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COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

**Recent developments and new challenges in
commodity markets, and policy options for commodity-
based inclusive growth and sustainable development**

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday 20 March 2013

10 a.m.–10.30 a.m.

Opening statements by:

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Introduction:

Moderator:

Lead discussants

Opening session

ITEM 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

3A. OVERVIEW

ITEM 3: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW CHALLENGES IN COMMODITY MARKETS, AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR COMMODITY-BASED INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

Chair of the MYEM

H.E. Ms. Zorica Maric-Djordjevic, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the World Trade Organization

- **Mr. Boubaker Ben-Belhassen**, Principal Officer, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome (Food commodity markets - trends and future challenges)
- **Ms. Amy Reynolds**, Senior Economist, International Grains Council, London (The medium term outlook for grains and oilseeds)
- **Prof. John Struthers**, University of West of Scotland, UK (Commodity price volatility pre- and post-liberalisation: an evolving principal -agent problem)
- **Prof. Ke Tang**, Hanqing Advanced Institute of Economics and Finance, Renmin University of China, China (Impact of financialization and speculation on prices of commodities)
- **Prof. Raphael Kaplinsky**, Open University, UK (Making the most of commodities – promoting linkages to the wider economy)

Interactive discussion

2 a.m.–3 p.m.

Introduction by:

Lead discussants:

BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON UNCTAD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

BACK TO THE FUTURE, 50 YEARS OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS IN COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

- **Mr. Boubaker Ben-Belhassen**, Principal Officer, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome
- **Prof. Ke Tang**, Hanqing Advanced Institute of Economics and Finance, Renmin University of China, China
- **Ms. Masuma Farooki**, Raw Materials Group, Sweden, former Common Fund for Commodities expert
- **Prof. Raphael Kaplinsky**, Open University, UK

3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.

Moderator:

Lead discussants:

3B. MINERALS, ORES & METALS

Prof. John Struthers, University of West of Scotland

- **Mr. Don Smale**, Secretary-General, International Copper Study Group, International Lead and Zinc Study Group, International Nickel Study Group, Lisbon (Review and outlook for copper, nickel, lead and zinc)
- **Mr. Wang Zhongkui**, Vice General Manager, Beijing Antaike Information Development Co. Ltd., China (Current situation of China's non-ferrous metals industry and development trends)
- **Mr. Virgilio Gaggiato**, Business Intelligence Manager, Samarco Iron Ore Europe BV, The Netherlands (Recent developments and outlook in the iron ore market)

Interactive discussion

4.30 p.m.–6 p.m.

Moderator:

Lead discussants:

3C. ENERGY - OIL, GAS AND COAL

Mr. Scott Foster, Head, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

- **Mr. Eissa Alzerma**, Oil Price Analyst, Petroleum Studies Department, OPEC Secretariat, Vienna (Oil market outlook)
- **Mr. Scott Foster**, Head, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE, Geneva (Developments and challenges in commodity markets, policy options for commodity-based inclusive growth and sustainable development)
- **Prof. Franz-Josef Wodopia**, Executive Member of the Managing Board, German Coal Association and Vice President, EURACOAL (Global energy policy and coal)

Interactive discussion

Reception Restaurant des Délégués

6 p.m.–7 p.m.



PROGRAMME

Thursday 21 March 2013

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ITEM 3 (CONT'D): RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW CHALLENGES IN COMMODITY MARKETS, AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR COMMODITY-BASED INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

3D. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Mr. Robert Piller, Director, Auprès Consult

