

**Global Virtual Conference on Catalysing Parliamentary Action to Fight Climate Change****11-12 May 2021****BIOGRAPHIES****DAY 1: TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021****09:00 – 12:00 CEST (Brussels time)****INTRODUCTION  
09:00-09:20****Helena Marschall**, Climate Activist, FridaysForFuture

Helena Marschall is one of the leading activists for the FridaysForFuture (FFF) movement in Frankfurt, Germany and our youngest speaker at the conference. The movement was started by Greta Thunberg and fellow climate change activists in 2018. Helena is engaged in fundraising and campaigning for the FFF.

She graduated from high school and is currently studying for her bachelor degree in Economics at the University in Lüneburg, Germany.

**Kevin Casas-Zamora**, Secretary-General, International IDEA

Kevin Casas-Zamora joined International IDEA in 2019 and brought with him more than 25 years of experience working in democratic governance as a researcher, analyst, educator, consultant and public official.

He is Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington,DC-based policy research centre and until recently, he was a member of Costa Rica's Presidential Commission for State Reform, and managing director at Analitica Consulting (Analitica Consultores). Previously he was Secretary for Political Affairs at the Organization of American States; Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; and National Coordinator of UNDP's Human Development Report. From 2006-2007 he was Costa Rica's Second Vice President and Minister of National Planning. Kevin holds a Law degree from the University of Costa Rica, a Masters in Government from the University of Essex, and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Oxford. He has authored several studies on a range of democracy topics. In 2007 he was selected as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and in 2013 became a member of the Bretton Woods Committee.



**Martin Chungong**, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Martin Chungong is a Cameroonian National and has dedicated his professional life to promoting and building democracy worldwide. He gained his initial post-graduate degree in the University of Yaoundé and then went on to study for a Masters in Applied Linguistics in the University of Ottawa. He worked for 14 years in the Cameroonian Parliament and then joined the IPU in 1993 where he has gained many years of knowledge and experience in working on parliamentary development worldwide. In 2014 he made double history by becoming the first African and first non-European to be elected as IPU Secretary General. He has been made a Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade, an honour awarded by what is now known as the International Organisation of La Francophonie to people who have distinguished themselves in the service of its ideals of cooperation and friendship.

**KEYNOTE**  
**09:20-09:35**



**His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed**, Speaker of the People's Majlis of the Maldives

His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed has been the Speaker of the People's Majlis (Parliament of the Maldives) since 2019 and President of the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP). He was the Maldives' first democratically elected President from 2008-2012. He remains a figurehead for the promotion of human rights and democracy in Islamic countries, and an international icon for action against climate change. He is a graduate in maritime studies and has produced three books on Maldivian history.

**Session 1**  
**STRENGTHENING**  
**THE ENABLING**  
**ENVIRONMENT**  
**THROUGH CLIMATE**  
**LEGISLATION**  
**09:35-10:15**



**Alina Averchenkova**, Distinguished Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute

Dr. Alina Averchenkova is a Distinguished Policy Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics (LSE) and Political Science. She is responsible for Research on International Climate Change Policy where she focuses on the analysis of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and on national climate governance and legislation. She also advises policy makers and parliaments on the design and implementation of climate change laws and policies. Alina has worked previously in a number of environmental roles including with KPMG, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, First

Climate and the Environmental Defence Fund. Alina holds a BSc in Geography from Moscow State University, and an MSc and a PhD in Economics and International Development from the University of Bath.



