

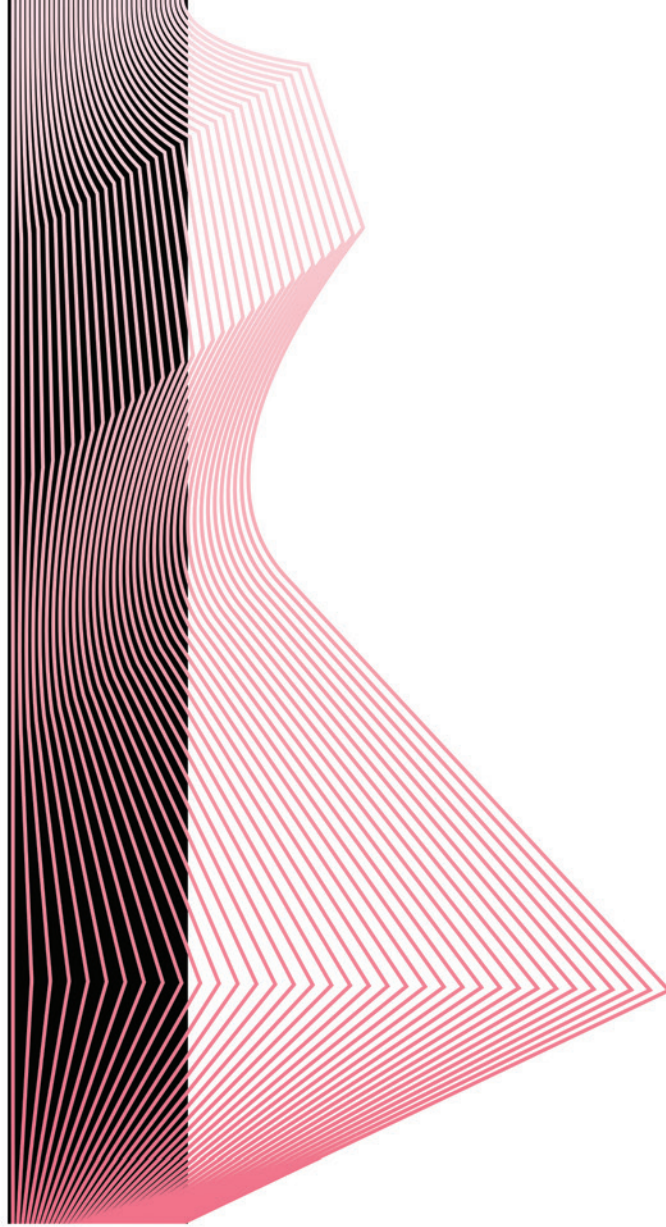
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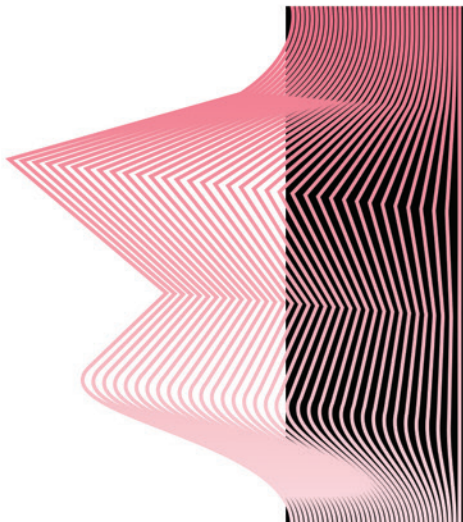
 **STAREP**



2022 Ministerial Conference

**SENIOR OFFICIALS’
WORKSHOP: PULSAR,
REPARIS for SMEs,
STAREP**

November 29, 2022 • Vienna, Austria





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FOREWORD

The Senior Officials' Workshop will convene about 150 high-level delegates, including senior government officials, policy makers from participating countries, international development partners, professional and academic speakers, and experts from key international and EU institutions.

The Workshop aims to inform policymakers on the recent developments in financial and sustainability reporting and financial auditing in the private and public sectors; to sustain political support for related reforms; and provide an opportunity for networking and regional exchange of experience.

