

# Secretaries General of OPEC





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# *Introduction*

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The OPEC Secretariat is the executive organ of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Located in Vienna, Austria, it also functions as the Headquarters of the Organization.

The Secretariat is headed by the Secretary General who is the legally-authorized representative of the Organization. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat and, in that capacity, runs the affairs of the Organization in accordance with the directions of the Board of Governors. The Secretary General is appointed by the Conference from a Member Country for a period of three years, a term of office that may be renewed once for the same period of time.

In the almost half a century of existence of the Organization, the Secretariat has been run by 23 Secretaries General (and five Presidents who were asked to oversee the Secretariat's work in the absence of a Secretary General), beginning with HE Dr Fuad Rouhani of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in 1961, to the present incumbent HE Haitham Al Ghais of Kuwait, who has been in charge since 1 August 2022.

These distinguished gentlemen, with the support of their staff in the Secretariat, have each contributed significantly to the development of the Organization through the execution of its policies and the propagation of its cause over the years.

This booklet, therefore, has been prepared as a tribute to the past and present Secretaries General.

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# Secretaries General of

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Dr Fuad Rouhani <sup>1</sup>	Iran <sup>*</sup>	21.1.1961–30.4.1964
Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Bazzaz	Iraq	1.5.1964–30.4.1965
Ashraf T. Lutfi <sup>2</sup>	Kuwait	1.5.1965–31.12.1966
Mohammad Saleh Joukhdar	Saudi Arabia	1.1.1967–31.12.1967
Dr Francisco R. Parra	Venezuela	1.1.1968–31.12.1968
Dr Elrich Sanger	Indonesia	1.1.1969–31.12.1969
Omar El-Badri	Libyan Arab Republic <sup>**</sup>	1.1.1970–31.12.1970
Dr Nadim Pachachi	United Arab Emirates	1.1.1971–31.12.1972
Dr Abderrahman Khène	Algeria	1.1.1973–31.12.1974
Chief M.O. Feyide	Nigeria	1.1.1975–31.12.1976
Ali M. Jaidah	Qatar	1.1.1977–31.12.1978
René G. Ortiz	Ecuador	1.1.1979–30.6.1981
Dr Marc S. Nan Nguema	Gabon	1.7.1981–30.6.1983
Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba <sup>***</sup>	United Arab Emirates	19.7.1983–31.12.1983
Kamal Hassan Maghur <sup>***</sup>	SP Libyan AJ <sup>****</sup>	1.1.1984–31.10.1984

<sup>\*</sup> Now, Islamic Republic of Iran.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Now, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Elected as President of the Conference with the mandate to also supervise the Secretariat.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Now, Libya.

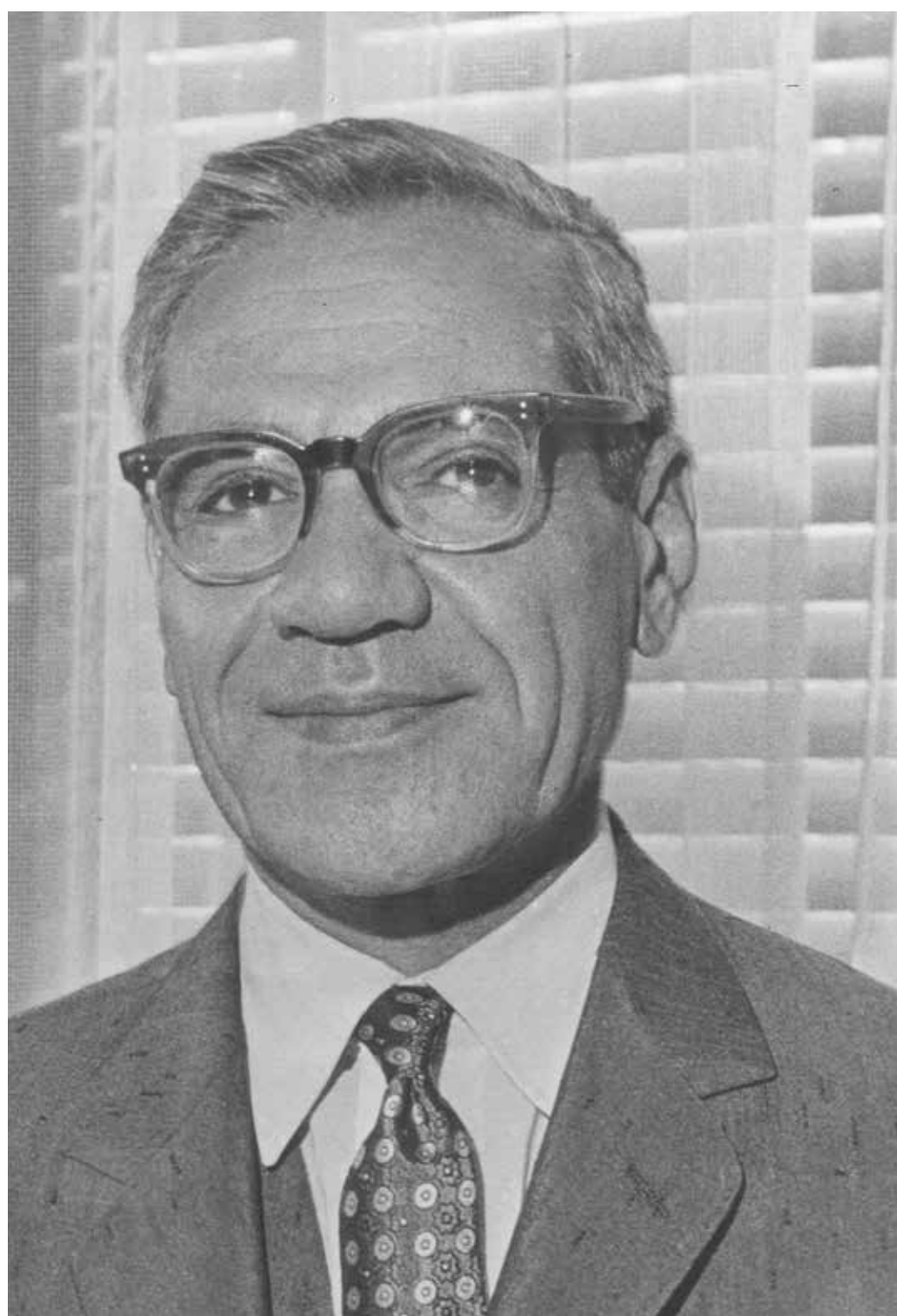
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# OPEC (1961–present)

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Dr Subroto***	Indonesia	31.10.1984–9.12.1985
Dr Arturo Hernández Grisanti***	Venezuela	1.1.1986–30.6.1986
Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman***	Nigeria	1.7.1986–30.6.1988
Dr Subroto <sup>3</sup>	Indonesia	1.7.1988–30.6.1994
Abdalla Salem El-Badri	SP Libyan AJ****	1.7.1994–31.12.1994
Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman <sup>4</sup>	Nigeria	1.1.1995–31.12.2000
Dr Alí Rodríguez Araque	Venezuela	1.1.2001–30.6.2002
Dr Alvaro Silva Calderón <sup>5</sup>	Venezuela	1.7.2002–31.12.2003
Dr Purnomo Yusgiantoro	Indonesia	1.1.2004–31.12.2004
Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah	Kuwait	1.1.2005–31.12.2005
Dr Edmund Maduabebe Daukoru	Nigeria	1.1.2006–31.12.2006
Abdalla Salem El-Badri	SP Libyan AJ****	1.1.2007–31.7.2016
Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo	Nigeria	1.8.2016–31.7.2022
Haitham Al Ghais	Kuwait	1.8.2022–present

