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OSCE area through women’s economic empowerment”**

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

Sweden, 10-11 June 2021

Venue: via Zoom

Opening session
Welcoming remarks

Moderator: Ambassador Petra Lärke - Head of Task Force for Sweden's Chairpersonship of the OSCE

Ambassador Lärke is Head of Task Force for Sweden's Chairpersonship of the OSCE during 2021. Before taking on the role of heading the Swedish preparations for the Chairpersonship in March 2020, Ambassador Lärke served as Deputy Head of Department for European Security Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, a position she held since 2016.

Before that, Ms Lärke served as Head of Division for Eastern Europe at the Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the Swedish MFA (2013-2016). Between 2011 and 2013 she served at the Prime Minister's office, as an adviser in the International Affairs and EU Department.

Ms Lärke has also served as coordinator to the State Secretary for Political Affairs at the MFA (2010-2011), Deputy Director responsible for EU Enlargement at the Swedish EU Representation in Brussels (2007-2010) and First secretary at the Swedish Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia (2004-2007).

Ms Lärke holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Uppsala University and has studied International relations at the University of Calgary, Canada. She speaks Swedish, English, French and Russian.



Ms. Helga Maria Schmid - OSCE Secretary General

Ms. Maria Schmid was appointed to the post of Secretary General of the OSCE in December 2020 for a three-year term.

She first joined the diplomatic service as Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs (1990–1991). Since then she has held several prominent diplomatic positions during her career.

Early on, she was Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and Head of Cabinet to Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer; and just prior to her appointment as OSCE Secretary General, she was Secretary General for the European External Action Service.

From 2011 to 2016, she was the Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs for the European External Action Service. Preceding that, she was the Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (Policy Unit) of the High Representative for the CFSP in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

Ms. Schmid has an MA in English and Romance languages, literature, history and politics (1980–1987) from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and the Sorbonne in Paris. Her mother tongue is German and she speaks fluent English and French.



Opening Session
Keynote speeches

Ms. Anna Hallberg - Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs, Sweden

Ms. Anna Hallberg is a Swedish politician and member of the Swedish Social Democratic Party. She has served as Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs in Stefan Löfven's Government since September 2019.

Before her appointment as Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs, Ms Hallberg was Deputy CEO of the state-owned enterprise Almi Företagspartner AB, which is Sweden's largest actor in business development and public financing for start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises.

Ms Hallberg also has many years of experience from leadership positions in the banking and finance industry (primarily in the SEB bank), including in corporate finance, investment banking, capital markets and wealth management.

Ms Hallberg was born in Gothenburg and grew up in the industrial town of Trollhättan. She later studied law and business administration at the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg.



Ms. Fatmire Isaki - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia

Ms. Fatmire Isaki is Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia. Deputy Minister Isaki is also deputy-president of the Democratic Party of the Albanians and president of the “Women’s Union of the Democratic Party of the Albanians”.

She has furthermore been working as English Language and Literature Professor at the University in Tetovo.

Madam Isaki supported NDIs the #MenMustDoMore Campaign to Eliminate Violence against Women and Girls and has been played an active role in the Leadership Academy for Women in Politics. Furthermore, she has been involved in A Project for Young European Leaders on Current Social, Political and Economic Issues.

One of her participations includes: International Women's Peace Group- Conference 'Women in Power' and seminars of Antico WOMEN CAN DO IT, from where was initiated and created the Commission for Equal Opportunities in the municipality of Tearce and Tetovo.

Deputy Minister Isaki holds an MA in English Literature at the Faculty of Philology of the “State University” in Tetovo and is a PhD candidate at the “Blazhe Koneski” Faculty of Philology of the “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” University in Skopje. Deputy Minister Isaki speaks Albanian, Macedonian, English and Turkish.



Mr. Tobias Baudin - President of the Swedish Trade Union Kommunal, Sweden

Mr. Tobias Baudin is the President of Kommunal, Sweden's second largest trade union organising over 520,000 blue-collar workers in the welfare sector.

Mr. Baudin was elected president of Kommunal in 2016. Prior to that Mr Baudin served as vice president of The Swedish Trade Union Confederation, LO, during 2012-2016. 2010-2012 he was vice-president of Kommunal.

