

Bios of the speakers

Harald Waiglein

Director General, Economic Policy and Financial Markets, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria



Mr. Waiglein, Director General in the Austrian Ministry of Finance, was born in January 1967, in Vienna. After his graduation from university Mr. Waiglein acted as professional interpreter in the fields of law and economics for international organisations and enterprises. Thereafter, for many years, he worked as editor at the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation, where he specialised in taxation, public budget, financial markets and energy. After holding the position of deputy chief editor and head of economic department at the Austrian newspaper Wiener Zeitung for two years, in 2007 Waiglein relocated to the Ministry of Finance. There he was promoted to Director General of the DG Economic Policy and Financial Markets in July 2012. In this position, Mr. Waiglein represents Austria as director in the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) and in the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) and as member of the Economic and Financial Committee of the EU (EFC).

Laura Tuck

Regional Vice President, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank



Ms. Laura Tuck was appointed as the World Bank's Vice President for Europe and Central Asia (ECA) on September 24, 2013, after serving for three months as Acting ECA Vice President. Prior to her current position, Ms. Tuck served for six months as the Director for Strategy and Operations in ECA and held that same position from September 2011 until February 2012 in the Middle East and North Africa Region. Ms. Tuck was the Director for Sustainable Development in Latin America for six years from 2006-2011, where she was responsible for environment and natural resources, agriculture and rural development, energy, transport, water supply and sanitation, hazard risk management, urban development and social development.

From 2002-2006, Ms. Tuck was the Director for Sustainable Development in ECA, where she had previously served as Sector Manager for Agriculture and Rural Development and Lead Economist in the Region's Chief Economist's Office. Ms. Tuck joined the World Bank in 1987 as a Young Professional and worked as an economist in the Middle East and North Africa region before moving to ECA in 1994. Before joining the World Bank, Ms. Tuck worked for several consulting firms in the area of agricultural policy, food policy and food needs assessments. She also served on the faculty of Princeton University as part of a university research project. Ms. Tuck worked and lived in Africa between 1980 and 1987.

Ms. Tuck has an MPA from Princeton University in Economics and Public Policy and a BA from the University of California at Davis in Economics

Christian Weinberger

Senior Advisor, Entrepreneurship & SME Policy, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission



Christian Weinberger joined the Commission Services in 1999 to work on technical harmonisation in the Common Market, using the New Approach with CE-marking and harmonized EN Standards. In 2003 he was appointed Head of Unit dealing with Entrepreneurship policy, in particular the Entrepreneurship Action Plan and the European Charter for Small Businesses, by elaborating recommendations and identifying and disseminating good practices. In 2008 he was named Entrepreneurship and SME Policy Advisor in DG Enterprise and Industry. Currently he is Senior Adviser in DG Enterprise and Industry.

Before joining the European Commission, Christian Weinberger worked for 10 years with a large multinational corporation in Marketing, Sales, Finance and Special Business Operations in various countries and at European HQ and then co-founded an international SME in Information Technology and was its CEO for 9 years. Being a native Austrian, Dr. Christian Weinberger holds a Master of Physics in Engineering, an MBA and a Ph.D. in Economics.

Anatol Arapu

Minister of Finance, Moldova



Date of birth: 27 November, 1962

Place of birth: Vasieni village, Ialoveni, Republic of Moldova

Family status: Married, one child

Career:

2013 - Was nominated as Governor of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank for the Republic of Moldova

2013 - Was nominated as Governor of the World Bank and Governor of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) for the Republic of Moldova

2013 – By the Presidential Decree of 14 August was appointed as Minister of Finance

2001 – May 2013 – Deputy General Director on Economic and Financial Issues of “Lukoil Romania”, Bucharest, Romania

2000 – 2001 – Financial Director of “Lukoil Romania”, Bucharest, Romania

1998 – 1999 – Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova

1997 – 1998 - Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union, NATO, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg

1994 – 1997 – Advisor of the Executive Director of the World Bank, Washington D.C., USA

