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## Top U.N. Official Explores Changing Global Order

April 19, 2023



**David A. Chikvaizde, Ph.D.**  
 Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Director-General, The United Nations Office at Geneva  
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David A. Chikvaizde, Ph.D. has worked for over thirty-six years in the foreign service, in government, and in the international civil service, twenty-eight of these at the United Nations.

He provides political advice and support to his fifth Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) as Chef de Cabinet and, before, as acting Senior Political Adviser. As Director of the UN Library and Head of the UNOG Cultural Diplomacy program, Chikvaizde implemented a new strategic direction, created synergies with world libraries, raised the Library's profile and its effectiveness for clients and developed new forms of cultural, intellectual, educational and academic outreach. He was Senior Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in charge of Communications and NGO relations and spokesman for the Commission on Human Rights and other Human Rights Bodies.

At UN Headquarters and on field missions between 1993 and 2003, Chikvaizde performed a variety of politically sensitive duties, including negotiating humanitarian aid in Pyongyang with the DPRK government; assisting Sergio Vieira de Mello in negotiating with Yugoslav authorities humanitarian needs and access in the former republics of Yugoslavia, including Kosovo; assisting James A. Baker III on his confidential missions to Algeria, Morocco, and Mauritania on the Western Sahara issue; post-earthquake disaster assessment and coordination in Tajikistan and Afghanistan; post-conflict needs assessment in Azerbaijan in 1994; three visits to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and to contaminated areas in efforts to assist victims; and organizing the UN50 commemorative events in New York and San Francisco.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Chikvaizde served as scheduler for President Gorbachev and as protocol officer for President Yeltsin. A diplomat by training, he was special assistant to the Soviet Ambassador and chief of protocol of the USSR Embassy in Washington, D.C. (1985-1990). Born in Tbilisi, Chikvaizde is a citizen of Georgia.

Chikvaizde holds a Ph.D. in political science, is author of occasional articles on international relations and has taught geopolitics and served as thesis advisor. He is married and has one son and three grandsons.



**Colleen Marshall**  
 Anchor, WCMH NBC4  
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Colleen Marshall is an Emmy award-winning journalist who has been with WCMH NBC4 since 1984. Currently, she serves as anchor of NBC4 at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. and is the host of the weekly political program, "NBC4's The Spectrum." Her most memorable pieces have been her two one-on-one interviews of President Obama and covering 9/11 from New York City. Marshall has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Point Park University and a Juris Doctor from the Capital University School of Law. Marshall is a former member of the CMC Board of Trustees.



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# It's a CEO Celebration!

Honoring Jane Scott & Sophia Fifner



WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
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The CMC Board of Trustees invites you to a reception to celebrate the contributions of longtime President and CEO Jane Scott who retires May 31st and to welcome CMC's next leader, Sophia Fifner.



Please register in advance to let us know you're coming. There is no fee.

There will be a short program from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm with Jane Scott, Sophia Fifner, and host Colleen Marshall, Co-Anchor, WCMH, NBC4.

**Please support the Jane Scott Legacy in Civic Engagement Fund Celebrating Community Leaders**

Make a gift to this new fund in recognition of Jane's service to CMC. The Fund will ensure that special programs to support and celebrate community leadership continue at CMC.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

## It's Not Rocket Science: Closing the Gender and Pay Gap in STEM

Jeffrey Family Legacy Forum

Featuring **Tammy Wharton**, President & CEO, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, **Lori Gillett**, CEO, Corna Kokosing, and **Ayanna Howard, Ph.D.**, Dean, College of Engineering, The Ohio State University, with host **Sheri Chaney Jones**, Founder & CEO, SureImpact, and Founder and President, Measurement Resources Company.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

## Electric, Autonomous, & Green: The Future of Personal Transportation

Featuring **Harvey J. Miller, Ph.D.**, Bob and Mary Reusche Chair in Geographic Information Science, and Professor and Director, Department of Geography Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, The Ohio State University, and **Preeti Choudhary**, Executive Director, DriveOhio, with host **Walker Evans**, Co-Founder & CEO, Columbus Underground, with additional panelists to be announced.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

## Beating the Stigma of Substance Addiction and Mental Illness

Optimal Health Series

Featuring **Chad Jester**, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and President, Nationwide Foundation, **Lori Criss**, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and **Ariana Hoet, Ph.D.**, Clinical Director and Interim Executive Director, On Our Sleeves, with host **Greg Moody**, Director of Professional Development, The John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

## Regional Mayors Prepare for Intel

Featuring **Donald Barnard**, Mayor of Johnstown, **Laurie Jadwin**, Mayor of Gahanna, and **Sloan Spalding**, Mayor of New Albany, with **Keary McCarthy**, Executive Director, Ohio Mayors Alliance & Ohio Mayors Alliance Foundation.

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