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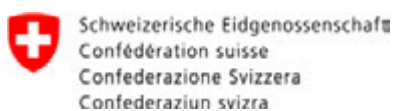


# Speakers

FIRST INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES  
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Non-comprehensive list of speakers who are participating in the Forum (in alphabetical order)



## Adamu Abdulhamid

Chairman National Trade Facilitation Committee, Nigeria

Born on 2nd June, 1966 in Kano, Nigeria. Had Primary and Secondary Schools in Nigeria. Obtained B.Sc Political Science (International Relations) from Bayero University, Kano in 1991. Started work with the Federal Government of Nigeria at the then Federal Ministry of Commerce in 1993. Obtained WTO Trade Policy Diploma from ITTC, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland in 2002. Attended University of Clermont Ferrand, France where M. SC Economic and International Development was obtained in 2006. Attended various Geneva based and Regional WTO courses on WTO Issues. Currently working at the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Abuja, Nigeria as an Assistant Director, WTO matters and National Secretary, National Trade Facilitation Committee, Nigeria.



## Andreas Schaumayer

Deputy Head, Trade Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Dr Andreas Schaumayer is deputy head of the trade division in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

He works at the BMZ since 2012, most recently in the area of aid effectiveness and trade. He is a trained political scientist and holds a PhD from University of Konstanz. Dr Schaumayer worked in the Ministry of Economy in Baden-Wuerttemberg in the vocational training division and studied and worked abroad in Spain, Japan and Russia. While working abroad he gained experience in microfinance lending in Russia. He is member of the steering group of the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation and at the moment revising the German Aid for Trade Strategy.

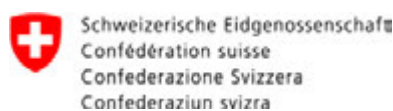


## Arancha González

Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Arancha González, an expert in international trade issues with 20 years of experience, serves as Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC), the joint development agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organisation, since September 2013. Ms. González, a Spanish national, has extensive knowledge about international trade and economics, coupled with broad experience in trade and development matters in the public and private sectors, as well as in management at multilateral organizations. Before joining ITC, Ms. González served as Chief of Staff to World Trade Organization Director-General Pascal Lamy from 2005 to 2013. During her tenure at the WTO, she played an active role in launching the Aid for Trade initiative and served as Mr. Lamy's representative (Sherpa) at the G-20. Prior to working at the WTO, Ms. González held several positions at the European Commission, conducting negotiations of trade agreements and assisting developing countries in trade-development efforts. Between 2002 and 2004, she was the European

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Commission spokeswoman for trade and adviser to the European Union Trade Commissioner. Ms. González began her career in the private as associate in a German law firm advising companies on trade, competition and state-aid matters. Ms. González holds a degree in law from the University of Navarra and a postgraduate degree in European Law from the University of Carlos III, Madrid. She co-chairs the World Economic Forum (WEF) Agenda Council on the Future of Trade and Investment. Besides her native Spanish, she speaks English, French, German and Italian.



## Arántzazu Sánchez

Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD

Arántzazu Sánchez has been working on trade facilitation within the United Nations for five years. As a project manager for UNCTAD, she has undertaken WTO TFA related needs assessments and implementations plans in over 10 countries in Africa, South East Asia and Latin America. She is behind NTFC related publications such as UNECE Guide on How to Draft a TF Roadmap and UNCTAD publication on NTFCs in the world. She is currently project manager of the HMRC-WCO-UNCTAD Capacity Building Program for the WTO TFA implementation and the EU project to support Central African States. She is also implementing UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees in several countries. Arántzazu Sánchez has a degree of Political Sciences by the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain and the Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. She also holds a Master Degree on Politics and Administration of the European Union by the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Before joining the UN, she worked over five years as project manager for European-wide communication campaigns. She speaks Spanish, English, French, German and Portuguese.



## Babar Badat

Managing director, Transfreight Corp. (pvt) Ltd

Babar Badat is the managing director of Transfreight Corp. (pvt) Ltd., a logistics and international freight forwarding company in Pakistan as well as a Senior Vice President of FIATA. He was born in Karachi, Pakistan in 1958. He has been involved in the business of international freight transport and logistics since the 1980s. He was the founding chairman of the Pakistan International Freight Forwarders' Association (PIFFA). He was also the first chairman of the International Road Transport & TIR Commission ICC/PNC in Pakistan, and is a member of IRU in Geneva.



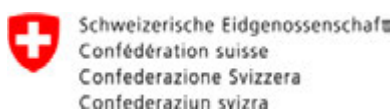
## Bill Gain

Global Program Manager, Trade facilitation and Border Management, the World Bank Group

Bill Gain is the Global Program Manager for Trade facilitation and Border Management within the World Bank Group's Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice where he leads the implementation of trade facilitation reform in 64 countries. He also leads the Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP) which has currently 58 countries requesting technical assistance.

Bill has over 34 years of experience in undertaking management and leadership roles with a focus on trade logistics, trade facilitation, border management and private sector development reform implementation in various regions including developing and conflict affected countries. His regional experience includes West and East Africa, South America, Middle East, South Asia & East Asia Pacific.

