

POLICY DIALOGUE ON AID FOR TRADE

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## Matti Anttonen

### Ambassador and Director General Department for External Economic Relations Finland



**Matti Anttonen** is the Director General of the Department for External Economic Relations of the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 2012.

Prior to his current position Mr. Anttonen served four years as the Finnish Ambassador to Russia. From 2002 to 2006, he was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Finnish Embassy in Washington DC. His earlier foreign postings include Moscow and Geneva.

From 1994 to 2002, Mr. Anttonen worked first as the Director for Russia and later as the Deputy Director General of the Eastern Affairs dealing with Russia and other CIS states. Mr. Anttonen joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1986.



## Debapriya Bhattacharya

**Distinguished Fellow  
Center for Policy Dialogue andn Former Ambassador to the  
WTO and UN Office in Geneva  
Bangladesh**



**Debapriya Bhattacharya** is a macro-economist and public policy analyst. Currently he is a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue in Dhaka, where he was earlier its Executive Director. He is a former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and UN Offices of Geneva and Vienna.

Ambassador Bhattacharya was the Special Advisor on LDCs to the Secretary General of UNCTAD. He is deeply involved in many international development networks, sits in the governing bodies of a number of leading institutions and in the editorial board of reputed journals. He has published extensively on pro-poor macro-economics, development challenges of the LDCs and issues related to trade negotiations.

Ambassador Bhattacharya is currently the chair of two global initiatives, *LDC IV Monitor* and *Southern Voices on Post MDG International Development Goals*.

## **Carlos A. Primo Braga**

**Professor and Director  
Evian Group, IMD**



**Carlos A. Primo Braga** is Professor of International Political Economy and Director of the Evian Group at IMD, which is an international coalition of corporate, government and opinion leaders, united by a common vision of enhancing global prosperity by fostering an open, inclusive and equitable global market economy in a rules-based multilateral framework.

Before joining the IMD in 2012, Professor Braga was the World Bank's Special Representative and Director for Europe, External Affairs Vice-Presidency from 2011 to 2012. He also served as the Director of Economic Policy and Debt between 2008 and 2010, and was the Acting Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group and the Acting Executive Secretary of the Development Committee in 2010.

He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica (Brazil), an MSc in Economics from the University of São Paulo, and a PhD in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA.



## Virginia Brown

**Director  
Office of Trade and Regulatory Reforms  
US Agency for International Development (USAID)**



**Virginia Brown** is Director of the Office of Trade and Regulatory Reforms at USAID. Prior to coming to USAID, she was the Director for Customs Affairs at the US Trade Representative's Office (USTR) in the Executive Office of the President. At USTR, she was in the Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs. She was a US negotiator for the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement as well as the WTO Harmonised Rules of Origin. She also was the lead negotiator for the Customs and Origin Chapters of the Transpacific Partnership Agreement.

Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Brown served on the staff of the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee. For several years prior to that, Ms. Brown was a lawyer at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, where she specialised in customs valuation, intellectual property rights, penalties and cabotage issues. She also served as the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for International Affairs after 9/11 to assist in setting up new cargo security programs after the formation of the Department of Homeland Security.

Ms. Brown received her JD from The George Washington University and her undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa.



## **Fiona Bruce**

**Member of Parliament  
Trade Out of Poverty  
United Kingdom**



**Fiona Bruce** is currently a member of parliament. She has focused throughout her professional life on developing and strengthening community projects. She founded a Free Legal Advice Clinic and has overseen this continuously for 18 years. When she stood as Parliamentary Candidate for Warrington South in the 2005 General Election, Fiona was one of the first Parliamentary Candidates to lead social action projects

Fiona is a member of the International Development Select Committee, monitoring the policy, administration and spending of the Department for International Development as well as taking an interest in the policies and procedures of the multilateral agencies and NGOs.



## **Enoch Hemans Cobbinah**

**Chief Director  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning  
Ghana**



**Enoch H. Cobbinah** is the Chief Director of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and as such the bureaucratic head of the Ministry. He exercises oversight responsibility on the Directors and the functions of the Ministry. Previously, he headed the Non-Tax Revenue Unit of the Ministry which is responsible for mobilizing revenue other than of tax revenue.

