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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Ceferino Rodolfo was appointed as Assistant Secretary for Industry Development Group of the Department of Trade and Industry in 2013. He is a faculty member (on government secondment) of the School of Management (SMN) of the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) since 1991. He first became Core Faculty for Strategy, and later became acting dean in SMN from 2009-2010. In 2011, he became Vice Dean of the SMN and Academic Director of the Advanced Management Program of the SMN. Dr. Rodolfo finished his B.S. Economics from the School of Economics of the University of the Philippines and garnered his Master of Science in Industrial Economics with full scholarship from Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany at the Center for Research and Communication (CRC), now known as UA&P. In 1995, he was the First Filipino Participant in the Strategic Management Program of the Industrial Management Institute (IMI), sponsored by the IMI and by the Islamic Development Bank, held in Tehran, Iran. In 2007, he joined the International Faculty Development Program of the IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain. Mr. Rodolfo gained his Doctoral Degree in Public Administration (DPA) at the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the University of the Philippines.



Mr. Carlos Kuriyama is currently a Senior Analyst at the APEC Secretariat, Policy Support Unit, working mainly on topics concerning trade and investment liberalization, regulatory and structural reforms. He holds a Master of International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, New York, USA and a Bachelor's Degree on Economics from Universidad del Pacífico in Lima, Peru. Previously, he was a government official at Peru's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, where he served as Chief Negotiator of the Peru-China FTA negotiations, General Coordinator of the Peru-Singapore FTA negotiations and Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade. He also led the design of Peru's trade negotiations agenda and implemented Peru's trade strategy with APEC economies. In the academic sector, he was an Associate Researcher and Lecturer in Economics at Universidad del Pacifico, where he wrote extensively and participated in several research projects on trade, investment and integration issues for several domestic

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Mr. John Larkin is currently head of the APEC Branch in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia. He is also Chair of APEC's Committee on Trade and Investment, a position to which he was appointed in late-2012. He has been involved in trade policy and negotiations with DFAT for over twelve years, including as lead negotiator on services in the WTO Doha Round negotiations from 2000 to 2002, Minister-Counsellor at Australia's mission to the World Trade Organization from 2003 to 2006, where he covered industrial tariff and trade remedies negotiations, and lead negotiator for Australia on services and investment for the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA and Australia's bilateral FTA negotiations with Malaysia and Indonesia. Prior to joining DFAT, he worked for ten years in financial services policy and regulation within the Australian Treasury portfolio.



Mr. Shujiro Urata is a professor of Economics at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University. He is also a faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), as well as a Research Fellow at the Japanese Centre for Economic Research (JCER). Lastly, Prof. Urata is a Senior Research Advisor at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Professor Urata received his Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University. He specializes in international economics and has published a number of books and articles on international economic issues. His recent co-edited books include *Bilateral Trade Agreements: Origins, evolution, and implications*, Routledge, 2005; *Multinationals and Economic Growth in East Asia*, Routledge, 2006; *Free Trade Agreements in the Asia-Pacific*, World Scientific, 2010; *Economic Consequences of Globalization: Evidence from East Asia*, co-editor, Routledge, 2012.



Ms. Paulina Nazal is the APEC Senior Official for Chile.



Mr. Han Yi currently serves as the deputy division director for the Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Commerce of China. He is a core member of China's negotiation team for China-Japan-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and is involved in many other FTA negotiations between China and other countries. From 2008 to 2010, he was also a team member dealing with China's participation in APEC, G20 and BRICs. In August 2010, Mr. Han began his diplomat service in the Embassy of China to the United States in Washington DC where he covered trade policy dialogues and economic cooperation. In October 2014, Mr. Han moved back to China to continue work at the Ministry of Commerce. He earned his Master degree in International Economic Law from China Foreign Affairs University.



Ambassador Valery Sorokin has been the Ambassador-at-large and Senior Official of Russia for APEC since February 2013. Amb. Sorokin has been actively engaged in preparations for and conduct of Russia's hosting APEC in 2012. From 2003 to 2013 he has also served as Deputy Director of the Department of Asia and Pacific Cooperation, MFA of the Russian Federation. He has also served in various departments of the Ministry, and the embassies of the USSR, then the Russian Federation in the Philippines (1978-1982; 1984-1988; 1992-1995) and Malta (1998-2003), and the OSCE Mission in Croatia (1997). Amb. Sorokin graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.



Dr. Caesar Cororaton has been a Senior Research Fellow at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University since 2008. Prior to this, he served as a Senior Research Fellow at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies in the Philippines from 1993 to 2005 and as a Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, DC, USA from 2005 to 2008. Mr. Cororaton also served as Senior Economist at the University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines, from 1990 to 1992. He has done extensive research on regional cooperation and integration, agricultural policy, and trade reform, among others. Mr. Cororaton holds a BS in Management Engineering from Ateneo de Davao University, Philippines, an MS in Industrial Economics from the University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines, an MA in Economics from the University of the Philippines, and a doctorate in economics from Clark University, Massachusetts, USA.