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Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Bill was Associate Director & Manager for New Zealand and the Pacific at the Centre for Customs and Excise Studies at the University of Canberra. He focused on consulting and academic work including Supply Chain Security, the Customs Operational Environment, Integrity & governance, inter-agency partnerships and Capacity Building and Modernization. His prior roles include Senior Policy Advisor and Manager for International Relations & Capacity Building with the New Zealand Customs Service, and New Zealand Customs Attaché to Australia and the Pacific.

Bill holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand (2000) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business (HR & Change Management), from the University of Auckland, New Zealand (1996).



## Bismark Sitorus

Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD

Bismark Sitorus deals with trade facilitation issues for more than 16 years. Currently, he and his colleagues in the Trade Facilitation Section team at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) focus their contribution on the establishment and empowerment of National Trade Facilitation Committees around the world. UNCTAD's Trade Facilitation Section also assist governments in advancing their National Trade Facilitation reforms, advocates developing countries interest in the standardization of international regulatory framework that governs international trade procedures, and shares analysis, technical notes, advances and news in Trade Facilitation to a wider community. In his former positions in UNCTAD, he was involved in substantive, capacity building and promotional activities for the wider use/implementation of the United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods, and subsequently contributed to the work of UNCTAD's Training in Maritime field programme (TrainMar) through which UNCTAD established a network of qualified trainings centers and trainers.



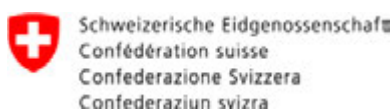
## Donia Hammami

Vice President, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation;  
Head Customs & Trade Facilitation, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Ms. Donia Hammami leads all ICC policy work in the field of Customs and Trade Facilitation at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – the world's largest business organization with a network of over 6,5 million members in more than 130 countries. In doing so, on behalf of the business community she frequently engages with the World Customs Organization, the OECD, the WTO, UN and the G20. Moreover, Ms Hammami is the Vice-President of the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation that brings together ICC, the World Economic Forum, the Center for International Private Enterprise and the governments of Germany, Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, to provide a unique public-private platform in support of the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The Alliance will enhance awareness on the importance of commercially meaningful trade facilitation reforms, and leverage private sector expertise, leadership and resources to help deliver on the potential of the TFA to enable trade-led development.

Ms Hammami also serves as the Vice-Chair of the World Customs Organization's Private Sector Consultative Group as well as at the ICC representative at the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade. Before joining ICC, Donia held several positions at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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## Dovi Amouzou

International Development Expert, NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department, African Development Bank (AFDB)

Dovi Amouzou is an International Development Expert, currently working with the African Development Bank's NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department as a Regional Operations Coordinator. He leads the Bank's regional integration and trade facilitation work in the Central Africa region focusing on the development of the region's integration strategy while identifying, preparing and implementing projects on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and equally working on developing AGOA Strategy for eligible African countries. At the African Development Bank, he worked on the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa, which remains the continent's flagship regional infrastructure programme, which projects are currently under implementation across the continent. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked as a Business Development Officer for the Francophone West Africa region of the Dangote Group in Nigeria, where he helped to expand the Group's LPG operations in selected West African countries.

Mr. Amouzou holds an Msc. in International Development (Poverty, Inequality and Development) from the University of Birmingham. He also holds an MBA and a Bsc. in Business Administration. He has conducted analytical and research works on the LPG market in selected African countries, Privatization in Africa, logistics and its impacts on trade as well as Health care systems and their impact on poverty in fragile states in Africa.



## Edina Mudzingwa

Co-chair, Zimbabwe National Trade Facilitation Committee

Qualified and experienced Customs professional with extensive exposure that includes, Customs Reform and Modernization, Border Efficiency Management and Trade Facilitation stretching over 26 years. Presently she is the Zimbabwe Customs focal point for technical support programmes to advance the trade facilitation agenda including WCO Mercator Programme.

She has a passion for Customs Reform and Modernization with special focus on Trade Facilitation and sees her current challenge as serving her country and the region at large to take the steps necessary to bring up their organizations to global standard. She's a holder of a Master's in Business Administration (Customs Management); Centre for Customs and Excise Studies, University of Canberra and ESAMI



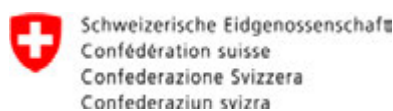
## Emmanuella Hakizimana

Head, Senior Export Promotion Officer, EAC

Emmanuella Hakizimana is specialized in Regional Integration, Trade Policy and International Trade Negotiations. She has a Master Degree in International Relations (Master of Art, 1991). Emmanuella Hakizimana is serving as Senior Export Promotion Officer at the East African Community (EAC), one of the leading Regional Economic Organization in Africa. In her capacity, she is coordinating an EAC-ITC project addressing among others Trade Facilitation issues.

Ms Hakizimana also served as Director of External Trade in the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Burundi. Prior to this, she worked in the same Ministry as Chief of Imports, Exports and Cooperation Divisions.

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## Frank Van Rompaey

Head, Representative Office in Geneva, UNIDO

Frank Van Rompaey is Head of the UNIDO Representative Office in Geneva, since September 2014. An economist by training, he has been with UNIDO for over 20 years –working at both field and headquarters level. His main area of expertise lies in industrial policy, notably the strategies and economic policies for structural transformation and sustainable industrialization. He has published on the topic of environment and industry in developing countries. As UNIDO representative in several African countries (i.e. Cameroon, Ghana, Gabon, Congo, Togo) he has worked on technical cooperation programmes in the areas of industrial upgrading and trade- more specifically on strengthening national quality infrastructures. Prior to joining UNIDO, he worked in the private sector.



