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List of participants

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Argentina

Socialist Party
(PS)

Alfredo Lazzaretti, Secretary General

Born in 1962, in Mar del Plata, Argentine. He studied in the National University of Mar del Plata Accountancy and is a Specialist in Public Administration. Since 2016 he is a member of the Superior Council of the MdPNU. Later on he was part of the National Board of the socialist Youth and from 1989 to 1993 he served as the Secretary General of the IUSY. From 1993-1997 he was the Financial Secretary of the MdPNU. In the years 2006-2011 he served as a Member of Parliament in the state of Buenos Aires.



Australia

Australian Labor
Party (ALP)

Wayne Swan, Member of Parliament

Wayne Swan served as the Treasurer of Australia for nearly six years, including three years as Deputy Prime Minister. He was one of the longest serving finance ministers in the G20 and was recognised as one of its leading contributors, drawing on his unique experience overseeing Australia's economic outperformance among the developed world. Mr Swan was awarded Euromoney Finance Minister of the Year in 2011 for his 'careful stewardship of Australia's finances and economic performance' during the global financial crisis. He was only the second Australian to receive this accolade and the first for almost 30 years. His focus as Treasurer was on strong, secure economic growth, job creation, and maximising the opportunities for Australia in the Asian Century. He was instrumental in the publication of the Asian Century White Paper – a blue print for Australia's engagement in the region. He is the author of *The Good Fight: Six Years, two prime ministers and staring down the Great Recession* (2014). More recently, Mr Swan co-authored a report on Inclusive Prosperity, commissioned by the Center for American Progress. In 2015, he attended the UN General Assembly as a member of the Australian delegation. During this time, Mr Swan was a Senior Fellow at Yale University's Institute for Global Affairs, heading a series of seminars on political and economic reform in the 21st century with a focus on contemporary Australian experiences. He also published a report on Financing for Development for the United Nations Social and Economic Commission in the Asia Pacific (UN-ESCAP) and chairs their Eminent Expert Group (EEG) on Tax Policy and Public Expenditure Management for Sustainable Development. Mr Swan was re-elected for the eighth time in the July 2016 Federal Election as the Federal Member for Lilley in the Australian House of Representatives.





Australia
Australian Labor
Party (ALP)

Sebastian Zwalf, Assistant National Secretary of the Australian Labor Party

Sebastian Zwalf is Assistant National Secretary of the Australian Labor Party and its International Secretary. He was responsible for Labor's Target Seat campaign at the 2013 federal election and responsible for Labor's Advertising and Research Unit at the 2016 federal election. He holds degrees in Economics and Public Policy.



Canada
New Democratic
Party (NDP)

Robert Fox, National Director

Robert Fox was appointed National Director of Canada's NDP in September 2016. Before that he served nine years as Executive Director of Oxfam Canada, playing a global leadership role on gender justice and development effectiveness issues. He worked seven years as Director of Communications for the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Canada's largest union, leading successful campaigns against privatization and in support of quality public services. He served several years in the 90s as Representative for Central America and Mexico for Oxfam Canada and served as Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Ottawa, Canada's capital, in the 80s.



Cameroon
Social
Democratic
Front (SDF)

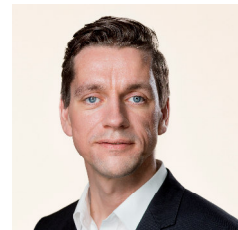
Josh Osih, Member of Parliament, Vice President of the Social Democratic Front and Coordinator of the Central African Progressive Alliance (CAPA) Born in December 1968 and holder of an MBA in Leadership and Sustainability, Josh Osih lives in Douala (Cameroon), father of 3 boys and active in aviation and ecotourism. Josh is 1st Vice President of the Social Democratic Front,



Cameroon’s main opposition party and coordinator for the Central African Progressive Alliance, an alliance of progressive political forces from nine West Central African states – the darkest part of the world on the global map of democracy. Josh is Member of Parliament for Douala, a port city of 3.5 million inhabitants and the main economic hub of Cameroon and West Central Africa and holds as well the position of Vice President of Cameroon’s Finance Committee.

Denmark
Social
Democratic
Party

Kaare Dybvad Bek, Member of Parliament



He has been a member of parliament for the Danish Socialdemokrater since the general election in 2015. Dybvad holds a master degree in Geography and geoinformatics from the University of Copenhagen. He has worked in a range of organizations within the field of regional development prior to his political career. He is the author of the political books “Udkantsmyten” (The myth of rural decay) and “De lærdes tyranni” (the tyranny of the scholars).

Mexico
Citizens’
Movement (MC)

Alejandro Chanona



Alejandro Chanona is a Member of the National Operative Commission of Citizens’ Movement and the President of the Lazaro Cardenas Foundation. Between 2006 and 2009 he was leader of the Parliamentary Group of Citizens’ Movement (then Convergencia) in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies. Alejandro Chanona received his Ph.D. in government and his master’s in Western European political studies from the University of Essex, England. He is Professor of the School of Political and Social Sciences of the National



Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), where he also founded the Centre of European Studies. He is member of the Mexico's National System of Researchers; his research fields include regional integration, compared regionalism and international security. Dr. Chanona has also participated in EU Garnet Research Projects and he was member of the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives.

Montenegro

Democratic
Party of
Socialists of
Montenegro
(DPS)

Antonella Balic, Media Adviser

Born in the year 1986 in Dubrovnik, Croatia Antonella Balić is a Montenegrin citizen. She is engaged into party politics in Montenegro and served as Vice-President from 2010-2013 of the Youth Council of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro.