The Senior Officials' Workshop is organized as part of three CFRR-implemented programs: (i) The Public Sector Accounting and Reporting Program (PULSAR), (ii) The Road to Europe: Program of Accounting Reform and Institutional Strengthening for Small and Medium Enterprises (REPARIS for SMEs), and (iii) The Strengthening Auditing and Reporting in the Countries of the Eastern Partnership Program (STAREP). The Senior Officials' Workshop will be followed by the Ministerial Conference on November 30 and Communities of Practice Workshops on December 1.

AGENDA

NOVEMBER 28, 2022: ARRIVAL IN VIENNA

19:00
21:00

Cocktail reception at the Vienna Marriott Hotel – Foyer II

NOVEMBER 29, 2022: SENIOR OFFICIALS' WORKSHOP – BALLROOMS A+B+C

08:30

Registration and welcome coffee

09:00

Introduction to the day

Speaker

- **Iwona Warzecha**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, REPARIS for SMEs Team Leader, The World Bank

09:05

Welcoming and opening remarks

Speakers

- **Fabian Seiderer**, Practice Manager for Governance, Public Sector, and Financial Management in the Europe and Central Asia Region, The World Bank
- **Xiaoqing Yu**, Regional Director for Western Balkans, The World Bank

Focus themes

Welcome participants, introduce high-level speakers, acknowledge donors, and introduce each delegation.

09:25

Panel discussion: Navigating challenging times in public and corporate sectors using financial and non-financial reporting

Speakers

- **Bernhard Schatz**, Senior Manager, Public Sector Accounting Advisory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Austria
- **Cornelia Walch**, Corporate Social Responsibility Expert, Austrian Railways Group, ÖBB-Holding AG
- **Andreas Rauter**, Head of Sustainability, Ethics & Public Affairs, UNIQA Insurance Group AG

Discussants

- **Liudmyla Haponenko**, Head of the Accounting Methodology Department and Regulatory Support of Auditing, Ministry of Finance, Ukraine
- **Nadine Wiedermann-Ondrej**, Head, Legal Matters on Insurance, Legal Matters on Auditor Oversight and State Guarantees Unit, Ministry of Finance, Austria

Moderator

- **Dan Boyce**, Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Governance Global Practice, PULSAR Steering Committee Chair, The World Bank

Focus themes

- Panel discussion to set the scene for the separate Program sessions. Framing the role of financial and also non-financing reporting in addressing challenges.
- How to use existing reporting to increase transparency and accountability of government to better manage resources.
- What is needed by government, public, corporate sector, and other stakeholders to use financial reporting as a powerful tool to improve lives and preserve the environment.

10:30 — Coffee and networking break

11:00

**STAREP & REPARIS for SMEs panel discussion:
International developments in financial reporting and sustainability reporting**

Speakers

- **Tadeu Cendon**, Board Member, International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)
- **Saskia Slomp**, Chief Executive Officer, European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) [via video]
- **Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) [via video]

Discussants

- **Vasilika Vjero**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania
- **David Mchedlidze**, Head of Accounting, Reporting and Audit Supervision Service (SARAS), Georgia

Chair

- **Sebastian Molineus**, Regional Director for the South Caucasus, The World Bank

Moderators

- **Garik Sergeyan**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, STAREP Team Leader, CFRR, The World Bank
- **Andrei Busuioc**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

Focus themes

An update on recent international developments in financial reporting, covering International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the IFRS for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); and sustainability reporting.

12:30 — Lunch

13:30

PULSAR panel discussion: Public sector accounting reforms – benefits and status

Speakers

- **Eugenio Caperchione**, Professor of Public Sector Accounting, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia; former Chair of Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Network (CIGAR)
- **Dmitri Gourfinkel**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR Financial Reporting Community of Practice (FinCoP) Team Leader, The World Bank
- **Jose Simon Rezk**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR Education Community of Practice (EduCoP) Team Leader, CFRR, The World Bank

Moderator

- **Arman Vatyanyan**, Lead Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR Program Manager, The World Bank

Focus themes

Discussion of public sector accounting reforms, including reform progress; the benefits and drivers of accrual accounting in the public sector; use in the region of the Public Sector Accounting Assessment (PULSE) Framework; and accounting education.

15:00 | Coffee and networking break

15:30 | STAREP & REPARIS for SMEs panel discussion: International developments in audit and ethics

Speakers

- **Sue Almond**, Board Member, The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)
- **Brian Friedrich**, Board Member, The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA)

Moderators

- **Garik Sergeyan**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, STAREP Team Leader, CFRR, The World Bank
- **Andrei Busuioc**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

Focus themes

- Discussion of recent international developments in audit and ethical leadership in an era of complexity and digital change, including quality management standards, sustainability assurance, less complex audits, and other recent IAASB initiatives. Also,
- IESBA's sustainability initiative and recent developments in ethics, including technology initiative.

