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Athar Ahmad (U.K.) is a multi-award winning reporter and documentary maker for the BBC. His work focuses on exploring the nuances and intricacies of minority communities, providing a platform for voices and ideas often ignored by the mainstream media. Athar's work is renowned for its robust, analytical yet sensitive deconstruction of often complicated issues, from an undercover investigation into the sexual exploitation of divorced Muslim women in the UK, to his award winning documentary on mental health conditions faced by men with body image issues. Athar regularly appears across international BBC news programs, providing analysis and insight on television, radio and online. He has presented feature length documentaries for the BBC World Service and has made films for a number of the BBC's flagship news programs including Newsnight and the Victoria Derbyshire program. Athar's tenaciousness and specialism in delivering original forms of investigative journalism has seen him recognized as a key ethnic minority voice within the industry, leading to him being shortlisted for New Journalist of the year at the British Journalism Awards. Athar also has a MA in Broadcast Journalism from City University, London.



Elena D'Angelo (Italy) graduated in Political Science, MSc in Cooperation and Development at the University of Turin. She holds a BA in Media Languages, Theory and Practices of Information, at the Catholic University of Milan. She joined the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in 2010, where she is currently working. Her work is mainly focused on applied research, training for law enforcement and legal professionals and technical cooperation. Ms. D'Angelo is the author and co-author of several publications on the following topics: transnational organized crime, data protection, anti-discrimination, including online hate speech. She was recently heard by the Commission Jo Cox at the Italian Chamber of Deputies on UNICRI activities on anti-discrimination and hate speech. Since 2016 she is visiting fellow at the United Nations University (UNU-ViE SCYCLE), mainly dealing with illicit trafficking of waste and sustainable policies. She is also consultant for the Research Institute on Crime and Security (RiSSC), dealing with hate crime and hate speech related activities. Before coming

to UNICRI, Ms. D'Angelo worked with multiple international organizations and NGOs (Belgium, Brazil, Iran), both at the institutional level and in the field, dealing with development and gender-related issues.



Florian Danner (Austria) is an Austrian TV journalist and morning show anchor of Germany's broadcast network ProSiebenSat.1 Media AG, currently stationed at the network's bureau in Vienna, Austria, co-anchoring the most watched morning show in the country, Cafe Puls on PULS4. Furthermore, he is the station's special correspondent for major news events like the refugee movement throughout Europe, the last four U.S. presidential elections, the Afghanistan war, the resignation of Pope Benedict and the following conclave that led to the pontificate of Pope Francis, the financial crisis and political upheaval in Greece and much more. He recently spent four months in the United States to work for NBC News, MSNBC and WNBC in New York City as well as CNBC in San Francisco, California, as part of the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship 2016. In 2008, he received the US-Austrian Journalism Exchange Fellowship to work for CNN International in Atlanta, Georgia. Before becoming a journalist, Florian studied international relations and world order at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom. After receiving training at German journalism schools like the ARD ZDF media academy in Mainz, RTL journalism school in Cologne, etc. Danner started his journalism career at a local radio station.



Indre Anskaityte (Lithuania) is a three time awarded Lithuanian journalist, who focus on the geopolitics of the Middle East and North Africa. She has produced several radio documentaries focusing on social aspects, tolerance and history that have received the highest broadcasting award in Lithuania three times in a row. Indre pursued her undergraduate in Journalism, the field that she was interested in ever since she was 10 years old. After two years of studies she has been invited to join the Lithuanian National Radio and Television, and work for the Radio News Service, where she soon realized that she feels the most passionate about the foreign news and events developing in the Middle East. Her growing interest in the geopolitics of the Middle East, has inspired her to study her graduate studies in Israel, where she studied

Peace and Conflict Management Studies. After her Master studies, Indre has returned to Lithuania where she started working as a foreign news editor in the Lithuanian radio. Later on, she started hosting a weekly foreign news program, and started working in the radio documentary group, where she usually tries to cover stories not only from Lithuania but abroad as well.



Jasmin Hasic (Bosnia-Herzegovina) holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Universite libre de Bruxelles and LUISS Guido Carli of Rome. His research interests revolve around diaspora studies and demographic changes associated with post-conflict migration, along with peacebuilding and transitional justice in multicultural societies. As a part of this Ph.D. research, he conducted fieldwork in 25 local communities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His work has been generously supported by the EU Commission,

Open Society Foundations, and ULB's CCCI. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Humanity in Action Bosnia-Herzegovina, an international non-profit focused on minority and human rights. He has worked as a Research Analyst at the Center for Security Studies in Sarajevo and as a legal associate at the Crime Suppression and Re-Socialization Initiative focusing on evaluating the efficacy of the Bosnian penal system reform. He has completed professional traineeships at the European Parliament and the Bosnian Embassy in Brussels. Jasmin holds an LL.B., and an LL.M. (Hon) from the University of Sarajevo. He completed his undergraduate education at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic, majoring in International Relations and European studies, and holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Central European University.