## Guy Platton

Policy Officer, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Guy works as a policy officer for the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission and is mainly responsible for

- The development aspects of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation. This includes the design of national and regional trade facilitation projects worldwide
- The management of the EU contribution to the Enhanced Integrated Framework, a programme focused on the integration of LDCs into the world trading system
- Provide assistance to our delegations in Asia on all trade related technical assistance projects.

Prior to this posting, he worked on development in the delegations of the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Indonesia (2002 -2013). In the beginning of his career, he worked for the Directorate General for Trade dealing with all aspects of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing measures. Prior to his work in the European Commission, he worked as a lawyer specialised in international trade law both in Washington, DC and Brussels.



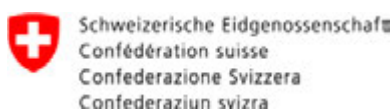
## Hermie George

Technical Attaché, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO

Hermie is a Customs and Excise Attorney. She currently holds a position at the WCO as a Technical Attaché in the Compliance and Facilitation Directorate. Her responsibilities include among others; technical support to WCO Members on the implementation of the WTO TFA, in particular the support in the establishments and maintenance of the National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTF). She was also responsible for the drafting of the WCO Guidance on National Committees on Trade Facilitation.

Prior to taking up her current position, Hermie served as a Specialist in Customs and Excise Litigation at the South African Revenue Service. She holds the LLB and LLM law degrees. Her academic focus areas are international trade, Customs law, family and Criminal law. She published her dissertation on Trade Facilitation in 2013.

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### Iris Hauswirth

Chief, Strategic Planning, Performance and Governance Section, ITC

Dr. Iris Hauswirth is Chief of the Strategic Planning, Performance and Governance Section at the International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva. Iris joined ITC in 2002 and has held country, project and sector management positions. She has also advised ITC's Senior Management on programme development and improvements to project cycle management. From 2013-15, she served as Head, Oversight and Compliance, at UNDP in Afghanistan. Before joining ITC, Iris worked for the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development on SME development, for consulting firms and as a university lecturer. She holds a PhD in Institutional Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her academic publications address export development and local economic development; results based management in the public sector; and public-private partnerships.



### Jan Hoffmann

Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD

Jan Hoffmann joined UNCTAD in 2003 and is currently Chief of the Trade Logistics Branch. He is co-author and coordinator of the "Review of Maritime Transport", initiated the UNCTAD "Maritime Country Profiles", and created the annual "Liner Shipping Connectivity Index". Previously, Jan spent six years with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago de Chile, and two years with the IMO in London and Santiago. Prior to this, he held part time positions as assistant professor, import-export agent, seafarer, translator and consultant. Jan has studied in Germany, United Kingdom and Spain, and holds a doctorate degree in Economics from the University of Hamburg. His work has resulted in numerous UN and peer reviewed publications. Jan is member of the boards of various journals and of the Committee of the Propeller Club of Geneva and currently the president of the International Association of Maritime Economists.



### Javier A. Gutierrez

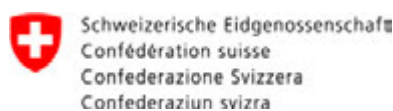
Executive Director, Secretariat of the Central American Integration System

The Executive Director at the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), Javier Antonio Gutiérrez, has extensive experience in trade diplomacy. He is originally from El Salvador, where he was a trade negotiator for the Ministry of Economy. Additionally, he worked in the department of Trade and Employment of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and in the Information and External Relations Division of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

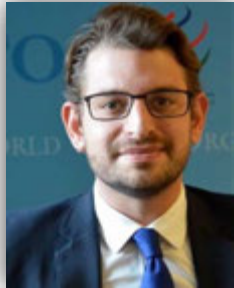
He has been a guest lecturer at University College London (UCL), the World Trade Institute (WTI), and Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios (ESEN). Consistent to his beliefs on trade as a tool to foster economic growth and development, he actively shares his insights in publications including OECD Insights and is a regular contributor at Latin America Goes Global.

He holds a BA in Economics from El Salvador's ESEN and has a Masters Degree in International Law and Economics from the World Trade Institute (WTI) of the University of Bern, Switzerland. At SIECA, he was a counsellor to the Secretary-General before his appointment as Executive Director in October 2015.

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## Jonathan Werner

Coordinator, Executive Secretariat, the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), WTO

Mr. Jonathan Werner is a Country Coordinator at the Executive Secretariat of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The EIF is a multi-donor trust fund devoted to Least Developed Countries' (LDCs) use of trade as a vehicle for economic growth and poverty reduction. Mr. Werner supports the EIF partnership - countries, donors, and agencies - in project delivery and implementation, and assists countries in building trade capacity and competitiveness.

Previously, Mr. Werner worked at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on the OECD Integrity Review of Brazil, and with the Centre for Socio-Economic Development (C-SEND) on trade and infrastructure.



## Joy Kategekwa

Head, UNCTAD Office in Africa

Dr. Joy Kategekwa is a passionate about making trade work for Africa's development. A leader of advisory teams to the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities and Member States, her track record on negotiation support, policy design, implementation and delivery of trade capacity building programmes across Africa, is known. A widely published analyst, she is the author of "Opening Markets for Foreign Skills: How Can the WTO help?" and is part of global teaching faculty for a number of Trade and Investment Law and Policy programmes worldwide. She holds a Ph.D. in International Trade Law from the University of Berne's World Trade Institute. She is married and is the proud mother of 3 beautiful girls.



