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Hon. Sergio Bitar is nonresident senior fellow at the Dialogue and president of Fundación por la Democracia in Chile. Most recently he served as minister of public works under President Michelle Bachelet. Before that he was minister of education, minister of mining, a senator, and president of the Party for Democracy (PPD) on two occasions. He also founded the Latin American Center for International Economics and Politics (CLEPI), serving as its president from 1987 to 1993.

An engineer and economist, Bitar heads the Dialogue's Global Trends and Latin America's Future Initiative. He has published dozens of books and articles, including *Chile Mas Allá del Bicentenario* (Editorial Planeta, Santiago, 2009), *Educación Nuestra Riqueza, Chile Educa para el siglo XXI* (Editorial El Mercurio- Aguilar, Santiago, 2005), and *Chile 1970-1973* (Editorial Pehuén, Chile, 1996 and 2001). His recent books include: *El Gobierno de Allende*, 3rd edition, 2013; *Chile, Bolivia, Peru. Un Futuro Común*, 2011; *Dawson Isla 10*, 13 ed, 2010; y *Chile Mas Allá del Bicentenario*, 2009.

H.E. Juan Valdés is the Ambassador of Chile to the United States since May 2014. Before that, in 2012-2014, he was the coordinator of the Latin American Council on Foreign Relations (RIAL), a private foundation which brings together academics and experts of Latin American foreign relations. He was the Executive Director of "Fundación Imagen de Chile", a public foundation coordinating public and private institutions in the promotion of Chile's public diplomacy, from 2007-2011. In September 2008, President Michelle Bachelet, as President Protempore of UNASUR, appointed him as her personal representative and Chairman of the team of mediators that South American nations sent to assist in the 2008 Bolivian unrest. Previously during 2006 and 2007, Mr. Valdés was a consultant on governance issues in Latin America for the United Nations Development Program. He also worked with the Club de Madrid, an association of former Heads of States and Governments, in its programs of support for Haiti.

Ambassador Valdés was the UN Secretary General's Special Representative and Chief of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) in 2004-2006, served as Chilean Ambassador to Argentina (2003-2004); Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and Chilean Ambassador to Iran (2000-2002); and Chile's Minister of Foreign Affairs under President Eduardo Frei Ruiz Tagle's administration (1999-2000) and subsequently as a member of the government of Chile's Council of Foreign Policy. He has also served as chief trade negotiator for Chile (1996-1999), Director of International Relations, Chilean Ministry of Finances (1994-1996) and Ambassador of Chile to Spain (1990-1994). Juan Gabriel Valdés who holds a PhD in Political Science from Princeton University, studied Law at the Catholic University of Chile and earned a Masters degree in Political Sciences and Latin American

Studies from the University of Essex. He has authored several publications in political science and international relations, including a book entitled *"Pinochet's Economists: the Chicago School in Chile,"* published by Cambridge University Press. He has also published other diverse studies on relations between Chile, Latin America and the United States.

Peter McPherson is president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), the nation's oldest higher education association comprised of public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems. APLU member campuses enroll more than 3.5 million undergraduate and 1.1 million graduate students, employ more than 645,000 faculty members, and conduct nearly two-thirds of all academic research, totaling more than \$34 billion annually. APLU is dedicated to excellence in learning, discovery and engagement. Mr. McPherson is the former chair of the Board of Directors of Dow Jones and Company. He is the founding co-chair of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa; was chair of the Board of IFDC; and chair of the Board of Harvest Plus, an organization working on breeding crops for better nutrition. Mr. McPherson also recently completed the chairmanship of a commission created by Congress to consider ways to greatly increase the number of students who study abroad.

Prior to joining APLU, Mr. McPherson was president of Michigan State University for more than 11 years (1993-2004). From April to October 2003, he took leave from that position and served as the Director of Economic Policy for the Coalition Provisional Authority of Iraq, working with the currency, the Central Bank, the Ministry of Finance and the banks of the country. Before Michigan State, Mr. McPherson held senior executive positions with Bank of America from 1989 to 1993. From 1987 to 1989, he served as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, focusing on trade, tax, and international issues and was one of the principal U.S. negotiators for the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. He was Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from 1981 to 1987 and in that role was responsible for the U. S. effort for famine relief in Africa in 1984-85. During that time he was also the Chairman of the Board of OPIC. From 1977 through 1980, he was a partner and head of the Washington office of the Ohio law firm, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. Prior to that, he was a Special Assistant to President Gerald Ford in the White House. Mr. McPherson has been honored with the U. S. Presidential Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, the Secretary of State's Distinguished Leadership Award, the Department of Treasury's Alexander Hamilton Award, the UNICEF award for "outstanding contribution to child survival," the 1983 Humanitarian of the Year award from the American Lebanese League and the Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award in 1998. He received a B.A. from Michigan State University, an M.B.A. from Western Michigan University and a J.D. from American University.