Mr. Baudin is a high school educated maintenance engineer and was born and raised in Luleå in the north of Sweden.



Session I

“Economic empowerment of women as an important element in promoting comprehensive security, stability and sustainable development in the OSCE area, and the role of relevant stakeholders in achieving this goal”

Moderator: Ambassador Neil Bush - Head of Delegation, United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna

Ambassador Neil Bush was appointed Head of the United Kingdom’s Delegation to the Organization and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna in March 2019.

Before joining the delegation, he was the Head of the British foreign ministry’s Arabian Peninsula and Iran Department.

Prior to that assignment, between 2011-2015, he was the Deputy Director and Head Energy Economist at the UK’s Department of Energy and Climate Change.

He also served as Senior Executive and Managing Consultant at the London Economic International (2008-2011). Among other assignments, Ambassador Bush held the positions of Deputy Country Manager at the World Bank Group in Kosovo and Strategy and Programme Officer at the World Bank Group in Washington DC.



Ms. Rachel Vogelstein



**Douglas Dillon Senior
Fellow, Director, Women
and Foreign Policy Program,
Council on Foreign
Relations, United States**

Rachel Vogelstein is the Douglas Dillon Senior Fellow and Director of the Women and Foreign Policy program at the Council on Foreign Relations, writing frequently in the *Washington Post*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Atlantic*, and other leading publications on some of the most important issues facing women globally, from child marriage to economic empowerment. Her forthcoming book, *Awakening: #MeToo and the Global Fight for Women's Rights* (Hachette), will be published in July 2021.

For over a decade, Vogelstein served as a top counselor to Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton on domestic and global women's issues. She advised Secretary Clinton on her historic 2008 and 2016 presidential campaigns, helping her become the first woman to win a U.S. presidential nomination and developing a groundbreaking agenda on women's issues. During the Obama Administration, Vogelstein was a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls and served as a top official in the Office of Global Women's Issues at the U.S. Department of State, where she worked closely with Secretary Clinton to make global women's issues a pillar of U.S. foreign policy. Vogelstein also led Women's and Girls' Programs in the Office of Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Clinton Foundation, where she oversaw the *No Ceilings* initiative, an effort to analyze progress for women since the 1995 UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. She previously was Senior Counsel at the National Women's Law Center, where she specialized in women's health and reproductive rights in the United States, drafting legislation for the U.S. Congress and amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ms. Vogelstein serves on the boards of Planned Parenthood Global and the National Women's History Museum. She is a recipient of the Secretary of State's Superior Honor Award and a National Association of Women Lawyers Award.

Mr. Munkhbat Nyamaa



**National Gender Expert,
National Committee on
Gender Equality, Mongolia**

Mr. Munkhbat Nyamaa is a development practitioner, certified compliance auditor, project management and governance specialist with over 20 years of progressive work experience in the fields of public service, international development and private sector.

Munkhbat has professional experience working with UNDP in Mongolia, managing a portfolio of governance projects including on civil service reform, human rights, gender equality and anti-corruption. In his previous roles Munkhbat also served as lead of the compliance function managing anti-money laundering, operational and information security risks at a commercial bank. He started his professional career at the Ministry of Justice of Mongolia. At present he works with green finance initiatives with support in legal writing and setting up of compliance frameworks that encompass an ESG approach.

Mr. Munkhbat Nyamaa holds a Jurist Diploma in International Law from the Moscow State University, Russian Federation and a Master in Commerce degree from the University of Sydney, Australia.

Ms. Kateryna Levchenko



**Government Commissioner
for Gender Equality Policy,
Ukraine**

Dr. Kateryna Levchenko has been an activist in women's and human rights movements since the early 1990s and has been involved as a member or expert in the work of various international organizations (Council of Europe, OSCE, IOM, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, UN Women etc).

In 2006-2007 Dr. Levchenko was a member of the Ukrainian Parliament, as well as a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

In 2013-2018 Dr. Levchenko was a member of GRETA – Council of Europe of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

In 2018 Dr. Levchenko was appointed as the Government Commissioner for Gender Equality Policy.

