Alicia Bárcena
ECLAC Executive Secretary

Alicia Bárcena assumed office as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on 1 July 2008. She had previously served as the Under-Secretary-General for Management at United Nations Headquarters in New York, Chef de Cabinet and Deputy Chef de Cabinet to the former Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan.

Alicia Bárcena held the post of Deputy Executive Secretary and Director of ECLAC's Environment and Human Settlements Division. Prior to her time at ECLAC, Ms. Bárcena served as Co-ordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), responsible for the Environmental Citizenship Project at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Alicia Bárcena was the Founding Director of the Earth Council in Costa Rica, a non-governmental organization in charge of follow-up to the agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.

She has published numerous articles on sustainable development, public policy, environmental issues, and public participation. Alicia Bárcena holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and a Master degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

In September 2014, she was awarded an honoris causa doctorate by the University of Oslo, Norway. In July 2014, she was appointed by the National Autonomous University of Mexico as extraordinary teacher to collaborate at the Economics School and other entities.

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Dirk Jaspers-Faijer, who is Dutch, studied human geography at the University of Groningen, Netherlands, and then graduated in demographics from the same university. He has worked at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) since 1981, when he joined the CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC (CELADE) as an expert associate with the headquarters in San José, Costa Rica.

In 1985, he was transferred to ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, as a CELADE Population Affairs Officer to work on demographic estimates and population projections. In 1987, he took over the CELADE training programme and in 1992 took charge of the regional preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development. In December 2004 he was appointed Director of CELADE - Population Division of ECLAC.

**Paulo Saad, Chief of the Population and Development Area.**  
Main areas: population ageing; socioeconomic impact of changes in the population age structure; links between population dynamics and development.

**Fabiana Del Popolo, Population Affairs Officer.**  
Main areas: Indigenous and Afro-descendent populations.

**Sandra Huenchuan, Research Assistant.**  
Main areas: Ageing and rights of elderly people.

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