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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS



### **Moussa Oumarou, Director, ILO Governance and Tripartism Department.**

Moussa Oumarou holds diplomas from the Institut Universitaire de Technologie of Bethune, the Ecole Normale Nationale de Lyon and the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (CNET/CFIET). He also undertook studies at the African Center of Management and Executive Development (CAMPC). Before joining the ILO, Mr. Oumarou occupied many positions in Teaching and in Public Administration which led him to occupy several positions of responsibility such as that of Inspector in Technical Studies and Vocational Training and Secretary-General of the Ministry of National Education. He was appointed Minister of Public Service, Labour and Employment of the Government of Niger from 1997 to 1999. After leaving the Government in 1999, Mr. Oumarou first worked as Coordinator of a national project for the Promotion of the ILO Declaration of Principles and Fundamental Rights at Work. Then, he became Chief Technical Advisor of the Regional Programme for the Promotion of Social Dialogue in French-speaking Africa. He joined the ILO Headquarters in 2006. He was appointed Director of the Governance and Tripartism Department in 2013. He has authored several publications on Social Dialogue and Labour Administration. His career earned him the decoration of Chevalier des Palmes Académiques (Academic Order) and Chevalier de L'Ordre National de Niger (National Order of Niger).

### **Jordi Curell, Director, Mobility and International Issues, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission.**

Jordi Curell has a law background and since 1986 has worked in different positions in the European Commission, including in DG Employment, where he was responsible for coordinating the preparation and implementation of the European Social Agenda and afterwards in DG Education and Culture at the head of the Directorate for "Higher Education and International Affairs", where he led the negotiations on the new Erasmus+ programme.

Jordi Curell is presently Director for "Labour Mobility" in the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. He is in charge of advancing and supporting high quality labour mobility within the EU by promoting free movement of workers and by facilitating the coordination of social security systems. In this function, he is also responsible for the file dealing with the posting of workers.

Moreover, Jordi Curell is responsible for enhancing labour and social considerations in the EU's overall external and trade policy, as well as for developing the relations with international organisations and strategic partners in the field of social and employment affairs. He is also responsible for promoting social and employment related reforms in several EU Member States in the context of the "European Semester" process, and for ensuring the implementation of European funds in this area.





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### **Nancy Leppink, Chief, LABADMIN/OSH Branch, ILO Governance and Tripartism Department.**

Ms. Leppink holds a JD from the University of Minnesota Law School and BSc in Psychology from the University of Washington. Prior to joining the ILO, Ms. Leppink was a presidential appointee as a senior executive and led the Wage and Hour Division of the United State Department of Labor. From 1999-2009, she was the Chief General Counsel for the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry and from 1985-1999 she was a State Assistant Attorney General practicing the areas of human rights, occupational safety and health, and labour and employment law. Ms. Leppink has over 25 years of experience as a strategist and leader in employment and labor policy, law, administration, enforcement and compliance. She has managed diverse groups and organizations ranging from small teams to the 1600+ employees of the Wage and Hour Division. Nancy Leppink was appointed Chief of the Labour Administration, Labour Inspection, and Occupational Safety and Health Branch (LABADMIN/OSH) within the Governance and Tripartism Department in 2014.

### **Dr Lizbeth Navas-Aleman, Honorary Associate, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.**

Dr Lizbeth Navas-Aleman, PhD, MPhil. Value Chain Analysis specialist with 20 years' experience in the field of international development. In 2013 she founded the consultancy Navas-Aleman & Co. She is also an Honorary Associate (and former Research Fellow) at the Institute of Development Studies (UK) where she directed the multi-year, multi-country research programme Rising Powers in International Development and was also the lead Convenor of IDS's flagship MA in Development Studies. Her research topics include: SME development and upgrading (economic and social); the role of domestic and regional markets for functional upgrading, development strategies based on Natural Resource-based innovation and social inclusion/poverty alleviation in Value Chain initiatives.



### **Dr Thomas Kopp, University of Göttingen.**

Dr. Thomas Kopp (PhD in agricultural economics) is currently working as a researcher at the University of Göttingen (Germany). In his own DFG-funded project he analyses market imperfections. A specific focus in his research is set on market power, currently with an application to the Indonesian rubber sector. Other research foci include (post)growth economics, heterodox and development economics. Thomas Kopp is the head of board of the CSO "Common Future" whose main projects are ecapio and the I.L.A. Werkstatt.

### **Nina Grassnick, University of Göttingen.**

Nina Grassnick, M.A. (Field: International economics) is currently working as a doctoral researcher at the University of Goettingen (Germany). She is part of the Research Training Group "GlobalFood" which focuses on trends, driving forces, and implications of the agri-food system transformation. Nina studies the effect of private sustainability standards, including labor standards, on international agricultural trade flows. She is also member of the GlobalFood Executive Board. Nina is part of the ISEAL Alliance community, a multi-stakeholder platform to strengthen sustainability standards systems for the benefit of people and the environment.