In 2021 She was elected at the position of Vice-Chair of Gender Equality Commission, Council of Europe

The main tasks of the Government Commissioner for Gender Equality Policy encapsulate coordination of the work of ministries, other central and local executive bodies to ensure equal rights and opportunities for women and men, conducting the monitoring of the accounting by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine the principle of gender equality, assistance in developing state programs on gender equality and cooperation with international organizations and civil society.

Ms. Levchenko's qualifications include a PhD in philosophy and a professor degree in law. The author of more than three hundred scientific articles and books.

Ms. Anna Aleksanyan



**Coordinator, WINNET
Armenia - Network of
Women Resource Centers,
Armenia**

Ms. Anna Aleksanyan has more than 15 years of working experience in various local and international organizations in Armenia mainly in human rights protection, women's leadership, gender equality and advocacy on women's issues. Since 2009 she has been one of the funding board members at Goris Women's Development Resource Center Foundation.

In 2014 the organization initiated the establishment of "WINNET Armenia" Network of Women Resource Centers and became member of WINNET Europe. Anna provides various trainings and consultations including topics such as Leadership, Gender and Peace Building, Conflict Resolution and Negotiations, Electoral processes observation, Basics of Social Entrepreneurship, etc. She has taken part in a number of national and regional programs as a gender focal point and made significant efforts to promote gender equality and to increase women's participation in political and economic lives in Armenia.

Anna is currently the Project Development Manager at Women's Development "Resource Center foundation, as well as coordinates the "WINNET Armenia" Network of Women's Resource Centers activities aimed to promote economic sustainability of the existing social enterprises established by member WRCs.

Ms. Aleksanyan obtained her BA degree in Applied Mathematics at the Armenian State Engineering University and graduated 1-year course of Political Studies at the Yerevan School of Political Sciences. She is a member of U.S. Alumni Association of Armenia as "Open World" and "International Visitor Leadership Program" (IVLP) Exchange Programs Alumni.

Ms. Ana Stakaj



**Executive Leader, Mary
Ward Loreto Foundation,
Albania**

Ms. Stakaj is currently working as an executive Leader for Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Albania.

Before that, she was the Chair at Urat Network for one year.

From 2016 to 2019, Ms. Stakaj worked at Renate Network as a core group Member.

In 2012, she joined SHKEJ (National Association Education for Life) as a National Programme Coordinator, where she worked with “Women’s Rights in Albania for Freedom, Justice and to Speak Their Truth – WRAJFT” project.

Ms. Stakaj has been working in various projects at Caritas Albanian including, Social Animation with Youth, Welcome Again- The Reinsertion of Migrants and Emergency response in crisis situations.

She holds a master degree in Literature at the University of Tirana and three specializations in Innovation and Management, Social Business and Community Development.

Session II

“Promoting women’s entrepreneurship and equal participation in business and in trade”

Moderator: Ambassador Anders Ahnlid - Director-General at the National Board of Trade, Sweden

Mr. Anders Ahnlid is the Director-General of the Swedish National Board of Trade, appointed as of 2020.

Prior to this role, Mr. Ahnlid, served the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in various capacities such as Swedish Ambassador to Finland, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the EU in Brussels, Ambassador to the OECD and to UNESCO in Paris as well as Minister, Head of the Trade and Economic Department at the Embassy of Sweden in Washington DC.

Within the MFA he has also covered the role of Director-General for Trade, Deputy Director-General, Head of Department for International Trade Policy as well as Trade Policy Analyst at the National Board of Trade that he currently heads.

Mr. Anders Ahnlid holds a University degree in Political Science and Economics, University of Lund long with graduate studies in international political economy, University of California, Los Angeles.



Ms. Nadia Cherkasova



**Vice-president, Chairperson
of the Committee for
Women's Entrepreneurship
Development NGO of Small
and Medium Business
«OPORA RUSSIA», Russian
Federation**

Nadia Cherkasova is Vice-president and Chairperson of the Committee for Women's Entrepreneurship Development, a NGO of Small and Medium Business “OPORA RUSSIA”.