Kay Atanda (U.S.A.) has extensive experience working in multilateral affairs and policy analysis. At the World Bank's New York Office, he supports the Special Representative in strengthening the Bank's high-level political, strategic, and operational partnership on a range of thematic and technical agendas across the UN system and with New York-based development partners. Previously, as a Policy Adviser at the Permanent Mission of the UK to the United Nations, Kay advocated key international

development priorities and negotiated a UN political declaration to tackle the

critical public health challenge of anti-microbial resistance (AMR) which was successfully adopted at the 71st session of the General Assembly. He also worked in the Obama White House on legislative affairs and budgetary issues. Kay received a bachelor's degree in political science and public policy from the Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at The City college of New York, where he graduated as valedictorian. He later earned a master's degree in foreign affairs and human rights from Columbia University where he was a Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow with the U.S. Department of State.



Klara Hoskova (Germany) was born in Prague, back then a country belonging to the Communist block. At an early age she moved to Heidelberg in Germany. During high school, she developed a strong interest in different countries and cultures. Academically, she has always been interested in modern global history, politics, literature and media. In university, she focused on democratization processes in the former Communist block, researching the importance of civil society and the transparency of

media for a stable democracy in her master's thesis. During and after university, she has been working on various projects in the fields of media, civil society and education: teaching in Finland, working on the German film festival in Prague, developing a website on films dealing with the Czech-German border, working for the Council of Europe, filming in Tunisia and working as a teacher in Heidelberg and Prague. Currently, she establishes various projects in the cross fields of education, media, civil society and interculturality.



Mareike Hachemer (Germany) is a high school teacher for German, English and Drama in Wiesbaden, Germany and a delegate to the International Department of the Ministry of Education in Hesse, Germany. She is on a mission to connect all learning to the UN Global Goals and therefore shares ideas as a speaker and author with teachers all over the world. As a member of the Pestalozzi Program, the Council of Europe program for the professional development of teachers and education actors and as a UNESCO

delegate for the role of teachers in Peace and Sustainable Development, a top 50 finalist in the Global Teacher Prize 2015 and Teacher Prize Jury Member 2017, she

supports an education that fosters intercultural competences and active citizenship. She is a Fellow for the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Kansas. Her ideas are published in public speeches such as "Teaching - The Most Important Profession in the World", given at TEDxHeidelberg. She is writing a book about global education and wants to produce a documentary about intercultural teaching and learning.



Nicole Bannister (U.S.A.) is a globally-minded, collaborative professional with 8 years of experience implementing community development projects in 10 countries. Adept at cross-cultural communication and integrating into diverse international communities, Nicole is passionate about leveraging the existing resources of marginalized communities to enact sustainable empowerment initiatives. Nicole currently serves as the Partnerships Associate at Atlas Corps in

Washington, DC, where she liaises with American civil society, business, and government stakeholders to host emerging international social change leaders for a yearlong professional Fellowship. Prior to this, she worked for Grassroot Soccer in Cape Town, South Africa, facilitating sports-based adolescent health trainings for implementing partners across the African continent. Nicole served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in South Africa where she worked alongside local counterparts to develop literacy and public health interventions for 300 youth. Nicole speaks 3.5 languages and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Culture and Politics from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. While at Georgetown, she coordinated a rehabilitation program for incarcerated men by organizing university students to teach weekly classes at jails in Washington, DC. Through these experiences, Nicole has gained expertise in partnership building, training development and facilitation, cross-cultural communication, and youth and community capacity building.



Tomas Horvath (Slovak Republic) After receiving a Master's Degree in Management at the Comenius University in Bratislava, Tomas has worked for a the business sector in Canada and managed events in Vancouver and Calgary. Slowly he spent more time cooperating with the non-profit organizations and dedicated part of his life to volunteer work across three continents. Discovering management as a great tool for more effective cooperation in the NGO field, he became a Project Manager at Caritas Slovakia. He

has coordinated development and humanitarian projects in Europe, Africa and Middle East and later stayed working at the Health and Education projects directly in East Africa for several months. He is now Project Manager at the Slovak NGDO Platform where he leads umbrella projects for the Slovak NGOs related to the SDGs and PCSD topics. Tomas is also a Member of the Steering Committee of the Health Initiative Association (CSO), works closely with the media and journalists to bring development and humanitarian topics in the Slovak media space and is a Consultant to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatization of the Slovak Republic, giving an expert inputs to the National Implementation Plan on SDGs.



Viorica Trincu (Romania) is Television section chief for Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan. She is responsible for the production of Resolute Support content to explain its mission and activities to a broad public in order to create a supportive atmosphere for the conduct of military operations under UN mandate. Viorica is a specialist in the field of Psychological and Information Operations, Communications, Media Operations and International Affairs. She has planned and implemented media programs in order to increase

the popular support for the Afghan National Security Forces and the Government of Afghanistan and decrease support for anti-government elements. Also, Viorica has developed several TV campaigns to empower the Afghan women and to increase the quality of the Afghan educational system. Viorica is also involved in a PhD at National Defense Academy in Bucharest. Her thesis is related to Hybrid threats and their social, economic, and political implications for individual countries and their societies. Lieutenant in the Romanian Army, Viorica has also supported her multinational comrades, earning two US medals.