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Mr. Sukhwinder Singh



Mr. Sukhwinder Singh is the Director of the Africa Training Institute and AFRITAC South. Prior to joining AFRITAC South and Africa Training Institute, Mr. Sukhwinder Singh was an Advisor in the African Department of the IMF. He has worked at the Fund for 24 years. He was the first Director of the IMF's South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) which he helped set up in New Delhi from 2016-2020. During his Fund career he has worked in the Strategy, Policy and Review, Asia and Pacific, and African Departments. During this time, he served as IMF resident representative in Nepal and in Ethiopia, and mission chief to Chad, Cape Verde, and Sierra Leone. He was also Director of IMF East AFRITAC in Tanzania from 2013-2016. He has served as Assistant to Antoinette Sayeh, currently Deputy Managing Director of the IMF. Prior to joining the IMF, Mr. Singh worked at the Bank of England, was an Overseas Development Institute fellow at the Bank of Guyana, and worked at the Canadian International Development Agency. He is a national of the UK.



The Honourable Nicolas Kazadi Kadima-Nzuji, Minister of Finance of DRC

Mr Nicolas Kazadi has been Minister of Finance of the Democratic Republic of Congo since 12 April 2021.

Before joining the Government, he was Ambassador-at-Large to the President of the Republic for just over two years, from March 2019 to April 2021. He helped to strengthen multilateral cooperation with regional and international institutions as the country's new institutions were being set up following elections.

Before returning to the country in January 2019, Mr Nicolas Kazadi worked, from January 2002, for the African Development Bank as Adviser and Acting Executive Director, representing five Central African countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Congo, Burundi and the Central African Republic and, after mid-2003, for 15 years, for the United Nations Development Programme as Economic Adviser and Head of Strategy and Policy Units for Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Togo.

Nicolas Kazadi began his career at the Central Bank of the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1991. An economist by training and a central banker by profession, he is a graduate of the University of Brazzaville, the University of Reims (France) and the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. He is also an alumnus of the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

In addition to the national languages, Mr Nicolas Kazadi is also fluent in French and English.

Mr. Nianavel Armoogum



Mr. Nianavel Armoogum is a holder of a BSC (Hon) in Economics and an MSc in Applied Economics from the University of Mauritius. He joined the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development in 1998 as Analyst/Senior Analyst and was promoted to Lead Analyst in 2016, he worked in several Units at the Ministry, namely, the Public Finance Unit, the Debt Management Unit, the Financial Services Unit, the International Agreements Unit. Currently, he holds responsibility for several files, namely, capacity building, regional financial institutions, bilateral issues, resource mobilisation, DTAA negotiations, Investment issues and OECD issues. Mr. Armoogum attended several meetings of the Steering Committee of the Africa Training Institute over the years.

Mr. Carlos De Resende



Mr. Carlos de Resende, a Brazilian-Canadian citizen, is Deputy Director at the Africa Training Institute (ATI) since September 2020. Prior to joining ATI, he has worked at the IMF as senior desk economist for Angola at the African Department (AFR); providing training and technical assistance to member countries in Sub-Saharan Africa at the Institute for Capacity Development (ICD); evaluating Fund policies and operations at the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO); and as advisor to the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland, and the Caribbean at the IMF Executive Board. He also worked for several years at the Bank of Canada, most recently as Economic Modeling Advisor; as senior economist at the Central Bank of Brazil; and taught Economics and Econometrics at universities in Brazil and Canada. He holds a PhD in Economics from the Université de Montréal, Canada.

Mr. Nicolas Aragon



Mr. Nicolas Aragon is a lecturer at the Africa Training Institute. Prior to joining AFRITAC South and Africa Training Institute, worked at the National Bank of Ukraine as Principal Economist. During this time he worked in the Research division, and supported diverse policy responses during COVID and the war. His research is policy oriented, and deals with the intersection between economic crises, growth, and policy responses; both in developed and developing countries. He also lectured at Universidad Carlos III in Madrid and at Kyiv School of Economics, and held a risk modeling expert position at UBS. Nicolas is an Argentinian citizen and holds a Ph.D. in Economics from European University Institute.

Mr. Adolfo Barajas



Mr. Adolfo Barajas is a Senior Economist in the Financial Policies Division of the Institute for Capacity Development (ICD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Prior to this position, he worked in the IMF's Monetary and Capital Markets Department (2017-2021), where he led the work on analytical chapters of the Fund's *Global Financial Stability Report*. He also worked previously in ICD as an instructor and researcher (1999-2009), led chapters of the *Middle East and Central Asia Regional Economic Outlook* (2009-2011), and took part in bilateral surveillance and program work in the Western Hemisphere Department (1994-1999).

