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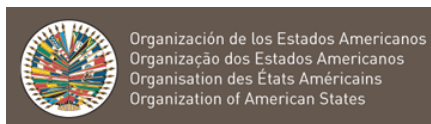
Biographies

Agueda Marín With more than 15 years of experience in the migration field and 10 of those on counter-trafficking programming and project developing, she is the Head of the Program Unit at International Organization for Migration, the Washington Regional Office. Her responsibilities include project development, technical assistance and the coordination required between IOM Missions worldwide and the USG on counter-trafficking projects. She also oversees projects implemented by IOM in the region. During the previous eight years Ms. Marin was the coordinator of the Counter-Trafficking Regional Unit for Central America and Mexico which allowed her not only to implement projects on direct assistance to victims but also to provide technical support to governments to put into place CT national and regional initiatives and enhance cooperation in the region. Ms. Marin holds a Master Degree in International Development from Clark University, Massachusetts.

Ana Hidalgo, is a psychologist with Master Studies on Women’s Issues by the University of Costa Rica. For more than 10 years she was Director of the Gender-based Violence Unit of the National Institute on Women’s Issues of Costa Rica (INAMU) and the National Coordinator of the National System for the Prevention of Intrafamily Violence. Has been consultant for various national and international agencies including PAHO, IDB, UNDP and IIDH. She is also a researcher of issues related to her area of specialization. In the last four years she has been part of the Regional Counter-Trafficking Unit at IOM Regional Office for Central America and Mexico and is currently its coordinator.

Anik Fraser Anik Fraser is a Senior Program Advisor for the Canada Border Services Agency, CBSA), Admissibility Branch; she was appointed as Senior Program Officer for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Admissibility Branch. Previously she served as Research Officer for Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), Paralegal for Department of Justice (DIAND Legal Services), researcher for Laurier Research Group, and Refugee Lawyer with Jacques Despatis Law Office. She is a Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Academic background: Bachelor in Common law, LL.B of the University of Ottawa, and Bachelor of Social Sciences, Concentration Criminology, B.Sc.Soc of the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.

Anja Klug, a German human rights lawyer has been working for UNHCR since 1996. She is also an expert in European Union asylum law. Currently, she is the focal point for issues relating to



refugee protection and international migration in the Division of International Protection Services at UNHCR's headquarters in Geneva and the project manager of the EC funded 10 Point Plan project of which this conference forms part.

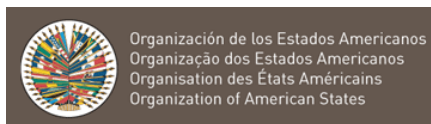
Alejandra Nuño, Director of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Mesoamerica Office.

Alfonso Morales Ambassador Alfonso Morales Suarez is the Director of the General Directorate of Refugees, attached to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Integration, which is UNHCR's main interlocutor on day to day affairs. He is a career Ambassador with several diplomatic posts abroad: Second Secretary in Paris, (1987-1991). First Secretary in Valparaíso, Chile (1995-1996). Counselor in Guatemala (1996-1999). and Minister/General Consul in Buenos Aires, Argentina (2002-2003). Academic background: Degree on Public and Social Sciences and advanced degree on International Relations graduated at the Universidad Central del Ecuador. Lawyer graduated from the Universidad Central del Ecuador in 1986. Master studies on Government Management at the Graduate Institute of Public Administration at the University of Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2005.

Araceli Azuara, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Migration and Development Program (MIDE), Organization of American States (OAS)

Brandon B. Prelogar He is the Special Advisor for Refugee & Asylum Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Policy Directorate. He previously served as the Acting Special Advisor for Refugee & Asylum Affairs, and before that as the Policy Directorate's Senior Policy Advisor for Refugee & Asylum Affairs. Before joining the DHS headquarters' Policy Office, Prelogar worked as a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Refugee Officer in the Refugee Affairs Division's headquarters office. He is a graduate of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, where he received a Master's degree in International Relations, and Dartmouth College, where he received a Bachelor's degree in philosophy. Prelogar also served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Bulgaria.