17:00 | Closing remarks

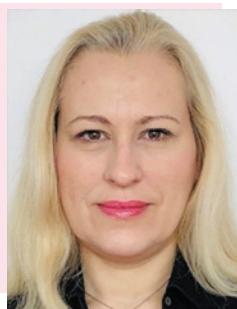
Speaker

- **Arup Banerji**, Regional Country Director for Eastern Europe, The World Bank

17:15 | End of the workshop

19:00 | Evening dinner at Rathauskeller (Please note that busses leave at 18:00.)
22:00

BIOS OF THE SPEAKERS



IWONA WARZECHA

Senior Financial Management Specialist, REPARIS for SMEs Team Leader, The World Bank

Iwona Warzecha is a Senior Financial Management Specialist at the World Bank's Global Practice and Team Leader of REPARIS for SMEs. She has vast experience in the implementation of country level diagnostic & advisory services in the area of public and private sector accounting and auditing in European countries; promoting IFRS, International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and International Standards on Auditing to strengthen financial accountability, governance, and transparency. She provides advice and technical assistance to complex World Bank lending projects to enhance institutional capacity in financial management and corporate governance including for state-owned enterprises. Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers performing audits and due diligence of banks and other financial institutions. She has led and contributed to several technical assistance projects and papers related to corporate financial reporting and auditing, public financial management, including tax administration, public sector accounting, and public financial accountability assessments. She holds a Master's in Finance and Banking from the Academy of Economics in Katowice and obtained Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) professional qualifications.



FABIAN SEIDERER

Practice Manager for Governance, Public Sector, and Financial Management in the Europe and Central Asia Region, The World Bank

Fabian Seiderer is Practice Manager for Governance, Public Sector, and Financial Management in the Europe and Central Asia region of the World Bank. He joined the Bank in 2010 as a Senior Public Sector Specialist in the Middle East and North Africa Region. He has since held various positions including Lead Public Sector Specialist for the South Asia region, based in Sri Lanka, and Lead Public Sector Specialist for the East Asia and Pacific region, based in Thailand. In these capacities, he has led policy dialogues, teams, and programs in middle income countries on a broad range of issues, including public financial management, fiscal and performance budgeting reforms, state-owned enterprise reforms, operational financial management, and monitoring and evaluation. He graduated in economics at the Sorbonne University in Paris, France, completed a Master's in Development Economics in Paris, and a Master's in European Integration in Bonn, Germany.



XIAOQING YU

Regional Director for Western Balkans, The World Bank

Xiaoqing Yu is the World Bank Regional Director for Western Balkans, based in Vienna, Austria, since July 2022. She is responsible for the World Bank's overall program of support in the Western Balkans. Her role includes leading the overall policy dialogue, developing the World Bank's country strategies, managing the World Bank portfolio, coordinating with partners, and engaging in outreach. Prior to this, she was the Director of Strategy and Operations for the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Region of the World Bank. Together with the ECA Vice President and the regional leadership team, she oversaw the development of operational strategies and the delivery of Bank program to its client countries in the region. Prior to 2020, she was the Director of Strategy and Operations for the East Asia and the Pacific Region, and for the World Bank Human Development Global Practice Vice Presidency. She was also the Global Practice Director for Social Protection and Labor, responsible for Bank programs in social assistance, social insurance, and labor market. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell University.



BERNHARD SCHATZ

Senior Manager, Public Sector Accounting Advisory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Austria

Bernhard Schatz is a Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He was with the Austrian Ministry of Finance Budget Directorate for more than 10 years and was part of the project team for the 2013 Austrian budget reform transition from a cash accounting and budgeting system to an accrual accounting and budgeting system. He served for many years as a member in several supervisory boards of state-owned companies in Austria as well as the Working Group on European Public Sector Accounting Standards from the European Commission, representing Austria. Subsequently he was a senior accrual accounting expert in the Austrian Court of Auditors. From January 2016 to December 2021, he was a Member of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB). He holds a degree in socio-economics from the University of Business Administration in Vienna.



