Secretaries General of OPEC

1961–2008
Introduction

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-authorised 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 22 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 Abdalla Salem El-Badri of the Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, who has been in charge since 2007.

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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* Now, Islamic Republic of Iran.
** Now, the Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
*** Elected as President of the Conference with the mandate to also supervise the Secretariat.

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).
OPEC (1961–2008)

Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba***  
UAE  

Kamal Hassan Maghur***  
SP Libyan AJ  
1.1.1984–31.10.1984

Dr Subroto***  
Indonesia  

Dr Arturo Hernández Grisanti***  
Venezuela  
1.1.1986–30.6.1986

Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman***  
Nigeria  
1.7.1986–30.6.1988

Dr Subroto³  
Indonesia  
1.7.1988–30.6.1994

Abdalla Salem El-Badri  
SP Libyan AJ  

Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman⁴  
Nigeria  

Dr Alí Rodríguez Araque  
Venezuela  

Dr Alvaro Silva Calderón⁵  
Venezuela  

Dr Purnomo Yusgiantoro  
Indonesia  

Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah  
Kuwait  

Dr Edmund Maduabebe Daukoru  
Nigeria  

Abdalla Salem El-Badri  
SP Libyan AJ  
1.1.2007–present

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.
Dr Fuad Rouhani* 1961–1964

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
Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Bazzaz* 1964–1965

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
Ashraf T. Lutfi* 1965–1966

**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
Mohammad S. Joukhdar

Member Country: Saudi Arabia

Date and place of birth: 1932, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Education: University of California and University of Southern California

Positions held:


1961 Director General, Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources

1961–1966 Director of the Arabian Oil Company

1967 Secretary General of OPEC
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
Dr Elrich Sanger

Member Country: Indonesia

Date and place of birth: 14 January 1927, Gorontalo, Indonesia

Education: Doctorate Degree in Law, University of Bonn, Germany

Positions held:

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
Omar El-Badri

**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
Dr Nadim Pachachi* 1971–1972

* deceased

** Appointed OPEC Secretary General from the United Arab Emirates

** Membership

** Date and place of birth:** 18 March 1914, Baghdad, Iraq

** Education:** BSc, Associate of the Royal School of Mines (ARSM), London; Diploma and PhD, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London

** Positions held:**

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
Dr Abderrahman Khène

**Member Country:** Algeria

**Date and place of birth:** 6 March 1931, Collo, Algeria

**Education:** Doctorate Degree in Medicine, University of Algiers, 1968

**Positions held:**

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
Chief M.O. Feyide* 1975–1976

Member Country: Nigeria

Date and place of birth: 31 March 1926, Ondo State, Nigeria

Education: Government College Ibadan; Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter; Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London

Positions held:

1946–1949 Sub-Inspector of Mines
1954–1959 Inspector of Mines
1960 Petroleum Engineer, Ministry of Mines and Power
1960–1961Attached 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
Ali M. Jaidah

**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
René G. Ortiz 1979–1981

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
Dr Marc S. Nan Nguema  
1981–1983

**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 (UNCTAD)

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
Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba

**Member Country:** United Arab Emirates

**Date and place of birth:** 15 May 1946, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Education:** 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

**Positions held:**

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*

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*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.*
Kamal Hassan Maghur

**Member Country:** Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

**Date and place of birth:** 1935, Libya

**Education:** LLB, University of Cairo, Egypt, 1957; Postgraduate studies, France

**Positions held:**

- **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

**January–October 1984** President of the OPEC Conference*

* 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.
Dr Subroto

1984–1985

Member Country: Indonesia

Date and place of birth: 19 September 1928, Surakarta, Indonesia

Education: 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

Positions held:

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*

* 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.
Dr Arturo Hernández Grisanti

Member Country: Venezuela

Date and place of birth: 4 August 1928, Rio Caribe, Sucre State, Venezuela

Education: PhD (magna cum laude), Law and Political Science, Central University of Venezuela

Positions held:

1958–1959 Legal Adviser, Venezuelan Development Corporation

1959–1963 General Director, Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons; Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons (ad interim) on several occasions


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 Bolivar 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*

* 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.
Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman 1986–1988

**Member Country:** Nigeria

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


**Positions held:**

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


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*

* 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.
Dr Subroto 1988–1994

Member Country: Indonesia

Date and place of birth: 19 September 1928, Surakarta, Indonesia

Education: 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

Positions held:

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
Abdalla Salem El-Badri

**Member Country:** Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

**Date and place of birth:** 25 May 1940, Ghamminis, SP Libyan AJ

**Education:** BS, Accounting, Florida Southern University, USA

**Positions held:**

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)

1987–1990 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab Petroleum Services Company

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

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*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.*
Dr Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman

1995–2000

**Member Country:** Nigeria

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

**Education:**


**Positions held:**

- 1962–1964 Assistant Mining Engineer, A B Statsgruvor, Sweden
- 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
Dr Alí Rodríguez Araque 2001–2002

**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

- **1999–2004** Member of the Transition Committee of the Energy and Mines Programme of President Hugo Chávez
- **1999–2000** Senator, National Congress (representing the State of Bolívar)
- **2001–2002** Minister of Energy and Mines, Venezuela
- **2001–2002** Secretary General of OPEC
Dr Alvaro Silva Calderón 2002–2003

**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

2000–2002

- 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–present**
- **2004** Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources
- President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC*

Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

**Member Country:** Kuwait

**Date and place of birth:** 12 August 1963, Lebanon

**Education:** 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

**Positions held:**

- **1985–1990** Officer, Kuwait Army
- **1992–2000** Vice-Chairman, Public Authority for Youth and Sports
- **2000–2001** Chairman, Public Authority for Youth and Sports and Director General (with the rank of Minister)
- **2001** Minister of Information and Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters
- **2002–2003** Acting Minister of Oil
- **2003–2006** Minister of Energy
- **2005** President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC* 

Dr Edmund Maduabebe Daukoru 2006

Member Country: Nigeria

Date and place of birth: 13 October 1943, Nembe, Bayelsa State, Nigeria

Education:

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

Positions held:

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)

1992–93 Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)


2005–2006 Minister of State for Petroleum Resources

2006 President of the OPEC Conference and Secretary General of OPEC*

Abdalla Salem El–Badri 2007–present

Member Country: Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Date and place of birth: 25 May 1940, Ghamminis, SP Libyan AJ

Education: BS, Accounting, Florida Southern University, USA

Positions held:

1965–1977 Worked with Esso Standard (now, ExxonMobil)

1977–1980 Member of the Board of Directors, Umm Al-Jawaby Oil Company

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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)

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–present Secretary General of OPEC