



Global Council Members

Hafsat Abiola

- Founder, China Africa Bridge
- Founder, China Africa Forum
- Founder and Executive Director, Kudirat Initiative for Democracy

Hafsat Abiola is a human rights and democracy advocate from Nigeria. She is the founder of China Africa Bridge, the China Africa Forum, and the Kudirat Initiative for Democracy (KIND), an organization dedicated to strengthening civil society and promoting democracy in Nigeria. She draws inspiration from her parents, both political activists. Her father, M.K.O. Abiola, was elected president of Nigeria in 1993, but served his term in solitary confinement and died in prison. Her mother, Kudirat, was assassinated on the streets of Lagos in 1996.

Hafsat is a founding member of the State of the World Forum's Emerging Leaders Program and Global Youth Connect. These programs are dedicated to developing women and youth as social change agents through youth seminars and training in leadership skills. She is also a founding member of several initiatives including Youth Employment Campaign and Vital Voices: Women in Democracy. Hafsat is the president of the National Pro-Democracy Movement of Nigeria and sits on a number of boards, including Educate Girls Globally, Women's Learning Partnership, Youth Employment Campaign, and Institute of Noetic Sciences. She earned a BA from Harvard University, where she was president of the International African Students Association.

Mahnaz Afkhami

- President & CEO, Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace
- Executive Director, Foundation for Iranian Studies

Mahnaz Afkhami is chair of the Global Council, and has been an activist for women's rights, peace and democracy for more than three decades. She is a scholar and authority on women in Muslim societies, and has been an outspoken advocate for the elimination of violence to girls and women in the Muslim world. Since 2000, Mahnaz has been president and CEO of the Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace, whose aim is to empower women and girls in the Global South.

Mahnaz was Iran's Minister of State for Women's Affairs from 1975-1978, and for nine years prior, secretary general of the Women's Organization of Iran. She has been living in the United States since 1979 and while in exile, has founded several international non-governmental organizations focused on advancing the status of women. She was the former executive director of Sisterhood Is Global and serves on the advisory boards of Global Fund for Women, the International League for Human Rights and the Commission on Globalization.

Rajaa H. Dhafer Al-Khuzai

- Former Member, Iraqi Parliament
- Former Member, Interim Governing Council of Iraq
- President, Iraqi Widows Organization and National Council for Women

Rajaa H. Dhafer Al-Khuzai is a physician and former member of the Iraqi National Assembly. Prior to the formation of the National Assembly, she was one of three women who served on Iraq's Governing Council. She has represented the voice of Iraqi women in meetings with former U.S. President George W. Bush, former United Kingdom Prime Minister Tony Blair, former U.S. Ambassador L. Paul Bremer and other international coalition officials. Rajaa's primary focus has been strengthening the participation of women in the construction of the Iraqi government and parliament, and ensuring their involvement in drafting Iraq's new constitution.

As a political leader and women's health practitioner, Rajaa is determined to develop a women's health strategy for post-war Iraq. She holds degrees in obstetrics and gynecology from the University of London, is the director of a hospital in the southern city of Diwaniyah, and is a lecturer at the local medical college. Through her two non-governmental organizations, Rajaa has been developing new programs to address the pressing health, education, and psychosocial needs specific to women in a war-torn country attempting reconstruction. She is president of the Women's Organization in Diwaniyah, founder of the Women's Health Center in Baghdad, and founder of the Iraqi Widows Organization, which benefits more than 600 Iraqi women.

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Barbara Barrett

- President and CEO, Triple Creek Guest Ranch
- Former U.S. Ambassador to Finland
- Former President, International Women's Forum
- Former Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

Barbara Barrett, a lawyer by training, is multifaceted in her interests and expertise. She is the former U.S. Ambassador to Finland, a successful international business woman and entrepreneur, a politician and an expert aviator. She served as the first female deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. Barbara has held many appointments in Republican administrations, was on the Committee on Women in the Armed Services, and ran for governor of Arizona. She has worked in both the public and private sectors in transportation and in restructuring commercial aviation.

Barbara is a recognized expert on business management education and has been a teaching fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is on the board of the Center for International Private Enterprise. She served on the boards of Freedom House and the Global Center for Dispute Resolution. In 2000, she was president of the International Women's Forum (IWF) and was instrumental in initiating IWF in Ireland. In 2003, Barbara was sworn in by Secretary of State Colin Powell as chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. She is currently president and CEO of the Triple Creek Guest Ranch and serves on the boards of Mayo Clinic, Smithsonian, Exponent, Raytheon, and the Aerospace Corporation. She is also a member of the U.S. Afghan Women's Council, as well as the Pentagon's Defense Business Board.