1994 – 1994 – General Manager of the Department of Foreign Economic Relations

1992 - 1994 – Deputy Minister of Foreign Economic Relations of the Republic of Moldova

1988 – 1992 – Deputy General Manager of the State Association of Foreign Trade “MOLDEX”

1985 – 1988 – lecturer at the faculty of Economics of the State University of Moldova, Chisinau

Education:

1993 – International Trade and Strategic Negotiation of Tariffs (training course), World Trade Organization Institute of Geneva

1987 – Advanced Statistical Research (training course), Moscow Institute of Economics and Statistics

1980 – 1985 - State University of Moldova, Faculty of Economics.

Foreign languages:

Romanian (native), Russian (fluent), English (fluent), French (medium).

Shkelqim Cani

Minister of Finance, Albania

Mr. Shkëlqim Cani was born on 6 May 1956 in Tirana. He is married to Mrs. Merita Cani. Mr. Cani has been awarded the title “Professor” in 2003. In 1991 he earned his “Doctor in Economy” degree from the University of Tirana, following specialised studies in banking. During 1981-1983 he finished the Complete Post-University Course in International Trade at the Faculty of Economy, Tirana University. He earned his BA in Finance at the Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana, in 1980.



His political career started in 1991 as Deputy Prime Minister. He was an MP in the Assembly of Albania during Legislature XII (1991- 1992) and during Legislature XIII (1992-1996), where he was a member of the Parliamentary Committee of Economy and Finance. He was an elected MP for Legislature XV in 1997, when he was member of the High Parliamentary Commission of Economy, Finance and Privatization, a mandate which he resigned upon his appointment as Governor of the Central Bank (1997-2004), during which period he held also the position of the IMF and MIGA Governor for Albania. He was elected MP in Legislature XIX in 2013. Mr. Cani has held important state positions such as Member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Economic Policies (1998-2004); Member of the Club of Governors of Central Banks of Central Asia, Black Sea and Balkan Regions and Deputy Chair of this Club; Deputy Chair of the Government Committee for Foreign Debt (1997-2004); Chair of the Board of Tirana Stock Exchange (1997-2002); Member of the Executive Board of Lion’s Club (1994-1997) general Director of the Commercial Bank of Albania (1990-1991); Director of Foreign Department and Member of the Board of the Central Bank (1985-1990).

In 1994, he obtained a certificate for studies in politics and government policies (June) and a certificate for studies in Business Administration (May) from the Heidelbergense Tiffinae College, in Ohioensis, USA. During January–March 1989 he attended the advanced course on policies of loan analysis, legal and institutional framework of the financial guarantees of export at Deutsche Bundesbank and KfW, Germany. During February–May 1985 he attended a course on bank instruments and policies at Laenderbank, Vienna, Austria. He has a very good command of English. He has good knowledge of Italian, French, German and Russian.

Lazar Krstić

Minister of Finance, Serbia

Born in Niš, Serbia, in 1984. He graduated magna cum laude in mathematics and ethics, politics and economics in 2007 at Yale University, USA. Winner of several awards in mathematics. He also won several scientific research grants related to economic transition in Central and Eastern Europe, including a one-semester study stay in Berlin, which was funded by the German Agency for Academic Exchange.



From 2007 to 2013 he worked with a leading global based consultancy McKinsey & Company, where he progressed from the post of a business analyst to the position of junior partner. During his career in the United States, Europe and the Middle East working for a world leading companies, he mainly dealt with projects in the areas of finance, energy and trade, with a focus on strategy, corporate governance and restructuring. During his studies he worked as an assistant financial manager of the Department of Development, at Yale University, and as an assistant at the Department of Mathematics teaching algebra and analysis. He spent several months in training at leading investment fund Bridgewater Associates in the United States. He is member of Mensa since 2000. Speaks English, German and French.

Soukeyna Kane

Manager, Financial Management, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank

Ms. Kane joined the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia (ECA) regional department as Manager, Financial Management as of 1 July 2012. Previously, she was a senior member of the Financial Management teams of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Operation Policies and Countries Network, as well as the Africa regional departments.