1. *In the early days of OPEC, the Chairman of the Board of Governors was also, ex-officio, the Secretary General of the Organization.*
2. *The functions of Chairman of the Board of Governors and Secretary General were made separate by the new OPEC Statute, adopted by the 8th Meeting of the Conference in Geneva, in April 1965 (Res. VIII.56).*
3. *Appointed for a second three-year term, by the 89th Meeting of the Conference, in June 1991.*
4. *Appointed for a second three-year term, by the 103rd Meeting of the Conference, in November 1997.*
5. *Appointed for the second half of Dr Rodríguez Araque's term, by the 120th Meeting of the Conference, in June 2002, after the latter returned to Venezuela to head the state oil company, PDVSA.*





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## Dr Fuad Rouhani\*

1961–1964

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*Member Country:* Iran

*Date and place of birth:* 23 October 1907, Tehran, Iran

*Education:* Degree in Law, University of London

*Positions held:*

1926–1951 Legal and Administrative Branches, Anglo-American Oil Company

1951–1954 Chief Legal Adviser, National Iranian Oil Company

1954–1959 Director, National Iranian Oil Company

1961–1964 Secretary General of OPEC and  
Chairman of the OPEC Board of Governors

\* *deceased*



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## Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Bazzaz\*

1964–1965

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*Member Country:* Iraq

*Date and place of birth:* 20 February 1913, Baghdad, Iraq

*Education:* University of Baghdad and King's College, London

*Positions held:*

1945–1955 High Court Judge

1955–1969 Dean of the Law College, Baghdad University

1959–1963 Professor of Arab Nationalism and (later) Director, Arab League Institute of Higher Arab Studies,

1963–1965 Ambassador to the United Arab Republic (now, Egypt) and to the United Kingdom

1964–1965 Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Ashraf T. Lutfi\*

1965–1966

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*Member Country:* Kuwait

*Date and place of birth:* 1 January 1919, Jaffa, Palestine

*Education:* BA, Scots College, Safad, Palestine

*Positions held:*

1938–1949 Teacher in Elementary and Secondary Schools

1946–1948 Welfare Officer

1948–1955 Secretary to State Secretary, Government Secretariat

1955–1961 Assistant Secretary of State

1961–1964 Director, Office of the Emir of Kuwait

1964–1965 Adviser on Oil Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Industry

1965–1966 Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Mohammad S. Joukhdar\*

1967

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Saudi Arabia
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	1932, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
<i>Education:</i>	University of California and University of Southern California
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1958–1961	Economic Adviser, Directorate General of Petroleum and Minerals of Saudi Arabia
1961	Director General, Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources
1961–1966	Director of the Arabian Oil Company
1967	Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*





*Member Country:* Venezuela

*Date and place of birth:* 30 August 1929, Caracas, Venezuela

*Education:* Licence es sciences politiques, University of Geneva, Switzerland

PhD, Political Science, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 1966

*Positions held:*

1951–1960 Economic Analyst, Creole Petroleum Corporation, Caracas, Venezuela

1960–1962 Petroleum Economist with the industrial research firm of Arthur D. Little Inc, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

1962–1965 Economic Adviser to the Secretary General of OPEC and (later) Chief of the Economics Department, OPEC

1966–1968 Adviser to the Secretary General, OPEC

1968 Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Dr Elrich Sanger\*

1969

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Indonesia
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	14 January 1927, Gorontalo, Indonesia
<i>Education:</i>	Doctorate Degree in Law, University of Bonn, Germany
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1959	Head of the Bureau of Oil Affairs, Ministry of Industry
1960	Member of the Board for Distribution of Oil Products
1961	Secretary of Indonesian Oil Negotiating Committee
1964	Chief of Staff of Perusahaan Pertambangan Minyak Dan Gas Bumi Negara (Pertamina)
1964-1967	Under Secretary, Ministry of Oil
1966-1969	Director in Charge of Legal Affairs, Foreign Relations and International Marketing, Board of Pertamina
1969	Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Omar El-Badri\*

1970

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*Member Country:* Libya

*Date and place of birth:* 1937, Libya

*Education:* BA, Economics and Political Science, University of Dublin, 1961

*Positions held:*

1961–1969 Consulting correspondent for the Economist Intelligence Unit

Economic Research Worker

Contributor on economic matters to newspapers in Libya

1970 Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Dr Nadim Pachachi\*

1971–1972

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Iraq**
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	18 March 1914, Baghdad, Iraq
<i>Education:</i>	BSc, Associate of the Royal School of Mines (ARSM), London; Diploma and PhD, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1941–1943	Director of Department of Oil and Minerals, Ministry of Economics
1943–1952	Director General, Ministry of Economics
1952–1953	Minister of Economics (including oil sector)
1953	Minister of Development
1953–1957	Minister of Economics
1957–1958	Minister of Finance
1952–1958	Member of the Iraqi Parliament
1960–1964	Oil Adviser to the Libyan Government
1966–1968	Oil Adviser to the Kuwaiti Government
1966–1971	Oil Adviser to His Highness the Ruler of Abu Dhabi and his Government
1971–1972	Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*