Indira Chakravarty

- Member, Food Safety and Standards Authority, India
- Honorary Scientific Advisor, Found. for Community Support and Development
- Former Director, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta

Indira Chakravarty, Ph.D. and Doctor of Science, is a member of the Food Safety and Standards Authority and Honorary Scientific Advisor for the Foundation for Community Support and Development (FCSD). She is a former director general of Health Services and former director of the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health in Calcutta. As a scientist and scholar, she is recognized for her research and scientific papers addressing a wide range of public health issues such as consumer safety, nutrition, water contamination, and the environment.

Indira's innovative study of street food vendors in Calcutta received the prestigious Eduardo Sauma Award from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and has become an international model for ensuring the quality and safety of street foods. Indira has been active in the World Summit for Children and The Hunger Project and was a regional advisor on nutrition for the World Health Organization (WHO). She is considered a world leader and expert on global health and environmental issues.

Elizabeth L. Colton

- Board Chair, International Museum of Women
- Board Member, Women's Leadership Board, Kennedy School of Government
- Member, International Women's Forum

Elizabeth Colton is chair of the board of the International Museum of Women, a position she has held since the Museum's inception in 1998. Her vision and inspired leadership have created local, national and international support for a global educational institution that documents the history of women throughout the world, explores contemporary socio-cultural, economic and political issues employing a multi-media approach, and serves as a catalyst for social change. Prior to her work with the museum, she headed her own political and public affairs consulting firm, and at that time worked with many of the leading museums in San Francisco.

Elizabeth is a well-known philanthropist, respected for her support and advocacy for women's causes, human rights, the arts, and political campaigns. She is a former board member of Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, and currently serves as a member of the Executive Campaign Committee. Elizabeth is a member of Emily's List Majority Council; the International Women's Forum; and the Women's Leadership Board, Kennedy School of Government. She also serves on the board of Lykes Bros. Inc., a Florida-based agricultural industry corporation.

Riane Eisler

- President, the Center for Partnership Studies
- Author
- Co-Founder, the Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence
- Member, World Academy of Art and Science

Riane Eisler is a cultural historian, evolutionary theorist, human rights activist and celebrated author. In her bestseller, *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future*, she integrates historical, archeological, cross-cultural and contemporary empirical data to develop what she terms the “partnership” (in contrast to “dominator”) model for egalitarian human relationships. Her other books include the award-winning *Tomorrow’s Children*, *The Power of Partnership*, *Sacred Pleasure*, and *The Real Wealth of Nations: Creating a Caring Economics*. She has also lectured widely in an effort to demonstrate the value of employing the partnership model in every aspect of our existence, from intimate relations, religion, and the education of children, to community development and public policies to end violence.

Riane, who is Austrian by birth, fled from the Nazis as a child, was raised in Cuba, and received her higher education at the University of California. She is the founder and president of the Center for Partnership Studies, and co-founder of the Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence. She is a member of the World Academy of Art and Science and the General Evolution Research Group, and has received many honors, including the Humanist Pioneer award and membership in the World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality. She is a charismatic keynote speaker at conferences worldwide.

Eve Ensler

- Founder, V-Day
- Playwright
- Chair, the Women’s Committee of PEN American Center

Eve Ensler is an award-winning playwright and social activist whose plays reflect her commitment to social change. She is best known for *The Vagina Monologues*, which she wrote and performed in 1996 and which won the Obie Award. The play, based on interviews with more than 200 women, became an international phenomenon, with women from diverse cultures embracing its message of both a celebration of women’s sexuality and a condemnation of sexual violation.

The response to her play inspired Eve to create V-Day, conceived as an annual event to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is now part of a global movement to support anti-violence organizations throughout the world and has produced innovative gatherings, films and programs to educate and change social attitudes. In 2004, there were more than 2,000 V-Day benefits throughout the world. Eve also leads a writer’s group in Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Her efforts working with women inmates is the subject of her play, *Borrowed Light*. Eve is chair of the Women’s Committee of Pen American Center.

