Stephen Twigg MP

Stephen Twigg MP was elected as Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Liverpool, West Derby in 2010. Since June 2015, he serves as the Chair of the International Development Select Committee (IDC). During Stephen’s tenure as IDC Chair, the Committee has focused on humanitarian relief (the global summit, Ebola, Hurricane Irma, forced displacement and enduring and emerging crises in Burma and Bangladesh, in Gaza, South Sudan, Yemen, Venezuela and Zimbabwe); the way that UK aid is targeted and administered (aid allocation and impact, ODA’s definition, strategic economic development, the role of contractors, future UK/EU cooperation, and the delivery framework of the UN SDGs); key sectoral challenges (financial corruption, as well as sexual exploitation and abuse); DFID’s work in a number of countries (Nigeria, DRC, Bangladesh and Burma); and DFID’s thematic work on global education and, currently, on climate change, and disability.

John Mahon

John Mahon is the Director General for Exports in the Department for International Trade, responsible for leading a cross-government strategy on exports and overseas direct investment to support the UK’s underlying export potential. John has also spent over 30 years in banking, working for JP Morgan and Barlays, most recently heading Barclays Corporate Bank, providing banking services to medium and large corporations in the UK and around the world. John’s previous roles include as Head of Barclays Non Core unit, helping the bank sell and unwind businesses and assets across the investment bank, wealth and retail businesses; and Chief Risk Officer of the investment bank post the financial crisis.

Matthew Rycroft CBE

Matthew Rycroft CBE has been the Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Development since 22 January 2018. Matthew was previously the British Permanent Representative to the United Nations from April 2015 to January 2018. From March 2011, Matthew was the FCO’s Chief Operating Officer. In that role he oversaw the running of the FCO and its network of 270 posts around the world, including all the Human Resources, Finance, Estates, Security, Information Technology, Protocol, Procurement and Corporate Services. He deputised for the Permanent Under Secretary in his absence. Matthew joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1989. After a few months at the UN in Geneva and then on the NATO desk in London, he spent four years in the British Embassy in Paris. In 1995-96 Matthew was head of the political section of Eastern Adriatic Department in the FCO. After two years in the FCO’s Policy Planning Staff, Matthew joined the British Embassy in Washington, following US domestic politics from 1998 to 2002. From 2002 to 2004, Matthew was Private Secretary to the Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs, covering all foreign, European, Northern Ireland and defence issues in No10. He received a CBE for this work. He was British Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2005 and the FCO Europe Director from 2008.
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**Lucy Lake OBE, CEO, Camfed**

Lucy joined CAMFED in 1994, shortly after it was founded. She led the development of CAMFED’s program as a transformative model of investment in girls’ education through which its clients – as educated young women – take the reins and join forces with local and national authorities to lead change for the younger generation of girls. Becoming CEO in 2012, Lucy led CAMFED’s major growth; under her leadership, CAMFED was recognized by the OECD for best practice in taking development innovation to scale. Lucy is a founding member and former Co-Chair of the United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative, and is on the High-Level Steering Committee of the Education Commission’s Workforce Initiative.

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