

BIOGRAPHIES

MODERATOR

Ambassador Chad Blackman (Barbados, WTO)



His Excellency Chad Blackman is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva.

Ambassador Blackman has worked in the international development sector for over fifteen years, and has engaged as an international trade law specialist and development consultant respectively. Prior to his tenure in Geneva, he was Legal Consultant and Partner in a Caribbean Law Firm, where he led on issues of international trade, shipping and data protection laws.

Currently, Ambassador Blackman is the Chair for the Trade and Environment Committee in the World Trade Organization (WTO). He chairs the SIDS Group in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), is the Americas Coordinator for the Government Group in the ILO, and is a UN International Gender Champion.

Ambassador Blackman is a British trained international trade law specialist, has undertaken both the LLB Law and LLM International Trade Law at the University of Essex in the UK, and is an Associate member of the London-based Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

SPEAKERS

David Vivas Eugui (UNCTAD)



David Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer at the Director's Office, Division of International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD.

He is an attorney with more than 25 years of experience on trade, environment, oceans economy, intellectual property, and sustainable development. He possesses strong managerial, leadership and negotiations skills and more than 15 years of experience in strategic planning, programmatic design, implementation, team building, fundraising and setting of impact assessment systems.

He was also Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Legal Officer at the Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy and the Trade and Environment Branches at UNCTAD; Deputy

Programmes Director at ICTSD; Senior Attorney at CIEL; Attaché for Legal Affairs at the Mission of Venezuela to the WTO and Staff Attorney at the Venezuelan Institute of Foreign Trade.

He has a J.D. at the Universidad Católica Andres Bello, Venezuela, a L.L.M. at Georgetown University in the United States, and Master degree on Transnational Business at Universidad Externado, Colombia.

Diana Barrowclough (UNCTAD)



Diana V. Barrowclough is Senior Economist in the Globalization and Development Division, UNCTAD.

In addition to co-authoring the Trade and Development Report, she is currently managing research on structural transformation, finance and development with a focus on the South-South initiatives and financial and industrial policies for a green New Deal.

She was educated at the University of Cambridge (PhD Economics) and University of Auckland (MA, BA Economics and Political Science). Recent publications related to this event include *Making Banks Work Better for Development* (Chapter 6, Trade and Development Report 2019, UNCTAD); *Transforming the Global Plastic Economy*, with Carolyn Deere Birkbeck (Oxford University, Global Economic Governance Programme); *Plastic Production and Trade in Small States and SIDS: The Shift Towards a Circular Economy*, International Trade Working Paper 2021/01, Commonwealth Secretariat, with David Vivas Eugui (2021); and *Southern-Led Development Finance: Solutions from the Global South* (2020, Routledge; edited with K. Gallagher and R. Kozul-Wright).

Luigi Cabrini (GSTC)



Luigi Cabrini is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council since 2014.

Mr Cabrini led several initiatives on sustainable tourism at global level, focusing his activities on tourism and climate change, tourism and biodiversity, observatories for sustainable tourism, the green economy, tourism and heritage and global partnerships.

He was the Director of the UNWTO (World Tourism Organization) Sustainable Tourism Programme, Director for Europe and Secretary of the General Assembly and Executive Council.

From 2014 to 2018 he was an Advisor to the Secretary-General of the UNWTO. Before joining the UNWTO he has been engaged during 20 years in United Nations programmes for development and for protection of refugees, in Guatemala, Mexico, Somalia and Pakistan.

He was UNHCR Representative in Poland and Spain. Luigi Cabrini is fluent in Italian, English, French and Spanish and has basic knowledge of Russian and Polish. He is the author of various articles and papers.

Henrique Pacini (UNCTAD)



Henrique Pacini is an economist at UNCTAD in Geneva.

His work focuses on trade & circular economy dimensions. Since 2019, he has been part of the core team responsible for the Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Pollution (SMEP) programme.

Dr Pacini has a degree in economics from the University of São Paulo, a M.A. in European Studies from Hochschule Bremen, and a Ph.D. in energy technology from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH – Sweden).

He recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University, where he co-chaired the University’s first Circular Economy Symposium. Dr Pacini published over 30 articles on environment, trade and development issues, and has worked for various private and public institutions, including the European Commission and the Brazilian government.

Imega Breese McNab (Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica)



Imega Breese McNab is the Executive Director of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica.

Mrs. Breese McNab is known for her extensive experience in building membership organisations through partnerships, and for her innovative skills in fostering constructive relationships among stakeholders.

She previously served as Executive Director of the Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association (JMEA). While at the JMEA she expanded the reach and impact of the biennial trade show, Expo Jamaica; negotiated to help manufacturers retain incentives; helped lead the amalgamation of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association (JMA) and the Jamaica Exporters’ Association (JEA) to form the Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association (JMEA).

Mrs. Breese McNab grew up in the quaint parish of Hanover, in the fishing village of Sandy Bay. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, with a minor in economics in 2002 and a master’s degree in governance from the University of the West Indies.