\*\* *Appointed OPEC Secretary General from the United Arab Emirates*





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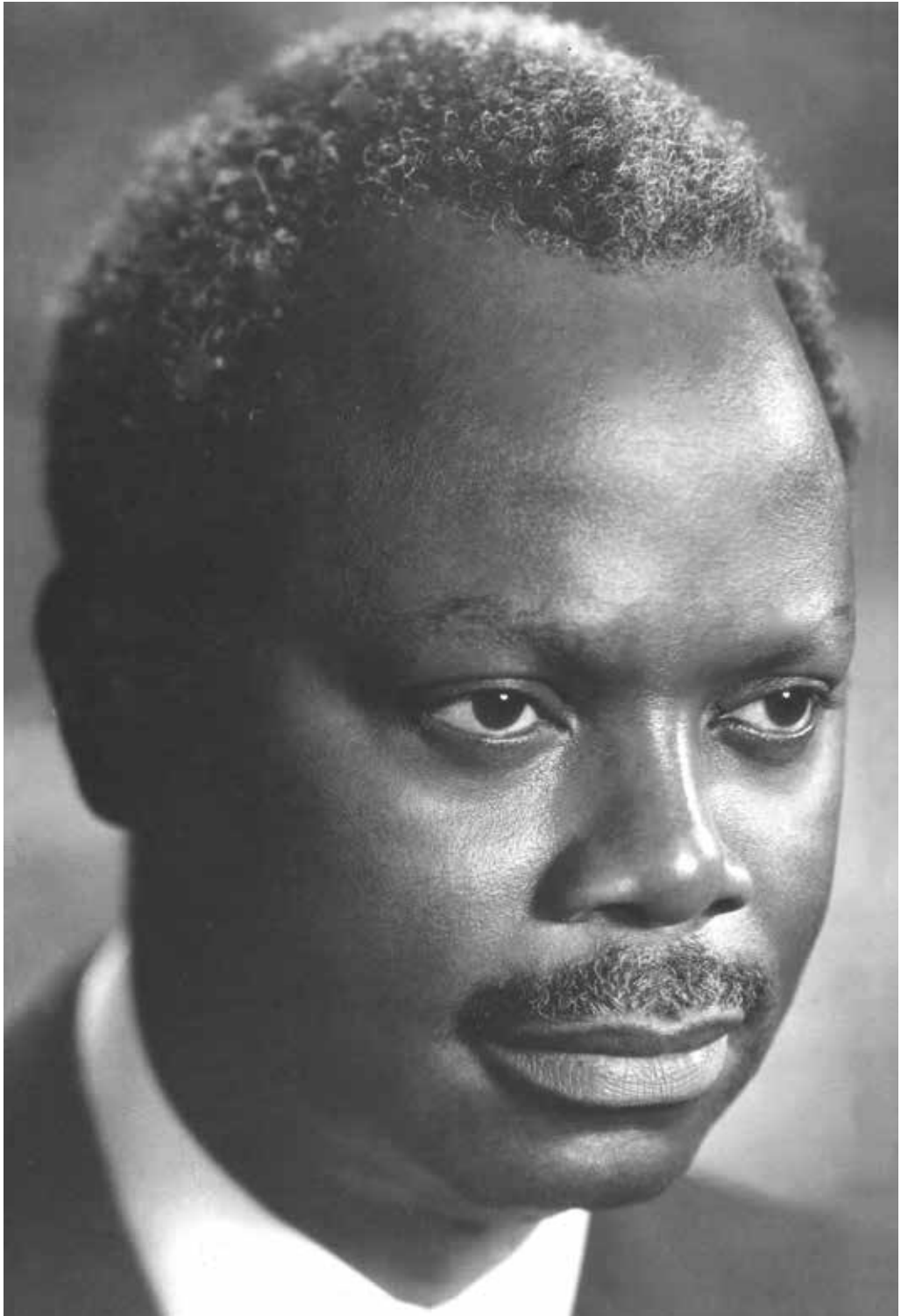
## Dr Abderrahman Khène\*

1973–1974

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Algeria
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	6 March 1931, Collo, Algeria
<i>Education:</i>	Doctorate Degree in Medicine, University of Algiers, 1968
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1956	Officer, National Liberation Army (ALN)
1958–1960	Secretary of State, Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic (GPRA)
1960–1961	General Controller of National Liberation Front (FLN)
1961–1962	Head of Finance Department, GPRA
1962–1965	President of Algerian-French Organisme de Mise en Valeur des Ressources du Sous-Sol Saharien
1964	President, Electricité et Gaz d'Algérie
1965–1966	Member of the Board of Directors, Société Nationale de Recherches et d'Exploitation des Pétroles en Algérie (SNREPAL); in charge of implementing “the settlement of questions concerning hydrocarbons and the industrial development of Algeria.” Participated in negotiations with the oil companies on the revision of fiscal terms.
1966–1971	President, Algerian-French Organisme de Coopération Industrielle
1966–1970	Minister of Public Works
1970–1973	Physician in the Department of Cardiology, University Hospital of Algiers
1973–1974	Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Chief M.O. Feyide\*

1975–1976

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Nigeria
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	31 March 1926, Ondo State, Nigeria
<i>Education:</i>	Government College Ibadan; Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter; Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1946–1949	Sub-Inspector of Mines
1954–1959	Inspector of Mines
1960	Petroleum Engineer, Ministry of Mines and Power
1960–1961	Attached to BP Sunbury Research Centre and Eakring Oil Fields, United Kingdom
1961	Ministry of Petroleum and Mines, Trinidad and Tobago
1962–1964	Senior Petroleum Engineer, Ministry of Mines and Power
1964–1970	Chief Petroleum Engineer, Head of Petroleum Division
1970–1974	Director, Petroleum Resources, Head of Department of Petroleum Resources
1975–1976	Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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# Ali M. Jaidah

1977–1978

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*Member Country:* Qatar

*Date and place of birth:* 1941, Doha, Qatar

*Education:* BSc, Economics, University of London, 1965; MSc, Petroleum Economics, 1966

*Positions held:*

1966–1971 Head of Economics Division, Department of Petroleum Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Petroleum

Director of Petroleum Affairs, Department of Petroleum Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Petroleum

1971–1976 Member of the Board of Directors, Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC)

Member of the Executive Office of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)

Head of Qatari Delegation to OPEC, OAPEC and other petroleum conferences and meetings

Qatari Governor for OPEC

1977–1978 Secretary General of OPEC



*Member Country:* Ecuador

*Date and place of birth:* 31 December 1941, Quito, Ecuador

*Education:* Engineering Degree, National Polytechnic School, 1969

MSc, University of Miami, Florida, USA, 1971

Management Control Systems, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA; Management Information Systems, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, USA; Studies in Economics and International Law, Institute of Superior National Studies, Quito, Ecuador

*Positions held:*

1973 Marketing Head, Corporación Estatal Petrolera Ecuatoriana (CEPE)

1974–1978 Member of Ecuadorian Delegations to OPEC and the Latin-American Energy Organization (OLADE) meetings and conferences

1975 Assistant Consultant to General Manager of CEPE

1976–1978 Principal Adviser to the Minister of Natural and Energy Resources and Head Coordinator of the Petroleum Policy Advisory Board

1976–1978 Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the OPEC Economic Commission Board

1977 Ecuadorian Governor for OPEC

1978 Member of the Oxford Energy Club

1979–1981 Secretary General of OPEC





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## Dr Marc S. Nan Nguema\*

1981–1983

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*Member Country:* Gabon

*Date and place of birth:* 13 April 1934, Lambarene, Gabon

*Education:* PhD, Faculty of Law and Economics, University of Paris;  
Diploma in Political Science, Paris Institute of Political Studies;  
Diploma in Business and Public Administration, National School of  
Administration, Paris, France

*Positions held:*

1963 Director, Economic Affairs Department, Libreville, Gabon

1964 Economic Affairs Officer, Research and Policy, Department of  
Economic and Social Affairs, New York, USA

1965 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNC-  
TAD)

1968 Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Gabon to the United Nations,  
Geneva, Switzerland

1970 Economic and Financial Executive, Elf Aquitaine, Paris, France

1972–1975 Adviser to the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund  
(IMF), Washington, DC, USA

1975–1976 Representative of Gabon to the OPEC Economic  
Commission Board

1976–1981 Deputy General Manager, Elf-Gabon

1981–1983 Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



<i>Member Country:</i>	United Arab Emirates
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	15 May 1946, Abu Dhabi, UAE
<i>Education:</i>	Secondary school, Qatar, 1963; High school, United Kingdom, 1963–65; BSc, Economics and Political Science, University of Baghdad, Iraq, 1969; MSc, Economics, University of Cairo, Egypt, 1974; PhD, Economics, University of Cairo, Egypt, 1976; PhD (Honorary) International Law, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan; PhD (Honorary), Law, University of Manila, Philippines
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1969	Chairman, Petroleum and Industrial Affairs of Department, Emirate of Abu Dhabi
1971	Minister of Petroleum, Industry and Minerals, Emirate of Abu Dhabi
1974	Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, UAE Council of Ministers  Chairman, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and Chairman, Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Company  Chairman, Emirates General Petroleum Corporation  Member, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority  Member, Abu Dhabi Planning Council  Member, Supreme Petroleum Council (SPC)  Chairman, Ministerial Council, Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPC)
July–December 1983	President of the OPEC Conference*