CORNELIA WALCH

Corporate Social Responsibility Expert, Austrian Railways Group, ÖBB-Holding AG

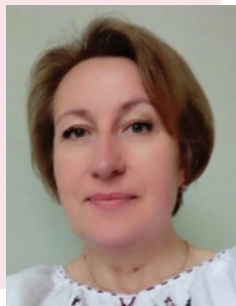
Cornelia Walch is responsible for Austrian Railways Holding ÖBB-Group's non financial information (sustainability reporting) in ÖBB-Holding's department for Systems Engineering and Corporate Production. The department manages strategically relevant activities across ÖBB-Group including corporate social responsibility, climate protection & sustainable mobility. She holds a degree in Industrial Environmental Protection from the University of Leoben.



ANDREAS RAUTER

Head of Sustainability, Ethics & Public Affairs, UNIQA Insurance Group AG

Andreas Rauter has been working in the insurance industry in various management positions since 2000. He currently heads the Sustainability, Ethics & Public Affairs Department at UNIQA Insurance Group AG and focuses on shaping a holistic corporate management approach for meeting future European societal priorities. He began his career in 1989 at international consulting firms working on the financial and non-financial reporting of listed companies. In the insurance industry, he led Group Finance at UNIQA for 15 years, before turning to explore future challenges for society and the insurance business. He studied at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.



LIUDMYLA HAPONENKO

Head of the Accounting Methodology Department and Regulatory Support of Auditing, Ministry of Finance, Ukraine

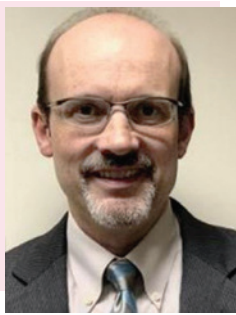
Liudmyla Haponenko has worked at the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine since 2015, heading the Department of Accounting Methodology and Regulatory Support of Auditing. The Department leads on reform of the accounting and auditing systems in Ukraine, proposing improvements to the public sector accounting system in Ukraine reflected in the new Strategy for modernization of the accounting and financial reporting system in the public sector for the period up to 2025. The Department has also established a system of audit activities/public oversight in accordance with the requirements of European legislation and best international practice. She additionally holds the positions of Deputy Chair of the Accounting Methodological Board of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Deputy Chair of the International Financial Reporting Standards Board of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, and Chair of the Audit Supervision Board of the Audit Oversight Body. Furthermore, she is part of the Working Groups of STAREP, PULSAR, and the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group. Before joining the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, she practiced accounting for more than 22 years.



NADINE WIEDERMANN-ONDREJ

Head, Legal Matters on Insurance, Legal Matters on Auditor Oversight and State Guarantees Unit, Ministry of Finance, Austria

Nadine Wiedermann-Ondrej is Head of the Legal Matters on Insurance, Legal Matters on Auditor Oversight and State Guarantees Unit in the Austrian Ministry of Finance, where she is among other things responsible for the regulatory framework of insurance, financial and sustainability reporting for the financial market sector, and audit supervision. Previously she worked in field of export finance guarantees. Before joining the Austrian Ministry of Finance, she worked for the Vienna University of Business in the area of tax management and accounting with a strong focus on international taxation. She studied at the Vienna University of Business, HEC Paris, and Hong Kong University, graduating with a Doctorate in Business from the Vienna University of Business and a European Management Master (CEMS MiM). She regularly speaks and has published on the above issues.



DAN BOYCE

Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Governance Global Practice, PULSAR Steering Committee Chair, The World Bank

Dan Boyce is Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the World Bank's Governance Global Practice. His unit covers 11 countries in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus, and Central Asia. In his current role he is responsible for overseeing quality in the World Bank's Governance work, including operational financial management work and capacity building activities in public sector management. Themes addressed by the Governance Practice include those related to justice reform, state owned enterprises, and public financial management, among others. He also has leadership of regional initiatives related to Public Expenditure Management and Public Sector Accounting. Previously he managed the World Bank's financial management unit for Latin America and the Caribbean. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Florida A&M University and a Master's and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles.