## Julian Fraga-Campos

Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE

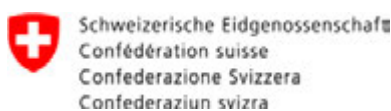
Julian Fraga-Campos works for the Trade Facilitation Section at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) as Associate Economic Affairs Officer, working on issues including Trade Facilitation initiatives in compliance with the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation, international trade, development, standardization and electronic business, among others. Previously, he worked at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), within the Trade Facilitation Section.

His work has focused on actively supporting the implementation of the National Trade Facilitation Bodies (NTFBs) in West African Countries. He has also prepared UNCTAD's Transport Newsletter and supported the preparation of other relevant documents.

Julian also has experience working for the private sector, where he acquired international experience managing projects and staff, and engaging with diverse stakeholders. Additionally, he volunteers for various NGOs in Geneva which work on environmental issues.

He has a background in agribusiness, holds a Master's in Marketing Management and Distribution Channels from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and a B.Sc. in Agronomy from the Mayor University of Chile.

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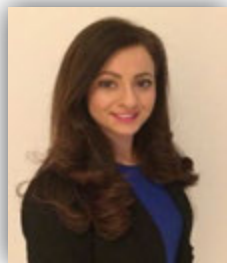
## Komla Nyedji Galley

Director, Department of Foreign Trade, Togo

Komla Nyedji Galley holds a master's degree in Social and Economic Administration from the University of ParisXII, Creteil, France

- a postgraduate degree in International Trade from the University of Poitiers, School of Business Administration, France

He is currently the director of the department of Foreign Trade, Togo. He chairs the National Trade Facilitation Committee and the National Committee on International Trade Negotiations. He is also Chief negotiator in the Africa CFTA.



## Laila Clyne

Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Laila Clyne is a career diplomat and the trade and development expert at the Permanent Mission of Finland in Geneva. She has previously held positions at the Department for Africa and the Middle East, Department for Development Policy, and the Department for Europe at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. She has also served as an Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Finland in New York. Prior to her career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, she held a position at the Ministry of Health. Ms. Clyne holds a master's degree in International Relations (University of Helsinki).



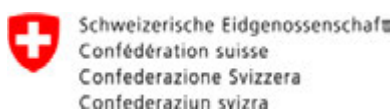
## Manuel Henriques

Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, WBG

Manuel Henriques joined the World Bank Group (WBG) in 2013 as a Senior Private Sector Development Specialist with the Global Trade Team. He is currently working to deliver the \$5 million Improved and Facilitated Trade in West Africa project, funded by the European Union. The project focuses on reducing the time and cost to trade, and increasing border agency cooperation and coordination, to encourage a better flow of goods in West Africa. It is initially being implemented in 5 -7 member countries in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Manuel is a Canadian national. For 25 years, he worked for the Government of Canada, in various roles with Treasury, Tax and Customs, including leading Canada's customs and trade facilitation delegation on regional free trade agreements. He was also part of Canada's delegation on the WTO's Rules of Origin work and the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Manuel also has a wealth of international experience. He worked on a USAID-funded Customs and Modernization project in Egypt, as a Senior Trade Facilitation Advisor with the International Trade Centre in Geneva, and a number of consulting assignments in Armenia and Colombia. Manuel has an MBA and a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

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## Maria Ceccarelli

Chief Trade Facilitation Section, UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli is the Chief of the Trade Facilitation Section of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Secretary of the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). She has 18 years of experience in Trade and Transport Facilitation within UNECE. In her former position in the UNECE's Transport Division, she provided training and advisory services to promote the development of border-crossing facilitation and multimodal transport and supported member states in formulating strategies, policies and actions to facilitate transport developments in countries with economies in transition.

In her current position, she manages a group of some 300 experts working on Trade Facilitation projects to produce Trade Facilitation Recommendations and electronic business standards, covering both commercial and government business processes that can foster growth in international trade and related services.



## Maria Teresa Pisani

Acting Chief, UN/CEFACT Support Unit, UNECE

Maria Teresa Pisani has over 10 years of experience in policy development, technical assistance and capacity building in the areas of sustainable development, international trade and environmental governance, in all regions of the world. During her career, she has served the UNECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division where, among other tasks, she has been leading the development of the UNECE Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide, and the Environment Division where she has coordinated the development of the Pan European Strategic Framework and Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E).

Before joining UNECE, she has been working for the International Labour Organisation and the European Commission. Maria Teresa is an economist with a Master Degree in Economic Affairs (College of Europe - Bruges) and Executive Studies in Environmental Governance (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies - Geneva).



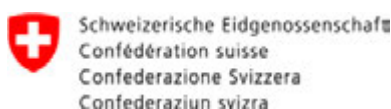
## Mario Apostolov

Regional Adviser, UNECE

Mr. Mario Apostolov is working as a Regional Adviser at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). For the last 16 years, he has been servicing intergovernmental bodies of experts and policy makers on trade facilitation in the framework of the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, and networks in Southeast Europe and the Eurasian Economic Union. He is covering such topics as national trade facilitation bodies, the Single Window for export, import, and transit clearance, regional trade integration, trade facilitation reform, and others.