Bruno Stagno Ugarte Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica. He served as President of the Assembly of State Parties of the International Criminal Court. He was a member of the Advisory Council of Parliamentarians for Global Action in the United States. He was the Focal Point for Costa Rica for the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, in the United States of America. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he served as chief of Staff, Advisor to the Ministry; and Consul General and Minister Counselor in the Embassy of Costa Rica in France, and as Permanent Ambassador to the OAS. He has represented Costa Rica before multiple international organizations and forums in topics related to human rights, security, weapons of mass destruction and small arms, rights of the children, among others. He has a Master in Public Policy of the Woodrow Wilson School, of Princeton University; a Master Degree in Political Science of the Université de la Sorbonne; and a bachelors Degree in Political Science of Georgetown University.



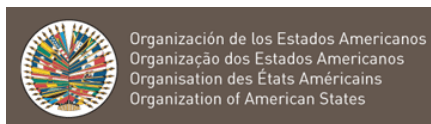
Carmen Moreno, is Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS). Her functions include advising the Member States and the General Secretariat regarding gender equity, political and economic empowerment of women, women's human rights, and the elimination of violence against women. She served as Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW) based in the Dominican Republic. Ambassador Moreno was the first woman to be appointed as Eminent Ambassador of Mexico, and represented her country at international meetings on gender, political, economic, and social issues. She has served as Ambassador for Mexico in several countries and organizations. She has a graduate degree in International Relations and is a member of the Association of Statespersons, the Mexican Foreign Service Association, the Mexican Pro-United Nations Association, and the Mexican Chapter of the International Society for Development, as well as a Founding Member of the Center for Strategic Analysis and International Negotiation.

Carmen Rosa Villa Quintana, is the Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Mrs. Villa-Quintana, of Peruvian nationality, worked for the Judicial Branch and the Public Ministry of her country until 1993, when she began her career as an international officer. She participated in the United Nation's Verification Mission in Guatemala, headed the High Commissioner's Office in Columbia starting in 1999, and since 2006 has served as Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Charu al-Sahli was hired as FIAC's Statewide Director in February 2006. She was FIAC's Advocacy Coordinator for Detention from 2001-2004. Charu returned to FIAC from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, where she advocated for the best interests of immigrant children in federal custody in the Southeast, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, where she coordinated a national program for child victims of trafficking. Prior to FIAC, Charu founded and directed an independent volunteer program at the largest refugee camp in Hungary, where she was profiled in a documentary film that appeared in the Human Rights Watch Film Festival. Other past work experiences include: providing holistic services to children and others with mental health issues in immigration detention in Pennsylvania, interning at the Chilean Congress in Valparaiso, Chile, and advocating on human rights issues in the Americas for Amnesty International USA.

Cecilia Ramírez graduated from the University of El Salvador with a degree in International Relations, and worked for the Foreign Affairs Ministry's Office of Migratory Policy in matters relating to trafficking in persons. She completed a six-month apprenticeship at IOM Headquarters in Geneva with the Department of Trafficking in Persons and Assisted Voluntary Returns. She has completed coursework in children's rights and trafficking prevention and protection with the ILEA and in Israel. Recently she has joined IOM El Salvador in charge of trafficking issued.

