

GLOBAL PROGRAM



Nicolas Massot | ARGENTINA

City Councilor • Tigre City Council

Elected to a four-year term of the Council in 2021, Massot intends to run for mayor of Tigre in 2023. From 2015 to 2017 he served as majority leader in the National Congress for Propuesta Republicana, Argentina's center-right political party. On fellowship he wants to explore the catalysts for job creation in five key sectors of the U.S. economy: oil and gas, mining, agribusiness, fishing and the knowledge industry. The aim of his project is an indepth study of those sectors and how their success can be replicated in Argentina.



Vincent Sagaert | BELGIUM

Professor · University of Leuven

A distinguished professor of law with a deep interest in property rights, Sagaert has authored, co-authored, edited or co-edited more than 60 books and 250 journal articles and delivered more than 200 conference lectures. As co-chair of a government commission to reform the country's property and mortgage rules, he is helping to update Belgium's 1851 law and adapt it for the 21st century. On fellowship he wants to expand an initiative he recently created called RE.Think, to broaden its influence as an incubator for research in real-estate innovation.



Wu Hao | CHINA

Deputy Director-General • Wuhan Resident Office of the National Audit Office of the People's Republic of China

Wu Hao, a certified public accountant and expert auditor, supervises a regional office of 150 employees responsible for vetting revenues and expenditures of public funds and Chinese state-owned assets with the goal of promoting accountability, good governance and economic security. After China banned fishing in the Yangtze River to help reverse environmental deterioration, Wu Hao studied the policy's impact on displaced fisherman and the government compensation program to aid them. On fellowship she wants to create a framework for auditing policies on carbon emissions. Her secondary objective is to develop a cost-effective system for recycling the heavy metals used in electric-vehicle batteries.





Chao-Fu Yeh | CHINESE TAIPEI

Director-General · Transportation Bureau, Taichung City Government

Leading an organization of more than 700 employees and a budget of \$333 million USD, Yeh oversees transportation planning, engineering, administration, parking management and traffic-accident investigation for a city of 2.8 million people. An associate professor at Feng-Chia University, he is widely published on fuel consumption, passenger comfort, the role of bicycles, smart-card fare systems and related topics. On fellowship he wants to visit American urban mass-transit centers and learn about cutting-edge technologies.



Minoush Abdelmeguid | EGYPT

Founding Partner & Managing Director · Mezzan

Mezzan, which means "balance" in Arabic, is an investment management firm with a portfolio of small-to-medium-sized companies dedicated to sustainability, green living and gender diversity. Abdelmeguid leads its fundraising, deal-sourcing and investment strategies. Although women constitute 50 percent of university graduates in Egypt, they make up just 23 percent of the country's workforce and are five times more likely to be unemployed than their male counterparts. On fellowship, Abdelmeguid wants to launch a "gender-smart" private equity fund to take better advantage of the economic power of Egyptian women.



Romain Caillaud | FRANCE

Principal · SIPA Partners

Caillaud, an expert on Japanese and Southeast Asian affairs, was born in France and has lived extensively in Myanmar and Singapore. At SIPA he provides strategic-intelligence advisory services to corporations, law firms and non-profits. Beginning in 2012 he helped global companies establish operations in Myanmar and now looks back on that time with sorrow because the country's 2021 military coup erased many earlier achievements. On fellowship he wants to lay the groundwork for the creation of a research-and-training institute on politics, economics, policy and good governance to better equip Myanmar's future leaders.





Anna Seidel | GERMANY

Investment Professional · Dynamo Capital, The Blackstone Group

Seidel coordinates investments in the artificial-intelligence, regenerative-medicine, software-as-a-service, technology, media and telecom industries. Having studied for a master's degree in creative writing alongside her career in finance, she often blends the disciplines of art and science, advancing her belief in poetry's capacity to improve conceptual thinking. On fellowship she wants to initiate a community forum for Sci-Art collaborations, with an annual international summit for next-generation talent to exchange ideas and showcase projects in development.



Rajeev Mantri | INDIA

Managing Director · Navam Capital

Partnering with some of India's best known biotech innovators, the company that Mantri founded invests in drug-discovery and other cutting-edge ventures. In 2020 he co-authored *A New Idea of India*, a book about the history and future of the country. On fellowship he wants to develop a kind of sister-cities bridge to map the sector-level strengths of four to five urban centers in India that are home to important academic institutions, research labs and innovative corporations, then twin them with counterpart cities in the U.S. to expedite entrepreneurial collaboration.



Angela Ruttledge | IRELAND

Public Affairs and Stakeholder Manager · FoodCloud

Ruttledge's background as a lawyer, concern for sustainability and experience in foodservice drive her interest in reducing food waste, particularly in Ireland, where one million tons of uneaten food is discarded every year. Ruttledge heads public affairs for FoodCloud, an award-winning charity that redistributes surplus food to those in need. Her goal is to move from a linear economy to a system of reuse. On fellowship she wants to develop FoodCloud Network, a policy, innovation and data-driven network to highlight the most cost-effective systems for reducing food waste and food insecurity.