Aminatta Forna

- Author, Broadcaster and Journalist
- Former BBC television reporter
- Founder of Rogbonko Village School in Sierra Leone

Aminatta Forna is a former award-winning journalist for BBC Television (1989-99) and now a full-time writer. Her most recent published works are *Ancestor Stones*, a novel set in West Africa, and *The Devil that Danced on the Water*, a memoir of her dissident father and her country. In addition, she has published many essays and articles and written for television and radio. Her books have been translated into seven languages.

In 2003, Aminatta helped her family’s village of Rogbonko in Sierra Leone build a primary school. Rogbonko Village School now has over 200 children, a library, sports facilities and solar lighting – the first electricity in the village. The school also runs evening adult education classes and a skills training program for young adults. In 2004, Aminatta began work establishing a cashew plantation in Rogbonko to improve the prospects of the village. Local farmers are joining the project by producing cashews on their own smallholdings. Aminatta is a Trustee of Index on Censorship, a magazine that covers news and issues related to freedom of expression throughout the world. She also sits on the board of the Caine Prize for African Writing and has twice acted as a judge. She divides her time between London and Sierra Leone and is currently at work on her second novel.

Shamaya Gilo

- Founder and President, Winds of Change Foundation
- Board Chair, Women Thrive Worldwide
- Founding Member, Pluralism Fund

Shamaya Gilo is a venture philanthropist and the founder and president of the Winds of Change Foundation. The foundation, created in 1998, seeks to redefine leadership as a social issue and develop new mechanisms to nourish and empower women to serve as agents of change within private and public institutions. Shamaya provides direction and financial support in the promotion of programs to enhance women's leadership and independence through access to economic means. She is the president of Shamaya Gilo World Design.

Shamaya is also a peace activist who has offered generous financial support, energy and ideas to many organizations promoting peace and justice. She is a founding member of the Pluralism Fund, board chair of Women Thrive Worldwide, and was a member of the V-Day delegation to the Afghan Women's Leadership Program held in Kabul in 2003. Shamaya oversees support to projects benefiting women in science and technology, programs in health and education for women and children, and programs in the arts and the environment.

Noeleen Heyzer

- Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Former Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women

Noeleen Heyzer is executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the first woman to head the largest of the U.N.'s five regional commissions both in terms of population served and area covered. Noeleen focuses her efforts on bringing a more integrated approach to advancing the Asia-Pacific region's social, economic and environmental agenda.

Previously, Noeleen was executive director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) since 1994, playing a key role in directing the UN to strengthen its programs to eliminate violence against women and to empower women through micro-finance, education and health care. Additionally, she has been recognized as an important advocate for promoting women in governance positions during the reconstruction of countries emerging from war. Noeleen holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University in the social sciences and has published extensively on economic and social issues concerning women.

Dolores Huerta

- Founder and President, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Co-Founder, United Farm Workers of America
- Board Member, Fund for the Feminist Majority

Dolores Huerta is regarded as the most prominent Chicana labor leader in the United States. She is the founder and president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, whose mission is to build active communities in disadvantaged areas that work towards fair and equal access to healthcare, housing, education, jobs, civic participation and economic resources with an emphasis on women and youth.

Dolores is the co-founder, with Cesar Chavez, of the United Farm Workers (UFW), whose non-violent tactics led to passage of the U.S. Agricultural Labor Relations Act. Early in her career as a political activist, she fought for legislation to permit voters to cast their ballots in Spanish, and to allow drivers to take the license exam in their native languages. At age 77, she is still a tireless advocate for political and social change, reproductive justice and equality marriage. Dolores is a board member of the Feminist Majority Foundation, which advocates for gender balance, and the California Museum of History, Women, and the Arts. She is also vice president emeritus and the secretary-treasurer emeritus of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO (UFW) and the field director for People for the American Way.

Dadi Janki

- Administrative Head, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
- United Nations designated Wisdom Keeper Author

Dadi Janki is the administrative head of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, which is headquartered in London. She became one of the first active women spiritual leaders, just following India's independence, traveling throughout India to teach self-reliance and empower women to become leaders in their communities. At 90 years of age, Dadi Janki continues to be revered throughout the world as a spiritual leader and advocate for peaceful solutions to world problems, and maintains an unrivalled daily lecture and touring schedule. The University, established in India in the 1930's, is based on the teachings of Raja Yoga, which is a meditation that enables the integration of spiritual identity with surrounding social and physical realities, to restore a functional and healthy balance between your inner and outer worlds.