Philippines

Citizens' Action
Party (Akbayan)

Machris Cabrerros, President

Marie Chris M. Cabrerros is currently the Coordinator of the Network of Social Democracy in Asia, a regional group of political parties, think tanks, progressive politicians and young activists who share social democratic values and perspectives. She is also the President of Akbayan Citizens Action Party, a democratic Left party in the Philippines who is now in opposition to the Duterte administration.



Sweden

Swedish Social
Democratic
Party (SAP)

Olle Thorell, Member of Parliament

Elected three times since 2006, a teacher by profession, has served on the standing committee for foreign relations since 2006.

Resides in Surahammar, married with one child.



United Kingdom N.N.

Labour Party

Uruguay **Viviana Piñeiro**, International Secretary

Socialist Party of Uruguay (PSU)

Viviana served as President of IUSY (International Union of Socialist Youth) from 2010 to 2014. She has been a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Uruguay since 2011, where she has held various responsibilities at the Frente Amplio (political coalition in government since 2005), and since February 2016 she is the International Secretary of the Party. Previously she was leader of the Socialist Youth of Uruguay between 2002 and 2011. At the government level, she is currently Director of Planning and Monitoring Area of the National Secretariat of Care. Previously she was Director of International Affairs and Cooperation of the same Ministry of Social Development. Throughout these years she has also fulfilled responsibilities in the National Administration of Public Education and in the Ministry of Labor and Social Security.



International Union Of Socialist Youth (IUSY)

Howard Lee, President

Born on the 3rd January 1983 in Ipoh, Malaysia. He finished his education with the National Diploma in Science at Great Yarmouth FE College in the East of England. Member of the State Legislative Assembly for Perak, Malaysia and the first Southeast Asian to be the President of the IUSY.



**Party of
European
Socialists (PES)**

Giacomo Filibeck, Deputy
Secretary General

Born in Italy in 1978, Giacomo Filibeck is the deputy Secretary General of the Party of European Socialists. Giacomo Filibeck is politically involved in



youth NGOs since high school, holding leadership positions both at the national and international level. Between 2002 and 2004 He has been President of the European Youth Forum and of the Youth Convention on the Future of Europe and a signer as observer of the final Draft Treaty of the EU Constitution. He served as president of the young European Socialists for two terms 2005-09. Starting in 2010 he has been active in the foreign policy and department of Partito Democratico where he was also appointed as Chair until the end of 2013. In 2014 joined the Ministry of Agriculture holding the position of Head of International Relations. Since 2009 Filibeck is member of the professional journalists' national association in Italy.

**S&D Group in
the European
Parliament**

Josef Weidenholzer, MEP, Vice-
President of the S&D-Group

Josef Weidenholzer, born in 1950 in St. Florian/Inn, is an Austrian Member of the European Parliament. As a member of the



Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), he concentrates on digital issues, including privacy, net neutrality and data protection.

Mr. Weidenholzer is the Vice President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), responsible amongst other things for the Digital Europe Working Group (DEWG). In addition, he is a member of the

steering committee of the "Digital Agenda for Europe" intergroup within the European Parliament.

Furthermore, Mr. Weidenholzer is concerned with the issue of immigration and refugees, both in the context of LIBE and his membership in the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI). Given his academic background as a professor for social policy at the Johannes Kepler University (JKU) in Linz/Austria, his scientific priorities are social policy, the theories and international comparison of welfare systems, as well as political cultures and history. After several lectureships in Europe among many different other locations as well as research stays in the UK, Mr. Weidenholzer was a visiting professor at the Staffordshire University. He has been professor emeritus since 2015 and is a member of the advisory board of the scientific open access journal Momentum Quarterly.

**S&D Group in
the European
Parliament**

Antony Beumer, Deputy Secretary
General

He is Deputy Secretary-General of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament. He is leading a team responsible for external policies including Foreign Policy, Trade, Security and Defence, Development and Human rights. After having studied Western Sociology in Utrecht, The Netherlands, he worked for the Party of European Socialists and was its Secretary General from 1999 to 2004.





**Friedrich-Ebert-
Stiftung (FES)**

Michael Meier, Representative to
the U.S. and Canada

Michael Meier has been appointed as representative of the FES to the US and Canada in September 2014. Prior to his current assignment, he was FES representative to Turkey for five years. Michael Meier also served as head of the Department for Western Europe and North America at FES headquarters in Berlin. From 1991 to 2003, he was resident representative of FES in Senegal, Ethiopia, and Botswana. Michael Meier is an expert on foreign and security policy in the MENA region, where he focused on Turkey's role in the region, Turkey's relations with the European Union and Israel in particular. He also acted as advisor to the coordination group on Turkey in the German Social Democratic Party (SPD), and he is the author of numerous articles on current policy trends in Turkey and the US. Michael Meier holds a diploma in African sciences and economy from Leipzig University (Germany), and he attended a postgraduate training program at the German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn.



**Friedrich-Ebert-
Stiftung (FES)**

Michael Czogalla

Michael Czogalla is the Program Officer for Foreign- and Security Issues. He joined the Washington office of the FES in October 2004. He is originally from Magdeburg, Germany and received his M.A. in American Studies, Political Science, and German Studies focusing on international relations, the Eastern European Transformation, and cultural studies from Leipzig University, Germany. Michael Czogalla has taught German



Studies at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and published the book: "Behind the Laughter," which looks at societal controversies, religious aspects and family values in U.S. popular culture. Michael is also a graduate of the Center for Digital Imaging Arts (CDIA) at Boston University, as well as General Assembly.

**Progressive
Alliance**

Konstantin Woinoff, Coordinator

Since 1999 at SPD's Executive Board in several positions, including Head of the Office of Deputy Chairperson Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, and currently Joint International Secretary.



Born in Munich in 1971. Studies of Sociology in Berlin, Munich and Nairobi.