

<b>Expert Committee on Economic Governance</b>
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Pedro Conceição heads the Office of Development Studies (ODS), United Nations Development Programme. Prior to joining UNDP in 2001 as deputy director of ODS, he was assistant professor at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST)-Technical University of Lisbon and at The University of Texas Inequality Project (UTIP), The University of Texas at Austin. He has published on inequality, economic development, international cooperation, and science and technology policy (both in academic journals and as a co-author, co-editor, and contributor to several books published by academic presses). He has degrees in physics and economics from the Technical University of Lisbon and a Ph. D. in public policy from the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin (2000).

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Elissar Sarrouh is a senior development professional with over 16 years of international development experience. She is currently serving as Senior Advisor, Public Administration Reform and Financial Management with the Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Policy Development. Prior to joining DGG, she held the position of Deputy Resident Representative in UNDP Egypt (2005-2006), and Senior Policy Advisor at the Regional Bureau for Arab States, and served as the Governance Institutions Reform Specialist at the SURF-AS in Lebanon from 2002-2004. Before joining UNDP, she worked for the Parliamentary Centre of Canada as Senior Associate/Regional Director for Middle East Programmes and was a senior development consultant with CIDA Canada, UN agencies, international and Canadian organizations. She holds an MA in Political Science from Carleton University, Canada and completed 4 years of graduate studies pursuing a Ph.D in Political Science (ABD) at Carleton University.

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Jordan Schwartz is currently serving as the Deputy Program Manager of the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF) on secondment from the World Bank. He has worked in the field of infrastructure planning, transaction design and regulation for Deloitte Emerging Markets and Booz Allen & Hamilton's transport consulting department. Over the last twelve years, his project work has included market structure, regulatory, policy and transaction work throughout East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. He holds an MSc from Georgetown University and a B.A. in International Relations from Tufts University.

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Prior to joining UNIFEM in 2005, Anne Marie Goetz was a Professor of Political Science at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. Her research focuses on conditions under which marginalized social groups, including women, can become more effective in advancing social change once they occupy public office. She has also worked on pro-poor and gender-sensitive approaches to public sector reforms, anti-corruption initiatives, decentralization,

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### **Independent Experts:**

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**John Donahue**, Harvard University, Raymond Vernon Lecturer in Public Policy and Director of the Weil Program in Collaborative Governance

John Donahue's teaching, writing, and research center on the distribution of public responsibilities across levels of government and sectors of the economy. He has written or edited 11 books, including Disunited States; The Privatization Decision (four translations). He served in the first Clinton Administration as an Assistant Secretary and then as Counsellor to the Secretary of Labor. Donahue has consulted for a wide range of business and governmental organizations and serves as a trustee or advisor to several nonprofits. He holds a BA from Indiana University and an MPP and PhD from Harvard.

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Pablo Spiller's research looks at the role institutions play in society with a particular focus on regulatory institutions. A central theme of this research is the role that institutions play in providing credibility to regulatory and other policies. He also studies how regulations arise and how these regulations, in turn, affect the incentives of business. He holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

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Jonathan Portes has worked in a number of departments of the U.K. Government, including the Treasury, the Performance and Innovation Unit, and the Prime Minister's Forward Strategy Unit. He served as Secretary to the External Evaluation of Surveillance and as a consultant to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the European Commission. Previously, he was a Senior Consultant with National Economic Research Associates. Jonathan holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Oxford University and an M.P.A. in Economics from Princeton University.

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Heba Handousa is a member of the Shura Council, Egypt's Upper House of Parliament. An economist by training, Professor Handousa taught at the American University in Cairo and was subsequently appointed as Vice Provost. She has served as an advisor to the Egyptian government, Board member of the Central Bank of Egypt and consultant to the World Bank. Her numerous publications focus on structural adjustment, industrial policy and foreign aid, institutional reform and comparative development models. She was the lead author of the Egypt HDR 2004, 2005 and 2007.

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Germà Bel served as Economic Advisor to the provincial government of Barcelona, the Spanish Minister for Territorial Affairs, and the Spanish Minister of Public Works and Transportation. From 2000-2004 he served as Congressman in the Spanish Congress (spokesperson for tax and competition issues). He has published and edited several books and academic journal articles. He holds an MA in Economics from the University of Chicago (1988) and a PhD (with Honors) in Economics from the University of Barcelona.

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