Currently, she is also working as deputy president and member of the Management Board of Otkritie FC Bank.

Ms. Cherkasova is a member of the Supervisory Board of the World Bank Fund We Fi (Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative) since 2018.

She has more than 25 years of professional experience in the banking sector, expert on programmes for the development of financial services and services for SMEs.

Ms. Cherkasova holds a degree in economics at the Nizhny Novgorod State University.

Ms. Özge Akkız



**Head of Department for
Women and Young
Entrepreneurs' Exports,
Ministry of Trade of Turkey
(DG of Exports), Turkey**

Ms. Özge Akkız holds a BSc degree in International Relations from Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey and an MPS degree in International Development from Cornell University, NY, Ithaca, USA. In 2006, she started to work as an Assistant Foreign Trade Specialist at the Department of Free Trade Agreements at the Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade of the Prime Ministry of Republic of Turkey.

After the structural transformation, she worked as Foreign Trade Specialist, Chief of Section and Head of Department of the Quality Infrastructure and Market Surveillance Department at the same institution formed as Ministry of Economy.

As of 2019, she has been working as the Head of Department of the Women and Young Entrepreneurs Exports Department, which was established under the Directorate General for Exports at the Ministry of Trade. As Head of Department, she is charged with project planning and management for enlightening women and young entrepreneurs about the exports processes, empowering them via integration into the international trade and enhancing their international competitiveness.

Ms. Maja Tomanič Vidovič



**Director of the Slovene
Enterprise Fund, Slovenia**

Ms. Tomanic-Vidovic possess more than 20 years of experience in entrepreneurship and SME support policy, including start-up and scale-up entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship.

For last 13 years, she has been the chief executive officer (CEO) of Slovene Enterprise fund (SEF) with a proven track record of leading and manage national fund for financial support of business sector, which performs many financial instruments.

She has worked with various projects and programs including, sustainable development projects to promote development and growth of SMEs, start up's and fast growing companies, innovative oriented support instruments and instruments to support Industry 4.0, strategic programs advocacy on international level such as European counterparts (European Commission, European Investment bank, European Investment Fund). Her role is to achieve smooth operations and coherence in the execution and delivery of the cooperative international programs (example CEFOF – Central European Fund of Fund for high tech SMEs, development cooperation for SMEs with UNIDO).

Ms Tomanic-Vidovic holds a master of economic science.

Ms. Susan Barton



**Trade and Gender Equality
lead, UK Department for
International Trade, United
Kingdom**

Ms. Barton holds a Master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the university of Edinburgh and a Master's degree from Cambridge University (MA Cantab.).

Currently, she is Team Leader of the Trade and Gender Equality team at the UK Department for International Trade.

Prior to this she was Team Leader of the Global Portfolio and Trade Strategy Team, at the UK Department for International Trade.

Ms. Barton's career object is to advance gender equality and women's economic empowerment through trade. During her 20 years as a UK civil servant, she has ensured the centrality of gender equality in the UK's approach to international trade through Department For International Development's trade and development work, through EU trade (when the UK was an EU Member State) and now through an independent UK trade strategy.

Ms. Iryna Babachonak



**Head of the Department of
Property Relations of the
Ministry of Economy of
Belarus, Deputy Head of the
Main Department of Regional
Development and Property
Relations, Belarus**

Ms. Babachonak is a Member of the National Council for Gender Policy under the Government of the Republic of Belarus.

She worked as the Coordinator for the Republic of Belarus in international projects on SMEs conducted by United Nations Development Program, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

From 2014 to 2020, she served as the director of the Department of Entrepreneurship of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus.

In her professional development, she has been working in various positions in the local executive and administrative bodies of the Republic of Belarus and in the republican bodies of state administration.

Ms. Babachonak holds a degree at the Belarusian State University and the Academy of Management under the President of the Republic of Belarus.