- **Ms. Dhano Sookoo**, President, Trinidad and Tobago Agricultural Society, Trinidad and Tobago (Agricultural finance in Trinidad and Tobago)
- **Prof. Jean-Louis Arcand**, Director of center for finance and development, The Graduate Institute, Geneva (The role of financial innovations in developing countries towards inclusive growth and sustainable development)
- **Mr. Ebenezer Tei Quartey**, Director of Research, Ghana Cocoa Board, Ghana (The determination of producer price in Ghana's cocoa sector and the provision of service to cocoa farmers)
- **Mr. Joseph Nkole**, National Coordinator, Cotton Association of Zambia, Zambia (Empowering cotton farmers in the Zambian cotton value chain)
- **Mr. Thomas Lines**, Consultant, UK (Potential establishment of emergency food reserves)
- **Mr. Andrey Kuleshov**, Senior Project Manager, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam (Using commodity dependence indicators as guidance for development interventions)

Interactive discussion

Lunch Break

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

ITEM 3 (CONT'D): RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW CHALLENGES IN COMMODITY MARKETS, AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR COMMODITY-BASED INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

3E. ADDRESSING CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE COMMODITY PRODUCTION: CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Prof. John Struthers, University of West of Scotland

- **Mr. Remco Fischer**, Programme Officer, UNEP Finance Initiative, Geneva (Mobilizing private finance for sustainable energy and land use)
- **Ms. Betty-Ann BRYCE**, Policy Analyst, Rural and Regional Programme Unit, OECD, Paris (Linking renewable energy to rural development)
- **Mr. Christophe Bellmann**, Programmes Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva (Climate change and renewable energy development: the role of trade policy frameworks)
- **Mr. Bas de Leeuw**, Managing Director, World Resources Forum, St. Gallen, Switzerland (Global policy options for promoting resource efficiency)

Interactive discussion

5.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING



BIOGRAPHY



Supachai Panitchpakdi,
Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, whose first four-year term as Secretary-General of UNCTAD began on 1 September 2005, was appointed to a second term by the General Assembly in July 2009. His second term will run from 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2013. He previously served as Director-General of the World Trade Organization, and as Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce. As Deputy Prime Minister, he was in charge of the country's economic and trade policymaking, signing the Uruguay Round Agreement in 1994 and contributing to the formulation of regional agreements. In 2012, Mr. Supachai was honoured with the Grand Prize in ASEAN's Asia Cosmopolitan Awards, a prize awarded to the individual making the "most distinguished achievements in economic, social science or cultural fields". He received his Master's Degree in Econometrics, Development Planning, and his PhD in Economic Planning and Development from Erasmus University in Rotterdam.



H.E. Zorica Maric-Djordjevic,

M.S., Ambassador of Montenegro to the World Trade Organization and Ambassador of Montenegro to the United Nations Human Rights Council

A consummate professional and accomplished public servant, Ms. Zorica Maric Djordjevic was born and raised in Montenegro, where she started her career in public service after graduating in economics at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica. She earned her master's degree in the field of European integration processes at the European Institute of the University of Amsterdam. Her most important assignments: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, Chief Advisor to the President and the Prime Minister (authored two programmes of the Government of Montenegro in 1993 and 1996), and Trade Representative of Montenegro to the United States of America. She was appointed by the President of Montenegro as Ambassador of Montenegro to the World Trade Organization and Special Representative-Ambassador of Montenegro to the United Nations Human Rights Council, with headquarters in Geneva, in February 2013. Ms. Maric-Djordjevic is multilingual, fluent in Montenegrin, Serbo-Croatian-Bosnian and English, with working knowledge of French and basic knowledge of Arabic. She is an advisory board member (pro bono) of the Public International Law Policy Group, a Washington DC-based non-profit organization providing support to democratic systems in post-conflict areas. In this capacity Ms. Maric-Djordjevic was sent to special missions in Sierra Leone, South Sudan and worked on several projects related to Somalia. She is the author of numerous studies, white papers, analyses and comments in the field of international economic relations and diplomacy.



Samuel Gayi,

Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

Mr Gayi obtained a PhD in Development Economics, University of Manchester, United Kingdom and has taught at universities in Ghana and the United Kingdom. He has researched and published on a range of development issues, including: trade diversification, World Trade Organization/trade issues, structural adjustment and poverty reduction, trade performance and commodity dependence, food security and agricultural development, external debt/Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative, impact of foreign direct investment (including in the mining sector) in Africa, financial sector reforms, official development assistance, and domestic resource mobilization. Mr. Gayi is co-author of three regular UNCTAD flagship reports: the Least Developed Countries Report, 1995–1999; the Economic Development in Africa series, 2003–2008; and the Commodities and Development Report, 2012.