In 1974, Dadi Janki established London's Brahma Kumaris center, the first outside of India, which now has 5,400 centers in 129 countries around the world. The center's programs are multicultural and embrace a variety of disciplines, including law, education, science, social action and governance. Also deeply concerned with integrating spiritual values into our professional and personal lives, she is the president of the Janki Foundation for Global Health Care, which she established and launched in 1997, as well as a member of the Global Peace Initiative.

Sister Jayanti

- European Director, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
- Spiritual Leader
- Author

Sister Jayanti is European director for the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in London and its NGO representative to the United Nations, Geneva. She is a spiritual leader who has dedicated her life to promoting global peace and women's rights through a spiritual lens. Born in India and raised and educated in England, Sister has a unique blend of Eastern wisdom and Western education and culture. She is a sought after trainer and lecturer throughout the world, and her prominent lecture themes have focused on health, education, racial harmony, peace, international relations, and the need for women to develop positive communication among the religious leaders of the world.

Sister Jayanti views the erosion of spiritual values as an underlying cause of contemporary world crises; she believes that economic and social growth cannot be achieved without personal growth. She is a leader in the promotion of interfaith friendship and dialogue to bring about the peaceful resolution of world problems, and she is a member of the executive committee of the World Congress of Faiths.

Luz Lajous

- Founder and Board Member, Pro Mujer-Mexico
- Founder, Former Managing Director, Russell Reynolds Associates, Mexico
- Former Member, Mexican Congress, House of Representatives and Senate
- Past President, International Women's Forum

Luz Lajous is a past president of the International Women's Forum as well as a prominent Mexican businesswoman and active politician. She is the founder of and serves on the board of Pro Mujer-Mexico, a nonprofit organization operating in five Latin American countries, whose purpose is to empower poor women through micro loans for small businesses. Luz has been active in promoting U.S.-Mexican business relationships, studying linkages between the two governments and examining cross-border issues.

Luz is treasurer of Fundación LLNAM, the fundraising arm of Mexico's Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México. She is on the Thunderbird School of Global Management board of fellows.

Luz is the founder and former managing director of Russell Reynolds Associates, Mexico, a leading global executive recruitment firm. While involved in politics in Mexico, she was also the president of the Mexican Legislative Committee. Luz has served as executive vice president of the Nucleo Radio Mil radio network, secretary general of the Mexico City Chapter of the Partido Revolucionario, and as a management consultant with McKinsey & Co.

Patricia Licuanan

- Chair, Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Former President, Miriam College, Manila, Philippines
- Chair, Asia Pacific Women's Watch
- Former Chair, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Patricia Licuanan, a social psychologist, educator and women's rights activist, is Chair of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). She is the former president of Miriam College, an all-women's college in Manila, Philippines. Prior to this position, she was professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, and academic vice-president of the Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines. Patricia is a recognized leader in advocating for gender equality in the Asia Pacific region. She served as chair of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women when it was the preparatory commission for the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China, in 1995. At the conference, she chaired the Main Committee, responsible for drafting the Beijing Platform for Action, a document which has become the focal point and benchmark for the advancement of women's rights and quality of life worldwide.

Patricia also chaired the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women. She has lent her expertise regarding the special post-reconstruction needs of women to the United Nations and governmental organizations concerned with the reconstruction of war torn countries and regions which have experienced natural disasters. Her recent work has focused on the victims of the 2004 tsunami that devastated much of southeast Asia, and on Beijing+15, the U.N.'s review and update on progress for women since the 1995 Beijing conference.

Beatriz Merino

- National Ombudsman of Peru
- Former Prime Minister of Peru
- Former Economist, World Bank, Washington D.C.

Beatriz Merino is the former prime minister of Peru and the first woman prime minister in Latin America. She served as senator from 1990 to 2002 and president of both the Environmental Committee and the Women's Committee of the Peruvian Congress. Through these positions, she was able to draft and ratify legislation to advance women's rights and protect the environment. Beatriz was elected as the National Peruvian Ombudsman by a large majority of the Parliament in 2005. In this position, she protects citizens against the abuse of public officials and serves as an independent watchdog when a citizen files a complaint concerning human rights or maladministration, free to take on the president, the courts or the police.

