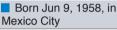
Contenders for IMF top job

Three leading figures from the world of finance have declared their availability to head the International Montary Fund, a post traditionally held by a European, following the resignation of Dominique Strauss-Kahn

Christine Lagarde Stanley Fischer **Agustin Guillermo** Carstens (Mexico) (France)





Education: Masters. PhD in economics from University of Chicago

Career: Deputy Managing Director of IMF (2003-06). Mexico's Secretary of Finance (2006-09), Governor of Bank of Mexico (2009-)

In-depth understanding of developing economies. Farned Mexico extra \$8 billion in oil earnings for 2009 by hedging against price fall

Viewed as free-market ideologue. Lacks backing of regional power, Brazil



Born Jan 1, 1956, in Paris. France Graduated in law.

MSc in Political Science from Aix-en-Provence Chair of international

law firm Baker & McKenzie (1999-2004). France's Trade Minister (2005-07), Minister of Finance (2007-)

European backing to handle FU financial crisis. Financial Times voted her Europe's Best Finance Minister in 2009

Lacks economic

background. Faces possible "abuse of position" inquiry at home (Israel/U.S. citizenship)



Born Oct 15, 1943, in what is now Zambia BSc and Masters in

economics at LSE, PhD from MIT World Bank chief

economist (1988-90), IMF Deputy Managing Director (1994-2001), Vice Chair of Citigroup (2002-05), Governor of Bank of Israel (2005-)

Vast experience enabled Israel to weather global financial crisis

Associated with harsh IMF policies during Asian financial crisis of 1990s. Aged over 65 - current limit for IMF chief