

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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**Ruud de Mooij** is Deputy Division Chief in the Tax Policy Division of IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department, where he bears responsibility for much of the analytical work of the Division (including recent work on fiscal policy and inequality and international spillovers from corporate taxation) and contributes to the technical assistance on tax policy to IMF member countries. Before joining the IMF, he was Professor of Public Economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam, in the Netherlands. He has published extensively on taxation issues, including in the *American Economic Review* and the *Journal of Public Economics*. Ruud de Mooij is Research Fellow at the Oxford University Center for Business Taxation, the University of Bergen, ZEW in Mannheim and the CESifo network in Munich; he is also member of the Board of the International Institute of Public Finance and the National Tax Association.



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**Eric Mensah** is the Chief Tax Treaty Negotiator for the Ghana Double Tax Treaty Convention team. Currently, his work also includes Exchange of Information issues and negotiating Tax Information and Exchange Agreements. Mr. Mensah is also a member of the Core Transfer Pricing group responsible for mutual agreement procedures. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Political Science from the University of Ghana, Legon; a Qualifying Certificate in Law from the Ghana School of Law; a Certificate in Business Tax and Modernising Tax Administration from the University of Pretoria in South Africa; a Postgraduate Certificate in Legislative Drafting by the Ghana School of Law and the Commonwealth Secretariat. Mr. Mensah attended various courses in tax treaty negotiations in the Netherlands and in South Africa and on taxation of international transactions in Malaysia, as well as various conferences, including the Global Forum on Tax Treaties in Paris and the International Bar Association annual conferences.



**Vito Tanzi** served as the Undersecretary for Economy and Finance in the Italian Government from 2001 to 2003. Prior, he was the Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 1981 to 2000. Mr. Tanzi started his career at the IMF in 1974 as Chief of the Tax Policy Division. From 1990 to 1994, he also served as President of the International Institute of Public Finance. Before joining the IMF, Mr. Tanzi was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Economics at American University. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University and holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Economics from the George Washington University. He has published widely on fiscal policy and other economic issues in books and journals. An economic effect (the Tanzi effect) is named after him.



**Alexander Trepelkov**, Director of the Financing for Development Office (since January 2010) at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), is responsible for secretariat support to the intergovernmental follow-up process of the 2002 Monterrey Consensus, 2008 Doha Declaration and related outcomes, aimed at promoting policy coherence, coordination and cooperation at all levels in substantive areas of domestic resource mobilization, private capital flows, international trade, official development assistance, external debt and global financial architecture. At present, he leads the preparatory work for the third International Conference on Financing for Development, in the context of post-2015 UN development agenda. His previous assignments at UN Headquarters were in the areas of Financing for

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