Annette Schavan



Annette Schavan is the *German Ambassador to the Holy See.*

Ambassador Schavan studied Theology, Philosophy and Educational Sciences at the University of Bonn and Düsseldorf. From 1980, she worked as a consultant at the *Bischöflichen Studienförderung Cusanuswerk*. From 1984 until 1995, she worked in different positions, such as head of department in the *Dioceses of Aachen*, as federal manager of the *Women's Union* (an organization of the *CDU*-party) as well as director and manager of the *Bischöflichen Studienförderung Cusanuswerk*. In 1995 she was appointed *Minister of Culture and Education* in the German state of Baden Württemberg. In 2005, Angela Merkel appointed her *Federal Minister of Research and Technology*. She was a Member of the German Parliament, the *Bundestag*, until 2014. She has been the *German Ambassador to the Holy See* since June 2014.

Prince Jaime Bernardo of Bourbon-Parma



Prince Jaime Bernardo of Bourbon-Parma is the *Dutch Ambassador to the Holy See.*

After studying International Relations at *Brown University* in the United States, he graduated with a M.A. degree in International Economics and Conflict Management from *Johns Hopkins University*. He first worked for the *Ministry of Foreign Affairs* as prime secretary of the Netherlands Embassy in Baghdad. Afterwards, he became a political advisor to the *peace mission* in the northern parts of Afghanistan. Until 2007, he worked in the cabinet of the European Commissioner Neelie Kroes. Back in The Hague he worked in the *Special Envoy for Natural Resources*. In 2014 he was appointed *Dutch Ambassador to the Holy See* by the *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*.

Peter Cardinal Turkson



Peter Cardinal Turkson is the president of the *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*.

Born in Wassaw Nsuta in Western Ghana, he studied Theology in St. Teresa's Seminary. For further studies, he transferred to St. Anthonyon-Hudson Seminary in Rensselaer, New York, where he graduated with a M.A. degree in Theology. In 1975, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John Amissah. In 1992, Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Cape Coast. From 1997 to 2005, he was president of the *Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference*. Pope John Paul II created him Cardinal in 2003 – thus, he became the first Ghanaian cardinal. Pope Benedict appointed him president of the *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace* in 2009. Besides holding this office, Turkson is also a member of many Congregations as well as Pontifical Commissions.

Dr. Markus Kerber



Dr. Markus Kerber is director and member of the board of managers of the *Deutschen Industrie e.v.* (BDI).

He was born in Ulm and studied economic sciences from 1983 to 1988 at the University of Hohenheim as well as at the University of California in Los Angeles. He finished his studies with a PhD in social sciences at the University of Hohenheim in 1992. Subsequently, he became Associate Director in the field of equity capital markets at *S.G. Warburg Ltd* in London. In 1995 he became Director Equity Capital Markets of the *Deutsche Bank AG* in London. In 1998, Kerber was a shareholder at *GFT Technologies AG* in Stuttgart where he was also the finance director until 2003 and a member of the board of directors until 2009.

In the *Federal Ministry of the Interior* he was responsible for international analyses and questions of principle from 2006 until 2009. Then, he was appointed head of department for financial and economic affairs at the *Federal Ministry for Finances*.

He has been director and member of the board of managers of the *Deutschen Industrie e.v.* (BDI) since 2011.

Wiebe Draijer



Wiebe Draijer is the Chairman of the Rabobank Executive Board.

During his studies of mechanical engineering at the Delft University of Technology from 1983 to 1989, he worked as a freelance reporter for NRC Handelsblad and ultimately graduated with a Master's Degree. From 1987 to 1989, he worked as an intern and researcher at Philips Research Laboratories. From 1990, Draijer worked for McKinsey & Company and was promoted to country managing partner for the Netherlands in 2004 and for the Benelux in 2006. In 2012, he was nominated by the Dutch Minister of Social Affairs to become President of the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER). In July 2014, Draijer started to work for Rabobank, where he has been Chairman of the Executive Board since October 2014.

Dr.-Ing. Heinrich Hiesinger



Dr.-Ing. Heinrich Hiesinger is Chairman of the Executive Board (CEO) at *thyssenkrupp AG*.

From 1986 until 1992 Heinrich Hiesinger was a research assistant at Technische Universität München. From 1992 until 2000 he held various positions in various countries in the *Power Transmission* and Distribution Group of *Siemens*. In 2000 he became President of the *Power Transmission* and *Distribution Group* and in 2003 President and CEO of *Siemens Building Technologies AG*, Zug/Switzerland.