Deborah Elizondo Divorced with one son, born on 4 Jan 1956 in Managua, Nicaragua. Dual Nationality: Spanish and Nicaraguan. Studied Law at Universidad Catolica in Managua (UCA),



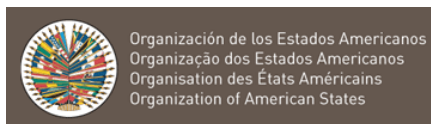
Nicaragua, obtaining the Doctoral degree in Law in 1978. Studied Masters in Public International Law (LL.M) at Harvard Law School from 1980-1982. Joined UNHCR in January 1984 to date. Since joining UNHCR, she has been posted in various capacities (Senior Protection Officer, Senior Legal Advisor, Deputy Representative, Chief of Resettlement Section and Head of Sub-Office) in Hong Kong, Rome (Italy), Geneva (Switzerland), Madrid (Spain), San Jose, Costa Rica, and Mazar-e-Sharif and Kabul in Afghanistan. Most recently, she has been appointed as Representative in Ecuador. She has also been posted on mission as Emergency Coordinator for the Earthquake Operation in Pakistan in 2006 and Head of the Humanitarian Evacuation Team in FYROM in 1999.

Dick Graham Dick Graham has worked for the Government of Canada in the field of immigration for 29 years. Beginning as an immigration officer in Winnipeg, he has been employed as, among other things, an immigration counsellor, an investigations officer and an intelligence officer. In the area of policy and program development, he has worked on issues such as language competencies in the language training program, enforcement policies, foreign credential recognition and refugee programs. Dick led the enforcement initiatives for the legislative process leading to the new Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and served as Director of Legislation and Implementation during the final phases leading up to the coming into force of the Act. He is currently a Director in the Refugees Branch in National headquarters of Citizenship and Immigration Canada in Ottawa.

Diego Beltrand Born in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1963. His professional background lies in Law (Procurador en Derecho), International Relations (Master) and International Negotiations (Master) and he has 19 years of experience as an International Civil Servant. He worked for the Organization of American States (OAS) and he is currently working in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as Senior Regional Advisor for the Americas in the Organization's Headquarters in Geneva. He is the liaison with the Latin American and the Caribbean Permanent Missions to the UN and other International Organizations. He provides advice on migration strategies in the region to the IOM Senior Staff and follows the migration trends in the Americas. He has served in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia and managed projects also in Panama, Venezuela and Ecuador. He has experience in the design and implementation of technical cooperation programs and projects on migration and humanitarian assistance as well as on human rights of vulnerable populations.

Elizabeth Cubias obtained a Doctorate in Fundamental Rights from the Bartolomé de las Casas Institute of Human Rights at the Charles III University in Madrid. She served as Adjunct General Director of Foreign Policy at the Foreign Affairs Ministry after serving as Director of the Ministry's Integrated Social Development Unit. She currently is a member of the United Nation's International Committee for Protecting the Human Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, where she has served since 2004 as an expert appointed by the Government of El Salvador.

Erika Feller, United Nations Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR. Erika Feller, an Australian national, holds since January 2006 the post of Assistant High Commissioner for



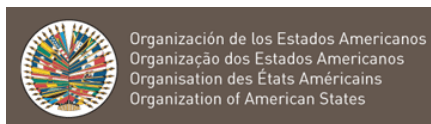
Protection, one of the four top management positions with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Ms. Feller has more than 38 years of experience in international human rights and refugee law, a field in which she has published extensively. Her professional career has included 14 years and three international postings with the Australian Diplomatic Service, including as Head of the Australian Foreign Ministry's Human Rights Section. In her 23 years at UNHCR, she has served in various capacities in the Department of International Protection, including as its Director, but also as the High Commissioner's Regional Representative for Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore, and Regional Coordinator for the Comprehensive Plan of Action for Indo Chinese Refugees. Ms. Feller has traveled extensively, throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America, for the purposes of advice and negotiations with Governments on their asylum policies and practices. Ms. Feller is a graduated from Melbourne University in 1971 with an honours degree in Law, coupled with a Bachelor of Arts degree [LLB{hons}/BA]. She is married, with two children.