Mr. Angelo Salvador Benedictos is the Assistant Director of the Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR) of the Department of Trade and Industry in the Philippines. He has acted as Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the BITR from 2012 – 2014. Prior to this, Mr. Benedictos assumed various roles related to the WTO and multilateral trade issues. He acted as a Specialist on Trade-related Investment Measures (TRIMs), Safeguards, and Trade in Textiles and Clothing. He also worked on multilateral issues from the Uruguay Round and the Doha Development Agenda. Mr. Benedictos' background in multilateral issues also includes involvement in the implementation of Philippine commitments in the WTO and participation in the Philippine technical teams for WTO Trade Policy Reviews as well as dispute settlement procedures including a successful pursuit of Thai measures applied on cigarette imports from the Philippines and found inconsistent with WTO rules by a Panel. He has also worked as a lead negotiator on the Philippines' FTAs such as the ASEAN-China, ASEAN-India, ASEAN-Korea, and ASEAN-Japan FTAs. Currently, he serves as the country's ASEAN Senior Economic Official (SEOM) and Lead Negotiator on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) with Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, and New Zealand. He has also acted as Deputy Senior Official (SOM) for APEC. He has also been a participant in the GATT Trade Policy Course in Geneva and in many GATT-WTO seminars, workshops, and conferences. Mr. Benedictos has an A.B. in Economics from the University of the Philippines and a Diploma and a Master of Economics of Development from the Australian National University.



Ms. Datin Che Mazni Che Wook is the Senior Director of the Regional and International Relations (APEC) Division at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia. She is currently the Senior Official for Malaysia at all APEC Senior Officials' Meetings. Prior to this, she served as the Assistant Secretary under the Government Procurement Division of the Ministry of Finance from 1982 to 1989. From 1996 to 2000, she also served as an Assistant Director at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry where she helped in the formulation of bilateral trade policies and export strategies to enhance Malaysia's exports. She also has experience with multilateral policy, FTA policy, and negotiations. In 2010, she became Director for the FTA Policy and Negotiations Coordination Division of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. Given this background, Ms. Wook has been involved in Malaysia-Chile, Malaysia-Turkey, Trans-Pacific Partnership, and Malaysia-EFTA negotiations. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Science Technology from the University Pertanian Malaysia and her Masters in Strategy and Diplomacy from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia/Institute of

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Ms. Alison Mann is New Zealand's Senior Official for APEC, the East Asia Summit, the Asia Regional Forum and ASEAN, and leads the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Asia Pacific Regional Integration Division. She has a trade policy background, with extensive experience in the Australian and North Asian markets in particular. She has been posted to Seoul, to Beijing and Canberra as Deputy Head of Mission, and to Brazil as New Zealand Ambassador. She has also worked in the Australia, North Asia and Trade Negotiations Divisions in Wellington, as well as a stint as the Ministry's internal auditor. As a trade negotiator, she managed New Zealand's bilateral negotiations on the WTO accessions of China and Chinese Taipei, and commenced bilateral FTA negotiations with Korea as New Zealand Lead Negotiator.



Dr. Bernard Hoekman is currently the Professor and Director of Global Economics of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Italy. Prior to taking this position, Dr. Hoekman worked as a Sector Director of the International Trade Department of the World Bank from 2008 to 2013. In the same institute, he has also served as a Research Manager and Senior Advisor to the Development Research Group from 2000 to 2008 where he provided intellectual leadership on policy relevant research on international trade, and economic integration and development. Dr. Hoekman began his career as an Economist in the Economic Research and Analysis Unit of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva, Switzerland from 1988 to 1993. He has had extensive experience and research on international trade, trade reform, trade agreements, as well as other trade-related policy research. Dr. Hoekman holds a Master's Degree in Applied Economics from the University of Michigan, USA and a Ph.D. in Economics from the same university.



Ms. Rohini Acharya is a Counsellor with the World Trade Organization. She joined the WTO's Trade Policies Review Division in 1996 working on several WTO members such as Australia, Egypt, India, New Zealand, Singapore, and China. In 2007, she assumed the role of Chief of the Regional Trade Agreements Section in the same division. She has also worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the International Economics Programme of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London. Ms. Acharya holds a Ph.D. in Economics.



Dr. Chul Chung is currently the Vice President of the Department of Asia-Pacific at the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), Seoul, Korea. In the same institute, he also served as a Senior Research Fellow and Vice Chair of the Korea National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (KOPEC). He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of East Asian Economic Integration. Dr. Chul was also a Chief Economist of the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) in Washington, DC, USA from 2009 to 2012. Since 2014, he served as Adjunct Professor of the Graduate School of International Studies at the Seoul National University. He has done extensive research on areas involving international trade, economic geography, and microeconomics. Dr. Chul obtained his BA and MA in Economics from Sogang University, Korea, and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan, USA.