He has vast experience in public financial management especially in budget preparation and implementation. He played a key role in reforming the legal institutional and regulatory framework for improved public financial management in the late 1990s and early 2000s which, in 2004, culminated into the review of the Financial Administration Act, the Financial Administration Regulation, the Internal Audit Agency Act and the Procurement Act.

Mr. Cobbinah played several leading roles in shaping government machinery in the public service exemplified by his contributions as a member of numerous governing boards, including the National Insurance Commission, the National Lotteries Authority and the Central Tender Review Board.

## Joe Costello

### Minister of State for Trade and Development Ireland



**Joe Costello** is Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with responsibility for Trade and Development from Ireland. He took up this responsibility in December 2011.

Minister Costello manages the Irish Government's programme of assistance for developing countries, Irish Aid and is responsible for development co-operation policy and programme, making a significant contribution to national politics.

Before becoming a Minister, he was Chairperson of the European Union Affairs Committee. He has also served as spokesperson on Justice, Education, Defence, European Affairs, Human Rights, and Transport.





## **Jorge Daccarett Bahna**

**Executive Director  
Chilean International Co-operation Agency**



**Jorge Daccarett** is the Executive Director of the Chilean International Cooperation Agency (AGCI). He has formerly worked for international companies in Argentina and Spain, and was the Executive Director of Bethlehem Foundation and Chilean Arab Business Council (ChileArab) in Santiago.

Mr. Daccarett has led the Chilean-Arab private sector co-operation towards Palestine, in areas such as health, nutrition and education. He has co-organised several business agendas for Arab and Chilean delegations, both in the Middle East and Latin America, including His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan's visit to Chile, the II Arab Latin America Business Summit in Doha (Qatar), and Chilean missions to trade shows in Dubai (UAE).

Mr. Daccarett was adviser to the Chilean Export Promotion Direction (ProChile) and in Uruguay to Uruguay XXI, in matters related to the Arab world. He has also developed the Halal Certification Program in Chile along with SOFOFA and CORFO.

## **Karel de Gucht**

### **European Commissioner for Trade European Commission**



**Karel De Gucht** is the European Commissioner for Trade since 2010. He has been pursuing the ongoing efforts toward free trade to the benefit all through the European Commission and the G20's monitoring work, through Market Access Strategy, and by updating and modernising the European Commission's trade defence instruments. He also served as the European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid from 2009 to 2010.

Prior to this, Mr. De Gucht was Belgium's Deputy Prime Minister from 2008 to 2009, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Affairs from 2004 to 2009, and the Minister for International Trade from 2007 to 2009. He was also Chairman of the Flemish Liberal and Democratic Party (VLD) and Member of the Flemish Parliament (1999-2003) and the European Parliament (1995-1999).



## **Thomas A. de Man**

**Non-Executive Director, Special Representative of  
CEO for Africa Projects  
Heineken N.V.**



**Thomas de Man** is currently a Heineken Non-Executive Director and Special Representative of CEO for Africa Projects at the Heineken N.V. in The Netherlands, where he had earlier been its Regional President for Africa and the Middle East and a Member of Heineken's Executive Committee.

Currently Mr. de Man also serves as the Chairman of the Commission for International Co-operation at VNO-NCW, the Chairman of the BIAC Task Force on Development, a member of the Vitens Supervisory Board, the Board of the Netherlands African Business Council and the Rutgers WPF Supervisory Board.

Mr. de Man has over 40 years of experience. He joined the Heineken Breweries in 1971. His other previous functions include Managing Director of Sub-Saharan Africa, Director of Corporate Production Policy and Control. He holds a MSc in food technology from Agricultural University Wageningen, The Netherlands.



## **Margareta Drzeniek-Hanouz**

**Director  
Global Competitiveness Network  
World Economic Forum**



**Margareta Drzeniek-Hanouz** is the Head of Competitiveness Research and a Director and Senior Economist with the Global Competitiveness and Benchmarking Network at the World Economic Forum.

Ms. Drzeniek-Hanouz is lead author or editor of a number of regional and topical reports and papers, including *The Global Enabling Trade Report* and *The Global Competitiveness Report*. Previously she oversaw the economic modeling for some of the Forum's scenario projects and was charged with developing the economics section of the program for the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos.

Before joining the Forum, Ms. Drzeniek-Hanouz worked for several years with the International Trade Centre in Geneva, where she was in charge of relations with Central and Eastern European countries. She has a Diploma in Economics from the University of Münster and holds a PhD in International Economics from the University of Bochum, both in Germany.



## **Gabriel André Duque Mildenberg**

**Vice Minister of Commerce  
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism  
Colombia**



**Gabriel Duque** was appointed as the Vice Minister of Foreign Trade in 2009. Prior to this, he was the Deputy Director of Competitiveness at the Andean Development Corporation. He also served as International Negotiator at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism and as Director of Enterprise Development at the National Planning Department in Colombia.

Previously, Vice Minister Duque was also the Director of the Industrial Engineering Department at the Universidad de los Andes, a visiting professor at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and a graduate professor and research assistant at New York University.

Vice Minister Duque holds a BA in Industrial Engineering from Universidad de Los Andes, a MSc in Economics from London School of Economics, and a PhD in Economics from New York University.





## Hans-Peter Egler

**Head of Trade Promotion  
Economic Co-operation and Development  
State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)  
Switzerland**



**Hans-Peter Egler** heads the Trade Promotion Section within the Economic Co-operation and Development Division of the SECO. He is responsible for SECO's trade-related technical co-operation, including environmental and social standards. He served as the section's Deputy Head from 1999 to 2000.

Prior to this, Mr. Egler's main responsibility at SECO concerned the development of new investment promotion measures and export financing for Latin America, Asia and Africa. He served as the Deputy Co-ordinator at the Swiss Development Co-operation Office (SDC/DEZA) in La Paz, Bolivia between 1992 and 1994, and was responsible for bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and Latin America at the Swiss Federal office for Foreign Economic Affairs (BAWI) where he began his career in 1988.

He has a Master's degree in political science and business administration from the University of Berne.



## Clay Forau Soalaoi

**Minister  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs and External Trade  
Solomon Islands**



**Clay Forau Soalaoi** is the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Solomon Islands.

Prior to this, he served as the Minister for Health and Medical Services from 2006 to 2007 and also as the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs in 2006.

He was elected to the National Parliament for Temotu Vatud Constituency in April 2006 and has been serving as the Chair of Solom Islands' Constitution Review Committee since January 2008.



## Patricia Francis

**Executive Director  
International Trade Centre (ITC)**



**Patricia Francis** is the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre. Under her leadership, ITC's annual project implementation has almost doubled with larger, multi-year, multi-stakeholder programmes now representing more than 50% of the portfolio. She has also overseen ITC's change management process which has instilled a strategic planning and reporting cycle, mainstreamed MDG programmes for gender, environment and poverty and introduced results-based management principles.

Prior to joining ITC in 2006, Ms. Patricia was the President of Jamaica Trade and Invest and a member of Jamaica's Cabinet Committee for Development. She served twice as the President of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies, has chaired the OECD's Caribbean Rim Investment Initiative as well as the China-Caribbean Business Council, and is on the advisory board of the IESE graduate business school.



## **Anabel González**

### **Minister of Foreign Trade Costa Rica**



**Anabel González**, as a member of President Laura Chinchilla's Cabinet, serves as the President's principal trade and investment policy advisor, negotiator and spokesperson on trade and investment issues. Since her appointment in May 2010, she has led Costa Rica's efforts to further integrate into the world economy.

Bringing public service and private sector experience to the Ministry, Minister González has been involved in trade and investment matters internationally and domestically for over twenty years. Previously, she worked as a senior advisor on trade and integration at the Inter-American Development Bank (2009-2010); Director of the WTO Agriculture Division (2006-2009); Chief Negotiator of the Central America-United States-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, CAFTA (2002-2004); Director General of the Costa Rican Investment Board (2001-2002); Vice Minister of Foreign Trade (1998-2001); international advisor (1997-1998); Director of Trade Negotiations and Chief of Staff of the Foreign Trade Minister's Office (1991-1997 and 1989 -1990, respectively).



## Stephen P. Groff

### Vice-President Operations Asian Development Bank (ADB)



**Stephen Groff** is ADB's Vice President responsible for the full range of the Bank's operations in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific. He is also responsible for the Central Operations Services Office. His mandate includes establishing strategic and operational priorities in his areas of responsibility, producing investment and technical assistance operations amounting to \$4-5 billion annually, managing an existing portfolio of about \$23 billion, and leading about 700 staff.

In addition, Mr. Groff supports ADB's President in managing the Bank's overall operations, represents ADB in high-level multilateral fora, and contributes to managing its relationships with its 67 member country shareholders, other multilateral financial institutions, and key government, private sector, and civil society partners. Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Groff was the Deputy Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate and the Deputy Vice President for Operations at the Millennium Challenge Corporation in the U.S.





## Tim Groser

**Minister of Trade, Minister of Climate Change Issues and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs  
New Zealand**



**Tim Groser** is the Minister of Trade, Minister of Climate Change Issues and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2008. Prior to this, he was the Minister of Conservation. Between 2002 and 2005, he served as the Ambassador of New Zealand to the WTO, and was the Chair of WTO's Rules Negotiating Group (2002-03) and Agriculture Negotiating Group (2003-2005). In addition to his trade role, he has been deeply involved in facilitating international climate change negotiations since 2010, having participated in his first Ministerial Climate Change Meeting in Poland in 2008. Minister Groser is a special guest of the Major Economies Forum, which is dedicated to climate change.

Minister Groser has written extensively on international economic issues, climate change and in particular, international trade issues. He has participated in, or chaired, a number of GATT and WTO dispute settlement cases since 1986. He is a member of the Asia Society of New York's Global Council.



## Angel Gurría

### Secretary-General Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development



**Angel Gurría** is OECD Secretary-General and has reinforced the OECD's role as a 'hub' for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernization and reform. Under his leadership, OECD has expanded its membership to include Chile, Estonia, Israel and Slovenia and opened accession talks with Russia.

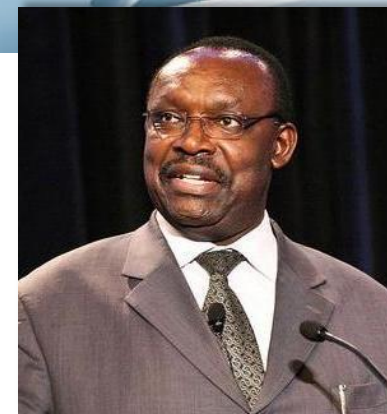
Mr. Gurría served as Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs making dialogue and consensus-building one of the hallmarks of his approach to global issues. He was also Mexico's Minister of Finance and Public Credit. For the first time in a generation, he steered Mexico's economy through a change of Administration without a recurrence of the financial crises that had previously dogged such changes.

He chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All and continues to be deeply involved in water issues.



## François Kanimba

**Minister  
Ministry of Trade and Industry  
Rwanda**



**François Kanimba** was appointed as Rwanda's Minister of Trade and Industry after a long career in the Central Bank of Rwanda where he also served as as the Bank's Governor since 2002. Under his leadership as the Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda is developing new strategies to expand the export base of the country to reverse the growing trade deficit.

Between 1984 and 1995, Mr. Kanimba also worked in the Ministry of Economic Planning where he developed a wide expertise in macro-economic management. He was the Chairman of the Governance Task Force which negotiated Rwanda's first structural adjustment programme supported by the World Bank, the IMF and other development partners. Originally trained as an engineer, Mr. Kanimba has a degree in statistics and economics from the Paris-based European Centre for Training Economists Statisticians for Developing Countries.



## Pranav Kumar

### Head Confederation of Indian Industry



**Pranav Kumar** currently heads the International Trade Policy division of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He has over 16 years of professional experience in teaching, research, project management and policy advocacy with primary expertise on multilateral and regional free trade agreements, trade and development. Previously he worked at the India Trade Policy Unit of the British High Commission and UK Department of International Development (DFID) India as a Senior Trade Policy Advisor. Prior to that he worked for the Jaipur-based CUTS International, a leading policy advocacy organisation on trade and development issues.

Mr. Kumar has done research work for UNDP, Commonwealth Secretariat, World Health Organisation, International Trade Centre, India's Ministries of Commerce and of Health and Family Welfare. He holds an M.Phil degree in Economics from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, India.



## Pascal Lamy

### Director General World Trade Organization



**Pascal Lamy** is the Director-General of the World Trade Organisation since 2005. He began his career in the French civil service at the Inspection Générale des Finances and at the Treasury. He then became an advisor to the Finance Minister, Jacques Delors, and subsequently to Prime Minister, Pierre Mauroy.

Between 1985 and 1994, Mr. Lamy served as Chief of Staff for the President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, and as his Sherpa in the G7. In 1994 he joined the team in charge of rescuing Credit Lyonnais, and later became CEO of the bank until its privatisation in 1999. He then served as the European Commissioner for Trade under Romano Prodi from 1999 to 2004.

Mr. Lamy was also President of “Notre Europe”, a think tank working on European integration, as associate professor at the l’Institut d’Études Politiques in Paris and as an advisor to the President of the European Socialist Party, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen.





## Jon Lomøy

### Director Development Co-operation Directorate OECD



**Jon Lomøy** is the Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD. He provides both strategic leadership and orientation to the directorate to shape policies that promote sustainable development in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

Previously, Mr. Lomøy was responsible for the overall management of Norway's bilateral aid programme at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During his time at the ministry, he initiated the Oil for Development Programme and, with the World Bank, a review of multi-donor trust funds in post-conflict countries

Mr. Lomøy was appointed Ambassador of Norway to Tanzania in 2007, managing one of Norway's largest bilateral aid programmes, with a particular focus on translating global policy initiatives – such as climate change, UN reform and the Partnership for Reduced Maternal and Child Mortality – to country-level activities. He also served as Ambassador of Norway to Zambia and worked at the Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD).



## Joyce K.G. Mapunjo

**Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Industry, Trade and Marketing  
Tanzania**



**Joyce K. G. Mapunjo** is the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Marketing. Previously she served as Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Affairs and in the Ministry of Infrastructure Development.

Ms. Mapunjo has worked for the Government of Tanzania for more than 30 years as a finance specialist and has dedicated herself to tackling issues relating to aid effectiveness, poverty reduction and other development aspects of the mobilization of external resources to finance government projects and initiatives.

She played a critical role during the Reforms in Tanzania, and has collaborated on numerous development initiatives with multilateral and regional institutions, including the World Bank, UN, EU, AfDB and BADEA. She also worked closely with the OECD/DAC working group on aid effectiveness between 1999–2007.



## Frank Matsaert

### Chief Executive Officer TradeMark East Africa



**Frank Matsaert** is the Chief Executive Officer of TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), a not-for-profit organisation funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration within East Africa. Mr. Matsaert is an experienced senior economic development and private sector specialist with an extensive track record in strategy, programme delivery and management in Africa and Asia.

Prior to his role at TMEA, Mr. Matsaert was the Senior Growth, Trade and Investment Adviser for East Africa at the DFID office in Nairobi, Kenya where he was responsible for establishing and managing DFID's regional approach and programmes.

He holds a MA in Development Economics from the University of East Anglia where he majored in Trade, Investment, Development Theory, Econometrics and Economic Theory.



## **Simon Maxwell**

**Senior Research Associate  
Overseas Development Institute  
United Kingdom**



**Simon Maxwell** is Senior Research Associate at ODI. He is an economist who began his career working overseas, first in Kenya and India for the UN Development Program, and then in Bolivia for the UK Overseas Development Administration.

Before joining ODI, Mr. Maxwell spent 16 years at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, latterly as Programme Manager for Poverty, Food Security and the Environment. He has written extensively on poverty, food security, agricultural development and aid, and his current research interests also include development policy, linking relief and development, global governance and bridging research and policy. He was President of the Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland from 2001-2005 and was awarded a CBE in 2007, for services to international development. Mr. Maxwell is a forum fellow of the World Economic Forum.



## **Pradeep S. Mehta**

**Secretary General  
CUTS International**



**Pradeep S. Mehta** is the founding Secretary General of the Jaipur-based Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International) in India, and he serves on several policy-making bodies of the Government of India and Inter Governmental Organisations related to trade, investment, competition, environment and consumer affairs.

Last year, Mr. Mehta was nominated to the WTO's High Level Stakeholders Panel on the Future of Trade. He was Honorary Adviser to India's Commerce and Industry Minister and NGO Adviser to the WTO Director General from 2002 to 2005. Recently, he has been a Member of the Planning Commission's Steering Committee on Industry and Chairman of its Task Force on National Competition Policy. Furthermore, he has also chaired India's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways's Working Group on Road Safety Education.





## **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**

### **Chief Executive Officer International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development**



**Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz** has been Chief Executive Officer of International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development since 1996. He has represented Colombia on trade, environment and development at GATT/WTO, UN and bilateral negotiations.

Mr. Meléndez-Ortiz also served as Principal Advisor of Colombian Minister of Economic Development; Chief of Administration; Office of the President of Colombia; and, founding Executive Director of Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (Quito); Member of the Boards of Meridian Institute (US) and IPWatch (Geneva), as well as steering committees of DfID's (Zedillo's) Global Trade and Finance Architecture Initiative; the Panels of Experts of NAFTA's CEC and of the EU-Korea FTA; and World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Councils.



## **Gunnar Oom**

**State Secretary to Minister for Trade  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Sweden**



**Gunnar Oom** is the State Secretary of Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 2010. Prior to this, he served as Mayor and Chairman of the Municipality Board Danderyd from 2003 to 2010.

Mr. Oom has spent most of his career in the financial sector. He worked as Business Developer and Chief Investment Manager at NCC BOT, Director of Project Finance at Vattenfall AB, and as Financial Manager at Vattenfall Engineering AB.

He also worked as Managing Director at SveaBanken, Accounting and Financial Manager at SveaBanken, and as Accounting Manager at Idhammar Konsult AB.



## Sorasak Pan

**Secretary of State  
Ministry of Commerce  
Cambodia**



**Sorasak Pan** is the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Commerce of the Royal Government of Cambodia responsible for international co-operation for trade and the implementation of trade sector-wide approaches (Trade SWAp) policy. He is the national focal person for the Enhanced Integrated Framework and in charge of Trade Development in the Sub-Steering Committee for Trade Development and Trade-Related Investment. He is the Vice Chairman of the National Committee for the development triangle between Laos and Vietnam. He leads the drafting of an e-Commerce law.

Prior to this, Mr. Pan occupied the same position at the Offices of the Council of Ministers/Prime Minister's Office, and was the Chief Technical Consultant to the National Election Commission on electoral processes during the election of 1998.



## Ajesh Patel

**Managing Director  
Invesco  
Zambia**



**Ajesh Patel** is a second generation Zambian and has carried on the family legacy as well as the family business portfolio. His family had a rich background in trade and textiles and Mr. Patel has been involved in the manufacturing of biscuits and other confectionary products.

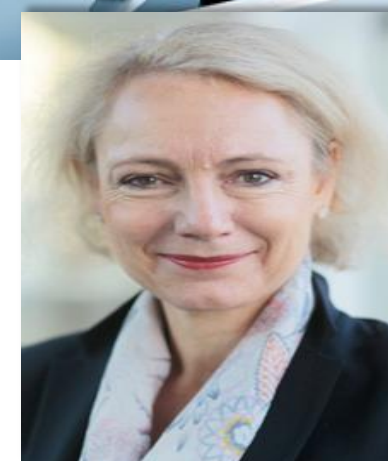
Mr. Patel has also traded in copper-based chemicals for large coffee and agricultural plantations but his greatest success has been his expansion into the beverage and beverage packaging industry in 1991 when he ventured into the PET packaging and bottling company, Invesco Ltd. Mr. Patel nurtured Invesco since its inception which is a franchise of the Coca-Cola Company from 1995 to date.

Outside of his own corporate affairs, Mr. Patel is very patriotic about Zambia and is actively involved in Zambia's private sector reform programme and chairs the working group on trade expansion. He also holds the position of Chairman of the EIF National Steering Committee.



## Charlotte Petri Gornitzka

**Director General  
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency**



**Charlotte Petri Gornitzka** is Director-General of Sida since 2011, working on behalf of the Swedish Government to contribute to making it possible for poor people to improve their living conditions. Since joining Sida, Ms Petri Gornitzka has taken steps to focus the agency's mission and overall aid portfolio in order to increase the impact of Swedish development cooperation.

She has also continued the process of decentralisation of Sida through increased presence in the field. Ms Petri Gornitzka is currently the Deputy Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Youth and Unemployment, and has previously been its Chair.

Prior to joining Sida, Ms Petri Gornitzka was Secretary-General of the International Save the Children Alliance and before that from 2003-2008 the Secretary-General and CEO of Save the Children Sweden. She has also had a successful career as the Under-Secretary-General of the Swedish Red Cross as well as its Director of Communications.



## **Khemmani Pholsena**

**Vice-Minister of Industry and Commerce  
Lao People's Democratic Republic**



**Khemmani Pholsena** is Vice Minister of Industry and Commerce of Lao PDR. She is also heads the Lao PDR's Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) Secretariat as the EIF Focal Point and the Lao Secretariat for Accession to the WTO. Vice Minister Pholsena has played a proactive role in the Integrated Framework process in Lao PDR since the beginning stage.

Previously, Vice Minister Pholsena was the Director General of Foreign Trade Department within the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and was involved in foreign trade issues for more than 10 years.

She holds Bachelor and Master Degrees in International Economic Relations from Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia (1977-1982) and Master in Public Management from National University of Singapore under the Lee Kuan Yew Fellowship (2003).



## Michael G. Plummer

**Professor  
ENI Chair in International Economics  
Johns Hopkins University**



**Michael G. Plummer** is the ENI Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University, SAIS-Bologna. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Asian Economics*; President, American Committee for Asian Economic Studies; and Senior Fellow, East-West Center. He was until very recently Head of the Development Division of the OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate (2010-2012). Previous to these positions he was Associate Professor of Economics at Brandeis University, where he received tenure in 1998, and Director of its MA Programmes at the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance.

He has also been a Fulbright Chair in Economics and Pew Fellow in International Affairs, Harvard University; a research professor at Kobe University; and a Visiting Fellow at ISEAS, the University of Auckland and Doshisha University. Professor Plummer has worked on numerous projects for international organizations, development and other government agencies, and regional development banks, including the Asian Development Bank, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the ADB Institute.



## **Ghulam Mohammed Quader**

**Minister  
Ministry of Commerce  
People's Republic of Bangladesh**



**Ghulam Mohammed Quader** is the Commerce Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh. He was also appointed as the Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism in 2009.

Minister Quader, a member of the Jatiyo Party, was elected to the National Parliament during the 7<sup>th</sup> national parliamentary election and has been re-elected twice. He played an active role as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee relating to Defence Ministry.

He has taken courses in the US and Singapore on petroleum management, public enterprise policy and management in developing countries, and modern techniques of petroleum handling.



## Joakim Reiter

### Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to the World Trade Organization



**Joakim Reiter** is Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization in Geneva. He is also the Chairman of the Council for Trade in Services in WTO and Chair of the Working Party on the Accession of Liberia.

Ambassador Reiter was Head of the Trade Policy Unit and Minister Counsellor at the Swedish Representation to the European Union between 2008 and 2011, representing Sweden in the Trade Policy Committee of the Council, which he chaired during the Swedish Presidency in 2009.

Prior to that, from 2004 to 2008, Ambassador Reiter was posted to the European Commission, DG TRADE. In this capacity, he served as EU negotiator in various trade negotiations and was in charge of, *inter alia*, tariffs and trade in goods in the EU-Korea FTA, as well as non-agricultural market access (NTBs) and rules for regional trade agreements within the Doha Development Agenda of the WTO.



## Valentine Rugwabiza

**Deputy Director-General  
World Trade Organisation**



**Valentine Sendanyoye Rugwabiza** has occupied the post of Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization since October 2005.

Prior to her current post, she served for three years as Ambassador of Rwanda to the WTO, the United Nations in Geneva and Switzerland. Before joining the public service, Mrs. Rugwabiza had a long career in the private sector.

Mrs. Rugwabiza was a member of the economic and social Council of the President of Rwanda, a founding member of the Rwandan Women's Caucus and the Rwandese federation of the private sector.





## Raed Safadi

**Deputy Director  
Trade and Agriculture Directorate  
OECD**



**Raed Safadi** is the Deputy Director of the Trade and Agriculture Directorate of the OECD. Prior to assuming his current position in 2009, he was the Chief Economist for the Government of Dubai. There, he led the team entrusted with redefining the economic pillar in Dubai's Strategic Plan 2015 and with shielding the Emirate from the 2009 global economic crisis.

Mr. Raed specialises in the empirical and policy analysis of international trade. He has published an extensive array of books and articles covering such areas as trade and development, regional trading arrangements, tariffs and non-tariff barriers, special and differential treatment, trade and environment, and the world trading system. His current research interests include globalisation and labour market issues.

Mr. Raed has previously worked for the World Bank and as a consultant for numerous governments, regional development banks and UN agencies.



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