

Preparatory Process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development

Substantive informal session on domestic public finance: Mainstreaming sustainable development criteria and effective use of public finance

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Speaker Biographies

Morning Session

Prof. Atul Kohli, Princeton University is the David K.E. Bruce Professor of International Affairs and Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. His principal research interests are in the areas of comparative political economy with a focus on the developing countries. He is the author of *Poverty amid Plenty in the New India* (2012); *State-Directed Development: Political Power and Industrialization in the Global Periphery* (2004); *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability* (1991); and *The State and Poverty in India* (1987). He is Chief Editor of the journal, *World Politics*. During 2009-10 he served as the Vice President of the American Political Science Association.

Mr. Benedict Clements is Division Chief for the Expenditure Policy Division of the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was previously a Division Chief in the Western Hemisphere Department, where he led IMF country teams working on Brazil and Colombia. He has worked at the IMF since 1991. Mr. Clements has published extensively in economic journals and has authored/co-authored a number of books. The most recent ones are "The Economics of Public Health Care Reform in Advanced and Emerging Economies" (2012); "Energy Subsidy Reform: Lessons and Implications" (2013); and "Equitable and Sustainable Pensions: Challenges and Experience" (2014), all published by the IMF.

Mr. Luis María Capellano has been Undersecretary of Public Revenue in the Ministry of Economy and Public Finance of Argentina since 2010. His delegate was nominated by the Ministry of Economy and Public Finance of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs of the OECD. Prior to this appointment, he served as General Underdirector Of Planning in Federal Administration of Public Revenue. He is Certified Public Accountant and also got a Master degree in Tax Law.

Mr. Pekka Ruuhonen was appointed as the new Director-General of the Finnish Tax Administration on 15 November 2012. Prior to the appointment, he was a Senior Director at the Tax Administration. He is widely experienced in management and development tasks within the Tax Administration. At present, Mr. Ruuhonen is the head of the nationwide Corporate Taxation Unit and the first deputy of the Director-General.

Ms. Alvin Mosioma is the Director of Tax Justice Network Africa whose Secretariat is based in Nairobi. She has developed the strategic direction of Network including the determination of policy priorities and led in successful fund raising to ensure financial sustainability of the Network. She got a masters degree in development economics from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz in Germany.

Afternoon Session

Mr. Benedict Clements is Division Chief for the Expenditure Policy Division of the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was previously a Division Chief in the Western Hemisphere Department, where he led IMF country teams working on Brazil and Colombia.

Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro is the Deputy Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations (New York) and Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Interagency Coordination Board since October 2012. He is currently representing the ILO in the UN discussions related to the post 2015 development agenda, social protection, youth employment and migration issues and is the ILO Sherpa to the G20 Development Working Group. Before moving to New York, MrPinheiro served as senior social protection adviser to the ILO the Director General in Geneva. Since 2010, he was part of the ILO Sherpa G20 Team to the G20 and acted as Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group.

Mr. Rainer Kattel is the Professor of Innovation Policy in Tallinn University of Technology. He is one of the main protagonists of the Estonian innovation strategy and policy (especially as concerns Biotechnology and ICT); he was a member of the Innovation Policy Council, Research and Development Council of the Republic of Estonia, as well as a member of the Estonian Biotechnology Expert Group of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Internationally, Kattel has worked mostly as a consultant for the UNDP (e.g. national development plans of Moldova and Kazakhstan). Between 2002 and 2006, Kattel was also Senior Research Fellow at Estonia's leading public policy think-tank, PRAXIS. Kattel is a founding member of the executive board of The Other Canon, a center and network for heterodox economics research, along with Wolfgang Drechsler and main founder and executive chairman Erik Reinert.

Ms. Claire Schouten just joined International Budget Partnership. Before that she worked for the Network for Integrity in Reconstruction in Integrity Action's London office. She also worked as a humanitarian affairs officer with the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) where she reported on developments in the eastern region and interacted with various agencies and authorities to deliver assistance. She has also worked as a consultant with the United Nations Volunteers' External Relations Group in Bonn and Representation Office in New York in the follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers 2001. In the summer of 2006, Claire contributed to the UK Department for International Development's Drivers of Change Study on the Democratic Republic of Congo and researched inter-organizational coordination in complex emergencies.

Mr. William Dorotinsky is the Acting Director of the Governance and Public Sector Management Practice and Leader of the Public Sector Performance Global Expert Team of the World Bank. He was previously the Sector Manager for Public Sector Institutional Reform and Governance in the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia Region. He has also served as Deputy Division Chief in the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department, where he co-founded the IMF's Public Financial Management blog. He has led public expenditure work worldwide and was central to the development of the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) framework.