Before 1994, Mr. Barajas was a Senior Economist in the Research Department of the Central Bank of Colombia, and a researcher at Fedesarrollo, a private think tank in Bogotá, Colombia. He holds a PhD in economics from Stanford University, and undergraduate degree in economics from the Universidad de los Andes. Mr. Barajas has published articles in a wide range of topics: financial stability, financial development and inclusion, banking intermediation spreads, financial dollarization, the determination of sovereign bond spreads, the behavior and impact of workers' remittances, depositor behavior, credit booms, and performance of exchange rate regimes among others. Mr. Barajas is a national of Colombia.

Mr. Faisal Ahmed



Mr. Faisal Ahmed is IMF Mission Chief for Bhutan and Desk for India. During 2015-2019, Mr. Ahmed served as the Chief Economist and Senior Advisor to the Governor at the Bangladesh (Central) Bank. Mr. Ahmed has worked on a broad range of advanced, emerging, and developing economies at the IMF and also served as the IMF Resident Representative in Cambodia (2011-2015). Previously, he worked as an actuary for a global reinsurance company and as an economist at the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Ahmed has also taught at the University of Minnesota and the Royal School of Administration in Cambodia. Mr. Ahmed completed his graduate studies in Economics and Finance at the University of Minnesota and Princeton University.

Mr. Ezra Kure



Dr. Ezra Kure is a Deputy Director and the Head, CBN International Training Institute in the Capacity Development Department of the Bank. He previously held the position of Special Assistant to the Deputy Governor, Economic Policy, and was Head of the Monetary Analysis Office in the Financial Sector Division, Research Department between 2009 to 2022. He has over the years served on different committees of the Central Bank of Nigeria and prepared economic reports on the Nigerian economy, Financial Stability, and Monetary, Credit, Foreign Trade, and Exchange Policy Guidelines. Prior to joining the CBN, Dr. Kure earned a J.W. Fulbright scholarship and taught economics at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for twelve years. He holds a Ph.D., M.Sc., and B.Sc. degrees in Economics from Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria.

Dr. Sehliselo Mpofu



Dr. Sehliselo Mpofu is the current Director of the Macroeconomic Management Programme at the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI). She joined MEFMI in March 2014. She previously worked for the Zimbabwe Economic Policy and Research Unit (ZEPARU) as a Principal Research Fellow, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe up to the level of Principal Economist, and the University of Zimbabwe as a lecturer. Dr. Mpofu hold a PhD in Economics from University of the Witswatersrand (South Africa), Masters and Bachelors degrees in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe. I am a trained trainer in gender responsive economic policy management. I have 29 years of work experience in the area of economic policy management.

Mr. Godefroid Misenga Milabyo



Godefroid MISENGA MILABYO, an economist and public finance expert, has been Executive Secretary of the Steering Committee for Public Finance Reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo (COREF) which is a public institution, since March 2023; he previously served as National Coordinator of the same institution from January 2011, when it was still a department of the Ministry of Finance.

As of January 2022, he is also the National Coordinator for the Improvement of Revenue Collection and Expenditure Management Project, known by its French abbreviation as PROJET ENCORE, which is funded by the World Bank. From 2014 to 2021, he led the Strengthening Public Finance Management and Accountability Project (PROFIT-CONGO), also under the aegis of the World Bank.

He has been a senior civil servant in the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Budget for the past 25 years. He has been, in turn, Adviser on Macroeconomic Issues to the Ministry of the Economy and Trade (1999-2000); Financial Adviser to the Ministry of Finance and Budget (2000 - 2001); Expert at the Treasury and Finance Department of the Ministry of Finance (2003 - 2005); Technical Assistant to the Technical Committee for Monitoring Reforms (CTR) from 2005 to 2009.

Godefroid MISENGA MILABYO also worked abroad; in March 2019, he took part in the IMF's technical assistance mission on the development of a modern Strategy on Public finance management in Chad, as an expert in the Fiscal Affairs Department. Over the past 15 years, he has also participated in the Joint Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington, as an expert for the DRC delegations.

As a member of the Congolese Economists' Forum and of the Steering Committee of the IMF's Regional Technical Assistance Centre for Central Africa (AFRITAC-Central), he has led several study and experience-sharing missions on the management and implementation of public finance reforms in France, the United States of America, Mauritius, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Senegal and Morocco.