Mr. Jayant Menon is the Lead Economist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines. His work includes trade, international investment and development issues. Mr. Menon also leads the Trade Team in the said institute. Additionally, he holds adjunct appointments with the Australian National University, University of Nottingham, UK and Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, and serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Nottingham Campus in Malaysia. Prior to joining ADB, he worked as an academic in Australia for more than a decade, mainly at the Centre of Policy Studies at Monash University in Melbourne. He is the author or co-author of more than one hundred academic publications, mostly on trade and development, and particularly as they relate to Asia.



Professor Javier Illescas has had over 30 years of experience in economic policy analysis and design in relation to international trade, industrial analysis, regulation, and international macroeconomics, among others. He was the lead negotiator in goods and services trade negotiations in Peru's FTAs, including agreements with USA, Canada, Chile, the People's Republic of China, the European Union, and the EFTA countries. He also served as a lead negotiator in the WTO, APEC, the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), the Andean Community (CAN), and various bilateral agreements. Professor Illescas is currently the Director of the Economics and Finance Program at the Faculty in Economics of the Applied Sciences University (UPC) in Lima, Peru. Prior to this, he has also done various consultative work on health financing system, Argentinian exports of biodiesel to Peru, and labor market regulations. Professor Illescas holds a Baccalaureate in Economy from the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru and a Master of Science in Economics with specialization in international and monetary economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.



Dr. Soo Yeon Kim is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the National University of Singapore since 2011. Prior to this, she was a lecturer in Political Science in Yale University, as well as a Fellow in Princeton University at the Center of International Studies from 2000-2001 and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance from 2006-2007. Professor Kim also taught at the East-West Center in Washington DC, the University of Maryland, and the Transatlantic Academy, Washington DC, USA. Her research and teaching areas include International Political Economy, International Political Economy of Asia, and Research Methods, with a specialization in trade politics. She is the author of *Power and the Governance of Global Trade: From the GATT to the WTO*, 2010, and the co-author of *Global Shift: How the West Should Respond to the Rise of China*, 2011. Professor Kim obtained her BA in Political Science and International Studies from Yonsei University in Korea, and her MA and Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University.



Mr. Antonio Basilio is currently a Director of the Board of Stratbase Consulting and Chairman of the Philippine National Committee for the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC). He served in the Philippine Foreign Service for 26 years with postings in London, Geneva, Beijing, Jeddah and Washington, D.C. He has specialized in trade policy issues in his career in at both bilateral and multilateral level including in the WTO, ASEAN, and APEC. He was Director of the Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR) of the Department of Trade and Industry from 1989 to 1991. Mr. Basilio joined the private sector in 1998 as President of the Philippine Foundation for Global Concerns Inc., a non-profit organization involved in regional economic issues. In this same capacity he serves as Director of the International Secretariat of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC); and Secretary General of the Philippine chapter of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Mr. Basilio was also senior adviser at the Asian Development Bank from 2001-2002 working on a project on sub-regional economic integration in South Asia. In 2005, he was elected Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office, which represents Philippine interest in Chinese Taipei. He was an independent Director of the Board of Equitable Banking Corporation in 2006-2007.



Ms. Tan Lay Lin is currently the Director of International Trade Cluster (ITC) Division in the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI). Prior to this, Ms. Tan served as the First Secretary (Economics) in the Embassy of Singapore in Belgium from 2003 to 2007 and was responsible for bilateral economic relations with the European Union. Ms Tan joined the then Singapore Trade Development Board in April 1994 (now known as the

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Mr. Tan Jian is currently the APEC Senior Official of the People's Republic of China. Prior to this, Mr. Tan served as the Special Assistant to the Undersecretary-General of UN. His previous roles have also included serving in the Department of International Organizations and Conferences as Third Secretary, Deputy Director, and Director. Mr. Tan also became a Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of China to the UN Office in Geneva, and other international organizations in Switzerland. He graduated from China Foreign Affairs College with a Bachelor's degree in Law and a Master's Degree in diplomacy and trade.



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Mr. Sebastien Miroudot is Senior Trade Policy Analyst in Trade and Agriculture, of the Trade in Services Division of the OECD. Prior to this, he served as a Research Fellow at the Groupe d'Economie Mondiale, Sciences Po Paris and as Assistant to the Economic and Financial Counsellor, French Embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. His recent publications include *The Economics and Political Economy of Going Beyond the GATS*, 2014; *Offshoring of Tasks: Taylorism versus Toyotism*, 2013; and *Poison in the Wine: Tracing GATS-Minus Commitments in Regional Trade Agreements*, 2012, among others. Mr. Miroudot holds a bachelor's degree (Hons.) in mathematics, a Certificate of International Studies, Catholic University of Louvain, and a Master's Degree in International Economics from the Sciences Po, Paris.