Boubaker Ben-Belhassen,

Principal Officer, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome

Mr. Ben-Belhassen is Principal Officer in the Trade and Markets Division, Economic and Social Development Department, at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He holds a Ph.D. and an M.Sc. in agricultural economics and an M.A. in economics, all from the University of Missouri. Before assuming his current position in September 2011, Mr. Ben-Belhassen served in the Cabinet of the Director-General of FAO. Prior to joining FAO in 2001, he worked as a faculty Research Associate at the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), University of Missouri-Columbia. His areas of specialization include commodity market modelling, price and policy analysis and food security issues.



Raphael Kaplinsky,

Open University, United Kingdom

Mr. Raphael Kaplinsky is Professor of International Development at the Open University. In recent years he has led research programmes on global value chains, the impact of China on Africa, and on the commodities price boom. His most recent publications include books on the impact of China on the commodities sector, on how Africa can make the most from the commodities boom by promoting linkages, and on the industrial challenges facing resource-intensive economies. He has collaborated with UNCTAD for many years. As a practitioner he has worked with many governments and international agencies on industrial, innovation and technology policies as well as providing support to private sector firms and non-governmental organizations.



Ke Tang,

Hanqing Advanced Institute of Economics and Finance, Renmin University of China, China

Mr. Ke Tang is an Associate Professor in the Hanqing Advanced Institute of Economics and Finance and School of Finance at the Renmin University of China, where he teaches courses in finance in the graduate programmes. He received his B.A. in Engineering from Tsinghua University in 2000, Master of Financial Engineering from University of California, Berkley in 2004, and his Ph.D. in Finance from Cambridge University in 2008. His research has covered such topics as commodity markets, Chinese stock markets and continuous-time asset pricing models. His works and views have been presented in various conferences held by institutions such as UNCTAD, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and FAO. He currently serves as the managing editor of Quantitative Finance.



Amy Reynolds,

Senior Economist, International Grains Council, London

Ms. Amy Reynolds completed an honours degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in 1991. After leaving university, she joined the Meat and Livestock Commission, a non-departmental government body which sought to maintain and stimulate markets for British meat. As a market analyst, Amy mainly monitored United Kingdom and international trends in the beef and veal sector, including forecasting supply and demand and prices. In 1998, Amy took a position as an Economist with the London-based International Grains Council (IGC). IGC is an intergovernmental organization which seeks to further international cooperation in grains trade, including by improving market transparency through information sharing, analysis and consultation on grain market and policy developments. Her main focus there is overseeing the Council's analysis of the global wheat market.



Masuma Farooki,

Raw Materials Group (Sweden), former Common Fund for Commodities expert

Ms. Masuma Farooki is a Resources Policy Analyst at the Raw Materials Group (RMG), the consultancy branch of IntierraRMG. She is a Development Economist, working on commodity related issues for developing countries, particularly in Africa. On a broader level, her research focus is on the impact of emerging economies (particularly China) on other resource-rich developing countries. Her work involves analysis of global value chains, shifts in markets to emerging economies and trade statistics. She is currently working with the consultancy department at RMG, with a focus on socioeconomic impact of the mining industry and resource focused policies and initiatives.



