

Speakers' Biographies

Financing a Sustainable and Inclusive Industrial Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean: A UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue

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Moderator



John Bartlett

John Bartlett is a British multimedia journalist covering the politics, cultures and histories of Latin America from Santiago, Chile. His writing has been featured with The Guardian, The New York Times, The Economist, BBC News, The Times, The Washington Post, The Telegraph, Foreign Policy, Americas Quarterly, Thomson Reuters Foundation, PRI's The World, NBC Latino and PBS.

He has given live analysis and comment on television in both English and Spanish for CNN Chile, ChileVisión, France24, DW English, TRT World and i24News; on radio for KCBS, LBC, TalkRADIO, RTE, Global News Toronto and several regional outlets in Chile; and given podcast interviews including for AS/COA's Latin America in Focus. In July 2019, he launched "Miradas," a podcast that focuses on the politics, current affairs and cultures of Latin America.

Panelists

Topic 1: Scaling Up Development Cooperation and SDG Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean



Stephany Griffith-Jones

Stephany Griffith-Jones is an economist with a PhD in Economics. She is currently Member of the Board of the Central Bank of Chile, and is Emeritus Professorial Fellow, IDS; previously, Financial Markets Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, Senior Research Associate, ODI, London, Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington DC, Distinguished Fellow, Climateworks

Foundation, California. She provides research and policy advice on international and national finance, including capital flows; reform of international and national financial architecture, from a development perspective; the role of national and regional development banks, especially in Europe and Latin America, with special emphasis on their increased role in funding low-carbon investment. Leading many major international research projects on international financial and macro-economic issues, with networks of senior academics and policymakers from developed and developing countries.

She has been published widely, having written or edited more than twenty-five books and numerous journal and newspaper articles. A 2010 OUP book, coedited with Joseph Stiglitz and Jose Antonio Ocampo, "Time for a Visible Hand," dealt mainly with financial regulation. She advises or has advised many international organizations, including the European Commission, European Parliament, World Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, IADB, AfDB, and various UN agencies, including UN ECLAC (CEPAL), UN DESA, UNDP and several governments and Central Banks, including the Chilean, UK, Swedish, South African, Tanzanian, Brazilian and Czech. She is a member of Scientific Boards of different think tanks.



Ruth Spencer

Ruth Spencer, based in Antigua and Barbuda, is chair of the Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust, which has accreditation with many international agencies. She is passionate, dedicated and committed to bringing about socioeconomic and environmental development that is people-centered. She is trained in development economics receiving a Master's Degree in international development Economics from Yale University and also has completed post-graduate studies in Project Appraisal at Yale.

Her work is cross-cutting across all the GEF Focal Areas: Climate, Biodiversity, Chemicals, Land Degradation, Plastics and Mercury with gender issues fully integrated. She was the NGO negotiator for Principle 10 now called the Escazu Agreement. She works through partnerships and collaborations with Caribbean Governments and CSO groups in each country to educate, inform, share information and build capacities to move to ratification.

The many awards she has received include the inaugural Award from the Government of Antigua-Dept. of Gender Affairs for Energy, and the Environment Award on International Women's Day 2018, the 2015 Energy Globe Award and Finalist for the 2018 Caricom Energy personality Award, attest to her multi-disciplined work linking too many processes at local, regional and international levels. Also, she has authored several case studies and has been appointed to many national and international working groups and committees. She is a mentor to Yale graduate students and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Yale International

Alliance and lead the newly launched YIA Climate in Action impact group. In October 2022, she was nominated by the WMG of UNEP to the Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG), to guide the policy relevance of Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-7) over the next 2 ½ years.



Shari Spiegel

Shari is Chief of the Policy Analysis and Development Branch in the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). She leads the work on the Financing for Sustainable Development Report of the Inter-agency Task Force. Prior to joining the UN, she worked as Executive Director of IPD at Columbia University, a Principal at New Holland Capital, Director of FI emerging markets at Lazard Asset Management, and CEO of Budapest Alapkezelő, which launched the first domestic investment funds in Hungary in the early 1990s.



Esteban Pérez Caldentey

Esteban Pérez Caldentey es Oficial Superior de Asuntos Económicos y Jefe de la Unidad de Financiamiento para el desarrollo en la CEPAL. Tiene una maestría y doctorado en economía por la New School for Social Research. También ha trabajado en las sedes subregionales de la CEPAL en México y Trinidad y Tobago. Se especializa en temas de macroeconomía y financiamiento para el desarrollo. Fue coordinador del proyecto de la CEPAL Promoviendo las finanzas inclusivas a través de prácticas de innovación de banca

de desarrollo para apoyar el desarrollo social, productivo y el cambio estructural con un enfoque particular en las PYME en los países de América Latina. Es miembro del comité editorial de Investigación Económica, International Journal of Political Economy, co-editor del Review of Keynesian Economics. También es Co-Editor en Jefe del Palgrave Dictionnary of Economics. Es miembro del comité de asesores de International Economics Development Associates (IDEAS). Es autor de la primera biografía intelectual sobre Roy Harrod.

Topic 2: Accelerating Financing for Science, Technology and Innovation and Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean



Sebastián Arias Monsalve

Sebastián Arias es acualmente Director del área de Aceleración en Start-Up Chile. Es Máster en ciencias en Gestión de la Innovación y Emprendimiento de la Universidad de Manchester, Reino Unido. Es además, académico del Núcleo de Emprendimiento de la Universidad Mayor. Además, fue co-fundador de la plataforma de crowdfunding FounderList.



Marcela Browne

Marcela Browne is a Specialist in Design and Management of Social Policies (UBA). She is responsible for education at Fundación SES Argentina.

She has worked for more than 20 years in different government agencies assuming leadership tasks and from an early age he worked in social organizations. She was the coordinator of the C20/G20 Working Group on "Education,"

employment and inclusion" within the framework of the Argentine presidency (2018) and coordinator of the "Education" Group, within the framework of the Japanese presidency (2019). She is currently the Focal Point of the Education Group of the Civil Society Participation Mechanism of ECLAC, a member of the CLADE Steering Committee and is part of the Coordination Group of the civil society liaison with the OECD on the issues of Official Assistance for the Developing.

Furthermore, she is a consultant for different initiatives of UNESCO, UNESCO/UIL, UNICEF, UNFPA and consultancies linked to the governments of different Latin American and Caribbean countries as El Salvador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile and Brasil. She designed and coordinated diploma courses given by different universities in the country (Social Pedagogy, Social Economy, Childhood, adolescence and family, among others), and has published more than 30 books and articles.