Fabián Oddone Argentina. He is currently working in the Direction of Human Rights, of the Ministry of International Relations of Buenos Aires. He is in charge of the coordination of the National Plan against Discrimination; Member of the National Commission for Refugees; working as representative of the Ministry of International Relations in subjects such as migrations, promotion of human rights at national level; etc. He has a Master in Laws of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; a diploma of the Instituto del Servicio Exterior de la Nación; and a Law degree of the Faculty of Law of the National University of Buenos Aires. He has served as a professor in several international forums. He has published articles on issues related to nationality, discrimination, democracy, migrations, refugee law and human rights.

Fabricio López Sacconi is an attorney who graduated from the School of Law and Political and Economic Sciences of the Del Cauca University in Columbia. He obtained a graduate degree in Human Rights from Columbia's School of Public Administration, as well as a Master's Degree in Management and Social Economics of Non-Profit Entities from the University of Barcelona. He currently serves as the Regional Representative in Mexico and Central America for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. He has also served as Federation Representative in Guatemala and in Mexico and as both Delegate and Regional Delegate for Organizational Development in Honduras. He was also National Director of Doctrine and Protection for the Columbian Red Cross.

Federico Agusti President of the National Refugee Commission (CONARE), Director of International and Social Affairs of the Direction for National Migration of the Ministry of Interior. Representative Member of the Republic of Argentina in International forums and Conferences on Migration, such as the MERCOSUR's Specialized Migration Forum, the South American Conference on Migration, etc. Specialist in International Migration and Refugee Protection matters.

Felipe De La Torre Lawyer, graduate from the Catholic University of Ecuador, and Masters in Public Management from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid. Participated in projects form



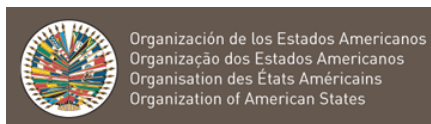
the German Agency for Technical cooperation, GTZ. He joined the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria towards the end of 2003. In November of 2006 he was transferred to the UNODC Regional Office for Mexico and Central America from where he coordinated the initiative on witness protection for Latin America. He has participated and/or lead official UNODC missions in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, in various States of Mexico as well as in Austria, Denmark, Spain, and Thailand. In June of 2008, he was promoted to the category of Expert in Crime Prevention (P-3), and he is now in charge of coordinating the trafficking in persons department for Central America and Mexico.

Gabriela Fernández Major in Labor Relations, graduate from the University of Buenos Aires, and Masters in Social Policies from FLACSO. Currently, she serves as Coordinator for the Program Against Trafficking in Persons – IOM Argentina, which has been operating since 2002.

Gabriela Saavedra Fainé Chilean, statistics graduate from the Catholic University of Chile. With experience in the Department of Migration and Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Interior since 1990, serving as Chief of the Visa Division. As part of her duties she participated in tasks involving requests seeking refuge and resettlement. In April of 2005, she was named Chief in charge of the recently created Refuge and Resettlement Division. Currently, she is responsible for the processing of refuge and resettlement requests, analysis and presentation of the cases to the Commission of Refugee Status Recognition and of proposing government policies to the authorities of the Ministry of Interior, so that the State may have the capacity to adapt to the especial conditions of refugees. In the same sense, she must propose plans that facilitate the integration process of refugees in the country.

Halima-Sa'adia Kassim holds a Ph.D. in History from The University of the West Indies. She has published papers on Muslim women in Trinidad focusing on education and community development. Prior to joining the CARICOM Secretariat, Halima taught Sociology and History at a community college in Trinidad and later was in education administration. Since joining the CARICOM Secretariat, Halima has written several technical papers on migration, MDGs, child protection and gender.

Janina Del Vecchio Ugalde Minister of Governance, Police, and Public Security, previous to her appointment she served as Congresswoman in the Legislative Assembly of the Costa Rican Republic, as Chief of the Presidential Cabinet under Dr. Oscar Arias Sánchez, and also held many other posts in Costa Rican Foreign in embassies in Spain, the Holy See, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Switzerland, and before many organizations within the United Nations framework. She was Vice-rector of Education and served in other academic and administrative positions within the University of Costa Rica. Mrs. Del Vecchio is the author of multiple articles and has been a speaker at many international forums in the diplomatic, economic, and international relations spheres for Latin America before the European Community. She was president of the G77 of underdeveloped countries.