John Struthers,

University of West of Scotland, United Kingdom

Mr. John Struthers is Personal Professor at the University of West of Scotland (UWS). He has previously taught Economics at the University of Ilorin (Nigeria) and in a visiting capacity at the University of Sierra Leone in West Africa. He is a former Dean of the Faculty of Business and Head of Economics at UWS. He is a Visiting Professor in Economics at the University of Glasgow and Council member of the Scottish Economic Society. His research interests include development economics, monetary economics and international finance. His publications include work on inflation in Ghana, Dutch disease in Nigeria, and commodity price volatility in Ghana and Ethiopia. His publications have appeared in *Development and Change*, *Journal of Energy and Development*, *Journal of International Development*, *Oxford Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Issues and Journal of Economic Studies*, among others. His current research on commodity price volatility is supported by a British Academy Research Grant in 2011. He is a former Board Member of Waterwatch Scotland and Director of a major Scottish Chamber of Commerce. He has advised the Scottish Government on International Development issues.



Virgilio Gaggiato,

Business Intelligence Manager, Samarco Iron Ore Europe BV, the Netherlands

Mr. Virgilio Costante Gaggiato is current business intelligence manager at Samarco Iron Ore Europe B.V., responsible for global iron ore market research. Prior to that he was coordinator of the iron ore and steel research team in Brazil also with Samarco, where he conducted studies for 8 years. He graduated in International Relations from Pontifícia Universidade Católica in Brazil, 2002. In 2004 he obtained an MBA degree in Marketing from the CEPAD-MG and in 2010 he became Master in Metallurgy and Mining Engineering for Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil where his final work and publications were related to the iron ore market and its competitiveness. In 2011, he started a PhD also in the school of Metallurgy and Mining Engineering with the aim of developing a new supply-demand model for iron ore and a price forecast mechanism. This work is being carried out together with Oxford Economics, a commercial venture from Oxford University.



Don Smale,

Secretary-General, International Lead and Zinc Study Group

Don Smale has been Secretary-General of the three Lisbon-based intergovernmental metals study groups – the International Lead and Zinc Study Group, the International Nickel Study Group, and the International Copper Study Group – since 2006, leading their work in providing definitive and wide-ranging monthly statistical data, directories of non-ferrous mines and plants, and economic analyses and environmental reports. Don obtained a Bachelor of Science at Adelaide University, a Bachelor of Economics at the Australian National University in Canberra, and an MBA from the Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland. He worked for two decades in the Australian Government focusing on industry policy development and programme management in a range of sectors, culminating in responsibility for Australian Federal Government policy in relation to mining and metals including non-ferrous metals, iron and steel, and coal. His career has had a strong international dimension, with a three-year posting from 1988 to 1991 at the OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry in Paris, and a further three-year posting from 1993 to 1996 as a diplomat in the Australian Embassy in Tokyo focussing on industry and technology issues.



Zhongkui Wang,

Vice-General Manager, Beijing Antaika Information Development Co. Ltd., China

Mr. Zhongkui Wang, professor, graduated from Jiangxi University of Science and Technology with the major of nonferrous metal smelting in July 1985. Mr. Wang then obtained a Master's in Business Administration from Central South University (1997–2000) in 2000. Since August 1985, Mr. Wang has worked for the China Nonferrous Metals Techno-Economic Research Institute, involved in the study of nonferrous metals strategic development, market analysis and anticipation. Mr. Wang has been awarded various ministerial-level scientific progress awards (one second prize award, two third prize awards and three fourth prize awards). Mr. Wang has given speeches many times in domestic and international nonferrous metals conferences and published many articles in nonferrous metals journals. Mr. Wang is presently the Vice-General Manager of Antaika.



Eissa Alzerma,

Oil Price Analyst, Petroleum Studies Department, Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Secretariat, Vienna

Mr. Eissa Alzerma, Oil Price Analyst at OPEC since September 2012. Prior to this, he was a Marketing Manager at Saudi Aramco Crude Oil Sales and Marketing Department, in New York and Dhahran, heading the group managing the sales of crude oil to North America first and then to Asia. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in International Oil Sales and Marketing and a BS in Electrical Engineering.



