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Board Member Portraits

Ambassador Mylnar



Ambassador Mylnar has a Masters and Doctorate degree in foreign languages from Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. He also studied at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). The Ambassador has been a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since September 2000. He was previously the Ambassador of Slovakia to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UN agencies in Nairobi. Mr. Mylnar served before in New York as Deputy Permanent Representative during Slovakia's membership in the UN Security Council, 2006-2007.

- Chair of the Governing Board of the International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT), Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) (May 2011 - present)
- President of the 25th session of the UN Settlements Programme (UN - Habitat) Governing Council (December 2016 - May 2017)
- Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat in Nairobi for the 2014-2015 Biennium)
- Responsible for carry-out of the Slovak initiative on Security Sector Reform (SSR) in the UN Security Council (2006-2007) and the wider UN system (2006-2009), the Slovak chairmanship of the UN Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions (2007) and the Slovak co-chairmanship of the UN Security Council Ad Hoc Committee on Mandate Review (2006-2007)

Dueling US Messages at Global Climate Talks

Lisa Friedman



Despite the decision of the President of the United State's to withdraw from the Paris agreement in June, 7 in 10 Americans believe global warming is occurring, according to a Yale University survey. Former Vice President Al Gore, a longtime champion of strong action on climate change, said "President Trump does not speak for the country as a whole on the climate issue.. Of course he has the authority that any president has. But on this issue he is very much out of sync with the country as a whole." Even with numerous governors, mayors, and Americans believing in climate change, the Trump administration plans to roll back federal climate change policies like the Clean Power Plan. Leaders from other countries were glad to see that the majority of Americans are still committed to the Paris agreement making their presence felt. But they also said they weren't sure which voice of American policy they should have confidence in.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/11/climate/un-climate-talks-bonn.html>

Climate Report by U.S. Agencies Counters Trump Stance

Lisa Friedman and Glenn Thrush



Thirteen federal agencies are contradicting much of the Trump administration's position on climate change by publishing report outlining that humans are the dominant cause of the global temperature rise, creating the warmest period in the history of civilization. The report proclaims that long-term warming trend is "unambiguous." The assessment concludes, Based on extensive evidence, that it is extremely likely that human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse gases, are the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century. There is no convincing alternative explanation supported by the extent of the observational evidence." The report create an unusual situation in which the current government's policies are in direct opposition to the science it is producing.

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