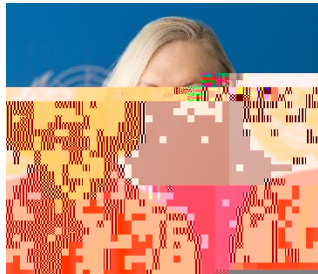




## High Level Partners visit to Chad - Delegation

Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support



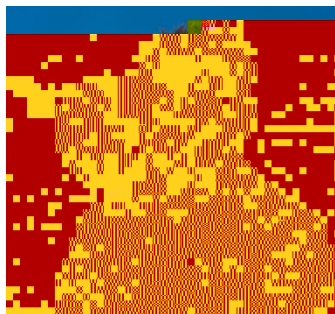
Ms. Elizabeth Spehar of Canada is the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. With more than 35 years of experience in international and political affairs, Ms. Spehar has worked in United Nations Headquarters and in the field, leading political, development, peacebuilding and conflict prevention initiatives. Most recently, since 2016, she was the Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), also serving as Deputy to the Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Cyprus. Previously, Ms. Spehar was Director of the Policy and Mediation Division in the former Department of Political Affairs, now DPPA, where she worked on policy and operational matters related to conflict prevention, mediation, peacebuilding and gender mainstreaming. Prior to this, she was the Director for the Americas and Europe Division and Director of the Europe Division in the Department of Political Affairs, engaging extensively on key political issues facing the region. She also served briefly as Interim Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNFICYP in 2008.

Before joining the United Nations, Ms. Spehar was a senior official with the Organization of American States (OAS) for more than 12 years, working to promote democracy and develop the organization's dialogue and conflict resolution instruments.

Ms. Spehar holds a Bachelor of Arts with honours from Queen's University in Canada, a master's degree in international affairs from Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, also in Canada, and a Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures from the University of Pau in France. She speaks English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Croatian. Born in Port Arthur, Canada, she has a daughter.

Brian Williams, Chief Financing for Peacebuilding, Peacebuilding Support Office

Brian Williams has worked in the development field for close to 30 years. In 2021 he served in the United Nations Development Coordination Office as the ad interim Chief of Policy and Programming, following on from serving as UN Resident Coordinator in Albania from December 2015 to mid-2020. From 2010 - 2015 he was the Chief of the Peacebuilding Fund in the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office and from 2001 to 2008 he worked on the global HIV crisis, as UNAIDS Coordinator in Myanmar and in Geneva headquarters. Since 1990, Mr. Williams has lived in and worked on humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda. He has worked with the United Nations, USAID, CARE International, and the International Rescue Committee.





His wife, Julie, also works for the UN (OCHA), and they have two children. Mr. Williams has a Masters from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs and an undergraduate degree in engineering from Harvard University.

Kenya (PBC Vice-Chair), Darius Nzangi Mutua, Policy Advisory at the Kenyan Mission to the UN



Darius possess an LLB Bachelor of Laws from the University of London UK, Post-Graduate Diploma in Strategic and Security Studies from the University of Nairobi, and a Master of Arts - Security, Intelligence & Diplomacy with distinction from the University of Buckingham UK. He has over 20 years of experience in Kenya's legal, security, and diplomatic sectors, and began as a criminal defense lawyer in 2004, focusing on terrorism, drug-related cases and election petitions. In 2008, he joined the State Department for Internal Security, advancing from investigator to Senior Policy Analyst, leading international negotiations on legal assistance and intelligence sharing. From 2013 to 2015, Darius served as a Counter-Terrorism Analyst and Trainer at NCTC – Kenya, later becoming the Head of Operational Training managing a team of Trainers in CT programmes.

Since 2019, Darius has been a Counsellor at the Kenya Mission to the UN, in charge of CT files, Deputy Political Coordinator during Kenya's tenure in the UNSC, Deputy Head of First Committee and Security Council files and the Policy Advisor to the PR advising on geopolitical strategies. As a Counsellor at Kenya Mission, he has been directly involved in UN Security Council (UNSC) matters, which includes significant experience with UN sanctions regimes. During Kenya's tenure on the UNSC, Darius served as the Deputy Political Coordinator and CT Focal Point. Additionally, as a Policy Advisor to the PR, he has advised on Kenya's position on conflict situations and peacekeeping operations in Africa in relation to the work of the UNSC, and the geopolitical implications of sanctions, ensuring compliance with international legal standards.

Canada, Krista House, Deputy Director of the Peace and Stabilization Program



Krista House is currently the Deputy Director in the Peace and Stabilization Operations Program at Global Affairs Canada, managing international programming in peacebuilding, mediation, peace support operations, and Women, Peace and Security. Prior to her current role, Ms. House was the Deputy Director, Natural Disaster Response and Humanitarian programming for Global Affairs Canada. She has over 20 years experience in humanitarian assistance, peace support operations and peacekeeping training and has worked in Guatemala, Ecuador, South Sudan, Sudan and South Africa. She

managed Canada's response to natural disasters in Haiti, Nepal and Ecuador and managed complex humanitarian programming in the Americas, Asia, Sudan and South Sudan. She served on staff at the Southern African Migration Project at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, managing an interdisciplinary







Sweden, Dr. Jannie Lilja, Deputy Director and Head of the Conflict, Migration and Gender Equality Division