He has also participated in Training of Trainers in Public Finance events; he is fluent in French and 4 national languages and possesses a fair fluent in English.

Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor of Central Bank of Seychelles



Ms. Caroline Abel was first appointed Governor of the Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS) on 14th March 2012, becoming the first woman in Seychelles to hold the position. She was re-appointed to serve a second six-year term in March 2018. She is also Chairperson of the CBS Board.

Ms Abel started her journey with the Central Bank in 1994 as a Senior Bank Clerk. She was promoted to the role of Research Officer in the Research and Statistics Division in 1999, subsequently becoming a Senior Research Officer and Director of Research in 2001 and 2002, respectively. Ms Abel progressed to becoming Head of the Research and Statistics Division in 2006, a position she held until her appointment as Deputy Governor in July 2010. She was appointed First Deputy Governor in December 2011, following an amendment to the CBS Act, which makes provision for two Deputy Governors, a post she held until her appointment as Governor in March 2012.

As Governor, she also represents Seychelles as the Alternate Governor for the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and the African Development Bank, as well as Governor for the African Export-Import Bank. She is also the Chairperson of the African Financial Inclusion Policy Initiative (AfPI), a position she assumed in June 2022, serving a two-year term.

Ms. Abel holds a BA in Economics, with Distinction from the University of Leeds and a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Monetary Economics and Finance graduating with Distinction from the University of Glasgow. Throughout her 28-year career, Ms Abel has received several accolades for her leadership roles and contribution towards the banking and financial sector – awards she has always dedicated to the CBS team and her family in recognition of their support. In July 2015, Ms Abel received the African Female Public Servant of the Year Award by the African Leadership Magazine presented at the 6th African Business Leadership Forum and Awards, during which she was also honoured by US' Georgia Legislative Black Caucus with a special Commendation Award. In August 2020 she was named Central Bank Governor of the Year by the African Banker Awards Committee and in December of that same year she was one of the recipients of the Africa's Woman Leaders Awards. In September 2021, she emerged as the runner-up in the Central Bank Governor of the Year category and received the Central Bank Governor of the Year Commendation Award at the 2021 African Business Leadership Awards. In March 2022, she was recognised as being among the Global Women Achievers at the World Women Leadership Congress and Awards and in February 2023, under the same umbrella, she was bestowed with the Global Woman Leader Award.

Aside of her role as Governor and other responsibilities associated to the position, Ms Abel is also the Patron of the Red Cross Society of Seychelles since May 2017, a role which she accepted as the fundamental principles of the Red Cross tie in well with her passion for sharing her knowledge and providing a helping hand to those in need.

Mr. Álvaro Loveira



Mr. Álvaro Loveira is a Mozambican national working at the Bank of Mozambique since 2007. Since December 2020, he is the head of International Relations and Protocol Department. Prior to that, he was assistant director at the Exchange Control Department and economist at Research Department. Besides his central banking experience, he also served as the Economic Advisor of Prime-Minister for four years (2015-2019). Before joining the Bank, he worked in the Ministry Finance as Budget officer, between 2003-2007.

Mr. Loveira holds a bachelor's degree in Economics (2006) and Master in Economics of Development (2010) from the Eduardo Mondlane University, in Mozambique.



H.E. Mr. Vincent Degert, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius

After a few years in the private sector, **Mr. Vincent Degert** joined the European Commission in 1987 where he first worked in the field of regional policy. From 2000, he worked for the enlargement of the European Union, successively as Assistant to the Director General for Enlargement and Head of Unit for the Coordination of Financial Instruments. He then served as Ambassador and Head of Delegation in Croatia (2005-2009) and Serbia (2009-2013), before becoming the head of the Russia Division within the European External Action Service at the height of the Ukrainian crisis. From 2015 to 2019 he was the Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Haiti. He became Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and to the Republic of Seychelles at the end of 2019.

Mr. Vincent Degert is a French national. He graduated in Political Science, European Affairs (Institute for Political Science and Institute for European Studies of Strasbourg) and in Law from the University of Strasbourg.