TADEU CENDON

Board Member, International Accounting Standards Board

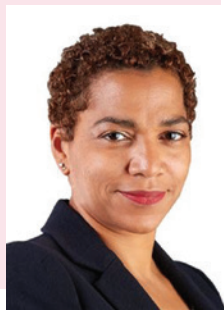
Tadeu Cendon is a Board Member of the IASB since 2019 and was a partner of PwC Brazil Accounting and Consulting Services (ACS) where he worked for 30 years. He was the PwC partner responsible for IFRS in Brazil and one of the PwC Global ACS Partners. He was Director in the Brazilian Institute of Independent Auditors and a member of the Continuing Professional Education Committee of the Brazilian Federal Accounting Council and member of Regulation for Private Equity Funds Council of the Brazilian Association of Financial and Capital Market Entities. He holds Bachelor's degrees in Accounting and Business Administration, post-graduated in Finance, and also has a Master's degree in Accounting.



SASKIA SLOMP

Chief Executive Officer, European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG)

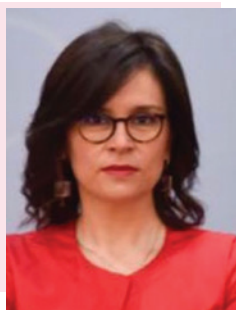
Saskia Slomp has been EFRAG CEO since April 2019. She was previously Governance and Admin Director at EFRAG from January 2010 until March 2019. In this role, she supported the various governance bodies of EFRAG and was responsible for relationships, user activities, and outreach events, in addition to her responsibilities for human resources and finance. Until the end of 2009, she was Technical Director at FEE (now Accountancy Europe), one of the founding member organizations of EFRAG. She has been involved in EFRAG since its establishment. Within Accountancy Europe, she was responsible for financial reporting, company law, corporate governance, capital markets, SMEs, sustainability reporting and assurance and the public sector. At the beginning of her career, she worked with KPMG in The Netherlands. She is a member of the Dutch NBA.



NDIDI NNOLI-EDOZIEN

Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board

Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien was appointed as a full-time member of the ISSB in June 2022, effective 15 July 2022. Her career has focused on building connections between business and sustainable development, working across multinational and indigenous companies, public institutions, and civil society organizations—in Africa and Europe—to initiate sustainable development initiatives. She served as the inaugural Group Chief Sustainability and Governance Officer of Dangote Industries Limited—one of Africa's largest manufacturing businesses—from 2017 to 2020. In this role, she was responsible for developing the company's sustainability culture, strategy, and reporting across 14 countries. She has also served on several boards, committees, and initiatives focused on corporate culture, impact investing, sustainability reporting, and governance. She has a PhD in Social Ethics, Cultural Adaptation, Sustainability, and Governance from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Germany and a Bachelor's degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.



VASILIKA VJERO

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

Vasilika Vjero has held a range of senior management positions in Albania, including General Director of Taxes, General Director of the National Business Center, and General Director of the Albanian Road Authority. She spent over 10 years at the Municipality of Tirana in the management of the Tax Administration and the Department of Strategic Planning and local budgets. She has served as an independent expert on fiscal and budget matters for local government in Albania, working with 24 municipalities and communes throughout the country, and has experience as a financial expert working with foreign donors. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics, Department of Business Administration and completed a Master's degree at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln USA, and University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy. She has also been trained in economic growth by Harvard Kennedy School.



DAVID MCHEDLIDZE

Head of Accounting, Reporting and Audit Supervision Service (SARAS), Georgia

David Mchedlidze is Head of SARAS, the standard setting, reporting, and audit oversight body of Georgia since September 2022. He joined SARAS in 2017 as Head of the Reporting Supervision Department. Before this, he worked in banking and microfinance sectors where he obtained significant experience in the fields of financial risk management, financial reporting, and analysis. He graduated from the Caucasus School of Business in 2007 and is a CFA charter-holder and a member of the CFA Institute since 2022.



SEBASTIAN MOLINEUS

Regional Director for the South Caucasus, The World Bank

Sebastian Molineus is the World Bank Regional Director for the South Caucasus since July 1, 2019, where he is responsible for developing the World Bank's country strategies, managing the portfolio of lending, advisory, and convening services, coordinating with development partners, and engaging with other key stakeholders on economic growth and poverty reduction in the region. He joined the World Bank Group in 2002, initially managing IFC corporate governance reform programs in Russia and across the Middle East & North Africa region. In 2008 he joined the World Bank in Washington as a Senior Operations Officer responsible for financial and private sector development and then became a Practice Manager for the Capital Markets Global Practice in 2012. He was appointed as Director to the Finance & Markets Global Practice in 2014 and in 2018 became the Director for the Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation Global Practice. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, he worked at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in the Financial, Fiscal, and Enterprise Affairs Division. He holds an MBA from the HEC School of Management in France, and a Masters from the University of Passau's School of Law in Germany.



