aspects of human rights and business.</p> <p>Ron spent 10 years as Head of Corporate Responsibility for the Switzerland-based multinational ABB where he focused on developing human rights policies and processes, due diligence, stakeholder engagement and managing high-risk projects in different parts of the world. He also developed and led a global human rights training programme.</p>	
<p>Fernanda Hopenhaym, Co-executive director, PODER; board chair ESCR- Net</p>	<p>Fernanda has been PODER’s Co-Executive Director since 2018. She joined the organization in early 2013 and has since contributed to PODER’s growth and consolidation. Under her leadership, PODER has become a member of the facilitation group of the Treaty Alliance, a founding member of the Feminists4BindingTreaty initiative, part of the Steering Committee of the Corporate Accountability Working Group at ESCR-Net, and an adviser for the Corporate Capture Project.</p> <p>Prior to joining PODER, Fernanda was a consultant for several national and international organizations, and she managed the program “Where is the Money for Women’s Rights” at the Association for Women’s Rights in Development. She has been working on human rights, social and gender justice issues for two decades, focusing on corporate accountability and financial institutions in the past 10 years. She has been a presenter and facilitator in the UN Business and Human Rights Forum and the Regional Consultations on BHR in Latin America, among others. She was part of the planning committee of the People’s Forum on Business and Human Rights in the Philippines in 2018. She was elected by over 100 members of ESCR-Net to integrate its Board of Directors and was appointed as Chair in 2019. She is a member of the faculty of the Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir (Mexico). Fernanda is a sociologist, specialized in Latin American studies.</p>	

<p>Dr. Bärbel Kofler, Human Rights Commissioner of the German Federal Government</p>	<p>Dr. Bärbel Kofler has studied computer science as well as linguistics, Russian and Spanish language and literature. Since September 2004, she is a Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. From 2013 to 2016, she has been her party's Spokesperson on Development Policy. Since March 2016, she is the Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Assistance at the German Federal Foreign Office.</p>	 A portrait photograph of Dr. Bärbel Kofler, a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark top, looking slightly to the right of the camera.
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