

Biodata of Speakers at the 2006 Small States Forum

L. Alan Winters

Director of the Development Research Group of the World Bank

L. Alan Winters is Director of the Development Research Group of the World Bank. He has worked previously in the Bank as Division Chief and Research Manager (1994-99) and Economist (1983-85). He is currently on leave from the University of Sussex, where he is Professor of Economics. He is also a Research Fellow and former Programme Director of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London) and has previously worked in the Universities of Cambridge, Bristol, Wales and Birmingham. He has been editor of the *World Bank Economic Review*, associate editor of the *Economic Journal*, and serves on numerous editorial boards. He has also advised the OECD, DfID, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the European Commission, the European Parliament, UNCTAD, WTO, and the Inter-American Development Bank, among others.

Dr. Manjula Luthria

Senior Economist, World Bank

Dr. Manjula Luthria joined the World Bank in 1998 and is currently the Senior Economist for the Pacific Region, based in the World Bank office in Sydney, Australia. Her responsibilities involve attention and assistance to the member states on issues of macro policy such as public debt and enhancing the effectiveness of public expenditures as well as to micro foundations of growth through improvements in the business environment and trade integration. She has just completed a research project examining the case for greater labour mobility in the Pacific region and is following up with policy advocacy as well as facilitation assistance to help countries devise successful labour export strategies.

Prior to her current assignment, Dr. Luthria worked on the economics of intellectual property rights; quantifying the value of patents in developing countries and analyzing the impact of stronger regimes on technology importing countries; assessing and strengthening industry-academia linkages

to enhance the technological competitiveness of institutions in countries such as India, Turkey and Malaysia.

Dr. Luthria attained her PhD in Economics from Georgetown University.

Ashoke Rana

Chief Executive Officer, Himalayan Bank

Ashoke Rana is a graduate of Gordonstoun School in Scotland and of George Mason University, in Virginia, USA—the latter of which he decided to attend after Nobel Laureate in Economics James Buchanan joined the faculty. After completing his schooling, Mr. Rana returned to Nepal to work for Central Bank for several years before venturing into the private sector, first with a joint venture brewery with Carlsburg and then as a founder of Himalayan Bank. Mr. Rana also works with the Rural Micro-Development Centre in Nepal, which is supported by the Asian Development Bank and works to foster micro-financial institutions in Nepal's countryside. Mr. Rana is also Chair of the User Group of the Society for Worldwide Inter-Bank Fund Transfers (SWIFT).

Michael Klein

Vice President for Financial and Private Sector Development for the World Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Chief Economist, IFC

Prior to assuming his current assignment, Mr. Klein was Director of the joint Bank/IFC Private Sector Advisory Services Department covering advice on investment climate, corporate governance, corporate social responsibility, privatization transactions and foreign investment. He was Chief Economist of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group (1997-2000), where he advised on worldwide economic developments and industry issues. He joined the World Bank in 1982 as an economist on oil and gas projects, trade and industrial policy, financial sector reform and macro-economic analysis. In 1991, he became head of the unit for non-OECD economies at the Economics Department of OECD. In 1993, he re-joined the World Bank and became Senior Manager, Private Participation in Infrastructure, focusing on issues of market structure, regulation, privatization and project finance in the telecommunications, transport, energy and water sectors. Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Klein was active in Amnesty International since 1974

and served on its German Board (1977-79) and International Executive Committee (1979-82).

Mr. Klein studied in Bonn, New Haven and Paris and received his doctorate in economics from the University of Bonn, Germany.

Hon. Clyde A. Mascoll
Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Barbados

Clyde Mascoll was appointed to his current position in February 2006. In this newly created position, he oversees the Treasury, Central Bank, National Insurance Scheme and the Supervisor of Insurance. Previously, he was the Leader of the Opposition party. Before entering politics, Mr. Mascoll worked at Central Bank of Barbados as a senior economist, as an economic advisor in the Ministry of Finance, and a research fellow at the Institute of Social and Economic Research where, among other topics, he authored papers on the effect of changing CET rates, Trends in effective tax rates, and Government revenue and expenditure causality.

Mr. Mascoll was educated at the University of the West Indies where he received his undergraduate degree in economics. In 1987 won a Commonwealth Scholarship to Queen's University in Canada, where he attained a Masters degree in public finance.

Ransford Smith
Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General

Mr. Ransford Smith is a career diplomat of nearly 30 years' standing in the Jamaican Public and Foreign Service. He previously served as Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Commerce and Technology, and also Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Industry and Investment. His diplomatic career as included postings at the Jamaican Embassy in Washington, DC; as the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the Office of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in Geneva, Rome, and Vienna; as Ambassador of Jamaica to the World Trade Organization (WTO); and as Ambassador of Jamaica to a number of European countries.

Michael C. Bonello
Governor of the Central Bank of Malta

Michael C. Bonello was appointed Governor of the Central Bank of Malta in 1999 and has twice seen that appointment extended. Before serving as Governor, Mr. Bonello was a senior official at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. Between 1983 and 1999 he served in various capacities, among them as Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the International Trade Division, Chief of the Policy Clearance Unit, Advisor in the Office of the Secretary-General, and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary-General. Mr. Bonello was also President of the Malta Branch of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, now the Institute of Financial Services, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Financial Services and a member of the Board of Governors of the Malta Financial Services Authority. In addition to his bachelor's degree in languages and economics from the University of Malta in 1965, Mr. Bonello was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, where he took an honors degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics in 1969.