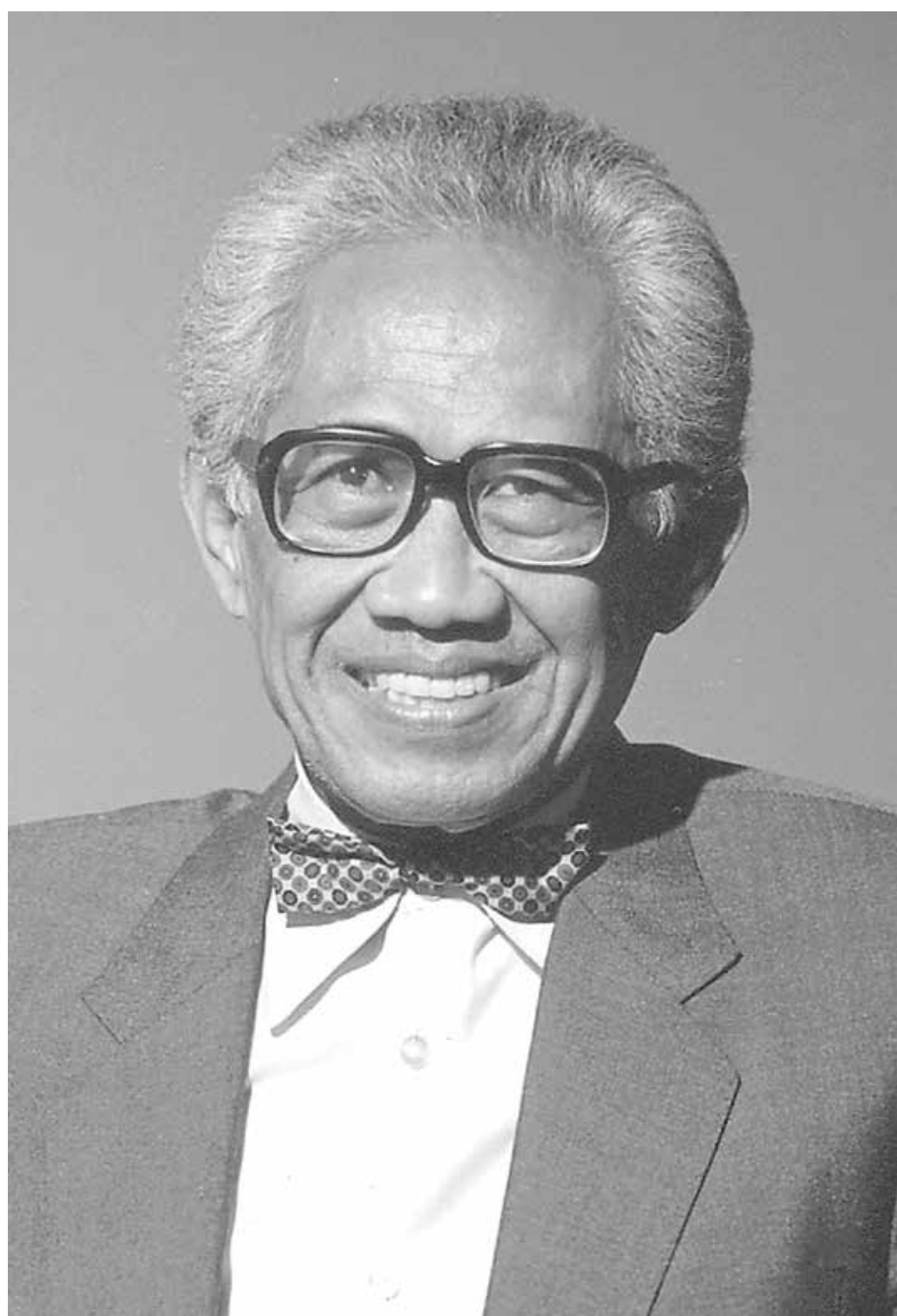
\* *At the 68th Meeting of the Conference, the President was asked to supervise the Secretariat's work, pending discussions concerning the appointment of a Secretary General.*



<i>Member Country:</i>	Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	1935, Libya
<i>Education:</i>	LLB, University of Cairo, Egypt, 1957; Postgraduate studies, France
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1970	Judge, Libyan High Court
1973	Libyan Representative to the United Nations, New York, USA
1975	Libyan Ambassador to France
1978	Libyan Ambassador to the People's Republic of China
1980	Libyan Agent to the International Court of Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands
1982	Secretary of Oil and Legal Adviser on Libyan oil policy; also, Head of legal committees formed to steer, supervise and follow up arbitration proceedings and negotiations resulting from Libya's nationalisation of oil companies in 1970 and 1973
<i>January–October 1984</i>	President of the OPEC Conference**

\* *deceased*

\*\* *At the 69th Meeting of the Conference, the President was asked to supervise the Secretariat's work, pending discussions concerning the appointment of a Secretary General.*



<i>Member Country:</i>	Indonesia
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	19 September 1928, Surakarta, Indonesia
<i>Education:</i>	BA, University of Indonesia, 1952; MA, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1956; PhD, University of Indonesia, 1958; International Teachers' Programme (ITP), Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, 1963–1964
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1956	Research Assistant, Centre for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
1956–1957	Junior Lecturer on International Economy and Economic Fluctuation, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
1957	Deputy Director, Institute of Business and Public Administration, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
1957–1958	Lecturer on International Economy, University of Indonesia
1963	Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
1966	Department of Trade, Director General of Research and Development
1971	Minister of Resettlement and Cooperatives
1973	Minister of Manpower, Resettlement and Cooperatives
1978–1988	Minister of Mines and Energy
October 1984– December 1985	President of the OPEC Conference**

\* *deceased*

\*\* *At the 71st Meeting of the Conference, the President was asked to supervise the Secretariat's work, pending discussions concerning the appointment of a Secretary General.*