In the private sector, Beatriz was senior partner of Merino, van Hasselt & Morales, a corporate law firm, and the first female member of the Andean Commission of Jurist. She has authored two books: *Peruvian Women in 20th Century Legislation* and *Marriage and Rape: Debate of Article 178 of the Peruvian Criminal Code*. As a chief economist at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., she focused her work on Latin American and Peruvian economic development. Beatriz is working to create an Anti-Corruption Unit for Peru, to investigate citizens' complaints regarding acts of corruption within the country's public administration sector. She graduated from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos and completed her postgraduate studies at the London School of Economics and Harvard Law School.

Joyce Mungherera

- Former Vice President, World YWCA
- Retired Executive Director, YWCA of Uganda
- Council Member, The Hunger Project Uganda

Joyce Mungherera is a social and political activist in Uganda, who through her vision, determination and leadership has been an important force in empowering women not only in her own country, but throughout Africa. She recently retired from her positions as national executive director of the YWCA-Uganda and vice president of YWCA worldwide. The Y-Uganda now has 1.6 million paying members and a staff of 1,000, and as a result of Joyce's leadership, she and the YWCA are trusted and respected grassroots advocates. Uganda's government charged the organization with administering the country's first revolving credit scheme for rural women. The experiment was so successful that Joyce then helped establish a rural women's bank in Uganda.

Using the YWCA as a network, Joyce has developed innovative educational, economic, health and social programs for women and children. Under her leadership, a successful micro-credit service and numeric training program for women was established. Joyce has also been an outspoken advocate against domestic violence in Africa, which plays a critical role in exposing women to HIV/AIDS. Joyce served on many United Nations committees and was involved in the planning of the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in 1995.

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Irene Natividad

- President, The Global Summit of Women
- Co-Chair, Corporate Women Directors International
- Former Chair, National Women's Political Caucus

Irene Natividad is founder and president of the Global Summit of Women and co-chair of Corporate Women Directors International. Originally from the Philippines, she previously acted as founder and president of Asian American Professional Women, founding director of the National Network of Asian-Pacific American Women, and the Child Care Action Campaign.

In 1985, she was elected to chair the National Women's Political Caucus, becoming the first Asian American to head a national women's organization. In 1988, her work on the Political Caucus' Coalition for Women's Appointments, to promote women candidates for high administrative posts, led to a substantial increase in appointments for women in the first Bush administration. Irene has also served as chair of the National Commission on Working Women in the United States and in 1996, she helped increase voter registration and education by aiding the development of "Project Vote Smart." Recently, Irene was the national chair of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Women for Hillary and president of Globalwomen Inc.

Mary Robinson

- President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative
- Former Chair, Council of Women World Leaders
- Former President of Ireland
- Former United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights

Mary Robinson is the president of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative. She served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002 and as president of Ireland from 1990 to 1997. Prior to her election as president, she served as a senator for 20 years. She is a founder and chair of the Council of Women World Leaders and vice president of the Club of Madrid. She chairs the International Board of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and is patron of the International Community of Women Living with AIDS (ICW).

Mary is also honorary president of Oxfam International, a confederation of 13 organizations working together to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. In 1969, she became Reid Professor of Constitutional Law at Trinity College, Dublin and now serves as chancellor of the University of Dublin. She was called to the bar in 1967, becoming a senior counsel in 1980, and a member of the English Bar (Middle Temple) in 1973. Educated at Trinity College, Mary holds law degrees from the King's Inns in Dublin and from Harvard University. She is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and the American Philosophical Society.

Zainab Salbi

- Founder, President and CEO, Women for Women International
- Author
- Lecturer

Zainab Salbi is the co-founder and president of Women for Women International, a non-profit response and development organization dedicated to providing interpersonal, economic, and educational support to poor and vulnerable women who are survivors of armed conflicts and sustained periods of social, economic, and political upheaval. As a native of Iraq who came to the United States at the age of 19, Zainab's experience with the Iran-Iraq war sensitized her to the plight of women in war worldwide. She is the author of *Between Two Worlds: Escaping from Tyranny, Growing Up in the Shadow of Saddam*, and *The Other Side of War*.

At the age of 23, she decided to dedicate her life to providing the necessary support for women survivors of war, and economic and social injustices worldwide. Zainab has written and spoken extensively on the use of rape and other forms of violence against women during war and recently spoke out about the "talibanization" of Iraq in an article for the spring 2007 issue of *Ms. Magazine*. Zainab earned a master's degree in economics and development studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2001. She serves on the advisory boards of the Clinton Global Initiative, the Tällberg Foundation International Advisory Council, the Peter Gruber Foundation's Women's Rights Prize, and *World Pulse Magazine*.