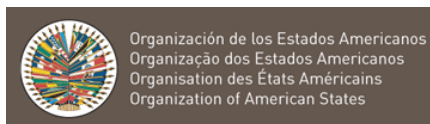


Jorge Martínez Pizarro is a geographer and demographer and works a researcher for the Population Division of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Center (CELADE) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile. He specializes in issues relating to international migration, rights, and development in Latin America and the Caribbean. He has participated in various studies on said issues and on population and development in the region. He has authored numerous publications focusing on (among other topics) the relationships between population and poverty, between migration, development, human rights, globalization, and integration, and between the migration of skilled labor, gender, and women, as well as countrywide studies for several countries on international migration, internal migration, urbanization, and spatial population redistribution. He has also participated in the preparation of various institutional documents for CELADE and ECLAC on population and development, besides joining numerous technical assistance missions to Latin American and Caribbean countries and serving as a member of CELADE's teaching staff.

Jorge Peraza-Bredy Currently holds the position of Coordinator to the Technical Secretariat of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM or Puebla Process). Anthropologist and Industrial Engineer from the University of Costa Rica. Also, he has a Masters in Development Policies from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands. Before his post at the RCM, he worked over 6 years with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as a Specialist in Programs of the Migration Management Links and Services Unit (ESEMI) in IOM's Regional Office for Central America and Mexico. Previous to this, he worked with several of non-governmental organizations in the promotion of cultural exchange programs and environmental protection. His experiences in migration matters include the development and implementation of migration management projects (issuance of travel documents, border management, strengthening of institutional capacities), labor migration and remittances. He has served as liaison for many entities in regional forums involved with the migration phenomenon. He has also taught in the University of Costa Rica and in the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.

José Pires was born in Portugal and is a citizen of Holland. He has held various executive positions with the International Organization for Migration at IOM's Headquarters in Geneva, and in Bangkok, Cairo, and Vienna over his many years of service to the Organization. He currently is the IOM Regional Representative for Central America and Mexico. His academic credentials include a Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Amsterdam, chemistry studies at the University of Lisbon, and planning studies at the University of Amsterdam.

Katya Somohano, was born in Mexico City. She is a lawyer from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, with a Master's Degree in International Law from Cambridge University in the UK, and pursued studies in European Law in the same institution. She has served in a number of government institutions in the field of international affairs. She was Director of International Affairs of the Puebla Panama Plan in the Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI). She was Director of Juridical Affairs at the Security Council of the UN while working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She participated in international negotiations of a number of juridical instruments and at the UN Sanctions Committees of countries with supervision regimes, and in



the follow up of the peace-keeping operations. She acted as Deputy Personal Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. She has been Professor of International Law and Community Law at the Law School of UNAM. She is member of the Mexican Council of International Affairs (COMEX), and is presently General Coordinator of the Mexican Support Commission for Refugees (COMAR), decentralized agency of the Ministry of Interior.

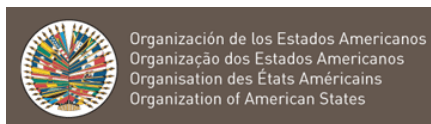
Laura Thompson Chacón Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), previously she was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva. Over the course of her diplomatic career, she has represented Costa Rica to UNESCO, the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva. In this capacity, Ambassador Thompson Chacón chaired several bodies on migration and refugee related matters, including the Executive Committee and the Council of the International Organization of Migration, and the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Previously, she has held various posts as Legal Counsel to diverse international organizations in Geneva, including the United Nations Compensation Commission. She participated as a fellow professor or a panelist in several seminars and roundtables on a wide variety of subjects ranging from migration, human rights, education, environment, to disarmament and compliance with international treaties, throughout the regions of the world. Ambassador Thompson Chacón obtained a Masters degree in international relations with a specialization in international law from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales of Geneva and holds a degree in law from the University of Costa Rica.