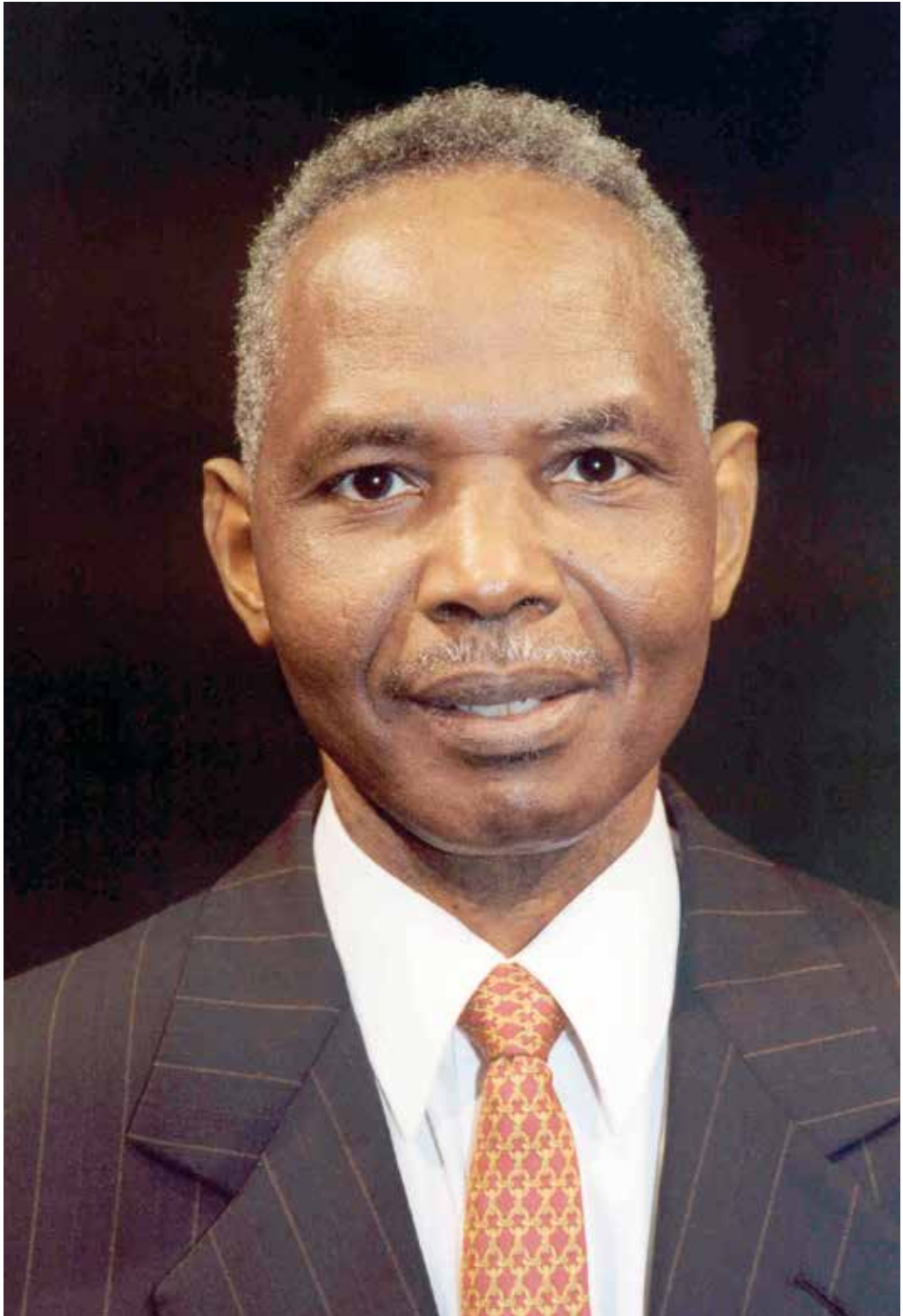




<i>Member Country:</i>	Venezuela
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	4 August 1928, Rio Caribe, Sucre State, Venezuela
<i>Education:</i>	PhD (magna cum laude), Law and Political Science, Central University of Venezuela
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1958–1959	Legal Adviser, Venezuelan Development Corporation
1959–1963	General Director, Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons; Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons ( <i>ad interim</i> ) on several occasions
1963, 1963–1973, 1978	Elected and re-elected to House of Representatives for Sucre State
1964–1966, 1974–1977	Assistant to Head of the Parliamentary Fraction
1965–1967	Regional Secretary, Latin American Parliament
1967–1968	First Vice-President, Latin American Parliament
1973–1975	President, Latin American Parliament
1975–1979	National General Under-Secretary, Acción Democrática
1979	Vice-President, Fourth Europe–Latin America Parliamentary Conference, Rome, Italy
	Professor of Petroleum Policies Economics, Simón Bolívar University; Political Secretary, National Committee of Acción Democrática
1979–1984	Member, House of Representatives
1984	Elected to Senate; Minister of Energy and Mines
January–June 1986	President of the OPEC Conference**

\* *deceased*

\*\* *At the 76th Meeting of the Conference, the President was asked to supervise the Secretariat's work, pending discussions concerning the appointment of a Secretary General.*



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## Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman\*

1986–1988

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*Member Country:* Nigeria

*Date and place of birth:* 26 August 1938, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria

*Education:* General Certificate of Education (GCE), Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology (now, Ahmadu Bello University), Zaria, Nigeria, 1956–1958; Associate of the Royal School of Mines (ARSM), London, 1959–1962; Post-Graduate Certificate in Mining and Mineral Exploration, Institute of Prospecting and Mineral Deposits, University of Mining and Metallurgy, Leoben, Austria, 1967–1968; Mineral Economics, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1977–1978

*Positions held:*

1962–1964 Assistant Mining Engineer, A B Statsgruvor, Sweden

1964–1967 Inspector and (later) Senior Inspector of Mines, Mines Division, Federal Ministry of Mines and Power, Nigeria

1968–1970 Acting Assistant Chief Inspector of Mines, Mines Division, Federal Ministry of Mines and Power, Nigeria

1970–1974 General Manager, Cement Company of Northern Nigeria Ltd, Sokoto

1974–1984 General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Mining Corporation, Nigeria

