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Alessandro GULLO

Assistant General Counsel, Legal Department, IMF

Alessandro Gullo is Assistant General Counsel in the IMF's Legal Department, where he leads the Financial and Fiscal Law Division. He advises IMF member countries on monetary, financial, and fiscal law reforms in the context of financial assistance programs, financial sector assessments, and technical assistance projects.

During the global financial crisis, Mr. Gullo played a central role in advising EU countries on bank resolution and crisis management frameworks and contributed to the design of the EU Banking Union. He has authored numerous papers on financial safety nets, crisis management, and governance frameworks in various regions, and served on international committees, including those of the Financial Stability Board and UNIDROIT, shaping global standards on financial institution resolution and insolvency.




Julie KOZACK

Director, Communications Department, IMF

Julie Kozack is the Director of the Communications Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In this role, she oversees the Fund's strategy for external engagement with the media and key stakeholders—including legislatures and parliaments, labor representatives, civil society organizations, and academics—as well as internal communications. She works closely with the Managing Director and senior IMF management to communicate the Fund's operations, including policy and lending decisions.

Previously, Ms. Kozack served as Deputy Director in the European Department, where she led the IMF's work on Ukraine, and as Deputy Director in the

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| | <p>Western Hemisphere Department, where she was the lead negotiator for Argentina’s program. She has also held senior roles in the Research and Strategy and Policy Review Departments and has served as mission chief for Germany, Iceland (during the crisis program), Lithuania, and Poland, and as deputy mission chief for Russia.</p> <p>Earlier in her career, Ms. Kozack directed the IMF’s Singapore Regional Training Institute, managing a diverse international team and expanding the Fund’s capacity development and parliamentary engagement efforts across the Asia-Pacific region.</p> |
|  | <p>Yan LIU <i>General Counsel and Director, Legal Department, IMF</i></p> <p>Yan Liu is the General Counsel and Director of the Legal Department at the IMF. She advises the IMF’s Executive Board, management, staff, and member countries on all legal aspects of the Fund’s operations, including lending, surveillance, capacity development, and regulatory functions.</p> <p>Over her career, Ms. Liu has led the Legal Department’s work on a wide range of issues, including reforms to IMF lending policies, strengthening central banking and financial sector frameworks in response to technological change, and advancing legal reforms in corporate and household insolvency and public debt management. A recognized expert in sovereign debt, she has shaped IMF policy in this area and supported initiatives such as the Common Framework and the Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable.</p> |



Diaa NOURELDIN

Senior Economist, World Economic Studies Division, IMF's Research Department

Diaa Nouredin is a senior economist in the World Economic Studies Division of the IMF's Research Department, where he contributes to the World Economic Outlook report and the Division's analytical research agenda. He also holds a joint position with the IMF's Asia Pacific Department. He obtained his DPhil and MPhil in economics from the University of Oxford, and a bachelor's degree from the American University in Cairo. He published on a wide range of topics in macroeconomics, finance and development. Before joining the IMF, he was Associate Professor at the American University in Cairo. Earlier in his career, he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Oxford.



Tristan WALKER

Deputy Division Chief, Stakeholder Engagement Division, Communications Department, IMF

Tristan Walker is the Deputy Division Chief of the Stakeholder Engagement Division in the Communications Department at the IMF. The division is responsible for coordinating the IMF's global parliamentary engagement and broader stakeholder relations.

Mr. Walker has more than 13 years of experience in innovation, corporate communications, and strategic operations across international institutions. Previously, he served as Innovation Chief at the IMF, focusing on organizational transformation and creative efficiency. Before joining the Fund, he held several senior leadership roles at the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), including Vice President for Innovation & Economic Development, Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Operations, and Director of Budgeting, Planning, and Performance.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



Layna MOSLEY

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Layna Mosley is a professor of politics and international affairs in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs and the Department of Politics. She directs the Princeton Sovereign Finance Lab, part of the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. She directs the Princeton Sovereign Finance Lab, part of the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance.

Mosley's research investigates the connections between domestic politics and the global economy. Much of her research focuses on the politics of sovereign debt, and on how professional investors evaluate and react to political institutions and government policy choices. She also investigates how low- and middle-income governments manage their relationships with creditors, including how they decide whether to borrow from commercial banks or bond investors, and how they market themselves to potential creditors. Another stream of Mosley's work examines the effect of multinational production and global supply chains on workers' rights in developing countries, as well as the ways in which U.S. trade policies might affect workers' rights abroad. With respect to labor rights, she also is interested in efforts at private sector governance, such as the Bangladesh Accord on Building and Fire Safety.