Mr Apostolov has a M.A. from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and a Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies at the University of Geneva. He teaches a course on the Dynamics of Regional Cooperation and Diplomacy at the International University in Geneva. He has published books on trade facilitation, regional cooperation and integration, the geopolitics of Christian-Muslim relations, and others.

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## Mark Henderson

Directorate General for Trade, European Commission

Mark works as a negotiator for the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission on a portfolio covering trade and sustainable development with a focus on aid for trade, the World Trade Organisation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the UN.

This work includes:

- Ensuring the nexus of trade and development are correctly articulated in multilateral negotiations including the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, WTO, UNCTAD and the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs.
- To ensure trade policy priorities are allocated development funds to meet commitments, bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally, specifically in support of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- Coordinate Trade input on Policy Coherence for Development, the process that tracks the Treaty obligation for all EU policies to contribute (or at least not impede) development policy.
- Negotiating trade and sustainable development chapters with EU Free Trade Agreement partners.

With a career to date focused on policy, international cooperation and project management, Mark has spent more than ten years' working on European projects and policy.

Working in Beijing, Brussels and the UK Mark has successfully designed, bid for, delivered, monitored and evaluated projects at local, regional, national and international levels of cooperation, presenting policy proposals at the national and supra-national levels.



## Matthew Bannon

Senior Technical Officer, WCO

Commenced with the World Customs Organization Capacity Building Directorate in 2009.

WCO Portfolio includes:

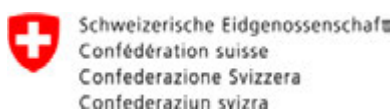
- Managing WCO Mercator Programme "Tailor-Made Track";
- Managing WCO Columbus Programme Phase 1 and 3 strategic planning and advisory support;
- Maintaining and Updating the WCO Diagnostic Framework and the WCO Capacity Building Development Compendium;
- Oversight of several multi-country, multiple donor, capacity building projects; and
- Conducting Capacity Building workshops for Customs Administrations seeking to develop Strategic Plans, Operational Plans, Performance Measurement and Risk Management policies.

Prior to appointment with the WCO, employed by the Australian Government since 1981 including continuous service with Australian Border Force (Customs) since 1987.

After working in both enforcement and commercial Customs roles in a number of Australian airports and sea ports, he also held senior management positions in Customs' Head Office, located in the capital city of Canberra.

Education qualifications include Bachelor of Public Administration, Graduate Certificate in Public Policy and Management, Graduate Diploma in International Public Policy and Masters in International Maritime Law.

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## Mikiko Ollison

Regional Trade Specialist, Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, WBG

Mikiko Imai Ollison joined the World Bank Group in 2010, and is currently the Regional Trade Specialist for the West African region, based in Abuja, Nigeria. She leads the trade component of a program that promotes regional trade and investment within West Africa. Before her move to West Africa, as private sector development specialist at the Washington HQ, she led a research team for the trading across borders indicators of the Doing Business unit, a unit that produces comparative data on business climate in 189 countries for the flagship Doing Business reports. She is a coauthor of the Doing Business 2011, Doing Business 2012, and Doing Business 2013 reports, and is the lead author of Doing Business in the g7+ 2013 (fragile states) report. Prior to joining the IFC, she was in charge of formulating policy positions of an advocacy organization focused on trade and development in London and Washington, and worked in the private sector in Tokyo for a consultancy firm.

Mikiko has traveled extensively in developing countries for research and presentations to governments on regulatory reform. Ollison holds a bachelor of science in economics and a master of science in development studies from the London School of Economics, University of London.



## Mohamed Adam Ibrahim

Rapporteur, Working Group on Trade Facilitation, Sudan

Mohamed Adam Ibrahim has an educational background of M.Sc. International Trade and Development, Post Graduate Diploma (Diplomatic Studies) and B.Sc. Economics. Except for his mother tongue Arabic, he speaks English.

He masters skills such as fully computer literate including design & delivery Power Point presentations. He works in different departments in the Ministry of Trade and now the Executive Director for Undersecretary Office. He received many trainings, for example, Trade Facilitation, UNCTAD Empowerment Program for NTFCs (4 Modules), including Train of Trainers in December 2016; Some Seminars on Trade Facilitation in China, Tanzania in 2015; Some WTO Training Courses, 18th Trade Policy course, WTO Mission Internship Program in 2011, Trade Remedies in 2006, Advance Course for LDCs in 2012, EIF Plat forum in 2015 and trade in Services in 2016. At the same time he is a rapporteur of National Working Group on Trade Facilitation since 2011.



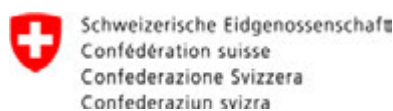
## Mohammad Saeed

Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC

Dr. Mohammad Saeed is Senior Adviser Trade Facilitation with International Trade Centre (ITC) Geneva where he leads its trade facilitation team. Before joining this assignment in April 2014, He served as Senior Technical Adviser on Trade and Transport Facilitation with UNCTAD. He has vast experience of working on trade facilitation issues at national, regional and multilateral level. He also worked as lead negotiator for Pakistan in WTO negotiations for the Trade Facilitation Agreement for six years. His work experience of over 15 years with Pakistan Customs has contributed towards his pragmatic approach based on the ground realities in the TF area. He has enriched his experience by working with many developing countries for identifying their TF needs assessment and developing their national implementation plans.

