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Speakers Biographies

Dr. Kulsum Ahmed is the Director at Integrated Learning Means and a fellow at the Consortium for Development Policy Research. She serves as an advisor on international development, climate, and environmental sustainability, with over 30 years of experience in providing policy analysis, advice, and development solutions. Kulsum worked for the World Bank for 24 years, where she held various technical, operational, and managerial positions, including global practice manager, and led large operational teams across Latin America, Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East and North Africa. Kulsum is a member of the Prevention of Corruption Unit (PCI) at INT, a UK-based organization (INT) established in 2016, which provides legal and advisory services involving projects and activities financed by the World Bank Group, its corporate vendors, and World Bank Group staff, as well as efforts to litigate substantiated investigations within the World Bank Group's Sanctions System since February 2021. He also manages INT's Prevention, Risk, and Knowledge Management function, to promote best practices in the prevention of fraud and corruption in World Bank Group-supported projects. Before joining INT, he was the Director of Integrity and Anti-Corruption for the African Development Bank, where he led the Bank's anticorruption investigation function and its policies on anticorruption and integrity measures, as well as the Bank's business integrity due diligence function. His past roles include serving as a UK Senior Crown Prosecutor, the first Head of Legal and Case Consultancy at the Basel Institute's International Centre for Asset Recovery, a Director in the international consultancy Stream House AG, and as an External Member of the Inter-American Development Bank's Sanctions Committee from 2015 to 2019. He is a UK Barrister and an Advocate of the Higher Courts of England and Wales.

Mr. Chris Basiurski is Chair of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Group on Bribery. Chris is the current acting Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery, having been the head of the UK's delegation to the Working Group since 2018. He was Deputy Head of the UK's Joint Anti-Corruption Unit, a policy unit in HM Government responsible for overseeing the UK's anti-corruption agenda. Previously he was a lawyer for 15 years both at UK Export Finance and in the private sector, specialising in asset finance, financial crime and sanctions. He oversaw the implementation of the UK's national Anti-Corruption Strategy 2017-22 and was the team drafting its forthcoming successor. He also led the development of the UK's Magnitsky-style international corruption sanctions regime.

Ms. Sârra-Tilila Bounfour is the founder of STB Integrity, a consulting firm working with international organizations to achieve their integrity goals, from the policy, training, investigation, and sanction angles. She is an experienced integrity professional with over a decade of expertise in the field. Since January 2023, she has also served on the Independent Expert Panel of the International Climate Initiative's Independent Complaints Mechanism (IKI-ICM), where she has been instrumental in integrating integrity and environmental safeguards. Her background in integrity and experience at the IKI-ICM place her at the forefront of innovative approaches to managing integrity risks in climate finance.

Mr. Brice Böhmer is the Climate and Environment Lead at Transparency International, in which role he

managing and monitoring different projects on transparency-accountability-integrity in climate finance and action.

Mr. Michael Burger is the Executive Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University, leading a dynamic team that is at the forefront of domestic and international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote climate change adaptation through pollution control, resource management, land use planning and green finance. Past and present projects involve collaborations with local and national environmental groups and government representatives, as well as international organizations such as the UNEP, the UNDP, and the International Red Cross. Michael is a widely published scholar, a frequent speaker at conferences and symposiums, and a regular source for media outlets. He is also a co-founder and member of the Environmental Law Collaborative. Michael is Of Counsel at Sher Edling LLP, a boutique plaintiffs firm that represents states, cities, public agencies, and businesses in high-impact, high-value environmental cases. Prior to joining the Sabin Center, Michael was an associate professor at Roger Williams University School of Law, where he taught environmental law, administrative law, and law and literature, and was founder and director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Clinical Externship program. He previously taught in the Lawyering Program at New York University School of Law, and served as an attorney in the Environmental Law Division of New York City's Office of the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Sasha Caldera is the Beneficial Ownership Transparency Campaign Manager at Publish What You Pay Canada. Sasha brings 13 years of NGO experience, including co-founding a non-profit organization, and 10 years of policy, advocacy, and government relations experience. Sasha's current advocacy efforts have resulted in policy and legislative commitments in British Columbia (2019), Quebec (2020), and at Canada's federal level (2021, 2022, and 2023). He has also appeared as a witness at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance and the Standing Committee on Industry and registered as an in-house lobbyist in Canada. Sasha's commentary on beneficial ownership transparency can be found in The Globe & Mail, the Toronto Star, Global News, CityNews Toronto, TVO's The Agenda, The National Observer,