Session III

“Promoting sustainable development by empowering women and girls as contributors to the protection of the environment”

Moderator: Professor Simone Borg - Ambassador on Climate Change, Malta

Professor Simone Borg LL.D, LL.M. (Int law), Ph.D (IMLI) is Malta’s Ambassador for Climate Action and chairs the National Climate Action Board. Prof Borg is a resident academic at the University of Malta, where she heads the Department of Environmental and Resources law and is also a lecturer in International law at the Faculty of Laws. She is the director for the International Master of Arts Programme on Ocean Governance and chairs the Institute for Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Simone Borg is currently chairing the Steering Committee for Malta’s National Post COVID Strategy.

Prof Borg started her career as a diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malta and then headed the Multilateral Department within the Ministry of the Environment from 1992 to 2004. Prof Borg was the first chairperson of Malta’s Occupational Health and Safety Authority In 2019 she was appointed Malta’s Cheffe de Fil in the Summit of the Two Shores Initiative and more recently in 2021 to Chair the National Steering Committee for the Post COVID Strategy.

Ms. Borg also works as a freelance legal expert on International law, with a special focus on ocean governance, climate law and environmental law in various projects with the European Union, the United Nations and academic



networks. She has published books including the monograph Conservation of Living Marine Resources on the High Seas, as well as many articles and papers on environmental law, climate change law and ocean governance. In 2017 she received the French National Order of Merit for her work as a diplomat on climate action in Malta and within the International community.

SPEAKER	BIO
<p>Ms. Vera Mustafina</p>  <p>Executive Director of the Kazakhstan Waste Management Association "KazWaste", Kazakhstan</p>	<p>Ms. Vera Mustafina is the Executive Director of “KazWaste” Kazakhstan Waste Management Association, since 2013.</p> <p>Prior to covering this role, she served as of Executive Director of “The Center Cooperation for Sustainable Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan”.</p> <p>As expert in the field of environmental legislation and waste management and author of over 100 publications in international and national journals and collections, Ms. Mustafina holds numerous prestigious memberships, such as within the Council for Green Economy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Public Council under the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan as well as the Balkhash-Alakol Basin Council.</p> <p>She is also initiator and leader of more than 80 projects in the field of environmental protection, including in the field of waste management, hazardous chemicals, and water resources with the support of international organizations, government organizations, and industrial enterprises.</p>

Mr. Antti Rautavaara



**Director of International
Water Affairs at the Finnish
Ministry of Agriculture and
Forestry, Finland**

Mr. Antti Rautavaara is the Director of International Water Affairs at Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland and supporting in his role all five water mandated ministries, and is leading Finland's Water Diplomacy efforts.

Prior to the current job, he has worked as a Senior Adviser for management, water and economics at MFA Development Policy Department.

From 2014 to 2016, he managed UNICEF Nepal Water Section during Gorkha Earthquake 2015, including leadership and coordination of water sector response and humanitarian cluster coordination for over 4 million people.

Mr. Rautavaara holds a master of science degree in Surveying from Aalto-university in Helsinki and a certificate on masters in Sustainable Infrastructure and Environmental Engineering at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm.

Ms. Kertu Birgit Anton



**Fridays For Future Estonia,
Estonia**

Currently, Ms. Anton has been involved in the Estonian branch of the movement since its beginning in early 2019. She was involved with onboarding new members, giving guest lectures, and collaborating with Fridays For Future chapters abroad. Until recently, she was the coordinator of the movement's social media working group.

She is the co-founder of the SISU Bag company where she is responsible for the design, marketing and public relations.

Ms. Anton is studying in the final year of high school in the programming class in Tallinn Secondary School of Science.

Ms. Rola Abu Zeid - O'Neill



**Programme Coordinator
and Lecturer, Diploma in
Women's Studies and
Diploma in Development
and Global Human Rights
Studies, University College
Cork; Project Coordinator
Manager, Carrigtwohill
Family Resource Centre,
County Cork, Ireland**

Ms. Abu Zeid – O’Neill holds a PHD in Sociology at the university of Cork in England.

Currently, she is working as a manager at the *Carrigtwohill Family Resource Centre* in East Cork, England.

From the 2012, she is the Programme Coordinator and Lecturer at the University College of Cork.