In 2007 he was appointed Member of the Managing Board of *Siemens AG*. In 2008 he was additionally appointed CEO of the Industry Sector of *Siemens* and head of the central department Corporate Information Technology.

From October 2010 to January 2011 Dr.-Ing. Hiesinger was Vice Chairman of the Executive Board of *thyssenkrupp AG*. With effect from the close of the General Stockholders' Meeting on January 21, 2011, Dr.-Ing. Hiesinger is Chairman of the Executive Board of *tyssenkrupp AG*.

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Dr. Gordian F. Gudenus



Dr. Gordian F. Gudenus is partner of *Gutmann AG* in Vienna.

After his studies of Classical Archeology, Semitic Philology and Classical Arabic, he graduated with a Doctorate in Law. After finishing university, he worked as a Representative for Saudi Arabia for *Francesco Parisi SpA*. From 1979 until 1981, he became the personal assistant to the president of the Federation of Austrian Industrialists. From 1981 until 1983, he was Deputy Head of Representation office at the *Bayerische Vereinsbank*. From 1983 until 1985, he was appointed Head of Italian Desk at *Creditanstalt-Bankverein*. In 1985, he became director and head of Representation Office at *Creditanstalt Group* Representation Office for Italy in Milan. Subsequently, he was Deputy general manager at *Banca C. Steinhauslin & C. SpA* in Florence. From 1995 until 1999, he became director of the *Creditanstalt* International Private Banking Unit in Vienna. He then worked as CEO and co-chair board of management at *Bank Privat AG* until 2004.

Since then, he has been Head of Family Business Owners Services, Head of Latin American operations, Member of supervisory board of *Gutmann AG*.

Daniel Schwartz



Daniel Schwartz is the CEO of *Porticus*, which is the international organization that manages and develops the philanthropic programmes of charitable organizations established by the Brenninkmeijer family entrepreneurs.

He obtained his A.B. in Economics at Harvard College and his A.M. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University. Schwartz has served on different boards, sometimes also as CEO. He is the founding President and Chairman of *Dynamica, Inc.,* a philanthropic foundation and multi-family office. He is also the former Executive Director of the *Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity*.

He supervises *Argidius*, a Swiss foundation which promotes the growth of SMEs in order to improve the lives of the poor, and the *Good Energies Foundation*, which supports sustainable systems that can prevent poverty and disruption caused by climate change. He has been the CEO of *Porticus* since 2015.

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Dr. Thomas Gauly



Dr. Thomas Gauly is responsible for the "Management Consultancy for Strategy & Communications" unit at Gauly | Dittrich | van de Weyer.

In the past two decades, he has worked as a manager and strategic advisor in the field of corporate communications and financial communications in various industries. Between 2007 and 2011, Thomas Gauly was a partner and member of the Board of CNC AG. From 1998 to 2007, he was chief representative and Global Head of Communications and Investor Relations of ALTANA AG, a global pharmaceutical and specialty chemicals company. He also served as member of the Board of the Herbert Quandt Foundation and spokesman for the Herbert Quandt family.

From 1991 to 1995, he headed the Political Planning and Special Tasks department under the Secretary General of Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party, and served as advisor to the chairman of the party, German Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl. Since 1986, he worked as a consultant for Akademiearbeit (academy's activities) and the Catholic Church's programme for gifted students. He began his professional career in 1980 as a freelance journalist for daily newspapers and the 'heute' and 'heute-journal' news programs of the ZDF public TV channel.

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Dr. Alfons M. Kloss



Dr. Alfons M. Kloss is the Austrian Ambassador to the Holy See.

After studying law at the University of Salzburg, he graduated with a PhD in 1976. He continued his European-law studies at the Collège d'Europe in Brügge until 1977. From 1978 on he was an assistant at the Law Institute for Trade and Economics at the University of Vienna. In 1978, he started to work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was appointed secretary of the Austrian Embassy from 1981 until 1986. He worked at the Embassy in New Delhi as well as in Helsinki. From 1986 until 1990, he worked as legation councilor for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Austria. In 1994, he then became the Austrian legate at the consulate general in Bonn. From 1994 until 1997, he was appointed consul general at the consulate general in Milan. Until 2001, he was vice cabinet-manager of the presidentialchancellery before he became the Austrian Ambassador in Italy. From 2007 until 2011, he was a political advisor of the Federal President for European and international affairs. He has been the Ambassador to the Holy See, to the Republic of San Marino as well as to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta since February 2011.