Ms. Vera Cherepanova is the Founding Partner and CEO of Studio Etica, a Milan-based boutique business consultancy. She is an ethics adviser, compliance Author, and a specialist in compliance with broad international expertise. She is the founder and CEO of the Milan-based boutique business consultancy Studio Etica. She is an award-winning global ethics & compliance expert, thought leader, published author, and sought-after speaker for events. Her work is at the intersection of behavioral science, workplace culture, risk, and governance. Vera wrote the first-ever compliance book in the Russian language, a chapter in the book 'The Transnationalization of Anti-Corruption Law,' and she has authored several other guides to ethics & compliance and risk management. She was a regular contributor to the FCPA Blog. Her work has appeared in articles for Thomson Reuters, *Corporate Compliance Insights*, SCCE's *Compliance and Ethics Blog*, *In Compliance Magazine*, *Fraud Intelligence*, and *SG Voice*. She has been quoted in the *Financial Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Law360*, the Chartered Management Institute publication, and *Compliance Week*.

Mr. Brian Cooksey is a current member of the board of directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia. He is a former senior advisor to the U.S. State Department and has worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Agency for Global Media, and the U.S. Agency for International Trade. He has also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Agency for Global Media, and the U.S. Agency for International Trade. He has also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Agency for Global Media, and the U.S. Agency for International Trade.

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Mr. Matthew Genasci is a Senior Investment Stewardship Manager in the London office of Norges Bank Investment Management (NBIM). As a member of the corporate governance team, Matthew leads engagements with NBIM's investee companies and standard setters on anti-corruption and tax & transparency. Prior to joining NBIM, Matthew worked as a lawyer and policy advisor, focusing principally on extractive sector governance and taxation. He has a law degree from Stanford Law School and a master's in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Ms. Corinna Gilfillan is a Senior Analyst at the UNCAC Coalition and works with the Coalition's Environmental Crime and Corruption Working Group to advance efforts to combat environmental crime and corruption. She brings over 20 years of work experience in anti-corruption, environmental protection, and civic space issues. Before joining the UNCAC Coalition, Corinna was Head of the US Office for Global Witness, leading the organization's U.S. advocacy. She played a leading role in securing the passage of groundbreaking US legislation to promote transparency in the natural resource sector and served on the Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative earlier in her career. She holds a law degree from the University of Michigan and a master's in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

engagement. She previously worked in Operations Policy and Country Services on citizen engagement and external accountability. She has operational experience in the MENA and Africa regions, where she worked on a range of Bank products including CPF, IPFs, and PforRs. Before joining the World Bank she worked on social accountability with ActionAid in the Middle East, West Africa, Europe and USA.

Ms. Anna Koens

Ms. Besinati Mpepo is a Co-director of the Technical Team at Social Development Direct, (SDD) providing strategic and operational leadership across SDD's gender equality and social inclusion portfolios. Besi has been working in the field of governance and social accountability for the past 20+ years, with a particular passion for demand led governance and strengthening local communities to be able to hold their duty bearers to account for their rights and commitments under policy. She has held various leadership and senior roles with national and international organisations. In the early 2000's, Besi was the Executive Director of a large civil society network in Zambia working on poverty reduction, facilitating civil society and community voice in Zambia's poverty reduction strategies and National Development plans across multiple sectors/thematic areas. In the most recent 8 years, Besi served as World Vision International's Technical Director for Social Accountability, providing leadership for the scale up and roll out of the organisation's Citizen Voice and Action work across 50 counties, covering multiple sectors and contexts, facilitating opportunities for women, children and groups often left behind to have a voice. She has chaired and served on various national and regional Boards and Steering Groups and contributed to resource acquisition for civil society programming. Besi is from Zambia, has a BA degree in Economics from the University of Zambia and a MA in Health Economics from the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Dr. Michael Nest is an independent policy researcher and practitioner who has worked on governance, accountability, and transparency issues for 25 years. Much of his work has focused on the exploitation of natural resources.

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individuals in a wide variety of white collar criminal and regulatory matters, including alleged violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mr. Tim Smith is the Climate Change Lead in Environmental Initiatives at NBIM. He previously worked at Lazard Asset Management where he was an Senior Vice Ppresident for Climate Change Research. Tim has a mixed background of climate and equity markets spending 11 years in JP Morgan's equities business. He is a CFA charter holder and has a master's degree in Climate Change Finance and Investment from Edinburgh.

Dr. Matthew Stephenson is a Professor of Law at Harvard University Law School, where he teaches administrative law, anti-corruption law, legislation and regulation, and political economy of public law. His research focuses on the application of positive political theory to public law, particularly in the areas of administrative procedure, anti-corruption, judicial institutions, and separation of powers. Prior to joining the Harvard Law School faculty, Matthew clerked for Senior Judge Stephen Williams on the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the Supreme Court. He received a B.S. from Harvard University in 2004 and a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2007.