Laurence Hart, has been working for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) since 1999: he has served in Central America, Tunisia and, currently, in Libya. Before IOM, Dr. Hart has worked for UN and OSCE in the preparation, observation and follow-up of parliamentary and local elections in several areas of the Balkans: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Eastern Slavonia and Albania. Dr. Hart holds a degree in Political Science and a European Master's Degree on Human Rights and Democratization. He has also written several articles and made scientific contributions on migration, human rights and refugee issues in international contexts.

Marcela Chacón Costa Rica Vice Minister of Security, with special Strategic Management functions at the Ministry of Interior, Public Security and Police. For over 12 years, she has been responsible for the supervision of security and cooperation programs from the US Embassy in San José. Since 1999 she held the position of legal specialist and training official of the Defense Office of that diplomatic mission. She has received awards and acknowledgements by the Embassies of the US and Canada, as well as from the US Department of Defense. She is a lawyer and notary public.

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María Mercedes López Peña Salvadoran citizen, Ms. López-Peña has a Licenciatura in Modern Languages from Los Angeles City College, and a vast experience in Management and Municipal

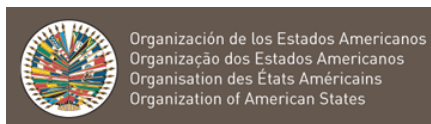


Training. She has held positions such as Executive Director of CARECEN Steering Committee, integrated by the Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA), Catholic Relief Service (CRS), FESPAD in El Salvador. Program Manager responsible for the follow up and management of CARECEN International Programs in Human Rights, in Houston, Texas; legal advisor, responsible for education and promotion of activities such as visits to human rights centers in the migrants route in Central America. While living in Los Angeles, CA, she worked at the Central American Refugees Center as a social worker. She is an associate member of women organizations, with experience in organizing volunteer groups of youngsters in topics such as HIV, Environment and Migration. She is presently Deputy Director General of Migration for El Salvador.

Mario Zamora Cordero Costa Rican citizen, he has a Doctor's Degree in Political Science and Sociology from the Universidad de Granada, and a Doctor's Degree in Law from the Universidad de Salamanca, both in Spain. He pursued other graduate studies in Spain, Costa Rica and Colombia, in Latin American Studies, Criminal Justice Administration, and Community Law. He is an international speaker and has held a number of positions at the Ombudperson's Office and at the Ministry of Interior and Public Security. He is presently Director General of Migration and Alien Affairs of Costa Rica.

Mark Fleming, is a staff attorney in the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families. As part of the Rapporteurship's work, Dr. Fleming has lead the Commission's investigation into human rights concerns regarding U.S. immigration detention and due process and recently coordinated the Inter-American Commission's visits to U.S. immigration detention facilities in Texas and Arizona. The Commission intends to release its full report in the coming months. Dr. Fleming also manages the Inter-American Commission's docket of individual cases related to migrant workers' rights in the hemisphere.

Marta Juárez, Director Bureau for the Americas. Marta Juarez assumed her functions as Director of the Bureau for the Americas at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva on 1 August 2009. With more than 25 years of experience with UNHCR, her different responsibilities around the world have given Ms. Juarez a deep knowledge of refugee issues. Marta Juarez started her career in Mexico, her country of origin. Afterwards, she served at UNHCR Headquarters in Switzerland, in the Office in Dar-as-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, in Pakistan, as Assistant Representative and then in Sri Lanka as Operations Coordinator in the area then controlled by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). At the end of the year 2000, she returned to UNHCR Headquarters as Senior Resource Manager for the Bureau for the Americas; during those four years, she administered human and financial resources of the whole American continent, responsible for budgetary allocation for the implementation of country programmes, and acted as Officer in charge of the Bureau. From 2005 to July 2009, she was UNHCR Representative in Ecuador where an innovative programme was designed and implemented for the registration and recognition as refugees of thousands of asylum-seekers in remote and isolated areas within the country.



