Speakers' Biographies

Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

Substantive informal session: "Trade, technology and capacity building and other nonfinancial means of implementation"

Panel 1: Fostering science, technology and innovation

Mr. David O'Connor (moderator) is Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Before joining the UN, O'Connor was Senior Economist at the OECD Development Centre, researching the many areas of sustainable development. He has published on technology issues in developing countries, in particular information technologies. He has also published extensively on industrialization and environmental management, and on climate policies and their co-benefits in developing countries.

Prof. Xiaolan Fu is Founding Director of the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD), Professor of Technology and International Development and Fellow of Green Templeton College, at Oxford. Her research interests include innovation, technology and industrialisation; trade, foreign direct investment and economic development; emerging Asian economies; innovation and productivity in UK/US. Her recent books include China's Path to Innovation, China's Role in Global Economic Recovery, The Rise of Technological Power in the South, and Exports, Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Development in China. She is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies, and serves on the Editorial Boards of Oxford Development Studies, Industrial and Corporate Change, International Journal of Technology Management, and four other international journals. She has published papers in leading international journals including the Journal of Management Studies, World Development, Research Policy, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Small Business Economics, International Business Review, World Economy, and Applied Economics. She received the European Commission Gate2Growth 2005 'European Best Paper' Award.

Prof. William Lazonick is Professor and Director of the University of Massachusetts Center for Industrial Competitiveness and President of The Academic-Industry Research Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Previously he was on the faculties of Harvard University, Columbia University, and INSEAD in France. His book, Sustainable Prosperity in the New Economy? Business Organization and High-Tech Employment in the United States (Upjohn Institute, 2009) won the 2010 Schumpeter Prize. In 1983 and then again in 2010, he was awarded the prize for best article of the year in Business History Review. He is currently

writing a book, The Theory of Innovative Enterprise, to be published by Oxford University Press. Lazonick has a BCom from University of Toronto, MSc in Economics from London School of Economics, PhD in Economics from Harvard University, and honorary doctorate from Uppsala University.

Mr. Khalilur Rahman is Secretary of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries. Since 2012, he has also been head of Policy Development, Coordination and Monitoring Service for the Least Developed Countries at UN-OHRLLS. Previously, he served in UNCTAD as head of Technology and Logistics Division, Management Division, Trade Analysis Branch and its New York Office. During 2007-08, Mr. Rahman was Principal Officer at the Executive Office of the UN Secretary General in charge of Economic and Social Affairs. He joined the United Nations in 1991 as a Special Adviser in UNCTAD dealing with issues of least developed countries. He began his public service career in Bangladesh as a diplomat in 1979, and was posted in the Permanent Mission during 1986-91.

Panel 2: Investment regimes for sustainable development (11:30 am - 1 pm)

Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright (moderator) is Director of the Globalisation and Development Strategies Division of the 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. His latest book is the Resistible Rise of Market Fundamentalism (with Paul Rayment, 2008). 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.

Mr. Jeswald Salacuse is the Henry J. Braker Professor of Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and served as the School's Dean for nine years. He has been a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, held the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Comparative Law in Italy, and taught at universities in Nigeria, Congo, Sudan, the United Kingdom, France, and Spain. Salacuse is president and member of international arbitration tribunals of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and has also been appointed by the President of the World Bank to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators. He is the author of fifteen books, including The Three Laws of International Investment (Oxford University Press 2013), and The Law of Investment Treaties (2010), the second edition of which will appear in 2015.

Ms. Sarah Anderson directs the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC. Her research covers a wide range of international and domestic economic issues, including trade, finance, inequality, and budget policies. She also serves on the Investment Subcommittee of the U.S. State Department's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP). In 2009, this subcommittee carried out a review of the U.S. model bilateral investment treaty. In 2000, she served on the staff of the bipartisan International Financial Institutions Advisory Commission ("Meltzer Commission"), commissioned by the U.S. Congress to evaluate the World Bank and IMF.

Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk is Chief of the Section on International Investment Agreements (IIAs) in UNCTAD's Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE). She leads the Section's work across three pillars of UNCTAD activities, encompassing research and analysis, capacity-building and consensus-building. Prior to joining UNCTAD, Ms Tuerk worked a staff attorney for the Trade and Investment Program of the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL, Geneva). She holds a Magistra Degree in Law and a Magistra Degree in International Management from the Karl-Franzens University, Graz, Austria as well as a Master's Degree (MILE, Masters of International Law and Economics) from the World Trade Institute (WTI) in Bern, Switzerland.

Panel 3: Trade regimes for sustainable development (3 pm - 6 pm)

Mr. William Milberg (moderator) is Dean of The New School for Social Research, the university's graduate division of social sciences. He twice served as chair of the New School's economics department (1998-2001, 2009-2012). His research focuses on globalization, outsourcing, employment and income distribution, international trade policy, and the history and philosophy of economics. His latest book is Outsourcing Economics: Global Value Chains in Capitalist Development (Cambridge University Press, 2013). He has served as a consultant to the International Labor Organization (ILO), the World Bank, and the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He received his Ph.D. in economics from Rutgers University.

Mr. Guillermo Valles is the Director of the Division of International Trade on Goods and Services and Commodities with UNCTAD. He is a career diplomat with over 35 years of professional experience. He has served in different posts in Japan and Argentina and has been Ambassador to China, the European Union, Belgium, Luxemburg and the UN and WTO in Geneva. He held several relevant political positions including that of Deputy Foreign Minister of Uruguay. He was the leading negotiator for several regional trade agreements and for six consecutive years was chosen as the Chair for Rules negotiations in WTO. He graduated from the School of Law of the Universidad de la República in Uruguay.

Ms. Jennifer Bair is Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado, whose research to date has focused on the study of global commodity chains in the contemporary manufacturing sector, especially in the global textile and apparel industry. She is a member of the Capturing the Gains (CtG) research network, which is an international, interdisciplinary group of scholars studying the relationship between economic upgrading and social upgrading for developing-country suppliers in four global industries. She was previously the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Program in Ethics, Politics & Economics at Yale University. She edited two books: Frontiers of Commodity Chains Research (2009) and Free Trade and Uneven Development: The North American Apparel Industry after NAFTA (2002). She graduated with her Ph.D. from Duke University.

Mr. Joaquim Tres is an Integration and Trade Lead Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank. He is currently coordinating the Bank's strategy on global and regional integration, the Regional Public Goods Programme and integration multi-donor funds. Mr. Tres has also served as the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Bank. He has been involved in development work for over 20 years, ranging from research, policy-making and management. Previously, he worked at UNCTAD on its Trade and Development Report and the TRAINFORTRADE Programme. He also represented the Spanish Aid Agency (AECID) in Mexico, Bolivia, and Guatemala and Belize. He holds an MPhil in development from the Sussex Institute of Development Studies in the UK, where he has served as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Paulo Correa is a Lead Economist and the Acting Practice Manager for the Innovation Technology and Entrepreneurship (ITE) unit in the Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice of the World Bank Group. Previous to the World Bank, he worked for the Ministry of Finance in Brazil, as Deputy-Secretary for regulation, competition policy and trade-related matters; as an advisor of the Panamanian government in competition and trade policies; and as a researcher in the Brazil's National Development Bank and its International Trade Foundation. He has also worked as an adviser to the Telecommunications Regulatory Agency in Brazil, and as a consultant to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He holds a M.Sc. in industrial economics from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and a M.Sc. in economics from the University of Western Ontario.

Ms. Deborah James is the Director of International Programs of the Washington, DC-based Center for Economic and Policy Research, and coordinates the WTO campaign of the Our World Is Not For Sale network. Prior to CEPR, she was the Director of the WTO Program of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, where she worked to inform civil society and governments worldwide about the potential impacts of the WTO's proposed Doha Round expansion. She was also the Global Economy Director of Global Exchange, where she did similar work around the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas. She holds a Master's degree in international policy and planning from the George Washington University.