She has experience in designing and implementing capacity building programs relating to civil society and public sector, enhancing their skills, compliance with EU and key donors contract requirements, grants management, outreach, reporting and Gender mainstreaming

In her professional development, Ms. Abu Zeid – O’Neill is, among others, Co-author of ‘Alternative Report on Racial Discrimination in Ireland’ and Arabic Tutor.

Ms. Natasha Carmi



**Lead Water Advisor,
Switzerland Water Hub,
Secretariat of the Global
High-Level Panel on Water
and Peace, Switzerland**

Ms. Natasha Carmi is the Lead Water Specialist at the Geneva Water Hub since March 2018, and contributes to the establishment of the Global Water Observatory on Water and Peace, as well as the development of the women, water and peace agenda.

Prior to that, she worked as policy advisor on water, environment and agriculture to the Palestinian Negotiations Support Project, working closely with decision makers, and has experience in bilateral and regional water negotiations.

Ms. Carmi has more than 20 years of experience in water resources and environmental challenges in the Middle East, from different perspectives including those of the private sector, the development agencies, and the civil society.

Session IV

“Empowering women in trade and transport facilitation”

Moderator: Ambassador Stephen de Boer - Permanent Representative of Canada to the World Trade Organization

Ambassador Stephen de Boer was appointed as Canada’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization on August 21, 2017. Mr. de Boer joined Global Affairs Canada in 2005. In 2006, he was named the Director of the Softwood Lumber Division.

From 2008 to 2010, he served as the Director of the Oceans and Environmental Law Division. In 2010, he joined Environment Canada as the Deputy Chief Negotiator for climate change and the Director General responsible for Canada’s international climate change negotiations and partnerships.

Mr. de Boer returned to the department in 2013 as the Director General of the Trade Controls Bureau. In 2015, he was appointed Ambassador to Poland and in 2016, Ambassador to Belarus. Prior to joining the public service, he worked for the Government of Ontario.



Ambassador de Boer has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from Western University and a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University

SPEAKER	BIO
<p>Prof. Dr. Liesbet Stevens</p>  <p>Deputy Director, The Belgian Institute for equality between women and men, Belgium</p>	<p>Ms. Liesbet Stevens is deputy director of the Belgian Institute for the equality of women and men, which is the independent Belgian equality body with regard to discrimination on the ground of sex.</p> <p>Before her current position, Prof. Stevens worked as a policy advisor on equal rights and poverty for the Flemish ministers of equal opportunities (2004-2009) and the fight against poverty (2009-2014).</p> <p>She obtained a Ph.D. in law from the University of Leuven (KU Leuven, 2002), with a dissertation on the criminal legislation with regard to human sexual behavior, “Strafrecht en seksualiteit” (Intersentia, 2002) and holds a position as a guest lecturer at the KU Leuven since 2002, where she teaches the course “Legislation with regard to sex, sexuality and reproduction”.</p> <p>Her book “Hoe legal te flirten?” (‘How to flirt legally?’) was published in 2019 by Borgerhoff & Lamberigts. In 2021 she co-edited the book “Recht & Gender in België – 10 jaar later” (Law & Gender in Belgium – 10 years later), published by die Keure.</p>

**Ms. Magdalena Olczak-
Rancitelli**



**Manager, Institutional
Relations and Summit,
International Transport
Forum (ITF), OECD**

With more than 20 years' experience in international relations and policymaking, Magda currently works at the Paris-based International Transport Forum (ITF), at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). ITF is an intergovernmental organisation of 62 member countries that facilitate global dialogue for better transport policies.

Ms. Olczak-Rancitelli is responsible for the ITF annual Summit programme and related institutional relations.

She coordinates the ITF's work on gender and transport, including policy dialogue and consultations with ITF stakeholders. She has been working at the OECD since 2004 on diverse policy portfolios, including gender, consumer and competition policies, corporate social responsibility and environmental policies.

Magda is honoured to be a part of the "2020 Remarkable Women in Transport" initiative by the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative.

Ms. Ketevan Salukvadze



**Head of Transport and
Logistics Development,
Policy Department at the
Ministry of Economy and
Sustainable Development,
Georgia**

Ms. Ketevan Salukvadze has been a Head of Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia since 2011.

