

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE PANELISTS

(in alphabetical order)



Mr. Joachim von Amsberg
Vice President, Operations Policy and Country Services
World Bank

Joachim von Amsberg, a German national, has held various positions in Washington and in the World Bank's country offices.

He was Country Director for Indonesia for the last three years, overseeing one of the Bank's largest country programs and country offices. He supported the Government of Indonesia's efforts to improve the investment climate and service delivery to the poor through stronger governance; and led the Bank's relationships and engagement with Indonesia, its Government, and other stakeholders, in close collaboration with IFC and MIGA.

As Country Director for the Philippines from 2004 -2007, Joachim von Amsberg led a new World Bank strategy for enhanced support to the Philippines. This strategy supported "Islands of Good Governance," demonstrating how improved accountability and service delivery would lead to better economic and social outcomes. Under this strategy, World Bank programs were scaled up significantly, aligned more closely with the country's own priorities, and implemented, as far as possible, through the country's own systems and institutions.

Joachim von Amsberg began his career at the Bank in 1993 as an Economist and Young Professional. He worked on environmental programs and policy studies from 1994-97 for Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay, as well as on policy studies in Egypt. Subsequently, he worked for many years on the Bank's Brazil program: as sector economist working on policy studies and projects in environmental management, rural and urban development; as country economist from 1997-2001 in the Brasilia country office focusing primarily on poverty strategies and policies; and from 2001-2004 as Lead Economist in Washington, where he led the economic policy dialogue, analytical and advisory assistance and adjustment lending programs for the Government of Brazil.

Joachim von Amsberg was a member of the steering committee that oversaw the preparation of the World Bank's Governance and Anti-Corruption Strategy. He was also an integral part of several task forces to strengthen the World Bank's programs in support of middle income countries.

Joachim von Amsberg holds a Ph.D. in Finance and Economic Policy from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; an M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the Technische Universität Berlin, Germany; and an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of British Columbia.

Ms. Sarah Cliffe
Director and Special Representative
World Bank

Sarah Cliffe has worked for the last twenty years in countries emerging from conflict and political transition, covering Afghanistan, Burundi, CAR, DRC, Guinea Bissau, Ethiopia, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Rwanda, Sudan, South Africa, and Timor-Leste.

Prior to joining the Bank, she worked for the United Nations Development Program in Rwanda, the Government of South Africa, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as for a major management consultancy company in the United Kingdom on public sector reform issues. She holds degrees in History and Economic Development from Cambridge and Columbia Universities.

Since joining the Bank, her work has covered

Jorge Familiar Calderón is a member of the Committee of Best Practices of Corporate Governance of the Mexican Business Coordinating Council and a former member of the Accounting Principles Commission of the Mexican Institute of Public Accountants.

Jorge Familiar Calderón holds a Master's Degree in Finance and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the Instituto *Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)* where he graduated with honors. He lectured on finance at *ITAM* and was a member of the Advisory Board for the Accounting and Strategic Finance Program.

Mr. Charles Gore

Head, Policy Analysis and Research Branch, Division for LDCs, Africa and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Charles Gore has been directing the research for UNCTAD's *Least Developed Countries Report* since 1999. Originally trained in economic geogra-

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He holds an economics degree (1973) from Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University in Santo Domingo and has published numerous articles on economics in specialized journals and in the Dominican press. He also published a book of poetry, *Jailed Light*, in 2000. Ambassador Piantini was born on 9 February 1950.

Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi
Director, Trade and Development Division
World Trade Organization

Prior to his current position Shishir Priyadarshi was an agriculture consultant on the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the South Centre. He also worked with the Government of India for nearly 20 years, spending time in the Cabinet Office dealing with issues relating to the WTO and the Agreement on Agriculture on India's domestic agriculture production, and as counselor with the Indian Mission to the WTO in Geneva.

Mr. Siddharth Tiwari
Secretary of the International Monetary and Financial
Committee, International Monetary Fund

Siddharth Tiwari, an India national, has a more than 20-year career at the IMF, holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Delhi, a master's from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago. Previously he was the Director at the Office of Budget and Planning.

H.E. Mr. Serge Tomasi
Director for Development, Ministry of Foreign and
European Affairs, France
Co-Chair of the *G20 Development Working Group*

Born on May 1959, Serge Tomasi, Counsellor of Foreign Affairs, is a graduate from Ecole Nationale d'Administration ((National School of Administration – promotion Condorcet 1992), he holds a degree in Private

He has been appointed in Senegal (Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs) and in New York (Financial Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations). He then became Deputy Director of Development and Technical Cooperation at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs before being transferred to the Ministry for Economy

Mr. Robert Vos
Director, Policy Analysis and Development Division
UN-DESA

Rob Vos joined the United Nations in 2005 as Director of DPAD. Before joining the UN, he was a Professor of Finance and Development at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and Professor of Development Economics at the Free University Amsterdam. Between 1999 and 2002, he was Deputy Rector of the Institute of Social Studies. He has also worked as a senior economist at the Inter-American Development Bank where he co-founded the Inter-American Institute for Social Development (INDES) and initiated the programme on improving surveys of living conditions in Latin America (MECOVI). He has also been a visiting professor at numerous universities in and outside of Europe. He has worked as an advisor and consultant to numerous academic institutions and governments in Latin America, Africa and Asia. His academic and advisory work covers a broad range of development issues, including trade policy, inequality and poverty; financing for