

**Panel 8. Means of Implementation: Financing for development
and partnerships for decent work (1 April 2015, 4:15 – 5:45)**

BIOGRAPHIES



H.E. Mr. George Wilfred Talbot

Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations, and Co-Facilitator of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Moderator)

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Talbot was Chargé d'affaires ai at the Permanent Mission of Guyana in New York, where he also held the rank of Minister Counsellor, having previously been Second Secretary and First Secretary.

Mr. Talbot has held a variety of posts related to multilateral diplomacy, working on economic, social and political issues. He headed the delegation in New York when Guyana held the Chair of the Union of South American Nations in 2011, and the Rio Group in 2006. He was also a member of the delegation when the country chaired the Group of 77 and China, in 1999.

His work with several intergovernmental bodies within the United Nations system includes holding the positions of Vice-President of the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries; Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests; Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development; and Vice-President of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund Executive Board.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993. Mr. Talbot holds a master's degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a Bachelor's degree in modern languages from the University of Guyana. He speaks English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.



H.E. Dr. Rania Antonopoulos

Alternate Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity, Greece

Dr. Rania Antonopoulos has been appointed as the Alternate Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity of Greece after running for parliament as a member of parliament with the Syriza party, which won Greece's general elections on January 25. A specialist in gender and macroeconomic policy, pro-poor development, and social protection, she has collaborated with the Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE/GSEE) on a pilot public service jobs program that was adopted by the Ministry of Labour and put into effect in 2012. She has collaborated with Government and International Development Organizations on programming of public works/job guarantee initiatives and specifically on the micro-macro positive synergies of large-scale programs (in Mexico, South Africa, India).

A Senior Scholar, Ms. Antonopoulos served as the director of the Gender Equality and the Economy program at the Levy Institute. She specializes in macro-micro linkages of gender and economics, international competition, and globalization; job guarantee policies and their macroeconomic and employment impacts; social protection and poverty reduction; and the implications of paid and unpaid work on poverty indicators. Antonopoulos has served as the macroeconomic policy adviser for UN Women, expert adviser and consultant for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and, since 2002, as a co-director of the GEM-IWG Knowledge Networking Program on Engendering Macroeconomics and International Economics.



Prof. Dr. Robert Shiller

Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics, Yale University

Robert J. Shiller is Sterling Professor of Economics, [Department of Economics](#) and [Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics](#), Yale University, and Professor of Finance and Fellow at the International Center for Finance, Yale School of Management. He received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1967 and his Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1972. He has written on financial markets, financial innovation, behavioral economics, macroeconomics, real estate, statistical methods, and on public attitudes, opinions, and moral judgments regarding markets.

His repeat-sales home price indices, developed originally with Karl E. Case, are now produced by [CoreLogic](#) and published as the [S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices](#). The Chicago Mercantile Exchange now maintains [futures markets based on the S&P/Case-Shiller Indices](#).

He has been research associate, [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) since 1980, and has been co-organizer of NBER workshops: on [behavioral finance](#) with Richard Thaler since 1991, and on [macroeconomics and individual decision making](#) (behavioral macroeconomics) with George Akerlof 1994-2007.

He was awarded the [Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences jointly with Eugene Fama and Lars Peter Hansen](#) in 2013.

He served as Vice President of the [American Economic Association](#), 2005 and President of the [Eastern Economic Association](#), 2006-07. He was elected President of the [American Economic Association](#) for 2016. He writes a regular column "[Finance in the 21st Century](#)" for [Project Syndicate](#), which publishes around the world, and "[Economic View](#)" for *The New York Times*.



Mr. Martin Khor

Executive Director, South Centre

Mr. Martin Khor is the Executive Director of the South Centre. Prior to this, he was the Director of the Third World Network (TWN), a leading developing-country civil society organization involved in research and publications in trade, environment and development issues. He was also the Editor of the South-North Development Monitor (SUNS). He is a member of the United Nations Committee on Development Policy.

Previously, he served as a member of the Board of the South Centre (1996-2002), the Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy, the International Task Force on Climate Change (2003-2005), the Commonwealth Expert Group on Democracy and Development (2002-2003), the United Nations Secretary-General's Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements in the United Nations System (1998), and the intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on the Right to Development under the UN Commission on Human Rights (as Vice-Chairman in 1996 and as a member in 1997).

He was educated in Economics in Cambridge University (U.K.) and the Universiti Sains Malaysia. He has authored many books and papers on trade, sustainable development, intellectual property rights, and development. Formerly, he had also worked as Research Director of the Consumers' Association of Penang and as a lecturer in the Universiti Sains Malaysia.



Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright (*discussant*)

Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Richard Kozul-Wright is director of the Globalisation and Development Strategies Division in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He has worked at the United Nations in both New York and Geneva. He holds a Ph.D in economics from the University of Cambridge UK.