Mr. Vimal Thakoor



Mr. Vimal Thakoor joined the ATI as Resident Advisor (Macroeconomics and Climate) in September

2022. He joined the IMF's Economist Program in 2011 and previously worked in the Fiscal Affairs, African, and Strategy and Policy Review Departments. Vimal was part of the IMF's core teams that developed the Fund's strategy on climate change and the recently established Resilience and Sustainability Trust. He has worked on a range of countries, more recently on South Africa and Turkey. At the Fund, Mr. Thakoor was involved in analytical work on demographic transitions, structural reforms, governance, and inequality. His research on climate covers debt for climate swaps, climate risks, and policy levers to catalyze climate finance. Mr. Thakoor was a Chevening Scholar and holds a PhD in Economics from Birmingham (UK).

Ms. Priscilla Muthoora



Ms. Priscilla Muthoora joined the ATI as Resident Advisor (Macroeconomic and Financial Policy) in

January 2023. Prior to that she was a Senior Economist in the IMF's Middle East and Central Asia department. Priscilla joined the IMF's Economist Program in 2009 and worked in the Fiscal Affairs and Western Hemisphere Departments as well as the Institute for Capacity Development. She has participated in missions with Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Madagascar, Namibia, and Panama. Between 2012 and 2014, Priscilla was part of core team coordinating the production of the IMF's Fiscal Monitor and undertook analytical work on fiscal adjustment in an uncertain world, domestic revenue mobilization, and expenditure rules. More recently, her research has focused on inequality and the political economy of inclusive growth. Priscilla holds an MSc in Economics for Development and a PhD in Economics, both from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli



Mr. Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli is the Division Chief of the Payments, Currencies, and Infrastructure division at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). His work focuses on digital currencies and payments, monetary policy, foreign exchange interventions, modelling, and central banking operations and communication. He has advised country authorities and published widely on these topics. Prior to joining the IMF, Mr. Mancini-Griffoli was a senior economist in the Research and Monetary Policy Division of the Swiss National Bank, where he advised the Board on quarterly monetary policy decisions. Mr. Mancini-Griffoli spent prior years in the private sector, at Goldman Sachs, the Boston Consulting Group, and technology startups in the Silicon Valley. He holds a PhD from the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and prior degrees from the London School of Economics and Stanford University.

Mr. Joel Turkewitz



Joel A. Turkewitz is the Deputy Division Chief in the IMF Legal Department at its headquarters in Washington DC, where he specializes in anticorruption and rule of law issues. In this capacity, Joel is involved in elaborating and operationalizing the Fund's 2018 strengthened governance policy. Joel joined the IMF recently after a 20-year career working with the World Bank on governance and anticorruption. He has worked and written on anticorruption approaches and experiences and has extensive country experience across Asia and Africa.

Mr. Kanand Gooly



Kanand is the Chief of Administration of the Africa Training Institute (ATI), since 2013

Prior to joining ATI, he was at the State Bank of Mauritius for 31 years, leading teams in Retail Banking, Credit Services, Small and Medium Enterprises, Compliance, IT Management and Accounting.

Kanand holds a Fellowship from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK) and a Masters in Business Administration from the Heriot Watt University (Scotland)



Mr. Vitaliy Dubil

Mr. Vitaliy Dubil, Senior Technical Assistance Officer (Global Partnerships), IMF- ICD is a seasoned fundraising manager with over 18 years of experience in various industries. With a strong background in international development, private sector, and philanthropy, he is skilled in partnership development and fundraising, donor and other stakeholder engagement, strategy, program management, and communications. He holds an Executive MBA from IE University in Madrid, Spain. At the IMF, Mr. Dubil coordinates partnerships and fundraising for the ATI, AFS, RMTF, Ukraine CD fund, and manages relationships (fundraising for CD) with The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Mr. Roger Nord



Mr. Roger Nord is Deputy Director of the IMF's Institute for Capacity Development and oversees the IMF's global partnerships. Since May 2018, he also co-chairs the joint World Bank-IMF Debt Management Facility. Previously, he was Deputy Director of the IMF's African Department, responsible for country operations in East Africa and francophone West Africa and oversight over the IMF's network of resident representatives in sub-Saharan Africa. He also led the work on debt and public finance issues in Africa, and was responsible for the IMF's relations with China regarding Africa. Among his publications, he co-authored *A Rebalancing Act for China and Africa: The Effects of China's Rebalancing on Sub-Saharan Africa's Trade and Growth* (2017) with Wenjie Chen, and was the lead author of *Tanzania – The Story of an African Transition* (2009). Before joining the African Department, he was advisor to IMF Managing Director Horst Köhler and the IMF's regional representative in Central Europe. He is a national of the Netherlands and a graduate of the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, and of the University of Chicago.