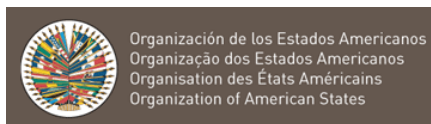
Nadine Perrault, has been a leading human rights lawyer in Haiti and an activist for women's full participation. Following the Vital Voices conference of the Americas in 1998, Nadine returned home to spearhead the Vital Voices Chapter in Haiti, Femmes en Democratie, which now includes over 100 women leaders throughout Haiti. She currently serves as a founding Board member for Vital Voices Haiti and an Advisor to UNICEF at the United Nations in New York.

Patricio Zuquilanda-Duque He is Permanent Representative of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Costa Rica. He has a Doctor's Degree in Jurisprudence from the Universidad Central del Ecuador, pursued graduate studies in International Trade at GATT in Switzerland, graduated from the Universidad Federal del Estado de Pará in Brazil as a specialist in Regional Development and Amazonian Affairs, and also graduated from CEPAL in Santiago de Chile. In addition, he has a Licenciatura in Political Science. Career employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with over 37 years of experience, he was Ambassador to Singapore, Korea and Thailand, and Counselor of Ecuador in the United States of America, Egypt and Colombia. He has also represented Ecuador before a number of international organizations such as OAS and IDB in Washington. In his diplomatic functions he has been awarded the highest decorations from the Governments of Colombia, Korea, Honduras, Peru, Costa Rica, Chile and Egypt, the Andean Parliament and other entities in Ecuador and abroad.

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, is a research associate for the Center for the Study of Violence of the University of Sao Paulo. He is also an Adjunct Professor of International Studies, of the Center for Latin American Studies of the Watson Institute, Brown University. He is also a commissioner and rapporteur on Children, of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS.

Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão is an attorney and has a Masters in International Relations of the University of Brazil. He has a PhD in International Law and International Relations from the Autonomous University of Madrid. Lawyer in Human Rights, social rights and constitutional law. Currently, he serves as the General Coordinator of the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE). He is a university professor in Brazil and has published on the International Law of armed conflict, Human Rights and Refugee Law. He has served as an Official from the Program of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica. He has also served as a legal consultant for the Americas Office of UNHCR.

Robert G. Paiva, was born in New Haven, Connecticut (USA) on 4 October 1952. He attended the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, with his junior year spent studying in Aix-en-Provence, France. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1974 with a BSFS degree cum laude in International Relations. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After joining the United States Foreign Service in 1975, Mr. Paiva served at postings in Honduras (1976-78), Côte d'Ivoire (1978-81) and Geneva (1981-85). Mr. Paiva left government service in 1985 to take up a career with the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM). At IOM, he served first as Chef de Cabinet (1985-1994) and subsequently as Director of the Department for Planning, Research and Evaluation (1994-1997). From 1997 to 2003, he was



IOM's Permanent Observer to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Paiva is currently Director of the External Relations Department at IOM Headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Paiva is married to Nouanenith Luangpraseuth; they have two daughters.

Serge Malé, has a PhD in Medicine from the University of Medicine, Bordeaux II, France. He has worked with UNHCR since 1985 and has been assigned to different positions throughout his career: Official of the Temporary Mission in Chad; Head of the Sub-Office in Kabul, Afghanistan; Head of Section Health and Community Development, Geneva, Switzerland; Epidemiologist of the Technical Support and Programs Section, Geneva, Switzerland; Deputy Representative, UNHCR Delegation in Honduras; and Head of Sub-Office of UNHCR, San Marcos, Honduras. Currently, he serves as Representative of the UNHCR Delegation in Chad, N'Djamena.

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