Scott Foster,

Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva

Mr. Scott Foster was appointed Director of UNECE Sustainable Energy Division in January 2011. With over 30 years' experience in the energy field, Mr. Foster has worked with governments and international organizations on energy policy, climate change, investment promotion, renewables technology and policy, and, for the International Energy Agency, on the analysis of the various dimensions of energy supply security. Mr. Foster has led major studies of the long-term outlook for European energy markets from pricing and supply-security perspectives. He has also led numerous strategy engagements on the question of climate change – how to change portfolios of policy, investment and behaviour in light of the science and politics of climate change. Before founding Nomad Energy Consulting in 2004, Mr. Foster was Vice-President of Global Regulatory Affairs with AES Corporation, Senior Director for Global Power with Cambridge Energy Research Associates, and senior expert in the Energy Diversification Division of the International Energy Agency. Mr. Foster holds a BA from Dartmouth College, an MSc in Civil Engineering from Stanford University, and an MBA from University College Berkeley.



Dr. Franz-Josef Wodopia,

Executive Member of the Managing Board, German Coal Association Interactive Discussion

Mr. Franz-Josef Wodopia, Member of the Board and Chief Executive of the German Coal Association, Herne, Germany, was born in Heidelberg, Germany, on 12 December 1957. In 1981 he finished his studies at Heidelberg University with a diploma in economics. Afterwards he worked as a research assistant and assistant lecturer at Heidelberg University. In 1985 he obtained his PhD in economics. From 1986 to 1988 he worked as scientific staff member with the German Coal Mining Association in Essen, Germany. In 1989 he started working for the German Mining, Chemical and Energy Industrial Union in Hannover, Germany. His last position there was Head of the Mining and Energy Industry Department. Since 1 July 2005, Mr. Wodopia has been the Chief Executive of the German Coal Association and since 1 May 2006 he also has been a Member of its Board. From 2000 to 2007 he held a chair for economics for engineers and since 2007 he has been an Honorary Professor at Georg Agricola University of Applied Sciences in Bochum, Germany.



Dhano Sookoo,

President, Trinidad and Tobago Agricultural Society, Trinidad and Tobago

Mrs. Dhano Sookoo has held the esteemed office of President of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the last five years by a democratic elections process. She also serves on the Trinidad and Tobago Transport Board and on the Board of the Estate Management Business Development Company Limited, the only woman among eleven men on the Board of the EMBD Company. Some of her notable achievements include: pioneering the development of the export of fresh agricultural produce to Barbados for Trinidad and Tobago farmers, exporting the largest amount of cargo from Trinidad and Tobago using DHL Airways. In the last 5 years, she moved the membership of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago from less than 400 to over 6,000 individual members and 68 affiliate bodies bringing the farmers under one platform as one single voice.

**Jean-Louis Arcand,**

Director of Center for Finance and Development, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

Jean-Louis Arcand is Director of the Centre for Finance and Development and Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, which he joined in 2008. He is also Head of the Institute's PhD in Development Economics programme. From 2009 to 2012 he was chair of Development Studies at the Institute. He is a Founding Fellow of the European Union Development Network and senior fellow at the Fondation pour les études et recherches en développement international. He was assistant and then associate professor at the University of Montréal, and professor at the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches en Développement International. He holds a PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. His research focuses on the microeconomics of development, with a current focus on impact evaluation of social programs in West Africa and the Maghreb. He has been a consultant to the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Gates Foundation and several national governments. He is currently leading multi-year impact evaluations in Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Cameroon, the Gambia, Mali, Morocco, and Senegal, with the topics being investigated ranging from peer mentoring to fight HIV-AIDS, to capacity-building in rural producer organizations to foster food security.

**Ebenezer Tei Quartey,**

Director of Research, Department of COCOBOD, Ghana Cocoa Board

Mr. Quartey was appointed Director of the Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ghana Cocoa Board in May 2012. Prior to his appointment as Director, he was the substantive Deputy-Director of the Department but seconded to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning from March 2009 to March 2011 as Technical Advisor to the Minister with responsibility for all cocoa-related issues. He had previously worked with the Agricultural Desk of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning from 1988 to 1999, rising to the position of Senior Economics Officer. He resigned in 1999 to join the Ghana Cocoa Board as Office Manager to the Chief Executive from where he rose to his current position. In 1980, Mr. Quartey graduated with a degree in Development Planning from the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana. Between 1991 and 1993, he earned a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom. He has attended executive management development courses at Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business in the United States of America and the Maastricht School of Management in the Netherlands.