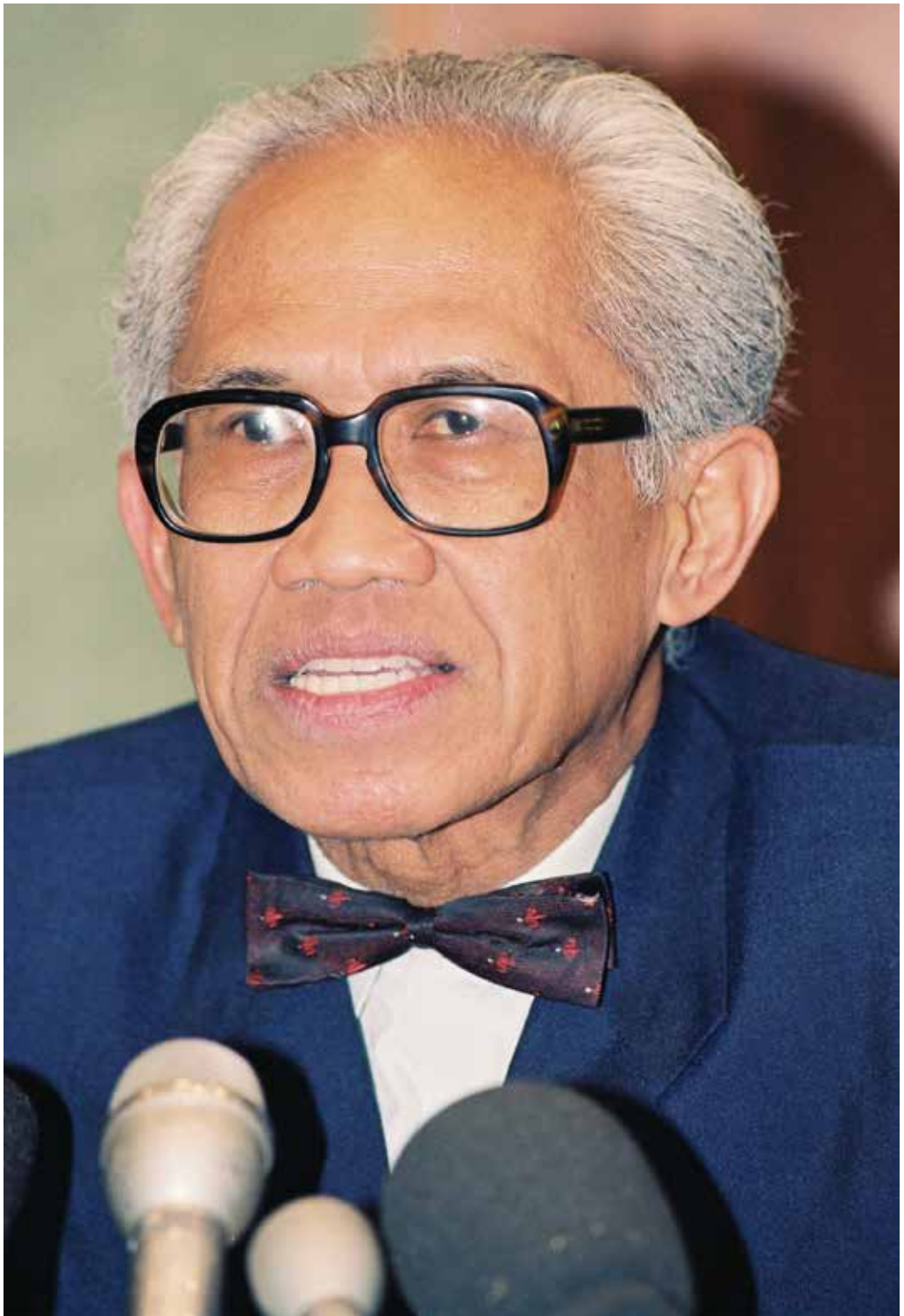
1984–1985 Federal Minister of Mines, Power and Steel of Nigeria

1986–1989 Federal Minister of Petroleum Resources of Nigeria

July 1986–June 1988 President of the OPEC Conference\*\*

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\*\* *At the 78th Meeting of the Conference, the President was asked to supervise the Secretariat's work, pending discussions concerning the appointment of a Secretary General.*



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## Dr Subroto\*

1988–1994

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Indonesia
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	19 September 1928, Surakarta, Indonesia
<i>Education:</i>	BA, University of Indonesia, 1952; MA, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1956; PhD, University of Indonesia, 1958; International Teachers' Programme (ITP), Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, 1963–1964
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1956	Research Assistant, Centre for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
1956–1957	Junior Lecturer on International Economy and Economic Fluctuation, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
1957	Deputy Director, Institute of Business and Public Administration, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
1957–1958	Lecturer on International Economy, University of Indonesia
1963	Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
1966	Department of Trade, Director General of Research and Development
1971	Minister of Resettlement and Cooperatives
1973	Minister of Manpower, Resettlement and Cooperatives
1978–1988	Minister of Mines and Energy
October 1984– December 1985	President of the OPEC Conference
1988–1994	Secretary General of OPEC

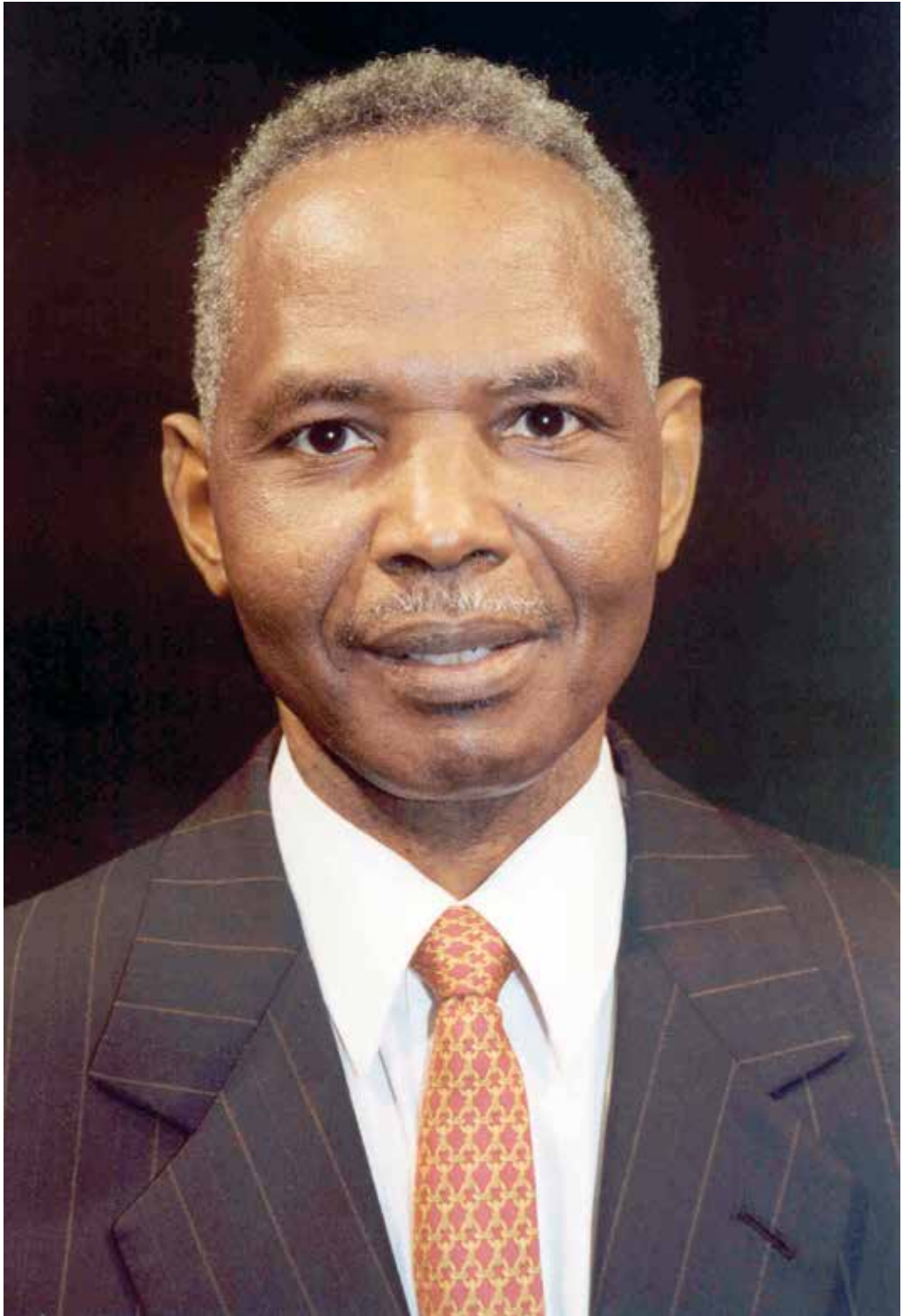
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<i>Member Country:</i>	Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	25 May 1940, Ghamminis, SP Libyan AJ
<i>Education:</i>	BS, Accounting, Florida Southern University, USA
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1965-1977	Worked with Esso Standard (now, ExxonMobil)
1977-1980	Member of the Board of Directors, Umm Al-Jawaby Oil Company
1980-1983	Chairman, Waha Oil Company
1983-1990	Chairman, National Oil Corporation (NOC)
1990-1992	Secretary of the People's Committee for Petroleum (Minister of Petroleum)
1993-2000	Secretary of the General People's Committee for Energy
1994	President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC*

