BIOGRAPHIES

Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO

Elected Director-General of UNESCO in 2017, Audrey Azoulay launched a vast Strategic Transformation programme for the Organization with a view to positioning UNESCO at the heart of emerging challenges in the 21st century. This includes several flagship projects to protect cultural heritage (through the initiative “Revive the Spirit of Mosul” in Iraq), to achieve quality education for all (in particular for girls and women), as well as to defend UNESCO’s role as a global laboratory of ideas (on artificial intelligence and its ethical implications). After successfully completing her studies at the prestigious École Nationale d’Administration, Audrey Azoulay graduated from the Institut d’Études Politiques in Paris. She also holds a Diploma of Business Administration from the University of Lancaster (United Kingdom). Active in the cultural sector from the outset of her career, she has worked, among other things, to support the financing of the French public audiovisual sector and to reform and modernize French public aid systems for the film industry. As the French Minister of Culture, she took action to protect endangered heritage, particularly in the Middle East. She also worked to widen children’s access to culture by launching artistic and cultural education programmes (the “Création en cours” programmes and ”Microfolies” innovative cultural infrastructures). Audrey Azoulay is committed to positioning UNESCO as a platform for humanist cooperation, as a standard-setting body and as an agency of experts that helps to disseminate knowledge and know-how throughout the world to the greatest number of people.

Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Gabriela Ramos is the Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, where she promotes inclusive economies and societies. This is done through maximizing the contributions of social and human sciences to address contemporary challenges; tools for antiracism and discrimination and intercultural dialogue; the promotion of youth development, gender equality and sports and physical education; and through the ethics of science. In this domain, she is overseeing the elaboration of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence. Previously, she was OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, in charge of the inclusive policies (including in the digital economy and gender equality) and well-being agenda. She is member of the Steering Committee of the Paris Peace Forum and the Advisory Board of UNICEF. She was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by President of France, François Hollande, and recognized by Apolitico and Forbes as among the most influential voices in the world on gender equality. She is a Harvard alumnus and Fulbright and Ford Mcartur fellow.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND PANELLISTS

Yoshua Bengio, Scientific Director, Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms (MILA)

Yoshua Bengio, is Professor in the Computer Science and Operations Research departments at U. Montreal, founder and scientific director of Mila, and acting as the IVADO scientific director. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London and of the Royal Society of Canada, has received a Canada Research Chair and a Canada CIFAR AI Chair and is a recipient of the 2018 Turing Award for pioneering deep learning, is an officer of the Order of Canada, a member of the NeurIPS advisory board, co-founder and member of the board of the ICLR conference, and program director of the CIFAR program on Learning in Machines and Brains. His goal is to contribute to uncovering the principles giving rise to intelligence through learning, as well as favour the development of AI for the benefit of all.

Teki Akuetteh Falconer, Founder and Executive Director of Africa Digital Rights Hub

Teki Akuetteh Falconer is an ICT/Telecom Lawyer, a Privacy/Data Protection Consultant and Senior Partner at a law firm based in Accra, Ghana. She is also the Founder and Executive Director of the Africa Digital Rights Hub LBG, a member of the UN Global Pulse Privacy Advisory Group, and a non-resident fellow of the Center for Global Development. She is also a member of the ad hoc expert group which drafted the first draft of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI. Previously, Teki has worked for the Government of Ghana in the development of several key legislations for the ICT sector including the Data Protection Act, 2012 (Act 843), Electronic Communications Act, 2008 (Act 775), and Electronic Transactions Act, 2012 (Act 772). She was also the first Executive Director of the Data Protection Commission of Ghana. Teki hold an LLM in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow – Scotland and a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Political Science from the University of Ghana (Legon), Accra – Ghana.

Toshiya Jitsuzumi, Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University

Toshiya Jitsuzumi is Professor at the Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan. He holds an LLB from the University of Tokyo, an MBA from the Stern School of Business, New York University, and a DSc from the Graduate School of Global Information and Telecommunication Studies, Waseda University. Before joining Chuo University, he was a professor at the Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University. Previously, he worked for 18 years at the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (now Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications [MIC]), Japan. During 2007-2008, he was a visiting scholar at the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, Columbia University, as an Abe Fellow sponsored by the Social Science Research Council / Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.
His research interests include telecommunications/Internet policy, and current focus is on net neutrality and platform regulation. He has been a member of MIC’s committees on AI network. He served as a vice-chair of OECD Working Party on Measurement and Analysis of the Digital Economy in 2017, and as a vice-chair of the OECD Committee on Digital Economy Policy from 2018 to 2019.

**Agita Pasaribu, Founder and Executive Director at Bullyid App Indonesia**

Agita Pasaribu is the child online protection enthusiast and founder of Bullyid App, an online platform that integrates Artificial Intelligence with psychologists & lawyers, to provide tele-health and tele-legal services for physical abuse and cyberbullying victims. As part of the UNESCO Youth AI Ethics Steering Committee, she is also sitting as the AI Ethics & Legal Advisor at the Care Innovation Corporation, expert member at the AI Policy Exchange, working group member of WHO SDG 3.4 Global Youth as well as the UN Major Group for Children & Youth. Agita is Women Deliver Young Leader Cohort 2020 and a proud of Fred J. Hansen Fellow.

**Henri Verdier, Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France**

Henri Verdier is the French Ambassador for digital affairs. Entrepreneur and digital specialist, he has served as the French State Chief Technology Officer and the Head of Etalab, the French Agency for Public Open data. He was CEO of MFG Labs, an internet startup involved in social data mining, and Chairman of the board of Cap Digital, the French European Cluster for Digital Content and Services located in Paris Region. As ambassador for digital affairs, he was the French negotiator in charge of preparing the Christchurch Call Summit.

**Andrew Wilson, Permanent Observer of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to the United Nations**

Andrew Wilson is the Permanent Observer of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to the United Nations, a position which he has held since 2018. In March 2020, Mr. Wilson took charge of ICC’s Global Policy and External Affairs Department and COVID-19 response. In this role, Mr. Wilson oversees ICC’s engagement with international organizations and processes, including the United Nations, the European Union, the World Trade Organization and the Group of 20 while leading the development of ICC’s policy recommendations, practical guidance and standard setting activities. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Wilson was, from 2015 to 2018, Chief of Staff and Director of Global Communications at the ICC’s headquarters in Paris – during which time, he ran numerous global campaigns, including ICC’s application to obtain Permanent Observer status to the United Nations General Assembly.