**Joseph Nkole,**

National Coordinator, Cotton Association of Zambia

Mr. Joseph Nkole was born in Kasama, Northern Zambia on 30th April, 1953. He completed his Diploma Course in Agriculture at the Natural Resources Development College in 1974, joined the Ministry of Agriculture as an extension officer until 1978 when he joined the National Agricultural Marketing Board as a Senior District Manager. In 1980, he joined the Lint Company of Zambia (LINTCO) as a Provincial Marketing Officer in charge of the Southern Province and later as Provincial Manager for Eastern Province up to 1992 when he was promoted to become the Cotton Development Manager at Head Office in Lusaka, up to the time of the privatization of LINTCO in 1996. After working for LONRHO Cotton Zambia Limited for 3 months, he operated a Cotton Outgrower Company in Eastern, Central and Southern Provinces called Cotton Marketing Ltd. (COTMARK Ltd) in 1996 up to 2000 when it went into voluntary liquidation. He was appointed National Coordinator for the Cotton Association of Zambia in 2005, the position he still holds today.

**Thomas Lines,**

International Consultant

Mr. Thomas Lines has followed the commodity markets for more than 30 years, first as a journalist, then as a lecturer at Edinburgh University and more recently as a consultant for the U.N. and non-governmental organisations. Since 2008 he has examined the relationship between world food prices and food security in particular. His book, *Making Poverty: A History*, was published by Zed Books in 2008.

**Andrey Kuleshov,**

Senior Project Manager, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam

Mr. Andrey Kuleshov is an economist with over 15 years of experience in commodity project identification, financing and management. His past and current interest areas include agricultural commodity value chains, commodity finance and risk management, market instability and financialization of commodities. Mr. Kuleshov has worked at the Common Fund for Commodities since 1996. Prior to that, he was working as economist in Oxford Economics, United Kingdom. He holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1994) and a Masters' degree in applied mathematics from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (1989). Mr. Kuleshov holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation, CFA Institute (2002).

**Remco Fischer,**

Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative, Geneva

Mr. Remco Fischer joined UNEP Finance Initiative in October 2006 and is currently responsible for the Initiative's strategy and activities on climate change. In this capacity he conceptualises, coordinates and oversees a wide range of groups and projects aimed at aligning the operations of the finance sector with economic development which is 'low-carbon' and 'climate-resilient'. Activities include policy engagement at international and national levels, the development of tools and guidelines, as well as research and training. He holds a BA Honours in Business Administration and Economics from Napier University in Edinburgh and a German Diploma (MSc) from Aachen University of Applied Sciences, and is fluent in English, German, French and Spanish.



Betty-Ann BRYCE,

Policy Analyst, Rural and Regional Programme Unit, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris
Ms. Betty-Ann Bryce is a policy analyst with the Rural and Regional Development Unit within the Regional Development Policy Division of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD. Since joining the OECD in 2007, she has contributed to the OECD Rural Policy Reviews of the Netherlands (2008), Finland (2008) and Scotland (2008). She coordinated and co-authored the Rural Policy Review of Italy (2009), Strategies to improve Rural Service Delivery (2010), the Rural Review of England (2011) and the OECD Green Growth Study linking renewable energy to rural development (2012). She is currently working on a multi-level governance study of six provinces in Italy and a study on rural-urban partnerships. Besides publications, she coordinates the OECD events related to rural issues, including the OECD annual rural development conference series. A lawyer licensed to practice in the United States (New York, State and Federal Courts), Ms. Bryce worked in litigation management in the United States before joining the OECD. In addition to a Juris Doctorate, she holds a Masters in Economic and Territorial Development from the L'Institut d'Etudes Politique de Paris (Sciences-Po), and a Masters in Economic and Political Development from Columbia University, School of International Public Affairs.