WORLD BANK GROUP



James HEIMBACH

Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, World Bank

James “Jay” Heimbach, Vice-President of External and Corporate Relations, leads the team responsible for stakeholder relations, partnerships, and communications at the World Bank. His role focuses on developing advocacy strategies to communicate the Bank’s impact, shape public opinion on global development issues, and build support among key stakeholders. Jay brings extensive experience in global cooperation for local progress, having served as the World Bank’s Special Representative to North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel, where he managed relationships with key donor governments. Before joining the World Bank, Jay was Senior Director for North American Government Affairs at the ONE Campaign, a global advocacy organization combating extreme poverty. He also has significant experience in U.S. government roles, including Chief of Staff to Senator Sherrod Brown and Special Assistant to President Obama, where he worked on energy, environmental, and manufacturing issues. Earlier, he served in the Clinton administration as Senior Policy Advisor in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. Jay holds a B.A. from Colby College and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law.




Lars JESSEN

Lead Debt Specialist, World Bank Group

Lars Jessen, Lead Debt Specialist, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment, MTI has over 20 years of experience in the field of public debt management, including asset and liability management, risk modeling, and management of contingent liabilities. Before joining the World Bank in 2002, Mr. Jessen was Special Adviser on government debt management for the Danish Central Bank. As Lead Debt Specialist at the World Bank, he has worked on the assessment and reform of public debt management in Egypt, Indonesia,

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| | Lebanon, Mongolia, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia, and others. |
|  | <p>Michael Krake <i>Executive Director for Germany, World Bank Group</i></p> <p>Michael Krake serves as the World Bank Group Executive Director for Germany since April 2022. Prior to joining the WBG Board, Mr. Krake held leadership positions in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) as Deputy Director-General for Sustainable Supply Chains, Food and Rural Development; Director-General for Global Health, Private Sector, Trade and Rural Development; and Deputy Director-General for Private Sector, Trade, Employment and Digital Technologies. He also served as BMZ's main focal point for cooperation with the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Mr. Krake spearheaded the team for Germany's contribution to the WBG's World Development Reports from 2019 to 2021. He is a seasoned economist specializing in international cooperation and development with over 20 years of experience in public policy, diplomacy, and the private sector. Mr. Krake serves on the Committee on Development Effectiveness (CODE) and is a member of the Budget Committee (BC). He attended university in Bonn (Germany) and in New York (U.S.A.) and is a graduate economist.</p> |
|  | <p>Jakob Kopperud <i>Director, Government and Multilateral Relations, World Bank Group</i></p> <p>Jakob Kopperud, Director of Government Relations (External and Corporate Relations), has extensive expertise in donor relations, multilateral cooperation, development policy and communications, and has built a strong network in European capitals and in multilateral fora over his more than 25 years working for the World Bank Group. He served as the World Bank Special Representative to the UK & Ireland from 2018 to 2021; as Advisor on World Bank Multilateral</p> |

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| | <p>Engagement and World Bank delegate to the OECD from 2015 to 2018; led the World Bank's relations with the Nordic Countries from 2003 to 2015; with the Netherlands from 2009 to 2013; and with international parliamentary organizations from 2008 to 2014. Mr. Kopperud also worked in the World Bank's office in Juba, South Sudan in 2008. Before joining the World Bank, he was with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - first as a desk officer with the multilateral bank and finance section, and later as a communications advisor to the Minister for International Development. Earlier in his career, He also ran his own consultancy; and worked for Norwegian's People's Aid. Mr. Kopperud holds an MSc in Policy and International Development from the University of Bristol.</p> |
|  | <p>Parijat Lal <i>Young Professional, Outcomes Department, World Bank Group</i></p> <p>Parijat Lal is an Economist (Young Professional) in the Department for Outcomes at the World Bank Group, where he focuses on jobs measurement. He joined the World Bank as a Young Professional, following his role as a Postdoctoral Research Scholar at Columbia Business School under Joseph Stiglitz, where he worked on labor economics, public finance, and development issues. Parijat's earlier experience includes work on tax policy with both the IMF and UNDP. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University and a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University.</p> |

MP SPEAKERS

JAMAICA



Hon. Marlene MALAHOO FORTE

KC, MP Member of Parliament St James West Central, Jamaica; Outgoing Vice Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte was appointed Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs in January 2022. She is a Member of Parliament who has served in both Houses of Parliament of Jamaica. She previously served as Opposition Senator Senate Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (2012 - 2014) and Shadow Minister of Health (2015 - 2016).

