

## BIOGRAPHIES



**H.E. MR. ANTÓNIO GUTERRES**  
United Nations Secretary-General

H.E. Mr. António Guterres is the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations. He had a long and distinguished career in public service rooted in one overarching mission: to promote human dignity for all. Whether working as a volunteer in his home neighbourhood of Lisbon or representing his constituency in the Portuguese parliament, and then in his years as Prime Minister to his service as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Guterres has sought to ease suffering, protect the vulnerable and ensure human rights for all. These priorities have remained the core of his work today as Secretary-General of the United Nations. Since taking

office, he has led the Organization in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He has also recognized the need for the United Nations itself to be more innovative and effective, and has set in motion wide-ranging reforms to make full use of new technology and to enhance agility, transparency and accountability. He has also pressed to make the Organization more equal, including through gender parity -- with major milestones met well ahead of schedule -- and improved geographical representation. Mr. Guterres has proclaimed himself a proud multilateralist. "But international cooperation cannot be taken for granted", he has stressed; "We must prove its value by addressing

global challenges." Mr. Guterres graduated from the Instituto Superior Técnico with a degree in engineering. He worked for the Portuguese Government, including as Deputy Mayor for Culture of Lisbon, and has two children, a stepson and two grandchildren.



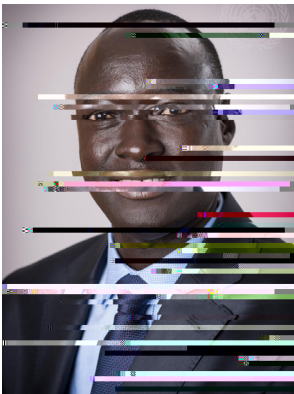
**H.E. MR. VOLKAN BOZKIR**  
President of the United Nations General Assembly

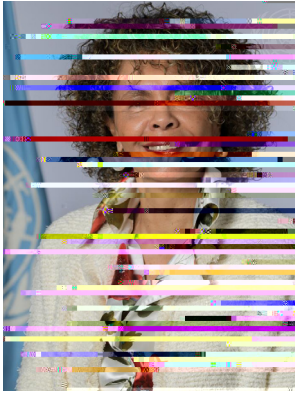
Mr. Bozkir was born in Ankara, Turkey, on 15 July 1952. He graduated from Ankara University with a degree in Law in 1974. He has worked in various capacities for the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Ambassador to the United States of America, and Ambassador to the United Nations.

After graduation with a degree in Law from Ankara University, Mr.Bozkir joined his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he held several posts, including: Permanent Representative of Turkey to the European Union (EU); Ambassador to Romania; Consul General in New York; Counsellor of the Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). He served as Secretary General for EU Affairs from 2007 to 2011. He was elected President of the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. He is married and has two children.

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**MRS. CRISTINA DUARTE**

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa

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Mrs. Cristina Duarte is the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa and Under-Secretary-General on African Affairs, the focal point in UNHQ for relations with the AUDA-NEPAD as well as the African Group with regard to Africa's development. As the head of OSAA, she supports the Secretary-General in promoting coherence in the UN system's engagement in Africa and chairs the Inter-Departmental Task Force on Africa, which brings together all UN departments and its Member States and other key stakeholders around Africa's transformative vision.

Mrs. Duarte has been invited to governance and advisory positions in various international and regional organizations, including the African Union, the United Nations High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, a Member of President Paul Kagame's Advisory Committee on African Union Reforms, a Member of the Board of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and a Member of the Board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development (UONGOZI Institute). Mrs. Duarte is committed to public service.