Ms. Kane led capacity-building initiatives for Public Finance Management notably for internal audit entities, Supreme Audit Institutions in the Africa and MENA regions. She led the capacity development in the accounting and auditing profession in several countries. In addition, she has worked with International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) on a joint strategy to support professional accountancy development in the MENA region.

Ms. Kane has contributed to the Accounting and Auditing Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC) retrospective by identifying trends in emerging global and regional issues, and recommending ways to strengthen impact the studies. She also provides advice to the ECA management on developing borrower capacity in financial management. She has led portfolio risk management and monitoring.

Prior to working at the World Bank, she was the Principal Internal Auditor and then acting administrator at the African Development Bank. Her extensive experience in the private sector includes the position of Administrative and Financial Director in AGS, as well as manager and senior auditor with ERA Audit et Expertise, AEG Paris and Ernst & Young. Ms. Kane is a Certified Public Accountant and has a Master in Accounting and Finance. She graduated from Institut Commercial Supérieur in Paris.

Henri Fortin

Head, The World Bank Centre for Financial Reporting Reform

Mr. Fortin is the Head of the World Bank Vienna Centre for Financial Reporting Reform (CFRR) since January 2011. Between 2003 and 2010, he led the World Bank's analytical and advisory activities in corporate financial reporting for the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Region. His responsibilities included in particular (i) the preparation of ROSC reports on Accounting and Auditing, (ii) a number of technical assistance projects to assist partner countries in implementing ROSC recommendations and (iii) the "CReCER" (Spanish acronym for Accounting and Accountability for Regional Economic Growth) initiative in cooperation with international standard-setters, the accounting profession and key development partners. He also participated in a number of Financial Sector Assessment Program missions and worked on projects related to public financial management and governance of state-owned enterprises.



Mr. Fortin also represented the World Bank on the International Accounting Standards Board's SME working group which assisted the IASB in developing global financial reporting standards for small entities, the IFRS of SMEs. He currently represents the Bank on the IFRS of SMEs Implementation Group.

Stefano Marchese

Member, International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA)

Stefano Marchese became a member of the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants in January 2012. He was nominated by Consiglio Nazionale dei Dottori Commercialisti e Degli Esperti Contabili (CNDCEC).

Mr. Marchese is a senior partner at Studio Marchese, Grassi & Associati in Genoa and Milan, Italy, where he specializes in international tax and company law. He is a board member of CNDCEC, where he also serves as chair of the Ethics committee, overseeing the of drafting the new ethics code and competition affairs.



Previously, Mr. Marchese served as the representative of CNDCEC on the International Accounting Education Standards Board and as a technical advisor on the IFAC Board in 2000 and 2003–2004. Mr. Marchese is a graduate of the University of Genoa.

Brendan Murtagh

Member, International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)

Brendan Murtagh joined the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board in January 2012. He was nominated by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). Mr. Murtagh is a Fellow of the ACCA, having trained with a mid-sized practice, qualifying in 1991. He is a founding partner of the practice LHM Casey McGrath, which is based in Dublin, Ireland.



Mr. Murtagh leads the assurance function of the firm and has 20 years of relevant experience in advising clients in small- and medium-sized entities in a range of business sectors. His experience

also includes the areas of insolvency, corporate consultancy, and litigation support. Mr. Murtagh leads the team within the firm that deals with professional services, financial services, and information and communications technology.

Mr. Murtagh is an active member of ACCA, where he is a past president in Ireland (2000-2001) and has represented ACCA Ireland on the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies—Ireland since 2000. In addition, he served as a member of the ACCA Global Council from 2000 to 2010 and as its global president for 2009-2010.

Darrel Scott

Board Member, International Accounting Standard Board (IASB)

Darrel Scott is a member of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). He also serves as chairman of the IASB's SME Implementation Group (SMEIG).

