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building a resilient society against future shocks"**

Ms. Mami Mizutori – biography



Mami Mizutori is the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, and head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

The role of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is to support countries and stakeholders in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030). The Special Representative ensures the strategic and operational coherence between disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development agendas as well as the linkage with the UN Secretary General's prevention agenda and with humanitarian action.

Ms. Mizutori served for twenty-seven years in various capacities in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Mizutori was Executive Director of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia, UK, since 2011.

Ms. Mizutori graduated in law from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo and obtained a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain.

A Japanese national, Ms. Mizutori speaks Japanese, English and Spanish.



Name: Sonam P. Wangdi

Title: Secretary, NEC

Mr. Sonam P. Wangdi is currently the Secretary, National Environment Commission and responsible for overall regulation of the Environmental Sector. He is Chair of the LDC Group under UNFCCC and selected as one of the 100 most influential people in climate policy by apolitical. He is also recipient of Civil Service Gold Medal for 30 years of distinguished service.

He holds a Masters of International Law and Economics degree from the World Trade Institute, University of Berne, Switzerland.

He commenced his service with the erstwhile Ministry of Trade and Industry and served in various capacities for the last 31 years. Prior to his present post, He was Director General of Department of Hydropower and Power Systems. He is a well-known Trade and Industry expert in Bhutan and in the region. He served as the Chief Negotiator of Bhutan for Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements, and as Deputy Chief Negotiator for Bhutan's accession to the WTO from 2005 till 2012.

He has represented the Country in numerous negotiations, conferences, road shows, seminars and workshops abroad. He has served on some of the most important Task Forces, Committees and Boards instituted by the Royal Government from time to time. In addition to his official functions, he serves on the Boards of Government Owned Companies, Public Listed Companies and Autonomous Agencies.

He has a wealth of experience in the economic sector at policy, enforcement and corporate domains.

Biography



Hon. Jeremiah Manele
Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade
Solomon Islands

Honourable Mr. Jeremiah Manele is the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Solomon Islands. He possesses vast civil service experience having held senior Government positions and represented Solomon Islands as a career diplomat.

Hon. Manele recently presided as President-in-Office during the 112th session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States held in July 2021.

Hon. Manele was first elected to the National Parliament as the Member of Parliament for Hograno/Kia/Havulei Constituency in 2014, and has throughout his political career, held posts as the Leader of the Official Opposition Group in Parliament (2015-2017).


He previously held another ministerial portfolio when he served as the Minister for Development Planning and Aid Coordination (2017-2018).

Prior to his political career, Hon. Manele held senior government positions, serving as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Development Planning, the Secretary to the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

He also served as Secretary to the Solomon Islands Government-RAMSI Intervention Taskforce.

Preceding that, Hon. Manele was deployed on diplomatic posting as Counsellor and later served as Charge d'Affaires a.i of the Solomon Islands Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Hon. Manele holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Certificate in Foreign Service and International Relations from Oxford University.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Tin	<i>First Name</i>	Ponlok
	<i>Institution</i>	Ministry of Environment		
	<i>Position</i>	Secretary of State		
Brief Biography				
<p>Dr. Tin Ponlok joined the Cambodian Ministry of Environment in 1994 after receiving his PhD degree in technical sciences from the former Soviet Union in the same year. From 1996-2009 he had been managing a number of environment, energy and climate change projects in Cambodia. Between 2009-2020 he served as Secretary General of the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD). He now works as Secretary of State of the Ministry of Environment and Second Chair of the NCSD.</p>				



Curriculum Vitae

Amrit Bahadur Rai,

Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations in New York

Date of Birth: April 4, 1970

Education: Master's Degree in Public Management (MPM), 2002-2003, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam, Berlin, Germany

Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) – First in First, 1997-1998, Public Administration Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA), 1992-1993, Nepal Commerce Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

Career History: Chair, The Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee) at the seventy-fifth session

Joint Secretary, Policy Planning Division, 03 Dec 2018 03 March 2019, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

27 December 2014 -02 December 2018: Ambassador of Nepal to South Africa with eighteen other concurrently accredited countries

Joint Secretary, South Asia Division, August 21, 2013 - , Ministry of foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal; Joint Secretary, Europe America Division, March 9, 2013 - August 20, 2013 , Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal

Under Secretary, BIMSTEC and Multilateral Economic Diplomacy Division, October 2012 - March 9, 2013, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal

Minister Counsellor, with responsibility to cover First and Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, Security Council, NAM, Peacebuilding Commission, Peacekeeping, Asia-Pacific Group, Consular functions, Economic Diplomacy, Press relations and community activities; Nov 9, 2008 – October 03, 2012
Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations, New York

Under Secretary, UN and International Organization Division, Multilateral Economic Diplomacy Division, Foreign Minister's secretariat, Nov 25, 2005 – Nov 9, 2008, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal

Under Secretary, Planning Division, June 17, 2003 – Nov 24, 2005), Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Nepal

Under Secretary, 2002 – June 16, 2003, Ministry of General Administration, Government of Nepal

Section Officer, Women Development section, Child Development Section, Department of Women Development, 1996 – 2002, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Government of Nepal

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Tomas Anker Christensen is the Climate Ambassador of Denmark at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities. He has been Under-Secretary for Global Challenges, where he was at the head of the establishment of the 3GF – an international partnership for green growth, partnerships and transition. Subsequently, he was Senior Advisor for Partnerships to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and head of the climate team with responsibility for preparing and conducting the 2014 UN Climate Summit. Following this, he was Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations and chef de cabinet for two presidents of the General Assembly (Mogens Lykketoft and Peter Thomson, respectively) with particular focus on implementation of the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Thereafter, Tomas Anker Christensen served as special advisor to the UN's Special Envoy on Climate Action, Michael Bloomberg and to the Special Envoy on the Ocean, Peter Thomson. Ambassador Christensen has also served as Denmark's ambassador to Iran and to Egypt