

## **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE PANELISTS**

**(in alphabetical order)**

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**Mr. Joachim von Amsberg**  
**Vice President, Operations Policy and Country Services**  
**World Bank**

Joachim von Amsberg, a German national, has held various positions in Washington and in the World Bank's country offices.

He was Country Director for Indonesia for the last three years, overseeing one of the Bank's largest country programs and country offices. He supported the Government of Indonesia's efforts to improve the investment climate and service delivery to the poor through stronger governance; and led the Bank's relationships and engagement with Indonesia, its Government, and other stakeholders, in close collaboration with IFC and MIGA.

As Country Director for the Philippines from 2004 -2007, Joachim von Amsberg led a new World Bank strategy for enhanced support to the Philippines. This strategy supported "Islands of Good Governance," demonstrating how improved accountability and service delivery would lead to better economic and social outcomes. Under this strategy, World Bank programs were scaled up significantly, aligned more closely with the country's own priorities, and implemented, as far as possible, through the country's own systems and institutions.

Joachim von Amsberg began his career at the Bank in 1993 as an Economist and Young Professional. He worked on environmental programs and policy studies from 1994-97 for Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay, as well as on policy studies in Egypt. Subsequently, he worked for many years on the Bank's Brazil program: as sector economist working on policy studies and projects in environmental management, rural and urban development; as country economist from 1997-2001 in the Brasilia country office focusing primarily on poverty strategies and policies; and from 2001-2004 as Lead Economist in Washington, where he led the economic policy dialogue, analytical and advisory assistance and adjustment lending programs for the Government of Brazil.

Joachim von Amsberg was a member of the steering committee that oversaw the preparation of the World Bank's Governance and Anti-Corruption Strategy. He was also an integral part of several task forces to strengthen the World Bank's programs in support of middle income countries.

Joachim von Amsberg holds a Ph.D. in Finance and Economic Policy from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; an M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the Technische Universität Berlin, Germany; and an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of British Columbia.



**Ms. Sarah Cliffe**  
**Director and Special Representative**  
**World Bank**

Sarah Cliffe has worked for the last twenty years in countries emerging from conflict and political transition, covering Afghanistan, Burundi, CAR, DRC, Guinea Bissau, Ethiopia, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Rwanda, Sudan, South Africa, and Timor-Leste.

Prior to joining the Bank, she worked for the United Nations Development Program in Rwanda, the Government of South Africa, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as for a major management consultancy company in the United Kingdom on public sector reform issues. She holds degrees in History and Economic Development from Cambridge and Columbia Universities.

Since joining the Bank, her work has covered post-conflict reconstruction, community driven development and civil service reform. She was chief of mission for the Bank's program in Timor-Leste from 1999 to 2002; led the Bank's Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group from 2002 to 2007 and was Director of Operations for East Asia and the Pacific from 2007 to 2009. She is now Special Representative and Director for the World Development Report on Conflict, Security and Development.

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**Mr. Jorge Familiar Calderón**  
**Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World**  
**Bank Group and Acting Secretary of the Development**  
**Committee**

Jorge Familiar Calderón, a Mexican national, is the Chief Executive Officer of the *Instituto del Fondo Nacional para el Consumo de los Trabajadores (Instituto FONACOT)*. The *Instituto Fonacot*, a government-owned financial institution with 1 million clients and a loan portfolio of \$1 billion, grants consumer loans to workers, guarantees their access to finance and fosters financial literacy. Jorge Familiar Calderón was appointed CEO by President Felipe Calderón in February 2009.

Jorge Familiar Calderón previously served on the World Bank's Board as Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director for Mexico from 2004-2008. As chairman of the Board's Working Group on Governance, he led efforts to reform the code of conduct for board officials and develop proposals to reform internal governance. He was also a member of the Board's Development Effectiveness, Governance and Administrative Matters, and Ethics Committees.

Prior to taking up his position on the World Bank Board, Jorge Familiar Calderón served in the Banking and Securities Commission of Mexico (CNBV). In 1999 he was appointed Vice-chairman of Securities and Derivatives Markets Supervision and a member of the Board of Governors. Jorge Familiar Calderón played a critical role in the design, negotiation and implementation of several key pieces of regulation, including the current Securities Market Law, and the Mutual Funds Law.

Jorge Familiar Calderón is a member of the Committee of Best Practices of Corporate Governance of the Mexican Business Coordinating Council and a former member of the Accounting Principles Commission of the Mexican Institute of Public Accountants.