\* *At the 96th Meeting of the Conference, the President was mandated to also assume the responsibilities of the Secretary General for a period of six months.*





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## Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman\*

1995–2000

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Nigeria
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	26 August 1938, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria
<i>Education:</i>	General Certificate of Education (GCE), Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology (now, Ahmadu Bello University), Zaria, Nigeria, 1956–1958; Associate of the Royal School of Mines (ARSM), London, 1959–1962; Post-Graduate Certificate in Mining and Mineral Exploration, Institute of Prospecting and Mineral Deposits, University of Mining and Metallurgy, Leoben, Austria, 1967–1968; Mineral Economics, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1977–1978
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1962–1964	Assistant Mining Engineer, A B Statsgruvor, Sweden
1964–1967	Inspector, and (later) Senior Inspector of Mines, Mines Division, Federal Ministry of Mines and Power, Nigeria
1968–1970	Acting Assistant Chief Inspector of Mines, Mines Division, Federal Ministry of Mines and Power, Nigeria
1970–1974	General Manager, Cement Company of Northern Nigeria Ltd, Sokoto
1974–1984	General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Mining Corporation, Nigeria
1984–1985	Federal Minister of Mines, Power and Steel of Nigeria
1986–1989	Federal Minister of Petroleum Resources of Nigeria
July 1986–June 1988	President of the OPEC Conference
1989–1990	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria
1993–1994	Chairman, Board of Directors, National Electric Power Authority, Lagos, Nigeria
1995–2000	Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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## Dr Alí Rodríguez Araque\*

2001–2002

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*Member Country:* Venezuela

*Date and place of birth:* 9 September 1937, Ejido, Mérida State, Venezuela

*Education:* Faculty of Law, Central University of Venezuela, 1961; Economics, University of los Andes

*Positions held:*

1962–1983 Lawyer for civil, labour and commercial matters

1983–1999 Member, Congress of the Republic of Venezuela

1993–1999 Member, National Energy Council

1993–1999 Member, Energy and Mines Committee, Latin American Parliament

1994–1997 President, Committee of Energy and Mines of the House of the National Congress

Vice-President, Bicameral Committee of Energy and Mines for the analysis and approval of reports concerning contracts for the opening of the oil industry in Venezuela to foreign markets

Member of the Transition Committee of the Energy and Mines Programme of President Hugo Chávez

1999–2004 Senator, National Congress (representing the State of Bolívar)

1999–2000 Minister of Energy and Mines, Venezuela

2001–2002 Secretary General of OPEC

\* *deceased*



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# Dr Alvaro Silva Calderón

2002–2003

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*Member Country:* Venezuela

*Date and place of birth:* 9 June 1929, Teresén, Monagas State, Venezuela

*Education:* Doctorate Degree in Law and Political Science, Central University of Venezuela, 1956

*Positions held:*

Member of the advisory team of Juan Pablo Pérez Alfonzo

President of the regional legislature of Monagas State

Member of the National Congress

President of the International Treaties Sub-Committee and  
Member of the Energy and Mines Committee

External Director of the Board, Petróleos de Venezuela, SA  
(PDVSA)

Member of the National Energy Council

*December 2000–  
July 2002* Minister of Energy and Mines, Venezuela

*2002–2003* Secretary General of OPEC



*Member Country:* Indonesia

*Date and place of birth:* 16 June 1951, Semarang, Indonesia

*Education:* MA, Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, USA, 1988

MSc and PhD, Resource Economics, Colorado School of Mines, USA, 1986 and 1988

Class of the 25th Regular Course, National Defence Institute, Indonesia, 1992

*Positions held:*

Lecturer at the National Defence Institute, Indonesia

Lecturer in economics and management for undergraduate and graduate programmes in Indonesia and the USA

Consultant at the World Bank and Asian Development Bank

Assistant to the Minister of Mines and Energy, Indonesia

Chairman of the Working Group for Marketing at the Board of Commissioner of Pertamina, Indonesia

Indonesian Governor for OPEC

Participant in the Working Group of the National Defence and Security Council, Indonesia

Member of the Expert Team of the ad hoc Committee of the People's Consultative Assembly formulating Guidelines for the State

*August 2000–2009* Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources

*2004* President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC\*

\* *In accordance with Resolution No. 128.406 adopted by the 128th Meeting of the Conference, in December 2003.*

