

The Eminent Persons Group



Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (Malaysia, Chairperson): Former Prime Minister of Malaysia. Previously, he served as Minister of Education,

Defence, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs and Finance, and was also Deputy Prime Minister.



Sir Ieremia Tabal (Kiribati): President of Kiribati, 1979–1991. He is currently a sitting member of parliament for the island of Nonouti.



Dr Emmanuel O. Akwetey (Ghana): Founding Executive Director of the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG), one of Ghana's

leading research and advocacy organisations.



The Hon Michael Kirby (Australia): Served as a Justice of the High Court of Australia between 1996 and 2009 and was President of the International

Commission of Jurists from 1995 to 1998. He was also UN Special Representative for Human Rights in Cambodia from 1993 to 1996.



Dr Asma Jahangir (Pakistan): Chair of Pakistan's Human Rights Commission, Dr Jahangir is known for her work to prevent the persecution

of religious minorities, women and children. She is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, at the UN Human Rights Council.



Sir Ronald Sanders (Guyana): High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda to the United Kingdom (1984–87 and 1996–2004) and Ambassador

to the World Trade Organization (1997–2004). He is an international consultant and writer.



Samuel Kavuma (Uganda): Interim Chairperson of the Commonwealth Youth Caucus. Mr Kavuma has

been a student leader in Uganda since 1997 at the institutional, district and national level.



Senator Hugh Segal CM (Canada): Joined the Canadian Senate in 2005, after four decades of public service that included the roles of Chief

of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada and President of the Independent Institute for Research on Public Policy.



Sir Malcolm Rifkind (UK): Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, 1995–97. He has also held the Transport and Defence portfolios and

served as Secretary of State for Scotland.



Patricia Francis (Jamaica): Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC), a joint agency of the United Nations and the World Trade

Organization that enables small business export success in developing countries. She has been President of Jamaica Trade and Invest since 1995.