GARIK SERGEYAN

Senior Financial Management Specialist, STAREP Team Leader, CFRR, The World Bank

Garik Sergeyan is a Senior Financial Management Specialist at the World Bank CFRR and Team Leader for STAREP. He has over 20 years of work experience in financial management in different industries, including 16 years at the World Bank. Previously he worked in the role of a Financial Management Coordinator for Central Asia, covering the financial management aspects of World Bank projects in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. He also worked as World Bank Country Financial Management Specialist for Armenia and Georgia. He has about six years of teaching experience of professional accounting courses (performance management and financial management) and work experience including with NGOs, SMEs, local government, and a large industrial company. He is an ACCA fellow and has an MBA degree.



ANDREI BUSUIOC

Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

Andrei Busuioc has been World Bank Central Asia Financial Management Coordinator since July 2020. He is responsible for leading the financial management function in Central Asia, while continuing to lead and support corporate financial reporting and state-owned enterprise governance activities. He has over 25 years of accounting and auditing experience in the private and public sectors, as well as university lecturing on accounting and auditing. He worked at the World Bank CFRR from 2008 to 2020 where he led activities supporting country-level financial reporting and state-owned enterprise governance reforms. He has contributed significantly to and led several Accounting and Auditing Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes (A&A ROSCs) and has expertise in the thematic areas of audit regulation and state-owned enterprise governance. He is a PhD in economics, is an ACCA fellow member, and holds a postgraduate diploma in public financial management from SOAS, University of London.



EUGENIO CAPERCHIONE

Professor of Public Sector Accounting, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia; former Chair of Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Network (CIGAR)

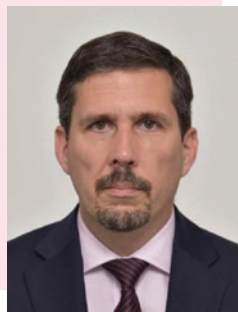
Eugenio Caperchione, PhD, is a Professor in Public Management and Public Sector Accounting at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, where he also served as the Head of the Business Management Department and as the Dean of the Faculty of Economics. His main research area is public sector accounting, and he privileges the comparative approach. He has published extensively on this subject. He has been intensively involved in the work of the CIGAR network, including as Chair of the Board from 2009 to 2019. He is a member of the Italian Standard Setter Board (overseen by the State General Accounting Department) since 2020. He is additionally a Co-chair of the EGPA Permanent Study Group XII "Public Sector Financial Management", a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Public Money & Management (PMM), and a referee for several academic journals. He has been an invited speaker and has presented papers in several international conferences and workshops. He was a visiting professor in the Academy of Economics, Cracow (Poland), 1993; in the University of Klagenfurt (Austria), 2000; in the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises, Poitiers (France), 2007; in Universidad Católica Sedes Sapientiae, Lima (Peru), 2010, 2012, and 2013; in Kristianstad University (Sweden), 2012; and in the University of Malta (2017).



DMITRI GOURFINKEL

Senior Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR FinCoP Team Leader, The World Bank

Dmitri Gourfinkel is a Senior Financial Management Specialist at the World Bank's Governance Global Practice and has 16 years of professional experience in public financial management and fiduciary compliance in a number of countries. Before joining the Bank in 2007, he held several posts in both national and sub-national governments in Mexico, including Adviser to the Minister of Finance, Chief Adviser to the Deputy Treasurer of the Federation, and Chief Adviser to the Auditor General of Mexico City. He is a Certified Public Accountant by Mexican Institute of Charter Accountants and holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He is the Task Team Leader of the PULSAR Community of Practice on Financial Reporting.



