Biography

Mr. José Rivera Banuet
Permanent Secretary of SELA

At present, José Rivera Banuet holds the position of Permanent Secretary of SELA. He is the legal representative and highest-ranking authority of the organization. His function is to serve as the leader of the Permanent Secretariat in accordance with the mandates entrusted to him by the Latin American Council and, where appropriate, to implement its decisions. Rivera maintains contact with international organizations as well as public and private agencies for information exchanges and preliminary reviews of issues of interest for the organization. He also coordinates the technical work of the Permanent Secretariat with the activities conducted by international organizations, trying to make the best possible use of the technical assistance and expertise that they may provide.

He is also responsible for guiding the work of the technical and administrative staff necessary for complying with the functions of the Permanent Secretariat.

Rivera is holding the position of Permanent Secretary for four years. He may be re-elected only once, but not for consecutive terms. He was elected for the period from 2 April 2008 to 2 April 2012.

http://www.sela.org

Mr. Robin Blake,
Executive Director of ICT and Society Division from ictQATAR

Robin Blake is the Executive Director of the ICT & Society Division at ictQATAR. He leads the strategic planning of the division and oversees major efforts in digital communications literacy, ICT skills development and studying the impact of ICT on society.

Cyber safety is one of the areas of responsibility for the Division. Robin chairs the National Committee for Internet Safety established in 2011 by ictQATAR to promote cyber safety. Robin was formerly a member of the UK’s Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) and its predecessor the UK Home Secretary’s Task Force for Child Protection on the Internet.

Robin has over 20 years of experience working to promote digital inclusion and media literacy. Prior to joining ictQATAR, Robin was Head of Media Literacy with Ofcom, the United Kingdom’s communications regulator. There he was responsible for the development and implementation of
Ofcom's strategy and priorities for promoting media literacy. Robin has also worked with the Independent Television Commission, UK; Resource Base, a communications company specializing in education and training; and Television South (TVS). Robin holds a Masters degree in Education from the University of Southampton and a Bachelors degree in Science from the University of London. Robin is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

http://www.ictqatar.qa/en

Mr. Tom Wambeke
Programme officer
ITC-ILO

Tom Wambeke has Master’s degrees in educational science and in cultural management. Before joining the Centre, he was an assistant professor at the University of Leuven, Belgium, and a specialist in distance learning innovation in higher education. He has also worked as a project manager, trainer and consultant in Europe and Africa. He is now a Programme Officer within the DELTA unit, specializing in innovative educational technology, instructional design, lifelong e-learning, social media and knowledge management. Tom advises and assists colleagues, outside customers and partners on learning and knowledge sharing methods and technology, with a focus on information and communication technology for e-learning, blended learning and workplace learning. He has helped run projects and training-of-trainer workshops on networked e-learning, knowledge-sharing and innovation in the following countries or territories: Tanzania, Kenya, Pakistan, Thailand, Jamaica, Peru, Iran, Brazil, Colombia, Senegal, Zambia and the Gaza Strip. He monitors and contributes actively to international conferences and engages with international professional communities through blogs, podcasts, wikis and forums. There are regular updates on the Centre’s learning and technology blog: www.itcilo.wordpress.com

Mr. Nader Subaih
Senior Lifelong Learning Specialist – ictQATAR

Nader Subaih is the Senior Specialist in Lifelong Learning at ictQATAR. Subaih has over 12 year experience in working in ICT in both the US and Qatar, and specializes in Technology Based Learning & Development. He has successfully led Qatar’s efforts in building a culture of e-Learning, and is currently the Project Manager of the successful Qatar National e-Learning Portal. The Portal is a national e-Learning initiative which aims to building human capital though self-development. Subaih worked on developing the Qatar National e-Learning Strategy 2012-2016, and is responsible for establishing a Center of Learning Technologies in Qatar. He holds a B.Sc. in Computer Science from Montclair State University in the US, and is currently a Global MBA Student at Manchester Business School.

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Mr. Claude Lishou
Professor, Dakar University (Senegal)

Claude LISHOU est Professeur Titulaire des Universités à l'Ecole Supérieure Polytechnique de l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Sénégal). Il enseigne plusieurs disciplines allant de l'informatique industrielle aux réseaux de nouvelle génération dans les sections génie électrique et génie informatique. Directeur de la Plateforme virtuelle de l'UCAD, il assure la coordination du système d'information et pilote la stratégie des formations ouvertes et à distance de son l'université.