Mr. Scott was formerly CFO of the FirstRand Banking Group, one of the largest financial institutions in South Africa. He had responsibility for both statutory reporting under IFRS and regulatory financial reporting under the Basel II Accords.

Mr. Scott was previously a member of the IASB's International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), a position from which he resigned to become an IASB member, and was prior to that a member of the IFRS Foundation's Standards Advisory Council (SAC), now called the IFRS Advisory Council.



Saskia Slomp

EFRAG Director

Saskia Slomp has been Director at EFRAG since 1 January 2010. She is supporting the various governance bodies of EFRAG and is involved in the EFRAG SME accounting and user activities, in addition to her responsibilities for human resources.

Until the end of 2009, she was Technical Director at FEE (Federation of European Accountants), one of the founding member organisations of EFRAG. She has been involved in EFRAG since its establishment. Within FEE, she was responsible for financial reporting, company law, corporate governance, capital markets, SMEs, sustainability issues and public sector. In the beginning of her career, she worked with KPMG in The Netherlands.



Dawn McGeachy-Colby

IFAC Small and Medium Practices (SMP) Committee

Dawn McGeachy, BaccS, FCUIC, ACUIC, FCGA, LPA became a member of the IFAC Small and Medium Practices Committee in 2013 after serving as a technical advisor for seven years. She was nominated by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA-Canada).



Ms. McGeachy is the accounting and assurance partner in the firm Colby McGeachy, PC, an independent member firm of Porter Hetu International (PHI), where she also serves on the National Standards Committee. She has more than 25 years of public practice and audit-related experience. She is serving on the Public Accountants Council of Ontario (PACO) for a three-year term, which commenced in October 2012.

Ms. McGeachy formerly served as the director of Public Practice for the Research and Standards Department at CGA-Canada during her fourteen-year tenure with the national body. She is the chair of the Ethics Task Force and former chair of the Professional and Practice Standards Task Force of the National Professional Standards Committee. She is also a former member of the Public Accounting Licensing Board (PALB) for the Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario.

Ms. McGeachy has a bachelor of science in accounting, fellow and associate (specialty in lending) designations from the Credit Union Institute of Canada, as well as an FCGA designation.

Mats Olsson

IFAC Small and Medium Practices (SMP) Committee

Mats Olsson became a member of the Small and Medium Practices (SMP) Committee in January 2012. He was nominated by the Nordiska Revisorsförbundet (Nordic Federation of Public Accountants, or NRF).



Mr. Olsson is partner and one of the founders of Adrian & Partners AB. Adrian & Partners is a medium-sized practice in Gothenburg, Sweden, that works primarily with small- and medium-sized owner-led client companies. He has higher education in accounting as well as business law.

Mr. Olsson was a member, and later chair, of the Auditing Practices Committee of Svenska Revisorsamfundet until its merger with FAR in 2006. He has been representative of SRS and, after the merger, of FAR SRS in the EFAA (European Federation of Accountants and Auditors of Small- and Medium-Sized Entities) and served as a reference person in connection with the Sustainability Project for SMPs in Sweden.

From 2006 to 2011, Mr. Olsson was also a member of the board of FAR, representing SME and SMP issues and perspectives. Mr. Olsson has been a FAR representative on the SME/SMP Working Party of the Fédération des Experts Comptables Européens (the Federation of European Accountants, or FEE) from 2007 to 2010. As part of this group, he has lectured in workshops at FEE's SME and SMP conferences and participated in arranging roundtables. He has also lectured in workshops both in and outside Sweden on behalf of EFAA, FEE, and FAR.

Christof Papousek

CFO, Constantin Film-Holding GmbH

Christof Papousek has a high school degree in technical engineering and made his master of business administration at Vienna University of economy and commerce. He is specialized in accountancy, tax law and revision. During his studies he worked already as audit assistant at KPMG where he joined as a consultant after his university degree. After a couple of years of consulting and auditing work, Christof Papousek joined Constantin-Film group of companies, where he reconstructed the financial department and company structure. In 2004 he became managing director and in 2008 he joined as entrepreneur and Co-share holder in the international cinema operation. He is also covering several functions in the Austrian chamber of commerce representing film & cinema industry.