JOSE SIMON REZK

Senior Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR EduCoP Team Leader, CFRR, The World Bank

José Rezk has over 20 years of work experience in Financial Management and Auditing, including 15 years at the World Bank. He currently works in the CFRR in Vienna on public sector accounting and corporate finance reporting related work. He is Team Leader of the PULSAR EduCoP. In his previous role as Financial Management Coordinator for Central America, he oversaw the public financial management and fiduciary aspects of the project portfolios for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. Previously, he served as Financial Management Specialist for several countries in Latin America and he was based both in Argentina and Honduras Country Offices. He has led several public financial management studies including national and sub-national Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) assessments, and more recently he led the organization of regional knowledge and learning conferences as CReCER and Cuentas Claras. He supported the engagement with the Latin-American Network of Government Accountant Generals (FOCAL) focused on strengthening public sector accounting. His pre-Bank experience includes working for the private sector (IT industry) as well as for the public sector in Argentina. He holds a Master's degree in Strategic Management and Technology and university degrees in Business Administration and Accounting. He has also earned an Executive Certificate in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He holds several international certifications in accounting and auditing, including Certified Internal Auditor (IIA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (ISACA), and Certified Fraud Examiner (ACFE).



ARMAN VATYAN

Lead Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR Program Manager, The World Bank

Arman Vatyán is currently the focal point for the World Bank's governance program in Central Asia where he oversees the implementation of the Bank's governance work program. He is the program leader for Europe and Central Asia's PEMPAL program, and the program manager for PULSAR. He has more than 20 years of experience in leading critical financial management initiatives and reforms, including in public sector and corporate accounting and financial reporting, public internal and external audit, financial management information system, and public internal control in more than 25 countries in Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, and Middle East North Africa regions. He represents the World Bank as an observer in the European Commission European Public Sector Accounting Standards Expert Group. Since 2008, he also leads PEMPAL's Internal Audit Community of Practice of 23 countries and other successful regional public financial management programs. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked in a Big 4 audit firm providing corporate governance, strategic planning, management information systems, restructuring, acquisition, and privatization advice to governments and large public interest entities. He has more than 20 years of teaching experience as trainer and visiting lecturer at universities, and to MBA programs and regional programs. He has also organized and been a keynote speaker in more than 50 international and regional conferences. He holds PhD and MS in management information systems and is a certified chartered accountant in the UK and Canada.



SUE ALMOND

Board Member, The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board

Sue Almond became a member of the IAASB in January 2020. She was a member of the ISQM1 task force, is chair of the Audit Evidence Task force, and is a member of the IAASB's Technology Consultation Group and its IASB Liaison Group. She has worked within the Grant Thornton network and externally, including as Head of Assurance, Grant Thornton UK from 2015 and Global Head of Assurance at Grant Thornton International from 2018. She led the ACCA external affairs program and has worked with global standard-setters and major public affairs stakeholders. She was a member of the International Integrated Reporting Council. She has served as chair of the Standard Setting Working Group of the Global Public Policy Committee (which brings together the largest 6 accountancy networks). She studied Mathematics at Durham University and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1983.



BRIAN FRIEDRICH

Board Member, The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants

Brian Friedrich LL.M, MEd, C.Dir, FCPA, FCCA is an executive director of a professional research, standards, and education consultancy firm – a role that has shaped his career for over 25 years. The firm helps build institutional capacity and develops strategic, policy, program, governance, and ethics guidance for established and emerging professional and regulatory organizations around the world. Clients include international and governmental agencies, global professional bodies, and post-secondary institutions. He frequently authors, presents, and leads projects on topics such as the impact of disruptive technology and sustainability on professional ethics, governance, and capacity development; with a focus on the future of professions. He sits on the IESBA, where he chairs its Technology Working Group and Technology Experts Group, as well as participating on CPA Canada's Public Trust Committee. Outside the accountancy profession, he sits on the Education Advisory Group for the BC Financial Services Authority and chairs the audit committee of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.



ARUP BANERJI

Regional Country Director for Eastern Europe, The World Bank

Arup Banerji is the World Bank Regional Country Director for Eastern Europe since July 2020. He oversees the Bank's program and leads policy dialogue with government counterparts, civil society, and other partners. Prior to this position, he was the Regional Country Director for the European Union, overseeing the Bank's operational, strategy, and knowledge work in EU Member States. At the World Bank, he has worked on both country operations and research in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa, and the Middle East on a variety of issues relating to fiscal reforms, employment and labor markets, skills building, social protection systems, social sector reforms, poverty reduction and analysis, institutional reform, public sector reform and governance, economic growth strategies, and evaluation of programs. He is the author of a wide range of books and scholarly articles in these fields, including Working through the Crisis on global and European labor market policy responses during the 2009-2011 crises. He also oversaw the World Bank's 2013 World Development Report (annual flagship research publication).

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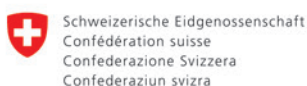


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