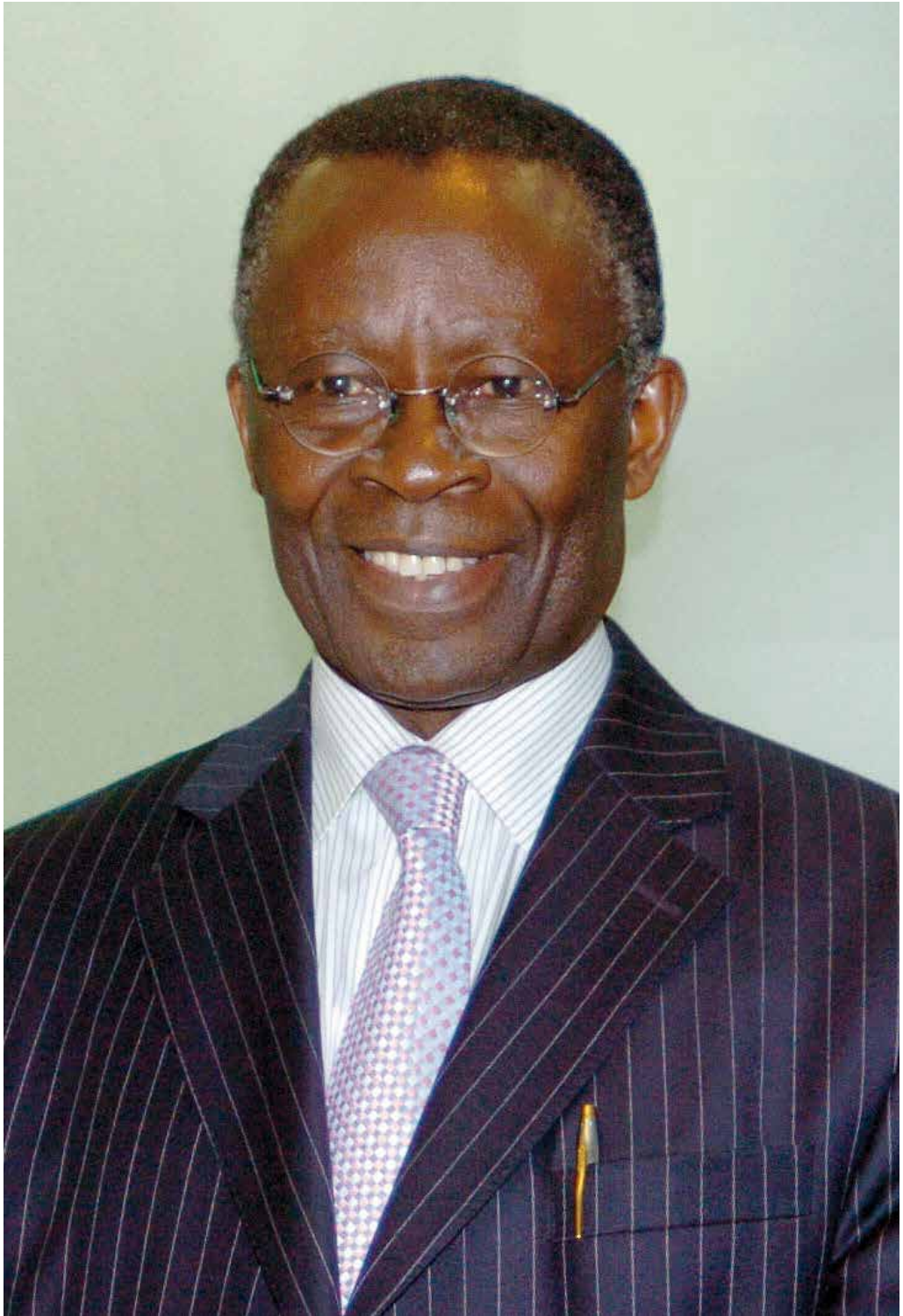






<i>Member Country:</i>	Kuwait
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	12 August 1963, Lebanon
<i>Education:</i>	BSc, Political Science, University of Kuwait, 1985; PhD (Honorary) International Law, Dong-A University, Pusan, South Korea, 1994; PhD (Honorary), United States Academy of Sports, 2000
<i>Positions held:</i>	
<i>1985-1990</i>	Officer, Kuwait Army
<i>1992-November 2000</i>	Vice-Chairman, Public Authority for Youth and Sports
<i>November 2000-February 2001</i>	Chairman, Public Authority for Youth and Sports and Director General (with the rank of Minister)
<i>2001</i>	Minister of Information and Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters
<i>February 2002-July 2003</i>	Acting Minister of Oil
<i>July 2003-July 2006</i>	Minister of Energy
<i>2005</i>	President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC*

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Nigeria
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	13 October 1943, Nembe, Bayelsa State, Nigeria
<i>Education:</i>	BSc (Shell Scholar), Geology, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, 1964–1967  PhD, Geology, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, 1970
<i>Positions held:</i>	Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Team Geologist and (later) General Manager, Exploration  Various posts at Shell International Petroleum (in Holland, Ireland, Italy, Spain, France, Switzerland and Tunisia)
<i>1992–1993</i>	Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)
<i>November 2003–2005</i>	Presidential Adviser on Petroleum and Energy
<i>2005–July 2006</i>	Minister of State for Petroleum Resources
<i>2006</i>	President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC*

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## Abdalla Salem El-Badri

2007–2016

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	25 May 1940, Ghamminis, Libya
<i>Education:</i>	BS, Accounting, Florida Southern University, USA
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1965–1977	Worked with Esso Standard (now, ExxonMobil)
1977–1980	Member of the Board of Directors, Umm Al-Jawaby Oil Company
1980–1983	Chairman, Waha Oil Company
1983–1990	Chairman, National Oil Corporation (NOC)
1990–1992	Secretary of the People's Committee for Petroleum (Minister of Petroleum)
1993–2000	Secretary of the General People's Committee for Energy
1994	President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC
1996–1997	President of the OPEC Conference
1998	President of the Organization of the Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)
1987–1990	Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab Petroleum Services Company
2000	Member of the Board of Libya Oil Invest (Tamoil)
2000–2002	Chairman, NOC Deputy Secretary of the General People's Committee of Libya for Services (Deputy Prime Minister for Services)
2002–2004	Deputy Secretary of the General People's Committee of Libya (Deputy Prime Minister)
2004–2006	Chairman, NOC
2005–06	Chairman of the Board of Libya Oil Invest (Tamoil)
2007–31 July 2016	Secretary General of OPEC*

\* Served as acting Secretary General from 1 January 2016 to 31 July 2016 in accordance with Resolution No. 168.492 adopted by the 168th Meeting of the Conference in December 2015.





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## Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo\*

2016–2022

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Nigeria
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	20 April 1959, Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria
<i>Education:</i>	BSc (Hons) in Political Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria Post Graduate Diploma in Petroleum Economics, Oxford, UK MBA in Finance and Banking, Washington University, USA
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1982–1985	Nigerian Mining Corporation, Principal Administrative Officer
1984–1986	Special Assistant to the Minister of Mines, Power and Steel
1986–1989	Special Assistant to the Minister of Petroleum Resources and Head, Office of the Chairman of the NNPC Board
1986–2010	Nigerian Delegate to OPEC Ministerial Conferences
1990	Special Assistant to Minister of Foreign Affairs
1992	Head, International Investments, NNPC Head, International Trade, NNPC London President Duke Oil Inc.
1993–1994	Chairman, NAPOIL
1993–1997	General Manager, NNPC London Office
1993–2008	Nigeria's National Representative on OPEC's ECB
1998–2003	Managing Director/Chief Executive, HYSON/CALSON
2003–2004	Group General Manager, Investments, NNPC
2006	Acting Secretary General of OPEC, Chair of ECB
2007	Deputy Managing Director/Chief Executive, NLNG Office of Coordinator Special Projects, NNPC
2007–2009	Vice President of Conference of the Parties at COP13, COP14 and COP15 of the UNFCCC
2009–2010	Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, NNPC Special Assistant to the Minister of Petroleum and Energy Board Member, NNPC investee companies Nigeria's Governor for OPEC
2014–2016	Fellowship Programme, George Mason University, USA
2016–2022	OPEC Secretary General

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## Haitham Al Ghais

2022–present

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<i>Member Country:</i>	Kuwait
<i>Date and place of birth:</i>	30 October 1969, Kuwait City, State of Kuwait
<i>Education:</i>	BA, Political Science, University of San Francisco, USA
<i>Positions held:</i>	
1991–1993	Diplomatic Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuwait
1993–2000	Crude Oil Marketing Representative, International Marketing, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), Kuwait
2001–2004	Middle Distillates Senior Marketing Representative, International Marketing, KPC, Kuwait
2005–2007	Head of KPC's Regional Office, Beijing, China
2008–2014	Manager of KPC's European Regional Office, London, UK  Represented Kuwait in governing bodies of several renowned international institutions, including the Board of Directors of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
2014–2021	Market Research Manager, International Marketing, KPC, Kuwait
2016	Member of Kuwait's Delegation participating in the 'Declaration of Cooperation' between OPEC and non-OPEC oil-producing countries
2017	Chairman of the Joint Technical Committee (JTC); participated in over 53 JTC meetings and over 32 Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC) meetings
2017–2021	Kuwait's Governor for OPEC; represented Kuwait in multiple subcommittees of OPEC
2018–2019	Leader of Kuwait's team involved in finalizing and signing the 'Charter of Cooperation' between OPEC and non-OPEC producing countries
2021	Deputy Managing Director, International Marketing, KPC, Kuwait
2022–present	OPEC Secretary General





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