**Jean-René Cazeneuve**, Member of the Finance Committee, General Rapporteur of Climate and Resilience Law, French National Assembly

Jean-René Cazeneuve is an engineer by profession, holds an MBA from HEC, Paris and has devoted his entire career to emerging technologies. He worked previously at Compaq, Cisco, Apple and was Deputy CEO of Bouygues Telecom. Following the 2002 French election, he worked alongside the Parliamentarian Olivier Ferrand. He entered politics in 2014 when he was elected first as an Auch municipal councillor and then became Vice-President of the Greater Auch Area Coeur de Gascogne. Since 2017 he has been a Member of the French National Assembly and has occupied a number of committee and senior roles. These include: the Finance Committee, Local Finances Committee, Special Rapporteur of the budgetary mission “Relations with Regional and Local Authorities” and President of the Delegation to Regional and Local Authorities and Decentralisation. He is a member of the Public Action Committee (CAP 22) and the President of the France-Georgia Friendship Group. In 2021, he was appointed General Rapporteur of Climate and Resilience Law.



**Miguel Costa Matos**, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Energy and Territorial Planning, Portuguese Assembleia da República

Miguel Costa Matos is the youngest MP in the Portuguese Parliament, leader of Portugal’s Socialist Youth and a member of the Climate Law Working Group. Miguel studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Warwick and holds a Masters in Economics from the Nova School of Business and Economics, in Lisbon. Miguel worked in the private sector and as a Public Finance and Budget Specialist in the Portuguese Ministry of Finance. He then became Economic Advisor to Prime Minister António Costa from September 2017 to October 2019. Miguel also holds an elected office in local government.



**Rasmus Helveg Petersen**, The Chair of The Climate, Energy and Utilities Committee, Danish Parliament

Rasmus Helveg Petersen is the Chairman of The Climate, Energy and Utilities Committee in the Danish Parliament. He is an MP for The Social Liberal Party and their spokesperson on climate, energy, utilities and transport. From 2014-2015 he was the Danish Minister for Climate and Energy.

He studied journalism in the Danish School of Journalism, Aarhus and worked for eighteen years in a number of senior journalism and communication roles before joining Politics in 2011.

**Session 2  
OVERSIGHT OF THE  
GOVERNMENT IN  
THE  
IMPLEMENTATION  
OF CLIMATE  
POLICIES AND  
FRAMEWORKS  
10:25-11:05**



**Baroness Hayman**, former Lord Speaker of the House of Lords, Co-Chair of Peers for the Planet

Baroness Hayman is a crossbench peer and former Lord Speaker of the House of Lords who co-founded Peers for the Planet in 2019. She studied law at Newnham College, Cambridge and worked for a number of years before entering politics in 1974. She was an MP between 1974 and 1979 and entered the House of Lords in 1996 . Following the 1997 General Election she held Ministerial posts in the

Transport, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Health Departments. Baroness Hayman previously served as a trustee of the Disasters Emergency Committee and is currently Chair of Malaria No More UK.



**Lisa Badum**, Member of the Committee on Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Speaker for Climate Politics of the Greens, German Bundestag

Lisa Badum has been a Member of the German Parliament for Alliance 90/The Greens since 2017. She is a spokesperson on climate policy, a member of the Environment Committee and deputy member of the Committee on Economic and Energy Affairs. She is a Laureate of the Helene-Weber Award 2015 (an award for local level engagement by Federal Women's Minister Manuela Schwesig).

Lisa studied political science at the University of Bamberg and is a member of Terre des Femmes, Bund Nature Conservation, and Association Nationalpark Nordsteigerwald.



**Rafael Jimenez Aybar**, Environmental Democracy Adviser, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Rafa Jimenez Aybar has over 14 years of experience supporting parliamentarians worldwide to advance environmental

governance through his work with the environmental parliamentary association GLOBE. He has led the formulation and delivery of numerous demand-driven capacity-building interventions, from providing policy development capacity support to facilitating the exchange of best legislative practices.

He focuses on working in collaboration with national government agencies and civil society, as well as with knowledge institutions such as the LSE Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources. His work has covered a range of environmental areas including climate change mitigation, adapting ecosystems, disaster risk-reduction, marine and terrestrial biodiversity governance and environmental economics and commitment to the attainment of the SDGs.

Rafa holds an MA in European Integration and Development from the Free University of Brussels - VUB and an MA in International Relations from the University Paris XI – John Hopkins Institute.

