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Tharman Shanmugaratnam has spent his professional and political years in the fields of economic/financial policy and education. He was chief executive of the Monetary Authority of Singapore before he entered politics in 2001. He served as Minister for Education for five years, and has been Minister for Finance since Dec 2007. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in May 2011. He was also appointed Chairman of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, the policy steering committee of the IMF, in Mar 2011. He obtained undergraduate and masters degrees in Economics from the LSE and Cambridge University, and a masters in Public Administration at Harvard University.