

Danish Refugee Council's Board of Directors

(Poul) Carsten Stendevad, Chair (elected 2024)



Carsten has a Master's in Economics from Copenhagen University, and holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University.

Carsten Stendevad is a Partner and Co-Chief Investment Officer for Sustainable Investing at Bridgewater & Associates.

Carsten serves as Board Advisor to GIC, Singapore's Sovereign Wealth Fund and is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

He previously served as CEO of ATP, Denmark's national pension plan and was previously member of the board of Directors at Novo Holding and UNICEF Denmark.

Ali Al Mokdad (elected 2024)



Ali Al Mokdad holds two master's degrees: one in Social Work: Practice, Policy, and Research from University of Michigan, and one in Organizational Psychology from the University of Canterbury.

Ali works in DRC HQ in FRISC as the Head of Policies, Processes, and Tools. He has held senior leadership roles in programs and operations across the Middle East, Africa, and Asia with NGOs, UN agencies, IFRC, and donor organizations.

Additionally, Ali is an associate writer for several platforms, focusing on innovative programming, organizational psychology, and NGO governance.

Ali is employee representative.

Caroline Tromer Dragsdahl (elected 2024)



Caroline Tromer Dragsdahl has a Master's in Design & Innovation from the Technical University of Denmark.

Caroline works as Global Product Owner at Novo Nordisk and has specialized in the interaction between technology and people.

Caroline sits in several boards including as vice chair in the Women's Council, in IDA (union for Engineers in Denmark), and in Sustainable Leadership (Bæredygtig Ledelse).

Caroline Tromer Dragsdahl is nominated by The Women's Council Denmark (Kvinderaadet).

Henrik Bodskov (elected 2023)

Henrik Bodskov has a Master's in Economics and Business Administration from Copenhagen Business School and a MBA from Scandinavian International Management Institute, Copenhagen.

Henrik is CEO in Aeven a company working with Adaptive Digital Infrastructure.

Henrik has previously been CEO in IBM Denmark.

Henrik is an expert judge and sits on several boards for tech and digitalization organizations and funds.

Henrik Bodskov is elected by the Board of Directors as external member.

Kim Simonsen (re-elected 2024)

Kim Simonsen is a graduate from Grenaa Business School.

Kim Simonsen has served as the President of HK/Danmark and has been trade union leader at top level for many years.

Today Kim Simonsen sits on several boards for pension funds, insurance companies, vocational schools and real estate companies.

Kim Simonsen is nominated by HK Denmark.

Mette Fejfer (re-elected 2023)

Mette Fejfer has a Master's in Political Science from Aarhus University.

Mette Fejfer is Vice Director in the Danish Chamber of Commerce (Dansk Erhverv), where she is responsible for pursuing political interests for approx. 500 private companies, foundations and organizations in industries such as welfare, healthcare and civil society.

Mette sits on a number of committees and boards, including the Advisory Committee for the Social Investment Fund and the Fund for Entrepreneurship.

Mette Fejfer is nominated by The Danish Chamber of Commerce (Dansk Erhverv).

Nina Boel (elected 2023)

Nina Boel is a Medical Doctor and holds a Bachelor of Political Science, both from the University of Copenhagen.

Nina works with international collaboration at the Danish Health Authority, (Director General's Office).

Since 2021 she has been a member of the International Board and member of the Finance and Audit Committee of Amnesty International. She has previously served as the Chair of Amnesty International Denmark.

Nina Boel is nominated by Amnesty International, Denmark

Rasmus Stuhr Jakobsen (elected 2024)

Rasmus Stuhr Jakobsen holds a Master's in International Development Studies and Communication Studies.

Rasmus is Director of CARE Denmark with responsibility for sound operations, strategic development, and political advocacy.

Rasmus has previously worked in DRC in different roles including Humanitarian Director focusing on global response capacity and financing of humanitarian work.

Rasmus has been the chair at Globalt Fokus and currently sit at the board of TechVeloPMENT Nordic.

Rasmus Stuhr Jakobsen is nominated by CARE Denmark.

Torben Huss (elected 2023)

Torben Huss has a Master's in Political Science and Public Administration from University of Copenhagen and a Ph.D. in Business Economics from Copenhagen Business School

Torben is former CEO in Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU) a Danish Development Finance institution and an internationally leading commercial impact investor with a targeted investment strategy that promote green and/or more just and inclusive societies in emerging markets and contribute to the realization of the SDG's.

Torben has experience from several boards for investments and pensions funds.

Torben Huss is elected by the Board of Directors as external member.

Ulla Næsby Tawiah (re-elected 2023)

Ulla Næsby Tawiah has a Master's in Political Science from Aarhus University.

Ulla Næsby Tawiah is Director for Danida Fellowship Centre that supports sustainable development and equal opportunities through training and learning programmes, collaborative research projects and knowledge sharing.

Ulla has previously worked for the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, among other things as ambassador to Burkina Faso, Niger and Benin and as deputy director of the Department of Humanitarian Action, Migration and Civil Society.

Ulla Næsby Tawiah is elected by the Board of Directors as external member.

Vagn Berthelsen (re-elected 2023)

Vagn Berthelsen has a Master's in Law from University of Copenhagen.

Vagn Berthelsen has worked for more than 40 years with development – as a practitioner in Africa, Latin America and Asia and as manager / CEO for close to 30 years, latest in Oxfam IBIS Denmark.

Vagn now works as an independent consultant supporting INGO's and institutional donors.

Vagn Berthelsen is nominated by Oxfam Denmark.