

**Economic and Social Council  
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**BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS  
(In alphabetical order)**

**Vicki Bales** is Group Transfer Pricing Manager with SABMiller plc based in the UK. SABMiller is a global beer and soft drinks business, operating in over 80 countries, employing around 70,000 individuals. Vicki has worked in tax in industry for fifteen years, the last 11 with SABMiller plc, previously with WH Smith plc. Prior to joining industry, Vicki trained as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte. At SABMiller Vicki has held various tax roles; UK tax, tax reporting, Europe Tax Lead, mainly covering Central and Eastern European countries, and now in transfer pricing. Vicki co-leads a group of



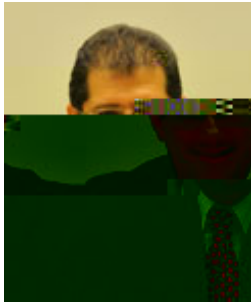
Alternate for the Secretary of Department of Trade and Industry of the Investment Coordinating Committee, National Power Corporation, Power Sector Assets & Liabilities Management Corporation and Cagayan Economic Zone Authority; and Governor, Board of Investments. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law, Ateneo de Manila University; Master of Laws major in International and Comparative Law, Georgetown University; and Fulfillment of the Requirement of the Joint Accreditation Committee from the University of New Brunswick, New Brunswick, Canada, McGill University, Faculty of Law, Montreal, Quebec, Canada and University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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**Mitchell Kane** is the Gerald L. Wallace Professor of Taxation at New York University School of Law. His current research focuses on tax and economic development, tax and climate policy, and transfer pricing. Mitchell joined the NYU School of Law faculty in 2008 from the University of Virginia, School of Law, where he had taught since 2003. Mitchell worked as an associate in the tax department of Covington & Burling from 1997 to 2001, in both the Washington, DC and London offices. From 1996 to 1997, Mitchell clerked for the Honorable Karen LeCraft Henderson, of the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. Mitchell holds a BA from Yale University, and a MA and JD from the University of Virginia.

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**Armando Lara Yaffar** is currently Director-General for International Treaties, Tax Legislation Unit of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico. He also serves as Chairperson of the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. His previous positions include Deputy Director-General for International Treaties; Director for Treaty Negotiation and Special Projects, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit; Director, Division of Legal International Procedure, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit. Mr. Lara Yaffar holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law, Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico and a Finance Degree at the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico. He is currently the Chair of OECD's Working Party 10 on Exchange of Information and Tax Compliance and Vice Chair in the Bureau of the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

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**Lincoln Marais** is currently the Director for Strategy and Planning in the Secretariat of the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), seconded from the South African Revenue Service (SARS). He was previously the Director for Institutional Development, responsible for the organisation's institutional meetings (General Assembly, Council, Governance Committees), and overseeing the implementation of its Capacity Development Programme.

Mr. Marais has held positions in the South African Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA); South African Embassy in Paris as the First Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, with the focus of much of his work on Economic Development issues; DFA Policy Unit for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD); International Policy Coordination in the Department's Economic Development Division as Deputy Director; and Manager for International Cooperation and Development, responsible for SARS' relationships with international organizations, foreign administrations and donor agencies, as well as coordinating its capacity building and technical assistance programmes.



**Márcio Verdi** is the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT). Mr. Verdi is an economist and was a tax auditor in the “Secretaria da Receita Federal de Brasil”. After 28 years of working in the Brazilian Government Administration, in July 2004 he was appointed Director of Tax Studies in CIAT and held this position until 2007. At that time, the Executive Council invited him to take over the CIAT Operations' Directorate, the area in charge of the international cooperation and assistance in the agency.