International Trade law and Procedure is the area of his prime interest. He has the honour to be Chairman and Panellist in two dispute settlement cases in the WTO; China Poultry and Vietnam Shrimp cases. He has also

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been Chairman of WTO Committee on Market Access for consecutive three years and Chairman of WTO Customs valuation Committee. He also served as Vice Chairman of General Assembly of Advisory Centre on WTO Laws (ACWL) for consecutive five years. In recognition of his work in the area of international trade, he is often invited to present at international conferences.

He holds Masters in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School and LLB from University of London. Besides having a postgraduate degree in Economics from University of London, he has his specialized training in International Trade Law from Harvard Law School.



## Mohammed Benayad

General Secretary of the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Investment and numeric economy, in charge of Foreign Trade, and also Chairman of the National Commission for Simplification of International Trade Procedures, Morocco

Mohammed BENAYAD a intégré, en 1988, le Ministère du Commerce et de l'Industrie, en tant qu'Inspecteur de Commerce chargé de la coopération bilatérale entre le Maroc et les pays d'Asie et d'Océanie. Il a été membre de la Cellule "Etudes et Prévisions (1989-1991) avant d'être chargé des études auprès de la Commission Consultative des Importations (1994-1995). Il a assuré la fonction de Chef de la Division des Etudes et Prévisions (1995-1999) et a été nommé Secrétaire Général du Conseil National du Commerce Extérieur de 1999 jusqu'au mois de mars 2014 date de sa nomination au poste de Secrétaire Général du Ministère Chargé du Commerce Extérieur. Au cours de son parcours professionnel, il a participé et piloté plusieurs projets dans le cadre du partenariat public-privé. Il a été formateur du programme TRAINFORTRADE (Règles multilatérales du commerce international) et a enseigné le commerce international, la finance internationale, la microéconomie et la géopolitique. Il est marié et père de deux enfants.



## Mukhisa Kituyi

Secretary General, UNCTAD

Mukhisa Kituyi, of Kenya, who became UNCTAD's seventh Secretary-General on 1 September 2013, has an extensive background as an elected official, an academic, and a holder of high government office. He also has wide-ranging experience in trade negotiations, and in African and broader international economics and diplomacy.

He was born in Bungoma District, western Kenya, in 1956. He studied political science and international relations at the University of Nairobi and at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, receiving a BA in 1982.

He went on to earn an MPhil in 1986 and a doctorate in 1989 from the University of Bergen, Norway.

Dr. Kituyi served as a researcher at Norway's Christian Michelsen Institute from 1989 to 1991, and as Programme Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi from 1991 to 1992.

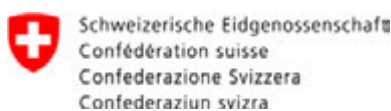
He was elected to the Kenyan Parliament in 1992, and was twice re-elected.

He was Kenya's Minister of Trade and Industry from 2002 to 2007.

During this period, Dr. Kituyi chaired for two years the Council of Ministers of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African Trade Ministers' Council.

He also served as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, and was lead negotiator for Eastern and Southern African ministers during the European Union- ACP Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations. He was convenor

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of the agriculture negotiations carried out at the World Trade Organization's Sixth Ministerial Conference held in Hong Kong, China, in 2005.

From 2008 to 2012, Dr. Kituyi was a member of a team of experts advising the presidents of the nations of the East African Community on how to establish more effective regional economic links.

From 2011 to 2012, he was a consultant for the African Union Commission, where he helped to develop the structure for a pan-African free trade area.

Immediately prior to becoming Secretary-General, Dr. Kituyi was Chief Executive of the Kenya Institute of Governance, based in Nairobi. The Institute is a think tank and advocacy organization that focuses on linking academic research and the development of public policy.

During 2012, Dr. Kituyi also served as a non-resident fellow of the Africa Growth Initiative of the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. He was a resident scholar there in 2011.

Dr. Kituyi is married and has four children.



## Nathan Taylor

WCO

Nathan Taylor has managed international technical assistance projects for more than 15 years, with the most recent five years focused on projects related to trade facilitation, Customs capacity building, training and e-learning. Nathan currently manages the HMRC-WCO-UNCTAD TFA Capacity Building programme and is based at the WCO Secretariat in Brussels. He has undertaken overseas assignments in Malawi and Ukraine, and has worked in more than 30 countries in Africa, eastern Europe and Asia, including the delivery of TFA needs assessments and training strategy dialogues. Currently on loan to the WCO from the Canadian Department of Global Affairs, Nathan brings extensive knowledge of the TFA, along with broader development principles of results-based management, participatory project planning, donor coordination, monitoring, evaluation and gender mainstreaming. Nathan holds a Bachelor of Arts in international development from the University of Toronto and is finalizing his Masters' research on global governmentalities in trade facilitation with Carleton University.