**Session 3  
CLIMATE AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
BUDGETING  
11:10-11:50**



**Asad Maken**, Governance and Public Finance Specialist, UNDP

Asad Maken has worked with UNDP for seven years and is a Governance and Public Finance Specialist with significant expertise in the area of climate change finance. He has been leading a programme entitled Governance of Climate Change Finance for the Asia Pacific Region and has helped put in place the Climate

Financing Framework and other key reforms such as climate budget tagging. Prior to working with UNDP he has worked with the ADB, DFID and as a civil servant. He holds a Masters Degree in Economics from Punjab University and a degree in Economic Policy from Columbia University USA.



**Bénédicte Peyrol**, Member of the Committee of Finances, French National Assembly

Bénédicte PEYROL grew up in Cusset (Allier) and graduated with a Masters in International Taxation. She began her career in the tax department of SAGEMCOM and later joined the tax legislation sub-directorate of the Ministry of Finance to work on issues related to international tax evasion. At the end of 2015, she joined an eco-organization specializing in paper recycling, as a legal expert in charge of European public affairs, with a particular focus on the environmental and energy transition. In

2016, she joined the “En Marche” movement and created a “En Marche” committee in Cusset, her childhood region. In 2017 she was elected member of the National Assembly, at the age of 27. She is currently a member of the Finance Committee and works on international taxation and taxation related to environmental transition. She also co-chairs the Committee for the Green Economy, in charge of developing a government doctrine on ecological and solidarity taxation. In this context, she has written a report on "How to build an ecological tax system during the current Presidency and beyond"



**Delaine McCullough**, Head of Climate Finance Accountability, International Budget Partnership (IBP)

Delaine McCullough is the Head of Climate Finance Accountability at IBP. She works with civil society organizations and other state and non-state actors in vulnerable

countries to influence climate-related budget decisions and ensure that governments manage public funds for climate action with transparency and accountability. Prior to taking up this role she was IBP’s Communications Manager from 2008-2018.

Before joining IBP, Delaine was a Senior Policy Analyst with the California Budget Project and directed outreach and advocacy programs for such environmental organizations as the National Wildlife Federation, the National Toxics Campaign, and Rainforest Action Network. Delaine also served as the Director of Marketing and Communications for PDK International and managed the media relations for the 1999 Microcredit Summit Meeting of Councils in Abidjan. Delaine holds an MA of Public Affairs from Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

**CONCLUSIONS  
DAY 1  
11:50-12:00**



**Oras Tynkkynen**, former Member of the Finnish Parliament, INTER PARES Climate Consultant

Oras Tynkkynen has been working on climate action in various roles for the past 25 years. He served 11 years as a Member of Parliament in Finland, including as a leader of his parliamentary group and a vice-chair of two different committees. As the Climate Policy Specialist in the Prime Minister's Office, he was in charge of drafting the country's first long-term climate strategy. Since stepping down from the parliament, he has been working as a Senior

Advisor to both the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra and Tyrsky Consulting, a consultancy specialising in climate and sustainability. Tynkkynen is also a seasoned communicator who has written three books and carried out public speaking engagements at more than 1,000 events in 34 countries

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2021

14:00 – 17:20 CEST (Brussels time)

### VIDEO MESSAGE

14:00-14:05



**Virginijus Sinkevičius**, European Commissioner for the Environment , Oceans and Fisheries

Virginijus Sinkevičius has been a European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries since 2019. Previously he has been a Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Minister of the Economy and Innovation.

In 2019, he received the Partnership Leader 2018 award for innovation reform and development of a startup ecosystem from the organisation Lithuanian Business Confederation. In 2018, Sinkevičius was included in the list of 100 World's Most Influential Young People in Government by the website Apolitical. He has a degree in Economics and Social Studies and a Masters in European Studies.

### KEYNOTE

14:05-14:20



**Saber Chowdhury**, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh Parliament, former President of the IPU

Mr. Saber Chowdhury is a distinguished politician with an impressive track record in public service in Bangladesh and extensive

experience in inter-parliamentary relations. He was the 28th President of the IPU from 2014-2017.