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**Dr David Walters, Cardiff Work Environment Research Centre, University of Cardiff.**

David Walters is Professor of Work Environment and Director of the Cardiff Work Environment Research Centre (CWERC), a Cardiff University research centre in the School of Social Sciences at Cardiff University in the UK. His research and writing is on various aspects of the work environment and he has particular interests in employee representation and consultation on health and safety, the politics of health and safety at work, methods of regulating health and safety management (including means of achieving leverage in supply chains), regulatory inspection and health and safety in micro and small firms. He is the author of a large number of books and articles on all these matters.

**Lou Tessier, Project coordinator, LABADMIN/OSH Branch, ILO Governance and Tripartism Department.**

Lou Tessier holds a Master's degree from Sciences Po Lyon in International Law and Economic Development as well as a Master's in Business Administration from ESE Business School. Lou started her career developing community-based health insurance programmes in West Africa for the consortium MACIF-SOCODEVI, before joining Deloitte's Financial Services Industry Advisory team in France where she focused on health insurance and guarantees in case of incapacity and invalidity (work-related as well as all causes). She subsequently occupied three positions at the International Labour Organization, in the Social Security Department in Geneva, at the ILO Liaison Office in Myanmar, and most recently within the Labour Administration, Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health Branch in Geneva. Lou is currently coordinating the ILO-EU project on OSH in Global Supply Chains as part of the ILO Flagship programme on OSH and supporting the work of the Vision Zero Fund.



**Bounnavanh Rafidimanana, Madagascar Lychee Exporter Group.**

Bounnavanh Rafidimanana, Advanced technician in International Trade (Brevet Technicien Supérieur), moved to Madagascar in 1999 with her husband. In 2005 they created Fruid'îles, an agribusiness company specializing in the export of lychees and local products from Madagascar. General Manager of Fruid'îles Export SA, Member of the Board of Directors of the Group of Litchis Exporters since 2014, she is proud to be a woman entrepreneur at the head of a cohesive team composed of competent technicians, to have built a strong partnership with producers, and to have won the trust of all partners.

**Dr José Humberto Devia, Coordinator of Health Services, National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia.**

José Humberto Devia Sepúlveda, General Practitioner and Surgeon, Specialist in Health Services Management and Occupational Health Management. Dr Devia works for the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia and Almacafe S.A as Coordinator of Health Services and leads the Occupational Safety and Health Management System. Dr Devia is currently leading a project to support the Health and Safety at Work Management System for coffee farmers in Colombia. Dr Devia University lecturer in postgraduate degrees in administrative economics, adviser to several insurance organizations and service providers in strategies of health care management.





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**Marie-Christine Bauduret, Head of International Affairs Office, Ministry of Labour, France.**

Marie-Christine Bauduret, a graduate of the Grenoble Institute for Political Studies, has been working at the French Ministry of Labour since 1981. From the year 2000, she has, in conjunction with the Public Interest Group (GIP Inter), carried out the design and implementation of the Ministry's bilateral cooperation in the field of labour to meet the expectations of partner countries. She focused on support to the labour administration and labour inspection, social dialogue and occupational health and safety. Since 2014, she heads the office in charge of international issues Labour, Social Affairs and Human Rights within the Delegation for European and International Affairs of Social Ministries. Her unit monitors France's voluntary contribution to the ILO as part of the multi-annual France-ILO partnership, one of whose challenges is to improve health and safety at work, particularly in global supply chains.

**Elsbeth Akkerman, Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO/ Head Economic Affairs section, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.**

Before taking on her current position Ms Akkerman was acting Director of the International trade Policy and Economic Governance Department of the ministry of Foreign Affairs. This department has as core responsibilities trade policy, policy on corporate social responsibility and export controls on strategic goods. From 2005-2011 she was a member of the management team of the Department for International Affairs of the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. In that position she was i.a. engaged in food security issues and EU coordination related to the monthly Agriculture and Fisheries' Council. Ms Akkerman started her career at the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs in 1997. She graduated from Twente Technical University as a Master in Public Administration and followed several management and leadership courses since then.



**Rudi Delarue, Deputy Head of Unit, International Issues, Labour Mobility, Directorate General of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission.**

Rudi Delarue has been Director of the ILO Office for the EU and the Benelux countries between June 2008 and July 2013. Prior to taking up this function he was a principal administrator at the European Commission since 1999 where he held posts relating to EU external relations pertaining to employment and social affairs and to EU social dialogue and industrial relations. Mr Delarue is the Deputy Head of Unit, International Issues, Labour Mobility, Directorate General of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission.

**Claire Doole, Moderator**

A former BBC correspondent and UN spokeswoman, Claire Doole is an experienced moderator, communications trainer and content producer. She has moderated ministerial conferences for UN agencies to panel discussions with senior politicians, business leaders and technical experts. One of the highlights was at the Women's Forum for Economy and Society, where she moderated panels with the French Presidential Candidate, Emmanuel Macron and the CEO of Coca Cola, Muhtar Kent. Ms Doole coaches and trains executives and managers in the art of presenting, talking to the media, speechwriting and moderating. She produces audio-visual and written content for websites, social media and magazines. Based in Geneva, Ms Doole has Swiss and British nationalities.