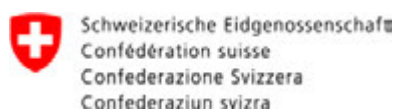


## Pamela Ugaz

Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD

Pamela Ugaz is an international trade lawyer. She collaborates with the Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD, conducting technical assistance projects and research on trade facilitation measures. Prior to joining UNCTAD, she worked as Associate Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and as Legal Affairs Officer at the World Trade Organization. As legal Adviser to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade of Peru, she negotiated several RTAs between Peru and its trade partners, including the EU, China, the US, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Canada, and the EFTA. Ms. Ugaz is currently pursuing a PhD degree at the University of Geneva. She also holds a Master in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

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### Pierre Bonthonneau

Trade Facilitation, ITC

Prior to joining ITC's Trade Facilitation team, Pierre worked for the "Africa Logistics" division of the Groupe Eolloré where he was responsible for the optimisation of the clearing and forwarding activities in Africa. Pierre also worked in the Moroccan office of the Boston Consulting Group, a business strategy consulting firm, where he was involved, among other, on the definition of an export strategy for a mining firm, the development of the offshoring sector in Morocco, and the establishment of industrial partnerships between Moroccan SMEs and multinationals. Since he joined ITC as an expert in trade facilitation, Pierre has assisted over 15 countries in assessing their needs towards the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.



### Poul Hansen

Officer in Charge, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD

Poul Hansen is responsible for issues relating to Trade Facilitation at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL). UNCTAD's mandate is to assist developing and least developed countries as well as economies in transition integrating into global trade, promoting development-centered globalization and inclusive and sustainable growth and development for these countries.

Poul has extensive experience in the area of trade and transport facilitation, having worked more than 15 years in the UN system on issues such as international trade, transportation, development and international standards, previously working at the UNECE as Secretary for the TIR Transit and Harmonization Conventions. Poul also has extensive and high level experience in international sports policy from his position as Head of Office for the UN Special Adviser on Sport, Development and Peace.

Prior to joining the UN, Poul worked for more than 10 years in the private sector in areas such public affairs, management consulting and logistics with organizations including Ernst & Young, Freight Forward Europe (FFE), The International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the Ziegler Group, where he gained experience in a number of industries including transportation and logistics, automotive, manufacturing and retail.

Poul's studies include both master and bachelor levels in Business Administration and Commercial Law from the Aarhus and Copenhagen Business Schools, Denmark and is a trained logistics manager.



### Rajesh Aggarwal

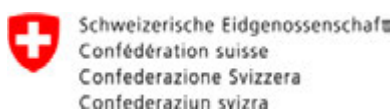
Chief Trade facilitation and Policy for Business, ITC

Areas of Responsibility: For last 11 years, leading programmes aimed at building public-private collaboration on trade policy / regulatory reforms and international trade negotiations. These programmes are implemented in the context of supporting implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, negotiations on accession to WTO, regional integration and promoting business advocacy for national policy and regulatory reform for export development.

Previous Professional Experience: India's negotiator in the WTO covering Agriculture, TRIPS and Public Health, Rules and Trade & Competition Policy for more than 8 years. He has an experience of over 22 years working in senior positions in Government of India prior to joining ITC.

Publications: Edited ITC publications on (i) 'National Trade Policy for Export Success – a business perspective' (ii) Mobilising Business for Trade in Services (iii) Combating Anti-competitive Practices: A guide for developing economy exporters.

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Published a Paper titled 'Dynamics of Agriculture Negotiations in WTO' in the Journal of World Trade 39(4): 741-761/2005. More recently, published a paper, "The Private Sector: Important Partners in Aid for Trade in the International Trade Forum, Issue 4, 2009." A paper on "The Private Sector: 'Think Regional' to benefit from new trade opportunities" International Trade Forum, Issue 1, 2012.



## Roberto Azevêdo

Director-General, WTO

Roberto Azevêdo is the sixth Director-General of the WTO. His appointment took effect on 1 September 2013 for a four-year term.

Ambassador Azevêdo holds degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Brasília and in international relations from the "Instituto Rio Branco", the graduate school of international relations and diplomacy run by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations. He joined the Brazilian Foreign Service in 1984.

His first diplomatic posting was to Washington in 1988. He subsequently served in the Brazilian embassy in Montevideo before being assigned to the Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva in 1997.

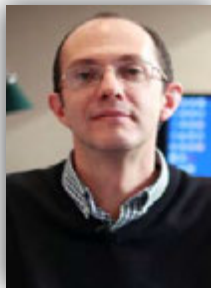
In 2001 Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo was named head of the Brazilian Foreign Ministry's Dispute Settlement Unit where he remained until 2005. During his tenure he acted as chief litigator in many disputes at the WTO and served on WTO dispute settlement panels.

From 2006 to 2008 he was Vice-Minister for Economic and Technological Affairs at the Foreign Ministry in Brasília. In that capacity he was Brazil's chief trade negotiator for the Doha Round and represented Brazil in MERCOSUR negotiations.

In 2008 he was appointed Permanent Representative of Brazil to the WTO and other International Economic Organisations in Geneva.

Ambassador Azevêdo has been a frequent lecturer on topics related to international economics and has published numerous articles on these issues.

He is married to Ambassador Maria Azevêdo. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

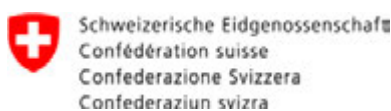


## Sebastián Herreros

International Trade and Integration Division, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)

Sebastian Herreros is an Economic Affairs Officer at the Trade and Integration Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile. Before joining ECLAC in 2009, he worked on trade policy issues for 13 years at the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 2002 and 2007 he served as a Counsellor at the Chilean Mission to the WTO in Geneva, with responsibility for the Doha Round negotiations on agriculture, market access for non-agricultural products and trade facilitation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the Catholic University of Chile and a Master of Science in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics. He is a lecturer in International Economics at the University of Chile and the author of several articles and book chapters on regional economic integration and trade negotiations.