He began his career as an entrepreneur and embraced full-time politics in 1996. Much of his political effort has focused on climate change, disaster risk reduction, nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda. He co-authored a joint parliamentary Inquiry on climate change equity by the Parliaments of Bangladesh and the United Kingdom, a worldwide first in inter-parliamentary cooperation and networking. This was launched in Copenhagen in December 2009 during the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change (COP 15).

Mr. Chowdhury is a graduate of the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies and holds a joint Honours degree in economics and politics. He has also received a diploma in law from the University of Westminster, United Kingdom.



**Session 4**  
**EUROPEAN ACTION**  
**ON CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**14:20-15:00**



**Georgios Amanatidis**, Parliamentary Research Administrator, Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies, European Parliament

Georgios Amanatidis holds a degree in physics and a PhD on atmospheric physics from the Aristotle University of

Thessaloniki, Greece, as well as a Masters (DEA) on atmospheric chemistry from the University of Paris XII, France. From 1989 to 1994, he worked as a research scientist at the National Scientific Research Center “Demokritos” in Athens, Greece on urban meteorology and air pollution. From 1994 to 2008, he worked as scientific officer in the Environment Directorate of the Research Directorate General of the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, managing environmental research areas i.e. stratospheric ozone, earth observation, aviation impacts and climate change.

Since 2008, he has been working at the European Parliament on climate change legislation and policies, first as administrator in the Secretariat of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee and more recently as parliamentary research administrator in the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies. He has organised many European Parliament delegations in international environmental/climate fora, e.g. the UNFCCC COP21 where the Paris Agreement was agreed, and the 39th ICAO Assembly of the Chicago Convention. He has more than 130 publications on the above-mentioned research areas, 24 of them in peer-reviewed scientific journals.



**Katja Biedenkopf**, Associate Professor, Sustainable Futures research group, KU Leuven, Belgium

Katja Biedenkopf is an Associate Professor of Sustainability Politics at Leuven International and European Studies (LINES), KU Leuven. She heads the Sustainable Futures research group within LINES. Her academic research focuses on the external effects of European Union environmental and climate policy, US climate and environmental policy, Climate diplomacy, and Polycentric carbon pricing policy.

Prof. Biedenkopf chairs the working group on international relations of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development (FRDO/CFDD). She is a member of the KU Leuven Sustainability Council, the co-chair of the Diversity and Sustainability Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences, KU Leuven and the vice-leader of the working group on Contestation of the COST Action EU Foreign Policy Facing New Realities (ENTER). She also is a member of the research group on Norms and Change in World Politics at the Justus-Liebig Universität Gießen, Germany.

Previously, Katja Biedenkopf was an Assistant Professor at the University of Amsterdam, a postdoctoral research fellow at the Free University Berlin, and a PhD candidate at Vrije Universiteit Brussel where she obtained her PhD. In 2016, she held a six-months fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC, and in 2010, was a Fulbright scholar at the University of California at Berkeley.



**Satu Hassi**, Chair of the Grand Committee, Finnish Parliament

Satu Hassi has been a Finnish Member of Parliament of Finland for 19 years. She served as a Minister for the Environment from 1999-2002 and was a Member of the European Parliament for 10 years for The Green League. Her academic background is in electrical power engineering and she has worked and taught in this field.

Her focus areas are climate and energy, Europe and equal rights

**Session 5  
REGIONAL AND  
GLOBAL  
PARLIAMENTARY  
ACTION  
15:00-15:40**



**Emilie Lemieux**, Deputy Director, Open Parliament and Sustainable Development, ParlAmericas

Emilie Lemieux is responsible for ParlAmericas' Open Parliament and Sustainable Development programming. She has over ten years of experience in parliamentary strengthening, supporting parliaments and parliamentarians across the world in their work to reinforce democratic principles and

contribute to sustainable development efforts. A key focus of the work of ParlAmericas is to advance climate action and implement the 2030 Agenda. Prior to joining ParlAmericas, Emilie worked with the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC). She has also held program support positions in various departments within the Government of Canada. Emilie received a Bachelor's in International Studies and Modern Languages from the University of Ottawa, and a Master's in Business Administration from Carleton University.