Lucrezia Busa | ITALY

Member of the Cabinet of E.U. Commissioner for Justice and Consumer Protection • European Commission

Reporting directly to the European Community's Commissioner for Justice, Busa advises the 27-nation, 30,000-employee European Commission on digital policy, artificial intelligence and data protection. A lawyer, she was admitted to the Rome Bar in 2005. On fellowship she wants to find ways to systematize and enhance dialogue and cooperation between the E.U. and the U.S. on how best to uphold their common democratic values and fundamental rights in the digital sphere. She cites the misinformation surrounding the pandemic, the Russian-fueled propaganda on the war in Ukraine, messages on social media about January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol and racist hate speech as examples of common challenges faced on both sides of the Atlantic.



Zaid Tarawneh | JORDAN

Chief Operating Officer · Jordan Capital and Investment Fund

Overseeing two units and 17 employees within the prime minister's office, Tarawneh facilitates private-sector investment in government projects designed to improve public transport, water quality, energy production, education, agriculture and economic recovery after the lockdowns imposed by COVID-19. In 2022, he joined the Jordan Capital Investment Fund, a \$400 million private-equity firm specializing in mid-to-large-size companies. On fellowship he wants to develop plans for large investments in sustainable technologies such as "green" hydrogen. Although most impact funds commendably focus on small businesses, he believes it will require transformational mega-projects to shock Jordan out of what he regards as its state of stagnation.



Julius Ooko | KENYA

Founder · Dandora Hiphop City

Presenting itself as a transformational space for youth interested in the arts, technology and entrepreneurship, Ooko's Hiphop City is located in an economically depressed eastern suburb of Nairobi where the capitol's trash is dumped. To uplift the suburb's image, HipHop City provides tools, training, networking and performance venues for rappers and other artists to launch, showcase and grow ideas into viable ventures that have included a UNICEF-co-sponsored feeding program, marketable mixtapes, concerts and a waste-handling center. On fellowship he wants to learn how to upscale the programs and grow the waste handling capacity from 100 kilograms a week to 10 tons a day by 2026. In an environment of crime and despondency, his web site presents Dandora Hiphop City as an oasis of hope.





Thelma Nelson | LIBERIA

Director, Global Health and Partnerships · National Public Health Institute of Liberia

The Ebola virus outbreak in 2014 that killed 10,000 Liberians was clear evidence that the country's fragile health-care system could not withstand the shocks of an epidemic. Liberia's legislature responded by creating The National Public Health Institute, with a mandate to detect and react to public health emergencies by coordinating with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and other international bodies. As one of its directors, Nelson oversees all aspects of its operation, including projects on acute febrile illness, hepatitis B and other diseases. Although vaccination campaigns against several tropical and childhood diseases have lowered the incidence of those illnesses, the actual vaccination rates have been shown to be 30 to 40 percent lower than those reported by health-campaign staff. On fellowship Nelson wants to design a model for accurately assessing immunization coverage.



Sudha Sivadas | MALAYSIA

Principal Assistant Director · Economic Planning Unit, Office of the Prime Minister

As a leader in the government agency responsible for Malaysia's economic planning and development, Sivadas oversees socio-economic research, planning, coordination with civil-society groups and policies to encourage growth with equity, national unity and sustainable local markets. She earned a doctorate in economics and has published journal articles on the challenges of urbanization and child welfare. On fellowship she wants to design an awareness curriculum on the rising number of online scams aimed at youth. Her guiding principle: Merely reading about the do's and don'ts is not as effective as real-life examples drawn from case files.



Hayden Smith | NEW ZEALAND

Founding Trustee · Sea Cleaners

Smith, a qualified commercial sea captain, spearheads a program that raises awareness among local charities, schools, community groups, indigenous New Zealanders and corporations about the litter that enters waterways and contaminates coastlines. Since its founding in 2002, Sea Cleaners has removed over 12 million liters of waste – enough to fill 406 shipping containers. With funding from the Hawaiian Tourist Board, Sea Cleaners runs an annual Youth Ambassador Program that brings young people to Hawaii to experience a coastal cleanup and learn about the impacts of excessive consumerism on the marine environment. On fellowship he wants to exchange environmental knowledge with U.S. groups and recruit participants for the Ambassador Program.





Uzoma Nwagba | NIGERIA

Chief Operating Officer, Growth Platform · Bank of Industry

With the goal of "reversing perennial poverty in Africa" by changing the paradigm from "aid for survival" to "aid for productivity," the Growth Platform has provided more than \$472 million in credit and grants to 4.1 million micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises since 2017. Fifty-six percent of recipients are women and 57 percent are younger than 35. Nwagba, who earned an MBA from Harvard Business School in 2014, oversees daily operations and the Platform's 22,000 staff and field-based loan officers. On fellowship he will develop an upskilling program he calls "Nigeria Valley" to train a new generation of software engineers, product designers, Web 3.0 developers and blockchain professionals who will work remotely from Nigeria in thousands of global jobs.