Douglas Tinsler is Board Member of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa and a Senior Vice President of Chemonics International. As a public sector management and economic development specialist, he has more than 35 years of experience managing development programs worldwide. In his position since 1995, Mr. Tinsler has been responsible for implementation of USAID and other donor-financed programs in agriculture and rural development, local government development and in infrastructure and financial sector development. He has worked frequently with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Inter-American Development Bank on a broad range of specific assignments. From 2003-2006, Mr. Tinsler served as Chemonics COP for USAID/Peru's Poverty Reduction and Alleviation project, a demand- and enterprise-driven agriculture value chain initiative that provided technical support to Peruvian enterprises. The PRA project also assisted the Government of Peru (GOP) in the design, structuring and closing of more than \$650 million in public-private partnerships (PPP), including the \$220 million Amazon Norte Highway concession and the \$450 million container terminal within the Port of Callao. In addition to his PPP work in Peru, Mr. Tinsler has extensive experience managing and implementing PPPs in infrastructure finance in Colombia, the Philippines, Indonesia and South Africa. Mr. Tinsler served as a career USAID foreign service officer in the Philippines, Indonesia, Egypt and Costa Rica. He holds a B.A. in economics from Michigan State University and Masters' degrees respectively in political science from Wayne State University and in economics from Stanford University.

Hajime Takeuchi is the Chief Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), USA Office since April 2014. Prior to his current position, he was the Deputy Director General of JICA's Latin America and the Caribbean Department. While overseeing Japan's ODA operations for the region, he also worked on projects addressing climate change such as contingency finance scheme in Peru and renewable energy projects in Costa Rica. He also has field experience in the Philippines and Peru. He holds Master degree from the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

Amadou Sy is director of the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution and a member of the Editorial Board of the Global Credit Review. He was previously deputy division chief at the International Monetary Fund. He focuses on banking, capital markets, and macroeconomics in Africa and emerging markets. Amadou has held a variety of positions at the IMF over the last 15 years, covering more than 20 advanced, developing, and emerging countries and all the financial crises since 1998. In addition to his financial sector and country work, Amadou was deputy chief at the IMF Institute where he coordinated, developed and taught macroeconomics and finance courses to mid- and senior level staff from central banks and ministries of finance in Asia and Africa, as well as the IMF. He also worked on a project to set up a Trust Fund for capacity building in Africa.

His policy work won the runner-up 2011 ICFR-Financial Times Prize for best research on financial regulation. He also edited a book on the management of natural resources wealth, which is used in IMF training courses. Amadou has published in academic and practitioner journals, including the *Journal of Banking & Finance*, *the Review of International Economics*, *the Journal of African Economies*, *IMF Staff Papers*, *the African Development Review*, *the Emerging Markets Review*, *the International Review of Financial Analysis*, and *the Journal of Fixed Income*. Amadou has written speeches for the IMF Managing Director and the head of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department. He has presented his work at international conferences and central banks worldwide and has contributed to blogs, podcasts, webcasts, and columns in the financial press. He was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, *Newsweek*, *Foreign Policy*, *Le Point* (France), *El Pais* (Spain), *Business Week*, *Financial Times*, *Les Echos* (France), *Il Sole* (Italy), *Economic Political Weekly* (India), *O Globo* (Brazil) and *El Mundo* (Spain). Amadou holds a Ph.D. in Finance from McGill University where he lectured in finance. He is a CFA Charter Holder and a certified Financial Risk Manager (GARP).

Daniel Karanja is Executive Director of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, an independent U.S.-Africa effort focused on increasing the level and effectiveness of U.S. development assistance and public-private investments in Africa's agriculture and rural development. In the past, Daniel served as Vice-President of the Partnership as well as Senior Fellow and Chief of Staff. Prior to this, he also worked as the Partnership's Co-Chair of the Working Group on Capacity Building in Science and Technology and led the Partnership's collaborative work with Washington-based African Ambassadors as well as building strong relationships with African leaders and institutions. In the past, Daniel also guided the Partnership's work on strengthening U.S.-Africa agricultural trade and capacity building, including AGOA and Aid-for-Trade, Biotechnology and facilitating the Africa-US Higher Education Initiative.

Prior to joining the Partnership in October 2003, Daniel worked as International Policy Analyst with Bread for the World, where his primary focus was on international development and raising awareness among U.S. and African NGOs and other faith-based organizations about Africa's agricultural development needs and potential. Daniel worked as a research economist with the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute for more than a decade before coming to the U.S. He has Masters and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural economics from Michigan State University, and a Bachelors degree in agriculture from the University of Nairobi. He has published widely, including in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters.