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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES – SESSION III**

**OLIVIA DAVIDS**

**Head: Consumer Education Department, Financial Services Board**

- Born in Cape Town South Africa.
- As a teenager, emigrated with parents to Canada.
- Spent 29 years in Manitoba, Canada where I completed my post secondary education: Bachelor of Home Economics, Senior Teaching Certificate, Master of Science (Family Studies).
- Was a career civil servant in the Government of Manitoba and was involved in various departments such as Labour, Agriculture (4-H Programme), Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and finally, before returning to South Africa, as advisor to the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.
- Returned to Zimbabwe in 1995.
- Returned to South Africa in 1996 and worked at the University of Cape Town in the Equal Opportunity Office and then as Manager: Staff Development and Training.
- In 1999 appointed to the Consumer Affairs Committee of the Department of Trade and Industry of which I am still currently a member. Represented the Consumer Affairs Committee on the Financial Services Board's Consumer Education Steering and Review Committees.
- In 2004, appointed Head: Consumer Education, Financial Services Board.

## **FLORE-ANNE MESSY**

### **Principal Administrator, Financial Education and Global Relations, OECD**

Ms Flore-Anne MESSY is Principal Administrator in the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

She is responsible of the OECD financial education project in respect of pension, risk, insurance and schools as well as related global events and activities (including the secretariat of the International Network on Financial Education). She also oversees the development of the OECD International Gateway for Financial Education [www.financial-education.org](http://www.financial-education.org)

Besides, she coordinates, supervises and plans the Global events and activities of the OECD Financial Affairs Division.

She joined the OECD in June 2000 originally to work and develop the activities of the Secretariat for the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC). As such, she was in charge of a series of projects in the financial sector including the governance of insurers; the financial management of large-scale catastrophes; work related to ageing and insurance; private financing of health care and the coverage of medical malpractice.

Prior to the OECD she worked at Deloitte and Touche Tomatsu Audit Paris, in the insurance and banking field. She graduated from the institute of political studies of Paris and received her thesis in international economies from University Pantheon-Sorbonne of Paris in 1998.

## **STEVE STILLWELL**

### **Senior Manager, Consumer Financial Education Body, UK**

Steve Stillwell is a senior manager at the newly created UK Consumer Financial Education Body (CFEB). CFEB is an independent body, established by the Financial Services Authority under an Act passed by the UK Government. We are responsible for helping consumers understand financial matters and manage their finances better. We do this by providing impartial information, education and advice through a national financial advice service.

Steve joined the Financial Services Authority in 2001 to help take forward the early financial capability work in schools. Since then he has been involved in all stages in the development of the UK's national strategy for financial capability and currently leads a team within CFEB responsible for helping young people in the 5-25 age range take control of their finances.

Steve's career began as a secondary school teacher in London. In 1987 he became an education advisor, followed by 10 years as one of five directors for the Centre for Education and Industry based at the University of Warwick.

He represents CFEB on the OECD's International Network on Financial Education and is a member of expert sub group on national strategy.

## **LAMIA EL-MOUBAYED BISSAT**

### **Head of the Institute of Finance**

Lamia El-Moubayed BISSAT is currently the head of the Institute of Finance (IoF), now known as the BASIL FULEIHAN INSTITUTE for ECONOMY And FINANCE .

The Institute is the training and documentation agency of the Lebanese Ministry of Finance. It is a public autonomous agency reporting to the Minister of finance.

Lamia El-Moubayed BISSAT holds an M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Economics and Development from the American University of Beirut (Bs '87, MS '90) and is trained in management of development cooperation programs.

Prior to joining the Ministry of Finance, Ms. El-Moubayed worked in the private sector as an economist and project manager. She collaborated with UN agencies on various development projects in Lebanon and the region and carried out several studies and research work for United Nations agencies including UNICEF, ILO and ESCWA .

Her current work involves the management of the Institute of Finance and the provision of policy advice on capacity building, human resources management, advocacy and public awareness aimed at improving service delivery and facilitating the implementation of reforms.

Ms. El-Moubayed is a Founding member of GIFT-MENA network "Governance Institutes for Training in MENA" supported by the World Bank, and an active member of the INNOVMED « Network of Innovators in Governance in the Mediterranean Region" supported by UN DESA.

Ms. El-Moubayed represented Lebanon on various regional and international conferences and seminars. She has been awarded many distinctions including the French "Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite" for her significant contribution to the development of cooperative ties between France and Lebanon.