Gerhard Prachner

Partner of PwC Austria, Vienna

Gerhard Prachner is partner at PwC Austria, Vienna, for 23 years. He has 32 years of broad experiences with national and international audit clients, mainly in energy industry, pharma industry and public sector. He is specialized in IFRS and Austrian GAAP. Mr. Prachner is member of the Austrian Financial Reporting and Auditing Committee (AFRAC), he is the Austrian Representative in IFASS (International Form of Standard Setters) and CFSS (Consultative Form of Standard Setters), Member of the EFRAG Reference Group (PRC), Member of the FEE Accounting Working Party, the FEE Corporate Reporting Policy Group, the FEE SMP Forum and the FEE IAASB ED Subgroup. He is also member of EU Commission experts group on SME accounting, DG Enterprise and Industry.



Mr. Prachner graduated from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. He is an Austrian Certified Public Accountant and tax advisor and also a US-CPA. He is the author of books and articles and also lectures ISA and IFRS.

Alexander Fawcett

Senior Financial Management Specialist, Centre for Financial Reporting Reform, The World Bank

Alexander Fawcett is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and MBA from the University of Glasgow. He has extensive experience of designing and implementation of accounting reform programs in transitional and developing economies, including the new EU member states, Central Asia and the REPARIS countries, and brings a wealth of expertise and experience to the Bank in the area of IFRS and accounting education.



In 1993, he was the subject of a BBC business programme featuring the company he ran as CEO and shortly afterwards he was invited to be the first Associate of the University of Glasgow Business

School. In 1999, Mr. Fawcett was invited by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland to lecture on International Auditing in Romania as part of a World Bank training programme to increase awareness of IFRS/IAS and International Standards in Auditing. From 1999 until 2010, Mr. Fawcett was a consultant working for the world's major donors in the area of accounting and auditing reform. In 2011, he joined Deloitte Consulting and until joining the Bank, Mr. Fawcett was a member of the Accounting and Finance faculty of Reading University's Henley Management College and a Non-Executive Director of the Chamber of Accountants of Kazakhstan.

Martin Ledolter

Managing Director, Austrian Development Agency

Martin Ledolter (born on October 4, 1972) is a legal expert who has spent most of his professional life in politics, notably serving as a senior political advisor to the Vice Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Cabinet of the Austrian Foreign Ministry in the areas of development cooperation, social and health affairs. Previous assignments included postings as Senior Political Officer in the Austrian Employees' Association (ÖAAB), as Parliamentary Group Secretary of the Austrian People's Party, and assignments with a number of private law firms.



Martin Ledolter regularly lectures in International Public Law and European Law for post-graduate students at the University of Applied Sciences ICM Krems, Austria, and is a regular guest lecturer at the Vietnam University of Commerce in Hanoi. In July 2013, Martin Ledolter was appointed as Managing Director of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the operational unit of the Austrian Development Cooperation. In this position he is responsible for the implementation of all bilateral programmes and projects of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) in eleven partner countries in four continents.

Samia Msadek

Director, Operations Services and Quality, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank


Ms. Msadek joined the Europe & Central Asia region (ECA) as Director of Operational Services and Quality Department (ECSOQ), on April 29, 2013. A Tunisian national, she joined the World Bank Group in 1998 as Financial Management Specialist in the Rural Development, Water and Environment Sector in the Middle East & North Africa (MNA) region. She has since then held different positions in the institution including Manager, Financial Management in MNA and East Asia and Pacific (EAP) regions.



Before joining the Bank, she spent 16 years in the accounting, auditing and business consulting areas, with assignments in Tunisia, Middle East and Europe. Over the last 30 years she worked extensively with public and private institutions and International Organizations, to enhance Public Financial Accountability and proper adherence to International standards of Accounting and Auditing including the global program for financial stability and International Financial Architecture.

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