

Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

Substantive informal session on Debt Crisis Prevention and Resolution

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BIOGRAPHIES

Hugh Bredenkamp is Deputy Director of the IMF's Strategy, Policy and Review Department, which develops the policies of the institution and oversees their implementation in country operations. Following an M.Sc. at the London School of Economics, he began his career as an economic advisor to the U.K. Treasury from 1982-88. Since joining the IMF, he has worked on countries in Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia, and Africa, where he was mission chief for Ghana. On the policy side, he helped develop the international debt relief initiative for low-income countries in the mid-1990s, and is currently overseeing the Fund's work on its lending facilities and on sovereign debt. Before taking up his current assignment, he served as the IMF's senior resident representative in Turkey.

Andrew Powell, is the Principal Advisor in the Research Department (RES). He holds a Ba, MPhil. and DPhil. (PhD) from the University of Oxford. Through 1994 he dedicated himself to academia in the United Kingdom as Prize Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford and Associate Professor (Lecturer) at London University and the University of Warwick. In 1995, he joined the Central Bank of Argentina and was named Chief Economist in 1996. He represented Argentina as a G20/G22 deputy and as member of three G22 working groups (on crisis resolution, financial system strengthening and transparency) in the late 1990's. In 2001, he returned to academia, joining the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires as Professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Finance. He has been a Visiting Scholar at the World Bank, IMF and Harvard University. He joined the IDB's Research Department in 2005 as Lead Research Economist in 2008 and served as Regional Economic Advisor for the Caribbean Region until returning to the Research Department as the Principal Advisor. He has published numerous academic papers in leading economic journals in areas including commodity markets, risk management, the role of multilaterals, regulation, banking and international finance

Richard Kozul-Wright is Director of the Globalisation and Development Strategies Division in UN 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 and has published widely on economic issues including, inter alia, in the Economic Journal, the Cambridge Journal of Economics, The Journal of Development Studies, and the Oxford Review of Economic Policy. His latest book is the Resistible Rise of Market Fundamentalism (with Paul Rayment) and he has also edited volumes on Transnational Corporations and the Global Economy, Economic Insecurity and Development, Securing Peace, Climate Protection and Development, and Industrial Policy.

Richard Gitlin, an international restructuring lawyer, now runs his own advisory firm, Gitlin & Company, LLC. He is currently serving as a Senior Fellow with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

Mr. Gitlin has served as advisor to several countries regarding the modernization of their insolvency laws, including Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and Mexico. He has also served as President or Chairman of INSOL, American Bankruptcy Institute and American College of Bankruptcy.

Mr. Gitlin, along with Brett House, are the proponents of the Sovereign Debt Forum.