



## Heads of Public Service Meeting - Biographies

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### Hon Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister, Royal Kingdom of Bhutan



Tshering Tobgay is a Bhutanese politician, environmentalist, and cultural advocate who is the Prime Minister of Bhutan since 28 January 2024 and also served in office from July 2013 to August 2018. Hon Tobgay is the leader of the People's Democratic Party and was also the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly from March 2008 to April 2013.

In 1990, Hon Tobgay received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering. Hon Tobgay also has a master's degree in public administration obtained from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in 2004.

### The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth



Patricia Scotland was born in the Commonwealth of Dominica. She is the tenth of twelve children and grew up in London. She completed her LLB (Hons) London University at the age of twenty and was called to the Bar at Middle Temple at the age of twenty-one.

Her career has been marked by achieving a number of extraordinary firsts, not least of which was to be the first woman in the more than 700-year history of the office to serve as Her Majesty's Attorney-General for England and Wales and for Northern Ireland.

While holding these and other senior Ministerial Office she was given responsibility, *inter alia*, for gender equality, domestic violence, forced marriage, and international child abduction, and from these positions promoted diversity and equality of opportunity, particularly for women and girls.

As the only woman to have been appointed Secretary-General of Commonwealth, she is placing special emphasis on mobilising the 56 nations of the Commonwealth to tackle climate change - including its disproportionate impact on women - and, through women's enterprise, to build the resilience of smaller or more vulnerable countries. Eliminating domestic violence and violence against women and girls is another important area of focus.

**Prof. Prajapati Trivedi, Senior Fellow (Governance) with the IBM Center for The Business of Government and Commonwealth Secretary General's Special Envoy for Sustainable Development Goal Implementation**



Prof. Prajapati Trivedi is a Senior Fellow (Governance) with the IBM Center for The Business of Government and Commonwealth Secretary General's Special Envoy for Sustainable Development Goal Implementation. Previously, he was the Senior Director heading the Economic, Youth, and Sustainable Directorate of the Commonwealth Secretariat. From 2009-2014, he worked as a Permanent Secretary to the Government of India in the Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, where he was responsible for designing a highly regarded whole-of-government performance monitoring and evaluation system for government departments and reporting the results to the Prime Minister of India. He worked as a Senior Economist with the World Bank from 1995-2009; Economic Adviser to Government of India (1992-1994) and a Chaired Professor of Public Sector Management at the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (1987-1992). He has taught at many leading universities in the world and continues to teach economics at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a visiting faculty.

He studied for B.A. (Economics Honours) from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, (where he was honoured with the C.F. Andrews Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2012); M.Sc. (Economics) from the London School of Economics in 1974 and Ph.D. (Economics) from Boston University in 1985. Author of four books and several academic papers, he has worked in more than 50 countries around the world.

He is the first Indian to receive the International Public Administration Award by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of public administration as a scholar and practitioner. He is also the first Indian to be elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), Washington, DC. In March 2019, he received the Harry Hatry Distinguished Performance Management Practice Award for 2019 in Washington, DC, awarded by the Center for Accountability and Performance (CAP) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

**Mr Dan Chenok**

**Executive Director of the IBM Center for The Business of Government, Washington**



Mr Chenok oversees all of the Center's activities in connecting research to practice to benefit government, and has written and spoken extensively around government technology, cybersecurity, privacy, regulation, budget, acquisition, and Presidential transitions. Mr. Chenok previously led consulting services for Public Sector Technology Strategy, working with IBM government, healthcare, and education clients.

Mr. Chenok has won numerous honors and awards, including a 2010 Federal 100 winner for his work on the presidential transition, the 2016 Eagle Award for Industry Executive of the Year, and the 2002 Federal CIO Council Azimuth Award for Government Executive of the Year.

Mr. Chenok earned a BA from Columbia University and a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

**Dr Geroge Simataa, Secretary to the Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia**



George Simataa is the Secretary to the Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia since 24 March 2015. Before his appointment as Secretary to the Cabinet, George was a Permanent Secretary of the Ministries of Works and Transport as well as that of Labour and Social Welfare. He also worked as the Director for Human Resource Management and then as Under-Secretary of the Department Public Service Management in the office of the Prime Minister before moving to Social Security Commission as General manager for Human resources in 2005. He has also given public lectures in human resources, including facilitating strategic planning sessions, both at home and abroad. He holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration completed at the University of Namibia in 1998. He obtained a PhD degree in Management from Rhodes University in South Africa in April 2017.

**Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary to Government of India, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances**



Shri V. Srinivas has a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from College of Technology, Osmania University. He has served as Special Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary and Deputy Secretary in Government of India in the years 2000 to 2021 in the Ministries of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Health & Family Welfare, Culture, Textiles, Finance and Company Affairs, External Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas. He has served as Private Secretary to External Affairs Minister and as Private Secretary to Finance Minister in the years 2001-2003 and as Advisor to Executive Director (India) in the International Monetary Fund in Washington DC from 2003-2006, and represented India on the International Cotton Advisory Committee from

2010-13.

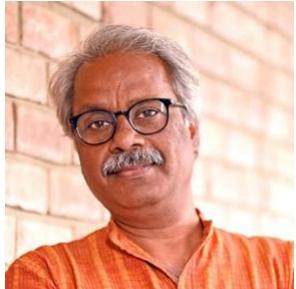
**Ambassador Anthony Mwaniki Muchiri, Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (Kenya)**



Ambassador Muchiri has been the PSC Chairperson since December 2021. He has a wealth of experience drawn from his 37 years of public service that includes a long stint in the diplomatic service. Prior to his appointment as chairperson of the Commission, Amb. Muchiri was serving as Kenya's Ambassador to Cuba and concurrently as High Commissioner/Ambassador/PR of Kenya to Jamaica, Barbados, St. Kitts & Nevis, Guyana, Dominican Republic, CARICOM Secretariat since July 2018. Amb. Muchiri holds a Global Executive MBA degree from the United States International University, Nairobi; Bachelor of Commerce Degree, Nagpur University, India; and Post Graduate Diploma

in International Relations, University of Nairobi. He has also undertaken numerous professional studies including Advanced Public Administration (Kenya Institute of Administration), Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies (University of Oxford, UK), Certificate in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy, UNITAR-IPA Fellowship Program in Peacemaking & Preventive Diplomacy, Africa-Egypt Diplomatic Training Program (Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Egypt), and Leaders in Development Managing Political and Economic Change (Harvard University).

**Prof Avanish Kumar, Dean at the School of Public Policy and Governance & Center of Excellence and Faculty In-charge PGDM-PPM at the Management Development Institute Gurgaon, India.**



Prof Kumar has over two decades experience working with NGOs, government, corporate and academic institutions. Prof. Kumar's work revolves around mainstreaming marginalised through citizen centric governance, sustainable models of rural livelihoods/social entrepreneurship and designing corporate social responsible practices to promote sustainable partnership between company-community for long term solutions. His current research interest is to establish the interplay between identity, income and insecurity in the context of empowerment. Prof Kumar holds a PhD and MPhil in Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi, MSc (Social Anthropology) and BSc (H) Anthropology, obtained from Hans Raj College, University of Delhi, Delhi.