

Secretary-General's Cabinet



ANGEL GURRÍA – Secretary-General

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As Secretary-General of the OECD since 2006, Mr Angel Gurría has led the transformation of the OECD into the “go to” institution for policy advice and reforms. He has made the OECD count as a global “house of best practices”, providing targeted support to member and partner countries in addressing current challenges and in designing, delivering and implementing better policies for better lives. Under his watch, the OECD has become a trusted partner for the G20 and G7, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the Pacific Alliance and many other international fora.

He has led the Organisation in the delivery of important structural reform agendas and has overseen major results in the areas of inclusive growth, gender equality, governance, tax, anti-corruption, green growth, water, migration, education, health, innovation and trade, to name but a few. He has driven the effort to put people and their well-being at the centre of policy and growth.

He has scaled up the OECD contribution to the global agenda and to key multilateral agreements, including the important inputs made by the Organisation to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals.

He has increased the Organisation’s outreach and relevance, strengthening its links with key emerging economies and steering the accession process for new members, including the seven countries which have joined under his leadership: Chile, Colombia¹, Estonia, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia.

1. On 25 May 2018, the OECD Council invited Colombia to become a Member. The date of membership will be the date of the deposit of Colombia’s instrument of accession to the OECD Convention.



GABRIELA RAMOS – Chief of Staff and Sherpa
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Ms Gabriela Ramos is the Chief of Staff and Sherpa. She has played a key role in advancing the Secretary-General's strategic transformation agenda of the OECD and has led initiatives to provide targeted

policy advice to countries. She ensures coherence and effective delivery across the Organisation and oversees the Secretary-General's Office. As Sherpa, she is responsible for the OECD's contributions to the G20/ G7 and for the implementation of the OECD's Global Strategy. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative, the OECD's work on gender equality, children and anti-corruption, and oversees the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs. She launched and still runs the initiative on New Approaches to Economic Challenges. She also co-ordinates the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Council. She was previously Head of the OECD Mexico Centre for Latin America and launched the OECD Forum in Mexico.

In 2018, Ms Ramos was included in Apolitical's *Gender Equality Top 100: The Most Influential People In Global Policy*. She was also awarded the Forbes Prize for Entrepreneurial Excellence in 2017, and was decorated with *L'ordre national du Mérite* by the French President in 2013.



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MASAMICHI KONO – Deputy Secretary-General

Mr Masamichi Kono was appointed Deputy Secretary-General in August 2017. His portfolio includes the strategic direction of OECD policy on environment, green growth and financial and enterprise affairs. He also represents the OECD at the Financial Stability Board meetings. His extensive experience in banking regulation has been instrumental in engaging with the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs and the financial market sphere.

Mr Kono has had a long career in financial supervision and the regulation of financial services, in Japan and globally. He was the Vice Minister for International Affairs of the Japanese Financial Services Agency (JFSA) and President of the Asian Financial Partnership Center of the JFSA.

He served as Chairman of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Technical Committee (April 2011-May 2012), and thereafter as Chairman of the IOSCO Board (until March 2013). He was also the Co-chair of the Financial Stability Board Regional Consultative Group for Asia (July 2013-June 2015), and Chairman of the IFRS Foundation Monitoring Board (February 2013-June 2016).

He was also Secretary to the World Trade Organization's Financial Services Committee (1994-99).



LUDGER SCHUKNECHT – Deputy Secretary-General

Mr Ludger Schuknecht took up his duties as Deputy Secretary-General in September 2018. He employs his extensive experience in international economic policy and decision making to promote the OECD's efforts on sustainable growth and "better policies for better lives". He is responsible for the strategic oversight of the OECD's work on statistics and data, tax policy and administration, education and skills as well as the OECD's engagement with the G20 Compact with Africa initiative.

Previously, Mr Schuknecht worked at the German Federal Ministry of Finance as Chief Economist and as the German G20 Finance Deputy. In this position, he was responsible for co-ordinating the finance track during the German G20 Presidency and played a key role in launching the G20 work on digital taxation and the G20 Compact with Africa. His career in international organisations also includes the European Central Bank, the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund.



ULRIK VESTERGAARD KNUDSEN – Deputy Secretary-General

Mr Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen took up his duties as Deputy Secretary-General in January 2019. His portfolio includes the strategic direction of OECD policy on science, technology and innovation, trade and agriculture as well as entrepreneurship, SMEs, regions and cities. Jointly with the Secretary-General, Mr Knudsen transformed the OECD Executive Committee in Special Session into the Global Strategy Group to have a strategic forum to discuss issues of global relevance and to engage with key partners. He chaired the Global Strategy Group from 2013 to 2017.

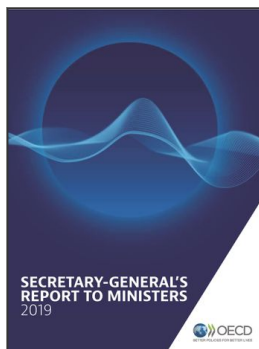
Until the end of 2018, Mr Knudsen was Permanent Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Denmark. Prior to this, he served as Sherpa and Chief Diplomatic Advisor to two Danish Prime Ministers on Security Policy and on EU and Foreign Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office. Mr Knudsen served as Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO in Paris (2008-09). Besides his diplomatic career, which includes postings in London (2003-04), Washington (1998-2000) and Moscow (1997), he briefly served as Group Director for International Policy at Vodafone in London (2013).



JEFFREY SCHLAGENHAUF – Deputy Secretary-General

Mr Jeffrey Schlagenhauf took up his duties as Deputy Secretary-General in May 2019. His portfolio includes the strategic direction of OECD policy on public governance and development, as well as horizontal projects on anti-corruption. In addition, he is responsible for overseeing the Sahel and West Africa Club and the Development Assistance Committee.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr Schlagenhauf served as the Associate Director for Economic Policy at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where he implemented evidence-based policies across the federal government in the United States. During the 2016 American presidential campaign, he demonstrated extensive experience in public policy as an Economic Policy Advisor. His career also led him to become the Executive Director for the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and Chief of Staff to a member of the US House of Representatives.



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