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IIMSAM appoints Professor Graciela Chichilnisky, UNESCO Chair of Mathematics and Economics as its Director of Technical Operations and Research, and Special Adviser to counter malnutrition and for the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals



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[UN Headquarters, New York, 23rd October 2007] IIMSAM appointed eminent academic, Prof. Graciela Chichilnisky, UNESCO Chair of Mathematics and Economics as its Director of Technical Operations and Research, and Special Adviser to counter malnutrition and for the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. A Professor of Statistics with the Columbia University, she is the Director of Columbia's Center for Risk Management (CCRM).

Along with a distinguished career in academia, Prof. Chichilnisky played a pivotal role in the framing of institutional framework for issues of contemporary importance such as Agenda 21 and Kyoto Protocol.

Prof. Chichilnisky would guide and cooperate with Dr. Gilda A. Glasinovich, IIMSAM's Special Technical Adviser and Director of Field Operations so that the organisation can fine tune its strategies to maximise their impacts in its endeavour to eradicate malnutrition from across the globe. Her experience would be vital to establish the Right to Food and quality nutrition as the bedrock of the Right to Life, and for the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

While congratulating Prof. Chichilnisky on her appointment, IIMSAM's Director-General H.E. Remigio Maradona stated- " Though the words fail to describe the accomplishments of Prof. Chichilnisky that she has made in the sphere of contemporary issues that impact the humankind, I am confident that she would help the IIMSAM fulfill its mandate and expand the definition of food and nutrition that is currently based on the concept of calories to a more inclusive and holistic one.

Her association with the organisation would provide critical inputs into the process of raising the quality of the debate and formulating sound and appropriate policies to realise a world free of hunger and malnutrition"

Prof. Graciela Chichilnisky- an introduction

Prof. Graciela Chichilnisky IIMSAM's Director of Technical Operations and Special Adviser, is a native of Argentina and a citizen of the US. A Professor of Statistics at the Columbia University, she holds the UNESCO Chair of Mathematics and Economics. Prof. Chichilnisky is the Director of Columbia's Center for Risk Management (CCRM) where she designed the Columbia's Program on Information and Resources (PIR) in 1995 that is focused on transforming the University's teaching and research agenda to reflect the growing trend towards globalization and sustainable development. PIR attracted major support from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), from six leading reinsurance companies and along with the Sloan Foundation.

Professor Chichilnisky holds two Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley and her doctorates in Mathematics and Economics were awarded in 1971 and 1976 respectively. A tenured professor at Columbia since 1979, she has been Director of its Program on Information and Resources since its founding in 1994. She taught previously at Harvard, Essex and Stanford Universities and was from 1985-90 chairman and chief executive officer of FITEL, a financial telecommunications corporation active in New York, London and Tokyo. Prof. Chichilnisky has also served as the *Salinbemi Professor* at the *University of Siena* during 1994-1995. She has authored thirteen books and over two hundred scientific articles that were published in pre-eminent academic journals covering economics, finance and mathematics.

Prof. Chichilnisky introduced the concept of Basic Needs, which was adopted by 150 countries in the United Nations Earth Summit (UNES) and appears in the UN Agenda 21 as the central element of their strategies for sustainable development. She also introduced Catastrophe Bundles, new financial instruments to deal with environmental risks. In 1995, she proposed the global trading of carbon emissions with preferential treatment for poor countries to the World Bank that was later integrated in the Kyoto Protocol adopted by 166 nations in December 1997. She also advocated the creation of an International Bank for Environmental Settlements to regulate the same.

She has served as an adviser to many international organizations, including the United Nations Economics Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC); in the areas of international economics and environmental policy. Prof. Chichilnisky is a former member of the Presidential Cabinet of the Central Bank of Argentina, an active consultant to the United Nations on international trade issues and to the global financial industry on derivatives and reinsurance, besides being the Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Programme on Climate Change (IPCC).

Prof. Chichilnisky is the recipient of the 1995 Lief Johansen Award from the University of Oslo for the introduction of Markets with Endogenous Uncertainty. She is associated in the capacity of a Director or as a Trustee of the CrossBorder Exchange, National Resources Defense Council, the Mediterranean College among others; and is in the editorial boards of leading professional journals, including *Advances in Applied Mathematics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Economic Letters*, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development* and *Journal of Development Economics*. She is also listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*, *Who's Who in Education* and in the *Dictionary of International Biography* among the world's 1,000 most outstanding scientists of the 21st century.

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