Christophe Bellmann,

Programmes Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva

Mr. Christophe BELLMANN is the Programmes Director at ICTSD. Mr. Bellmann joined ICTSD in 1998, first as Programme Officer for Outreach and Partnership, then as Director of Policy Dialogues and finally, since 2002, as Programmes Director. In his current position, he is responsible for fundraising, management and overall supervision of ICTSD's research, dialogue and capacity building programmes in Geneva and in the regions. Before joining ICTSD, Mr. Bellmann worked for the Swiss Coalition of Development Organisations, where he was responsible for activities on multilateral trade and sustainable development. During that time he produced several papers and articles related among others to public participation in the WTO, possible multilateral disciplines on foreign direct investment, trade preferences for developing countries, agriculture trade reform and trade-related technical assistance. Mr. Bellmann has also worked as a Research Associate at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile, on the relationship between trade and the environment. Mr. Bellmann has edited and published a wide range of books, articles and opinion pieces in English, French and Spanish on trade and sustainable development. He holds an MA in International Relations from the Graduate Institute for International Studies in Geneva. Mr. Bellmann is a citizen of Switzerland.



Bas de Leeuw,

Managing Director, World Resources Forum (WRF), St. Gallen, Switzerland

Mr. Bas de Leeuw is Managing Director of WRF, based in Switzerland. Before joining WRF in 2011 he was Executive Director of the Donella Meadows Sustainability Institute, based in Vermont, United States. Bas has worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in Paris, France, from 1998 to 2009, where he initiated and managed a number of initiatives, including the Ten-Year Framework on Sustainable Consumption and Production, the International Life Cycle Panel, and the International Resource Panel. He served as Head of the Strategy Unit and Head of Integrated Resource Management, and was Head of the Secretariat of both the Life Cycle Panel and the Resource Panel. He also set up the UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production and represented UNEP in its Board. Bas has also worked as a national expert for the OECD, for which he drafted a policy document on sustainable consumption policies. Bas de Leeuw is a Dutch economist from the Rotterdam Erasmus University and has held various positions in the Dutch government (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment) between 1985 and 1997.



Robert Piller,

Director, Auprès Consult

Mr. Robert Piller launched Auprès Consult in 2003, the company's services resulting from his twenty-plus year career managing trade finance, structured finance, credit and country risk, and financing working capital. Having worked across industries – commodity trading, insurance, banking, and consulting – he can draw laterally on a broad spectrum of concepts and tools to be applied in varying financial contexts. To date, Mr. Piller has been invited to speak at 19 conferences and seminars on the implications of Basel II for Trade Credit and Political Risk Insurance. Prior to founding Auprès Consult, Robert Piller was a Vice-President in Andersen's Business Risk Consulting practice in Switzerland, where he was developing new services in the areas of receivables, trade credit, and working capital management. From 1993 to 2000, Robert Piller held managerial positions in finance and risk management within the commodity trading sector for Vitol S.A. and Cargill International S.A. At Vitol he was a leading member of the policy-setting Corporate Finance Committee. Prior to this, he served as finance director for Vitol's non-ferrous metals trading subsidiary. At Cargill, he co-led a team providing internal consulting services on trade finance and credit risk management. Mr. Piller began his career in New York in 1983 underwriting political risk insurance. At AIG, he progressed to manage the underwriting of the trade finance and contract-related covers of political risk insurance. Accepting a position with a merchant bank in London in 1989, he broadened his experience in structured trade, project, and aircraft finance. Since 1999, Robert Piller has been an adjunct professor in the Geneva MBA programme of Webster University (St. Louis, Missouri) and has lectured in the International Commodity Management programme of the Haute Ecole de Gestion in Geneva. Robert Piller holds a BA in Government and International Relations from the University of Notre Dame (Indiana) and earned an MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business.