Il dirige un laboratoire de recherche et de développement de renommée internationale (Laboratoire de Traitement de l'Information) consacré aux usages des TIC en éducation et en formation, environnement, énergie, transport, e-gouvernance.

Sur le plan scientifique, il est auteur et coauteur de plusieurs publications dans des revues scientifiques à diffusion internationale. Le Professeur LISHOU est membre de plusieurs sociétés savantes, membre de comités éditoriaux de revues scientifiques, membre des réseaux de Technologies de l’information et de la communication pour l’enseignement et la recherche, Rédacteur en chef du Journal des Sciences Pour l'Ingénieur.

Depuis plus de deux décennies, il a encadré et fait soutenir des dizaines d'Ingénieurs et de Chercheurs en thèse en particulier en afrique de l'ouest. Expert reconnu en développement d'applications et services TIC, il partage son temps entre l'enseignement, la recherche et la consultation auprès d'organisations internationales (OIF, AUF, PNUD, UNESCO, CNUCED...)

Mr. Atish Gonsalves
Manager of Learning Technology UNHCR

Atish Gonsalves has over 10 years of information technology and eLearning experience in Australia, Asia and Europe. He is currently the Head of the Learning Technology team at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees’ (UNHCR) Global Learning Center in Budapest, Hungary. His team is responsible for learning technology and eLearning content development projects.

Prior to UNHCR, Atish worked in a similar role with the Global Fund to Fight TB, Malaria & AIDS in Geneva, Switzerland. Leading up to this role, Atish was an IT Architect in Melbourne with Australia’s largest telecommunications provider, Telstra. Atish has also worked as an entrepreneur on many web and mobile IT solutions for various international clients.

Atish graduated from RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia.

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Mr. Morgan Richomme
Emerginov project leader
Orange (France)

Morgan Richomme is a network architect for innovative services in Orange Labs. He is the Emerginov project manager, a project aiming to provide an open-source based low cost infrastructure for development of micro services in emerging countries. Through this project, he already signed several co-publications with the University of Technology of Mauritius (co-innovation in emerging countries, USSD enabler) and the Ecole Supérieure des télécommunications de Dakar (Voice recognition in Wolof).
He previously worked on open source VoIP solutions and on IMS (IP Multimedia solutions) architecture. He is involved in the construction of the FLOSS (Free/Libre Open Source Software) governance within Orange.

Mr. Stephen Cox,
Project Director World Class Learning

Stephen began his career in 1985 as a Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer (MLSO) working in two busy District General Hospitals in the UK. As a Senior Haematologist he gained extensive teaching, leadership and administration experiences while obtaining a MSc in Biomedical Science part-time. He led a team of 25 members of staff, developed an ICT e-learning support system and learned to work under extreme pressure. During this time he was a member of the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) and the Council for Professionals supplementary to medicine (CPSM).
In 2002, after a successful career change to teaching in 1996, Stephen was invited by Derby City Education Authority to lead on school improvement for Secondary Schools. As a result of his innovation Stephen led national presentations in the UK and to other Local Authorities. During this time he obtained the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH).
Stephen joined GEMS the largest K-12 private education provider in the world in January 2007 as Director - Strategic Professional Development.

Mr. Shaik Umar Abdul Salam
Centre Director (Middle East)
International Operations,
Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)

Here he designed from concept a Professional development programmes across 10,000 education professionals, specialists and staff to more than 100,000 students from 143 countries.
In August 2010 Stephen took up his current position working for World Class Learning (WCL), a medium size learning focused K-12 educational company with its own Schools, products and services. He was appointed as

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Project Director for the prestigious ASPIRE Academy for Sports Excellence in Doha, Qatar. As a result of his work Stephen has been Invited as VIP guest speaker at many International Conferences worldwide speaking on areas of leadership and innovation in learning. He also contributes strategically in other areas of the business Development including Project Management, Marketing, Finance ICT and has considerable networks worldwide.

Stephen is an Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE)
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