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Mr. Linn joined the World Bank in 1973. For nine years he worked in the Bank's research department on issues of urban development. In 1978, Mr. Linn spent six months at the University of Munster, Germany, as a visiting researcher. Subsequently he served as country economist and economic advisor in the Bank's East Asia Regional Staff. In 1987/88, Mr. Linn was Staff Director of World Development Report 1988 which dealt principally with issues of public finance in development. Between 1988 and 1991, he served as Senior Economic Advisor in the Bank's Development Economics Staff, as the Director of its International Economics Department and as Director of its Country Economics Department.

In 1991, Mr. Linn was appointed the World Bank's Vice President for Financial Policy and Resource Mobilization. He was in charge of financial policies and prudential management of the World Bank (IBRD and IDA) and of mobilizing capital resources for IBRD and donor resources for IDA and for the Global Environment Facility (GEF). He co-chaired the first replenishment of the GEF in 1993/4 and served as deputy to the chair of two IDA replenishments.

From January 1996 through September 2003, Mr. Linn was the Bank's Vice President for Europe and Central Asia (ECA). He was responsible for all operational work in the region, including the management of about 1,000 staff, annual new lending of US Dollar 3-5 billion, and extensive advisory work.

From September 2003 Mr. Linn has been affiliated as a Senior Fellow with the Brookings Institution, the premier think tank in the United States. From July 2005 to June 2010, Mr. Linn served as the first Director of the Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings. Since July 2010 he also is a Senior Scholar of the Emerging Markets Forum in Washington, DC. Mr. Linn's research and advisory work focuses on global governance reform, on key issues of development and aid effectiveness, including scaling up, and on regional integration and cooperation. During 2009-10 he led the institutional scaling up review for IFAD and co-authored "Scaling Up the Fight Against Rural Poverty: An Institutional Review of IFAD's Approach" (Brookings, 2010)

Mr. Linn received his training as an economist at Oxford University, England (BA, 1968), and at Cornell University, USA (PhD, 1972). He has published extensively on issues of development policy and global governance reform. He is a German citizen.