Jorge Familiar Calderón holds a Master's Degree in Finance and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the Instituto *Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)* where he graduated with honors. He lectured on finance at *ITAM* and was a member of the Advisory Board for the Accounting and Strategic Finance Program.

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**Mr. Charles Gore**

**Head, Policy Analysis and Research Branch, Division for LDCs, Africa and Special Programmes, UNCTAD**

Charles Gore has been directing the research for UNCTAD's *Least Developed Countries Report* since 1999. Originally trained in economic geography, Dr. Gore first worked for UNCTAD in 1984 after the publication of his book *Regions in Question: Space, Development Theory and Regional Policy*. During the 1980s, he helped to re-formulate UNCTAD's analytical approach to the development problems of landlocked countries on the basis of comparative economic analysis and enterprise-level research on the production and marketing strategies of major exporters and importers in some African landlocked countries. In the 1990s he elaborated UNCTAD's initial analysis of the role of the government in East Asian development success for the *Trade and Development Report 1994* and he also coordinated research on policy lessons of East Asian development for Africa, which was published in the *Trade and Development Report 1998*. He has also worked in the ILO where he coordinated an international research project on the implications of social exclusion for the design of anti-poverty strategy as part of the activities related to the World Social Summit.

Dr. Gore holds a doctorate from Pennsylvania State University, USA, and an M.A. from Cambridge University, UK. He was a Lecturer in Development Studies at the University of Wales from 1976-1991, and in that role he assisted in the design of various pioneering policy-oriented development studies courses and advised on higher education links between UK and Ghana in the field of development studies. He is the author and editor of various books and articles on the subjects of globalization, development strategies and poverty. His article, "The Rise and Fall of the Washington Consensus as a Paradigm for Developing Countries", has regularly been one of the top 20 most downloaded articles in the journal *World Development*.

Dr. Gore is a member of the UN Experts Group of the Millennium Project and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Graduate Institute of Development Studies in Geneva.



**H.E. Mr. Vanu Gopala Menon**  
**Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations**  
**and Convener of the *Global Governance Group (3G)***

Vanu Gopala Menon, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, presented his credentials to Secretary-General on 16 September 2004.

Since December 2001, Mr. Menon had been serving as Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, while concurrently accredited as his country's Ambassador to Turkey.

Mr. Menon joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in June 1985. He served as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Singapore in New York from March 1988 to April 1991, and as Counsellor and later Minister-Counsellor in the Singapore High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from November 1994 to November 1997.

On his return to Ministry headquarters, he was appointed Senior Deputy Director at the Policy, Planning and Analysis Directorate in December 1997, and became its Director a year later.

Mr. Menon graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1985, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1994, he obtained a Master of Science in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, United Kingdom, on a Raffles Scholarship.

Born on 8 September 1960, Mr. Menon is married and has a son.

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**H.E. Mr. Luis Manuel Piantini Munnigh**  
**President of the Trade and Development Board**  
**UNCTAD**

Ambassador Piantini, who assumed the Presidency of the TDB at the opening of its 57th session, replaces outgoing President Jean Feyder of Luxembourg.

Before assuming his current ambassadorial post, Mr. Piantini served his government as Ambassador and Advisor of the Dominican Republic Chancellor (2004-2008) and Representative of the Dominican Government in the Executive Committee of the Central American Integration System (2005-2008).

Prior to that, he was Technical Undersecretary of the Presidency (1985-1986); Director of the National Planning Office (1984-1985); and Assistant to the Economic Advisor of the Executive Branch (1977-1978).

He also has held positions as Vice-Governor of the Banco Central (1994-2003); as member of the Board of Directors of the Banco de Reservas of the Dominican Republic (1994-2003); as President of the Banco del Comercio S.A. (1996); as Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank (1991-1992); and as Advisor to the Executive Director (1992-1993), Alternate Executive Director (1989-1991), and Assistant to the Executive Director (1986-1989) of the International Monetary Fund.

He holds an economics degree (1973) from Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University in Santo Domingo and has published numerous articles on economics in specialized journals and in the Dominican press. He also published a book of poetry, *Jailed Light*, in 2000. Ambassador Piantini was born on 9 February 1950.