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## Shamika Sirimanne

Director Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne is Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD.

Ms. Sirimanne has extensive experience in development policy, research and technical cooperation gained from international organizations, national governments, think tanks and universities. She served as Director of the ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), where she spearheaded major regional cooperation programmes. Among them are the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway initiative for seamless broadband connectivity, Regional Drought Mechanism for monitoring and early warning of drought through space technology applications, and the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade (UNNEXt) initiated in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

During her tenure with ESCAP, Ms. Sirimanne also served as the Secretary of the Commission, headed the trade facilitation programme, and led the macroeconomic policy work and ESCAP's flagship publication, Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific. Prior to that, Ms. Sirimanne was with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), where she led the economic policy team and the Economic Report on Africa, the flagship publication of ECA. Ms. Sirimanne also worked for the Canadian Department of Finance and the World Bank. Ms. Sirimanne holds a PhD in Economics.



## Sheri Rosenow

Counsellor, World Trade Organisation (WTO)

Sheri Rosenow is a customs attorney and a senior counselor in the WTO Market Access Division. She has been involved in WTO trade facilitation since the negotiations began and is currently responsible for the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility. Prior to joining the WTO Secretariat, she worked as an advisor on customs and WTO accession issues for USAID projects in Central Asia and the Middle East. She started her career on the commercial legal staff of the US Customs Service.

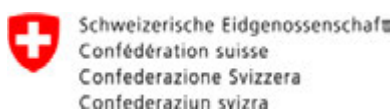


## Stephen Morris

Chairman of the Customs Affairs Institute, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)

For over forty-five years he has operated in both a public and private sector capacity in the field of regulatory compliance, in particular, that related to customs, bio security, transport security and other trade related matters. This representation, as a director of several international, regional and national non-governmental entities, has seen him represent those bodies at the World Customs Organisation and other international and regional forums. He holds a Masters of Justice and other qualifications in law, accounting and international trade. In his capacity at FIATA and the CBFCA he represents the interests of service providers in international trade logistics and supply chain management.

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## Sushila Hirani

Project Manager, Customs Directorate, Her Majesty Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Began her career as a fast-streamer at the Royal Bank of Scotland Group in 2001, specialising in Mortgage lending. In 2003 she joined the Inland Revenue (Inland Revenue and HM Customs and Excise merged to form a new department –HM Revenue and Customs) as a Debt Management Officer, she led on a local merger project and introduced whole case working (bringing different head of duty taxes together). She joined Indirect Tax Directorate in 2012, as a Personal Assistant to 3 Deputy Directors as well as managing a number of corporate portfolios for the directorate including finance, workforce planning and recruitment. In August 2015 she was appointed as Project Manager within HMRC's Customs Directorate to manage HMRC'S relationship with WCO and UNCTAD on HMRC-WCO-UNCTAD WTO TFA Capacity Building Programme



## Ulrika Lyckman

Swedish Permanent Representation in Brussels

Ulrika started her career within the international trade arena 30 years ago, at the Swedish Customs as Senior Investigation Officer. She moved on to work with developing countries and Foreign Trade Supervision, as Manager at Intertek Ltd. In 1997 Ulrika returned to the Swedish Governmental Agency, the National Board of Trade, where she held various positions during 10 years. As Swedish Spokesperson she negotiated D&Q free access for LDCs during the Swedish Presidency in the EU. As deputy Director for Trade and Sustainability she developed the agency's work with capacity building. Ulrika developed the Swedish facility for developing countries, entering the EU and Swedish market "Open Trade Gate Sweden" and she has been engaged in capacity building programs for private sector development and trade facilitation. As Director for Foreign Affairs at the Swedish Trade Federation, Ulrika was responsible for trade policy, EU-affairs, trade facilitation, infrastructure, logistics, environment and responsible business. Since 2014 Ulrika works as counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU, dealing with trade facilitation, sustainable development, customs policy and trade and development. She is vice chair of the WG for TFA in the WCO. She holds a Master of Science in Sustainable Development, a Bachelor of Arts and a higher degree in Customs Administration and Procedures.



## Youssouf Kone

Regional Integration Consultant, NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department, AfDB

Youssouf Kone is Regional Integration Consultant currently working with the NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department (ONRI) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. He supports the Department's trade and transport facilitation work in the West and Central Africa regions; and specifically, projects on the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. Before joining the Bank, Youssouf worked as Trade Adviser with the Commonwealth Secretariat's "Hub and Spokes II" project in Burundi, where he contributed to various trade policy related analytical work for East Africa, assisted with trade policy formulation, negotiation and implementation, provided briefing material and research papers on relevant EU/ACP and WTO/GATT implementation issues; and contributed to capacity building through transfer of skills to private and public stakeholders.

Mr. Kone has work experience with UNDP, the World Bank Institute, and ECOWAS Commission. He received a Master in Economics and spent time as researcher in many consortiums. His research interests include international trade and regional integration, agricultural policies, economic analysis of poverty, economic development, CGE modeling and applied econometrics.

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