**Malini Mehra**, CEO, Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE)

Malini Mehra is chief executive of GLOBE and has more than 30 years of experience on sustainability in multiple sectors. From leading major international campaigns, to founding an award-winning Indian climate and sustainability

NGO, Malini has co-authored the UN's Human Development Reports and advised the UN Secretary-General on UN reform.

At the UK government, Malini was the architect of the UK's sustainability partnerships with emerging markets including China & India. She has served on numerous corporate advisory boards, including Unilever and Hewlett-Packard. Currently she is a commissioner to the Mayor of London on sustainable development and on boards including Tetra Pak, China Dialogue, Institute for European Environmental Policy and EcoPeace Middle East. She has degrees in political science, gender & development from Smith College (USA) and the Institute of Development Studies (Sussex).



**Michael Scoullos**, Secretary-General, Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD)

Michael Scoullos is the Secretary General of COMPSUD and the Director of the UNESCO Chair and Network on "Management and Education for Sustainable

Development in the Mediterranean" at the University of Athens. He is also Professor Emeritus of Environmental Chemistry and Oceanography at the University of Athens (UoA), founder, and for many years, Director of the Laboratory of Environmental Chemistry.

Michael Scoullos' academic background is in Environmental/Water Chemistry (MSc, DSc, University of Athens), and Oceanography (PhD University of Liverpool).

Professor Scoullos is the author of many books and more than 500 scientific articles in a wide range of environmental issues. He has organised and chaired a very large number of International Conferences. He has been

awarded with the Gold Medal of the City of Paris (Honorary Citizen of Paris); the Simon Bolivar Medal of UNESCO; the Environmental Award of the Academy of Athens; Knight of the “National Order of Cedars”/ Lebanon; Knight of St. John of Jerusalem; Honorary Citizen of the City of Elefsis, Greece; etc.



**Paola Vega**, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

Paola Vega, is a political scientist and Member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa

Rica. She has been the President of the Special Permanent Committee on the Environment of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica since 2019, and the Vice President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change for Central America.

As part of her experience working in the public service, she served for eight years as a legislative adviser and, later, as an adviser to the Minister of Environment and Energy during the administration of former President Luis Guillermo Solís. Most recently, she was a member of the Costa Rican delegation that participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP25, held in Madrid. Paola has a degree in Political Science from the University of Costa Rica and a masters in Environmental Management and Local Development.

**Session 6  
ENGAGING CITIZENS  
IN DECISION MAKING  
ON CLIMATE  
15:50-16:30**



**Diarmuid Torney**, Expert Advisory Group member, Irish Citizens' Assembly 2016-18, Associate Professor, Dublin City University

Diarmuid Torney is an Associate Professor in the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University. His research focuses on the politics of climate change and environment. He is author of European Climate Leadership in

Question: Policies toward China and India (MIT Press, 2015) and co-editor of European Union External Environmental Policy: Rules, Regulation and Governance Beyond Borders (Palgrave, 2018) and Ireland and the Climate Crisis (Palgrave 2020).

He is the chair of Future Earth Ireland, the national committee convened by the Royal Irish Academy of Future Earth, a 10-year global research initiative to develop knowledge for responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environment change.



**Javier Perez**, Director of Political Watch, CEO of Parlamento 2030 (PMO)

Javier Perez is a researcher, activist and director of Political Watch (a Spanish based think-tank) and founding partner of Development Research Lab (LED). He is a graduate in Law and Economics from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

Up to 2011 he worked as Oxfam's research coordinator in the areas of Trade, Climate Change and Agriculture and developed his main area of expertise in international trade policy and its implications for sustainable development and policy coherence for development (PCD). Since 2011, with Political Watch, he has specialized in the development of innovative civic tech tools (such as TiPi Project, Parlamento 2030 or Open Manifesto Project) and projects (such as Polétika or #ColeSeguro) with the aim of promoting transparency and access to information, public accountability and civic monitoring and participation in policy making processes.



