

# **Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development**

## **Substantive informal session: “Closing data gaps and strengthening statistical capabilities”**

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### **Presenter Biographies**

**Mr. James Manyika (moderator)** is a director of the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey & Company’s business and economics research arm, and one of its three global co-leaders. James is also a director (senior partner) at McKinsey, where he is one of the leaders of McKinsey’s Global High Tech, Media and Telecom Practice. He was appointed by President Obama to serve on the President’s Global Development Council. In 2011, he was appointed by the US Secretary of Commerce to serve on a 15-member national Innovation Advisory Board. Mr. Manyika also serves on the boards of the Aspen Institute, the Oxford Internet Institute, UC Berkeley’s School of Information (iSchool), Harvard’s Du Bois Institute for African and African-American Research, the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo, the World Affairs Council, and Techonomy Media. James is a non-resident senior fellow of the Brookings Institution and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to McKinsey, he was on the engineering faculty and a fellow at Balliol College, Oxford University.

**Dr. Ranjit Tinaikar** is Managing Director of the Advisory and Investment Management business at Thomson Reuters. His team is focused on market data solutions for Asset Managers, Investment Bankers, and Wealth Managers, globally. Prior to joining Thomson Reuters in 2012, Ranjit was a Senior Partner at McKinsey and Company where he led the practice in Retail Financial Services and Information Technology. Ranjit has served several major financial services institutions across the US, Canada, UK, India, Vietnam, Singapore and the Middle East. His range of experiences include turning around underperforming services organizations and banks, policy and reform in the public sector, and technology and operations transformations. Ranjit has also held roles in Citibank and faculty positions in Information Systems at Carnegie Mellon University, and Columbia University.

**Ms. Haishan Fu** is the Director of the Development Data Group, in the Development Economics Vice Presidency, at The World Bank. Previously, she had held positions as Director, Statistics Division of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); Chief of Statistics at the Human Development Report Office of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Senior Research Associate at the Guttmacher Institute in New York and Population Affairs Officer at the United Nations Population Division. She holds a doctoral degree in demography from Princeton University and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Peking University.

**Mr. Juan Manuel Valle Pereña** is the Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID). Previously, he has been Head of the Banking, Securities and Savings Unit, Under-Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico. Before that, he held other posts in government, such as Executive Director of

Programs and Products in Financiera Rural and Head of Planning and Special Projects in the Revenues Department of the Finance Ministry; as well as in the private sector, related to loans and financial systems. He has also been the representative of the Mexican Government to international cooperation agencies. He holds a BA in Economics from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), and a Master in Public Policy in economics from Princeton University.

**Mr. Ronald Jansen** is Chief of Trade Statistics and part of the senior management team of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in New York. He is leading the measurement of international trade and economic globalization, and manages the global statistical standards and compilation guidance in these areas. His branch also maintains the UN Comtrade database. Recently he took co-responsibility for leading the Division's work on the use of Big Data for official statistics, which is one of the pillars in the Data Revolution for the post-2015 development agenda. His educational background is in Statistics and Psychology, which he studied at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. Thereafter, he taught Statistics and did his own research at the University of Nijmegen obtaining a PhD in mathematical modelling of human information processing in 1990.

**Ms. Yeşim Şişik** is currently the Director of the Balance of Payments Division at the Statistics Department of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, where she is responsible for external statistics including balance of payments, international investment position, short-term external debt, private sector external debt and other topics. She is also a member of the Balance of Payments Committee (BOPCOM) of the IMF and bureau member of the Working Group of International Investment Statistics (WGIIS) of the OECD since 2010. She previously worked as a consultant in the area of foreign direct investment statistics at the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs of the OECD. She graduated from George Washington University with an MA degree in Economics.

**Mr. Ethan Weisman** currently serves as Deputy Division Chief in the Balance of Payments Division, IMF Statistics Department. He is a lead organizer of the IMF Balance of Payments Committee, and oversees statistical work on reserves-related issues, the IMF Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey, and trade statistics. In addition to 22 years of experience at the IMF Statistics Department, he has worked in a variety of IMF Area Departments (conducting surveillance and program activities). Prior to his experience at the IMF, Mr. Weisman worked for international development banks and UN agencies, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and UNITAR. Mr. Weisman received his Doctorate in International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland and was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia.

**Mr. Papa Seck** is a Statistics and Data Specialist at UN Women. Since joining UN Women in 2009, Papa has led the organisation's statistics and data work. Most recently, Papa has been working on the Evidence and Data for Gender Equality (EDGE) programme, in collaboration with the UN Statistics Division, and in partnership with the World Bank. Prior to joining UN Women, Papa worked for UNDP's Human Development Report Office as a statistics specialist, contributing to three global Human Development Reports on topics related to access to water and sanitation, climate change and migration. He is also the co-editor of a book on the consequences of risk and vulnerability on human development. Before UNDP, Papa worked on land titling evaluation for a World Bank project and taught introductory economics at Hunter College in New York.