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**Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi**  
**Director, Trade and Development Division**  
**World Trade Organization**

Prior to his current position Shishir Priyadarshi was an agriculture consultant on the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the South Centre. He also worked with the Government of India for nearly 20 years, spending time in the Cabinet Office dealing with issues relating to the WTO and the Agreement on Agriculture on India's domestic agriculture production, and as counselor with the Indian Mission to the WTO in Geneva.

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**Mr. Siddharth Tiwari**  
**Secretary of the International Monetary and Financial**  
**Committee, International Monetary Fund**

Siddharth Tiwari, an India national, has a more than 20-year career at the IMF, holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Delhi, a master's from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago. Previously he was the Director at the Office of Budget and Planning.

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**H.E. Mr. Serge Tomasi**  
**Director for Development, Ministry of Foreign and**  
**European Affairs, France**  
**Co-Chair of the *G20 Development Working Group***

Born on May 1959, Serge Tomasi, Counsellor of Foreign Affairs, is a graduate from Ecole Nationale d'Administration ((National School of Administration – promotion Condorcet 1992), he holds a degree in Private Law from Grenoble University, and graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Lyon, Economics and Business program.

Serge Tomasi has devoted his whole career to International cooperation.

He has been appointed in Senegal (Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs) and in New York (Financial Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations). He then became Deputy Director of Development and Technical Cooperation at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs before being transferred to the Ministry for Economy, Industry and Employment as a Financial Counsellor for Africa.

On May 2009 he has been appointed Director for Global Economy and Development at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

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**Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg**  
**Vice President, Concessional Finance & Global Partnership, World Bank**

Axel van Trotsenburg assumed his functions as World Bank Vice-President for Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships on August 17, 2009. As Vice President for Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships, Mr. van Trotsenburg leads policy negotiations and replenishment processes for the International Development Association (IDA) and the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC)

Initiative, and co-chairs the replenishment process for the Global Environment Facility (GEF). He has policy oversight of the World Bank's trust fund portfolio and oversees a wide range of global initiatives and innovative financing mechanisms with which the Bank is involved in various capacities, such as the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), the International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm), and the pilot Advance Market Commitment (AMC) for pneumococcal vaccines.

Prior to that, he was Country Director for Colombia and Mexico (July 2007-July 2009), where he was responsible for the Bank's programs in both countries, and from mid 2002 until mid 2007, he was Country Director for Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, and based in Buenos Aires. He managed the delivery of a large lending program, involving 55 new projects for about US\$7.5 billion, and of a large program of analytical services, involving about 70 studies on a wide-range of development topics.

From 1996 until end of 2001, Mr. van Trotsenburg was Senior Manager of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative, the largest and most comprehensive debt relief program for poor countries.

In other previous assignments at the Bank, he was also Senior Country Economist for Côte d'Ivoire and Country Economist for Guatemala. Mr. van Trotsenburg joined the Bank through the Young Professionals Program in 1988. Before joining the Bank, he worked at the OECD in Paris.

Axel van Trotsenburg is both Dutch and Austrian. He holds masters and doctorate degrees in economics and a masters degree in international affairs. He is married and has two children.

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**Mr. Robert Vos**  
**Director, Policy Analysis and Development Division**  
**UN-DESA**

Rob Vos joined the United Nations in 2005 as Director of DPAD. Before joining the UN, he was a Professor of Finance and Development at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and Professor of Development Economics at the Free University Amsterdam. Between 1999 and 2002, he was Deputy Rector of the Institute of Social Studies. He has also worked as a senior economist at the Inter-American Development Bank where he co-founded the Inter-American Institute for Social Development (INDES) and initiated the programme on improving surveys of living conditions in Latin America (MECOVI). He has also been a visiting professor at numerous universities in and outside of Europe. He has worked as an advisor and consultant to numerous academic institutions and governments in Latin America, Africa and Asia. His academic and advisory work covers a broad range of development issues, including trade policy, inequality and poverty; financing for development; poverty and social policy analysis; and macroeconomic and general equilibrium modeling for development policy. His most recent books include *Uneven Economic Development* (with José Antonio Ocampo, Longman Oriental/Zed Books, 2007); *Growth Divergences* (with José Antonio Ocampo and Jomo K.S., Longman Oriental/Zed Books, 2007), *Who gains from Free Trade in Latin America?* (Routledge, 2006), and *Illusions and Disillusions with Pro-Poor Growth* (SIDA, 2006).

Rob Vos is a national of the Netherlands and has a Ph.D in Economics from the Free University Amsterdam.