**Lise Deshautel**, Advisor to the French Citizens' Assembly for Climate

Lise Deshautel works for the French Citizens' Assembly on Climate. She serves as an advisor to the co-chair of its governance committee and architect of

the Paris Agreement, Laurence Tubiana.

Prior to joining the Assembly, Lise worked for several years in the European Parliament in Brussels as a coordinator working on governance and climate policies. She studied European Affairs and European Law in University in Lyon and Geography, Politics and Sociology in the University of Newcastle - upon-Tyne.

**Session 7  
PARLIAMENTS AND  
THE SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS  
16:30-17:10**



**Dr. Helmut Berger**, Head of the Budget Office, Parliamentary Directorate, Austrian Parliament

Since mid-2012 Helmut Berger has been the Head of the Austrian Parliamentary Budget Office and Advisor in the Austrian Fiscal Advisory Council. Previously Mr. Berger was Director at the Austrian Court of Audit and responsible for audits of the Federal Administration and established know-how centers for Administration Reform and Internal Control. In this function he was very active in

working groups of the International Organization of Supreme Audit

Institutions (INTOSAI) and a member of several international Audit and Peer Review teams. Helmut Berger studied Law and Economics in Vienna.



**Kirsten Brosbøl**, Founder of Parliamentarians for the Global Goals, former Minister for the Environment, former Member of Parliament, Denmark

Kirsten Brosbøl is the CEO and founder of 2030beyond, a do-tank for the 2030 Agenda working to accelerate action on the SDGs. She launched the initiative 'Parliamentarians for the Global Goals' – a global network of parliamentarians who work on the 2030 Agenda. Kirsten serves as a commissioner in the Lancet

COVID-19 Commission, and she is the chairman of the Danish Climate-Forest Foundation.

She represented the Social Democrats in the Danish Parliament and served as the Minister for Environment from 2014-2015. She founded and chaired the Danish Parliament's All-Party Group on the Sustainable Development Goals. Kirsten is an Obama Foundation Scholar (2019-2020), European Young Leader (2017), and German Marshall Fellow. She has a higher degree in Sociology and masters in Peace and Conflict Studies.



**Maria Gabriela Graell**, Director of International Relations, Head of the Office for SDGs, the National Assembly of Panama

Maria Gabriela Graell has been working in the National Assembly for three years and was instrumental in setting up the office which is responsible for monitoring and implementing the SDGs. The office provides educational tools and supports the deputies across all parties. She also teaches on the subject SDGs and Parliament in a Master's Programme on the SDGs.

Prior to taking up her current role, Maria worked for 20 years in multinational companies, primarily in the maritime industry. She studied International Business in the Interamerican University of Panama (IUP).

**RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND NEXT STEPS**

**17:10-17:20**



**Jonathan Murphy**, Head of Programme, INTER PARES  
| Parliaments in Partnership, International IDEA

Jonathan Murphy is the Head of Programme, INTER PARES. Over the past 20 years, Jonathan has worked and consulted with over 50 parliaments in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, the Arab region, and the

Pacific, and has conducted major reviews and policy development for international agencies including the United Nations, the World Bank, and the European Union, before joining International IDEA in 2019. Jonathan holds a doctorate in management from Cambridge University, and has held academic positions at several leading universities in Europe, Asia, and North America.

Among his career highlights, from 1997 to 2002 Jonathan was director of research in the Canadian parliament, an appointment of the Canadian prime minister. From 2012 to 2015, he headed a major UNDP project in Tunisia to support the inclusive process of development of the country's first democratic Constitution after the Revolution of 2011. From 2015 to 2018 he designed and led a European Union - UNDP project to reform the Ukrainian parliament.