She is the former Attorney General of Jamaica where she served from 2016 to 2022. Hon. Forte holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) Degree and Diploma in Public Policy and Management from Harvard University, a Master of Law (LLM) Degree in Commercial Laws with further specialty in Financial and Regulatory Laws (Commonwealth Scholar) from King's College London, a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) (Hons) from the University of the West Indies in Barbados, a Certificate of Legal Education from the Norman Manley Law School (Jamaica) and Diploma in International Arbitration and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London. She is also a Yale World Fellow and alum of Yale University.

LUXEMBOURG



Hon. Sven CLEMENT

MP, Luxembourg; Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF.

Sven Clement, MP is a Member of Parliament for Luxembourg's Center district since October 2018, representing the Pirate Party. Born in Luxembourg City in 1989, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems from Saarland University and a Professional Development Certificate in Parliamentary Governance from McGill University. As an entrepreneur and technology leader, Clement co-founded and serves as CEO of AccountTech and Clement & Weyer Consulting, developing digital solutions for accounting, tax preparation, and compliance systems. His dual expertise in technology and governance uniquely positions him to bridge the digital transformation challenges facing modern parliamentary oversight.

In parliament, Clement serves as President of the verification of powers committee and is a spokesperson on multiple committees including Foreign Affairs, Finance, and Digitalisation. Internationally, he serves as a Board Member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, Co-Chair of the Global Young MP Initiative, and holds positions in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and OECD Global Parliamentary Network.

SENEGAL



Hon. Aissata Tall Sall

MP, Senegal, Vice Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF.

Hon. Aissata Tall Sall is a lawyer by training since 1982, she specializes in business law and leads a multi-partner firm. She has practiced internationally, including across Africa.

She began her political career young, serving as Minister of Communication and Government Spokesperson under President Abdou Diouf in 1998. After the 2000 presidential transition, she moved into the opposition and was twice elected Mayor of her hometown (2009–2014; reelected 2014–2022), before voluntarily stepping down to take charge of Senegal’s diplomacy. She has served three terms in the National Assembly: first in 2012 in coalition with President Macky Sall; later returning on her own list while at odds with the Socialist Party of Senegal; and again in 2024, nominated on the opposition list led by President Macky Sall.

At the government level, she has held the positions of Minister of Communication (1998), Minister of Foreign Affairs (2020–2023), and Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice (2023–2024).

In 2006, she walked the steps of the Cannes Film Festival for Abderrahmane Sissako’s *Bamako*, appearing as herself—an advocate for African peoples confronting harsh adjustment policies promoted under the influence of the IMF and the World Bank—a commitment she continues to uphold.

SPAIN



Hon. Javier MAROTO

Senator, Spain; First Vice President of the Senate,

Hon. Javier Maroto, Senator, Spain; First Vice President of the Senate, is active member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, he champions stronger financial collaboration across regions and has participated in field visits to projects in Côte d'Ivoire and Jamaica. Drawing on this firsthand experience, he works to raise awareness in national and international forums about the role of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and especially the Parliamentary Network.

UNITED KINGDOM



Rt Hon. Liam BYRNE

*MP; Chair, Business and Trade Committee, UK ;
Outgoing Chair, the Parliamentary Network on
the World Bank & IMF*

The Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP is a Member of Parliament for Birmingham Hodge Hill, Chair of the Parliamentary Network of the IMF & World Bank, Gwilym Gibbon Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, and the chair of the UK House of Commons Business and Trade Select Committee. A former Cabinet minister, Liam served as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in No 10 Downing Street during the Great Financial Crisis, and in Her Majesty's Treasury where, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he designed Labour's fiscal consolidation strategy. When in Opposition, Liam served in a number of frontbench positions, chaired Labour's Policy Review, served on the Council of Europe and founded the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Inclusive Growth, which he chairs.

A former Fulbright scholar at the Harvard Business School, Liam has written twenty books, chapters and pamphlets about economic history, development and foreign affairs. His history of British capitalism *Dragons: Ten Entrepreneurs Who Built Britain* was published in 2016. He is also the author of *Black Flag Down: Counter*

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| | <p>Extremism, Defeating ISIS and Winning the Battle of Ideas; and Turning to Face the East: How Britain Prospers in the Asian Century. Liam is one of Westminster's leading authorities on China, helped kickstart the Economic & Finance Dialogue, and co-founded the UK-China Young Leader's Roundtable.</p> |
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