She has extensive professional experience in transport policy planning and monitoring, euro-integration and public administration. Ms. Salukvadze has been actively involved in preparation, implementation and monitoring of sector reforms in the country. She is highly experienced in project management and coordination.

Over the course of many years, Ketevan Salukvadze has been in charge of leading multiple national and regional projects in Georgia in the area of transport and logistics. Currently, she is engaged in coordinating and overseeing the implementation of the EU Twinning project aimed at supporting approximation of Georgian legal and institution framework to the Union Acquis in the field of railway transport.

Prior to the current position, Ms. Salukvadze served as a Head of Transport Corridor Development Division at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. During 2010-2011, she worked in various positions at the United Transport Administration of Georgia. Ms. Salukvadze has long experience of working in the private sector as well.

Ms. Salukvadze holds a Bachelor's degree in Western European Languages and Literature from Tbilisi State University and a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Georgia.

Ms. Aynur Arazova



**Adviser to the Director
General of the Baku
International Sea Trade
Port (Port of Baku),
Azerbaijan**

Mrs. Aynur Samadova is Advisor of the Director-General of Baku International Sea Trade Port in Azerbaijan.

She holds the degree from the Law Faculty of Baku State University and master's degree from Georg Washington School of Business. She specializes in the international economic relations, regional and national multilateral and bilateral projects and management.

Since 2010, she had led and coordinate number of international projects in the economic, energy and other sectors.

Previously, she served as Head of Department on cooperation with European Union in the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Dr. Martina Niemann



**Chief Financial Officer and
member of the Board of DB
Cargo AG, Germany**

Dr. Martina Niemann is Chief Financial Officer and member of the Board of DB Cargo AG since Juli 2020.

The experienced executive with a doctorate in economy started her career with venture capital investments before she shifted her focus to the mobility and logistics sector.

After joining Lufthansa AG as investment manager in the 1990s she changed to the German retail group Kaufhof as head of controlling of their travel agency business. In the next phase she held several management positions within Deutsche Bahn until 2011 including transforming the internal labour market of the company.

From there she moved into the airline business, first as Chief Human Resources Officer for Air Berlin and in 2018 to Lufthansa where she was responsible for the Human Resources Management within Lufthansa Airlines.

Martina Niemann is married, has two grown-up children and currently lives in Frankfurt and Berlin.

Concluding Session

Moderator: Ms. Cecilia Tamm - Deputy Head of Task Force for Sweden's Chairpersonship of the OSCE

Deputy Director Tamm is Deputy Head of Task Force for Sweden's Chairpersonship of the OSCE during 2021.

Before taking on this role in December 2020, Deputy Director Tamm served as Head of Division for Human Rights at the Department for International Law, Human Rights and Treaty Law at the Swedish MFA (2015-2020).

Between 2011 and 2015 she served at the European Correspondence Office at the Swedish MFA, managing i.a. the preparations of the Foreign Affairs Council meetings. Deputy Director Tamm has also served at the Swedish Embassy in London.

Deputy Director Tamm has studied law at Uppsala University and KU Leuven and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Uppsala University. She speaks Swedish, English and French.



Ambassador Vuk Žugić – Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Ambassador Vuk Žugić has been the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities since 2017. Acting in support of the Chairman-in-Office, he is charged with strengthening the ability of the Permanent Council and the OSCE institutions to address economic, social and environmental aspects of security.

Ambassador Žugić is a career diplomat with international experience in various high level positions. Before joining the OSCE Secretariat, he acted as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna (2012-2017). He also served as Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council during Serbia's OSCE Chairmanship in 2015.



Prior to that assignment, between 2004 and 2009, he was Ambassador of Serbia to the Republic of India. Amongst other significant functions, Ambassador Žugić held the positions of Assistant Foreign Minister/Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation (2009-2012), Assistant Foreign Minister, and Head of Sector for Multilateral Cooperation (2001-2004) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia.

Ambassador Žugić holds a Master's degree in International Law and Relations from the University of Belgrade.