Mark McGarrity | NORTHERN IRELAND

Judge · Judiciary of Northern Ireland

Presiding over a broad spectrum of criminal and family-law matters, McGarrity makes decisions about guilt or innocence, custody or liberty, the integrity of family units and the welfare of children. As a manager, he supervises 21 full-time and 17 part-time judges. On fellowship he wants to visit courts across the United States, which has pioneered the use of "specialty courts," to learn about problem-solving justice initiatives that are alternatives to traditional courts.



Amna Baig | PAKISTAN

Superintendent of Police · Police Service of Pakistan

In a country where fewer than two percent of police officers are women, Baig spearheads a movement for gender equity. She joined the Police Service in 2016 and created its first Gender Protection Unit, staffed by females and a transgender officer to process crimes against women and transgender individuals. On fellowship she wants to develop a digital "data dashboard" to collect statistics and identify trends that can lead to better decisions about deployment and resource allocations. As a secondary objective, she wants to devise a multi-channel media campaign to make the work of the protection unit more widely known.





Robin Garcia | PHILIPPINES

Founder W&R, President & CEO · WR Numero Research

The company Garcia created in 2017, and its associated polling/public opinion research firm, created in 2020, specialize in strategic communications and public relations for companies, governments and political candidates across Asia and the Pacific Rim. "Digitizing the Philippines," a public forum he organized, brought together government, private-sector and academic leaders to share their views on how the Philippines could catch up to advances in artificial intelligence, robotics, genetic engineering, quantum computing and other technologies. On fellowship he wants to explore innovative ways to gather data to upgrade existing practices in the Philippines.



Aseel Alabdulkarim | SAUDI ARABIA

Deputy Assistant Minister for Social Rehabilitation • Ministry of Human Resource and Social Development

An expert in speech pathology and audiology, Alabdulkarim develops laws and social programs for people with disabilities, then promotes their participation in occupational training and employment opportunities. On fellowship she wants to devise a system to measure the impact of social protection programs on society in general, on the target-population in particular and on the country's GDP.



Zakhona Mvelase | SOUTH AFRICA

Director, Forensic Audit Services · National Treasury of South Africa Founder · African Women Against Corruption Network

The National Treasury of South Africa promotes economic development and good governance through the accountable management of public finances. As head of its Forensic Audit unit, Mvelase enforces transparency and anti-fraud policies in all spheres of her country's government. Investigations initiated by the unit have recovered \$31 million since 2017. On fellowship she wants to develop an anti-corruption curriculum that highlights the impact of corruption on women and girls, who often are the most vulnerable because they are usually the most dependent on public services.





Joon Sung Park | SOUTH KOREA

Managing Director · Legend Capital

Managing \$10 billion in assets, Park's company specializes in early-stage venture capital and expansion-stage growth capital. In 2016 he spearheaded Legend's investment in Hybe Corporation, the recording, talent-management and music-production company that represents the internationally famous K-Pop boy band BTS. Fluent in Chinese, English, Japanese and Korean, he oversees investments in China, Japan, South Korea and Southeast Asia. On fellowship he wants to develop the framework for an annual Global Leadership Conference for interdisciplinary learning and problem solving.



Manal Ataya | UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Director-General · Sharjah Museums Authority

Enhancing appreciation of local art and culture, the 16 museums in the Sharjah Emirate authority preserve collections, offer educational programs and training in academic research and exhibition curation. Ataya focuses on new partnerships with international museums and local universities. As an advocate for arts education, she put in motion "Museum Express," a converted bus that brings a traveling exhibition to public schools in rural areas of the emirate. On fellowship she wants to explore how tranquil museum spaces and immersion in art-therapy activities can help people struggling with mild-to-medium mental-health issues.



Gonzalo Moratorio | URUGUAY

Associate Professor of Virology · Institut Pasteur de Montevideo, Universidad de la República

As head of an experimental virology laboratory, Moratorio is the co-inventor of a patent to design synthetic RNA viruses as vaccine candidates. In 2020, the prestigious journal *Nature* cited him, along with Dr. Anthony Fauci and eight other honorees, for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. On fellowship, he wants to tackle another public-health scourge, the viruses spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes - dengue, chikungunya, zika, yellow fever and Mayaro - which have re-emerged in the Americas and annually kill thousands of people. The fact that there are no antiviral drugs or vaccines against most of those viruses adds urgency to his quest.

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Trang Do | VIETNAM

Vice President, Head of Financial Institutions – Asia · Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam

With a customer base of 16 million people, 340,000 corporations, 189 branches and \$75 billion in assets, Do's institution is Vietnam's oldest and largest commercial bank. In the role she has held since 2013, she tracks bank-to-bank business developments, compliance with regulations and progress toward the goal of becoming one of Southeast Asia's leading banks by 2030. On fellowship she wants to focus on socially responsible and environmentally sustainable investments that act to combat climate change.