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Sima Samar

- Chair, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
- United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights on Sudan
- Founder and Director, Shuhada Organization and Shuhada Clinic
- Past Prime Minister for Interim Administration of Afghanistan

Dr. Sima Samar is a leading authority on health care for Afghan women and the chair of the first Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission. She convened, established, and has chaired the Commission since July 2002. In this position, Sima oversees the conduct of human rights, facilitates education programs across the country, has implemented a nationwide women's rights education program, and monitors and investigates human rights abuses.

In 1989, Sima established the Shuhada Organization to empower women and children during her 17 years of exile in Pakistan. The Shuhada Organization currently operates 12 clinics and 4 hospitals in Afghanistan and Pakistan and established the first and only shelter for vulnerable women in Afghanistan.

From 2001 until 2002, Sima served as the deputy prime minister and minister of women's affairs for the interim administration of Afghanistan. During this time, Sima established the first-ever Afghanistan Ministry of Women's Affairs. Under her leadership, buildings for the ministry were secured and rehabilitated and the ministry began advocacy, training, and service programs to restore the rights of women

Larisa Skuratovskaya

- Scientific Secretary, Institute of General Pathophysiology, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences
- Vice President, International Women's Forum, Russia

Larisa Skuratovskaya, M.D., Ph.D., is an internationally known Russian research physician and scientific secretary of the Institute of General Pathology and Pathophysiology at the Russian Academy of Medicine. She is an activist with a deep commitment to furthering the international women's movement, peace and human rights, and global environmental responsibility. As a feminist, physician and human rights activist, Larisa has written compellingly about women's health in contemporary Russia, the need to ensure reproductive rights as part of Russia's move toward democracy, and the integration of health as an essential aspect of Russian freedom and human rights.

Larisa is a member of the International Federation of Health Professionals for Health and Human Rights, the Council of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the International Group on Climate Change Research, World Council of Churches, and the New York Academy of Sciences. She is a member and former president of the International Women's Forum- Russia. Larisa has participated in numerous international U.N. sponsored conferences, such as the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Lynne Twist

- President, The Soul of Money Institute
- Former chief fundraiser, Hunger Project
- Co-Founder, The Pachamama Alliance
- Board of Directors, Institute of Noetic Sciences

Lynne Twist is author of the award-winning book *The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life*. She has devoted her life to service in support of eradicating hunger and poverty, global sustainability, human rights, economic integrity and spiritual authenticity. Lynne founded the Soul of Money Institute in 2003, which develops unique training programs for fundraisers guided by humanitarian principles. Drawn to the Ecuadorian rainforest, Lynne and her husband founded the Pachamama Alliance, an organization dedicated to preserving tropical rainforests by empowering the indigenous people who are its natural custodians.

She is a founding member and president of the Turning Tide Coalition, a gathering of like-minded organizations committed to global sustainability. She is a trustee of the Fetzer Institute and is a board member of the Institute of Noetic Sciences. Lynne also serves on the board of directors of Educate Girls Globally and on the advisory boards of Youth for Environmental Sanity (Y.E.S.), Kudirat Institute for Nigerian Democracy (K.I.N.D.), the California Institute of Integral Studies, The Center for Partnership Studies, and Global Youth Action Network, among others.

**Vaira
Vike-Friberg**

- Former President of Latvia
- Special Envoy to the U.N. Secretary General on Reform

Vaira Vike-Freiberga is former president of the Republic of Latvia and is credited with helping Latvia move beyond the legacy of Soviet Occupation and securing Latvia's membership in the European Union and NATO. She was named Special Envoy to the Secretary General on United Nations reform and was an official candidate for U.N. Secretary General in 2006.

Vaira is active in international politics as well as chair of VVF Consulting. She is a member of the Council of Women World Leaders and has been a professor of psychology at the University of Montreal, president of various Canadian professional and scholarly associations, including Académie I of the Royal Society of Canada; vice chair, Science Council of Canada; and chair, Human Factors Panel, NATO Science Program.

She is a recipient of the Hannah Arendt Prize for her advocacy of social issues, moral values, European historical dialogue and democracy and of the Walter-Hallstein Prize for discourse on the identity and future of the E.U. Vaira speaks Latvian, English, French, German and Spanish and has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Toronto and a Ph.D. in experimental psychology in 1965 from McGill University in Montreal.