

The State of the Global Economy and its Implications for Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

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Prior to this, he was Director of the Office of Development Studies (ODS) from March 2007 to November 2009, and Deputy Director of ODS, from October 2001 to February 2007. His work on financing for development and on global public goods was published by Oxford University Press in books he co-edited (The New Public Finance: Responding to Global Challenges, 2006; Providing Global Public Goods: Managing Globalization, 2003).

He has published on inequality, the economics of innovation and technological change, and development in, amongst others journals, the African Development Review, Review of Development Economics, Eastern Economic Journal, Ecological Economics, Environmental Economics and Policy Studies, and Technological Forecasting and Social Change. He co-edited several books including: Innovation, Competence Building, and Social Cohesion in Europe-Towards a Learning Society (Edward Elgar, 2002) and Knowledge for Inclusive Development (Quorum Books, 2001).

Prior to coming to UNDP, he was an Assistant Professor at the Instituto Superior Técnico, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, teaching and researching on science, technology and innovation policy. He has degrees in Physics from Instituto Superior Técnico and in Economics from the Technical University of Lisbon and a Ph. D. in Public Policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied with a Fulbright scholarship.



John M. Dionisio is the North America Business Development Director. In that role John coordinates and oversees the project origination function for the North American market.

Since joining Meridiam in 2005 as one of the initial members, John has been actively engaged across a variety of infrastructure investment disciplines including business development, project development, project finance, fundraising, and corporate finance. As an investment professional and project developer, John has played active roles in major Public Private Partnerships including the Port of Miami Tunnel Project, the IH 635/ LBJ Project in Texas, the Long Beach Courthouse Project, the Purple Line Project in Maryland, and the Central 70 Project in Denver. John has played an active role in Meridiam's capital raising efforts for its 25-year greenfield-focused infrastructure funds. In addition, John previously served as the Corporate Finance Manager for Meridiam Infrastructure North America.

John holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University and a master's degree from Columbia University's School of Public and International Affairs.



Vinicius Pinheiro is the Special Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations, based in New York, since the 1st of February 2016.

He is the leading official responsible for issues related to the world of work at the UN. His portfolio includes the areas of employment and decent work, social protection, labour migration, youth employment, child and forced labour, gender economic empowerment, working conditions and labour rights.

Mr Pinheiro was the ILO lead negotiator in the UN deliberations on the post 2015 development agenda and on financing for development. He represents the ILO in numerous UN and UNDG working mechanisms. He is the co-chair of the UNDG Task Team on South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Interagency Coordination Board.

Before moving to New York, Mr Pinheiro served as senior social protection adviser to the ILO Director General in Geneva since 2009. He was part of the ILO G20 Sherpa Team from 2009 to 2013 and acted as Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, headed by Ms. Michele Bachelet, which led to the adoption of the ILO recommendation on social protection floors. He was also the Director General Cabinet's focal point for the preparation of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) and its follow up.

In his career at the ILO, Mr Pinheiro also served in the Social Security Department as Senior Social Security expert for the Latin America and the Caribbean from 2007 to 2009 and as Senior Social Protection Officer at the ILO Training Centre in Turin from 2005 to 2007.

Prior to joining the ILO, Mr Pinheiro was the National Secretary for Social Security of Brazil (1999 -2002) responsible for designing and implementing the Brazilian Pension reform, including measures to increase coverage and strengthen the social protection system. During this period he acted as Vice-Minister and Interim Minister of Social Security and as Executive Secretary of the National Social Security Council. In 2001, Mr Pinheiro was elected Vice-President of the Inter-American Social Security Conference (CISS), based in Mexico City. Between 2002 and 2005 he worked in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Paris and also provided consultancy services for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and to the World Bank in projects in Africa and Latin America.

Mr. Pinheiro is an Economist and holds a master degree in Political Science from the University of Brasília and specializations in Public Administration and Public Policies (National School of Public Administration, Brasília), in Evaluation of Social Programmes and Projects (ILPES-ECLAC, Santiago de Chile); Pensions Schemes (Harvard International Institute for Development, Cambridge) and Leadership in the Public Sector (Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge). He taught in the Economics Department of the University of Brasília (1994 – 1996) and authored various articles in the area of pensions and social protection.



Heather Tallis is Global Managing Director and Lead Scientist for Strategy Innovation at The Nature Conservancy, the world's largest environmental organization. She currently leads the Science iTeam, dedicated to bringing innovation and integration to the world's most pressing challenges for people and nature. Tallis works to integrate ecological, social and economic sciences so that human well-being is integrated into conservation practice from the planning stage forward. She founded and chairs the Bridge Collaborative, an effort to build evidence-based impact across environment, health and development communities. Her work on the ground is aimed at transforming the way we see and manage links between nature and people in water management systems, health care, infrastructure, education, supply chains, and even peace processes. Tallis has guided initiatives with diverse stakeholders across the globe and held expert advisory roles with the World Bank and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. Prior to joining the Conservancy in 2013, Tallis was lead scientist at the Natural Capital Project, where she led the development of pioneering software applications, InVEST, RIOS and OPAL that reveal the ecosystem services costs and benefits of land and water use decisions. Beyond her science-policy work, Tallis is invested in fostering diversity and inclusion, hosting events and speaking widely on the need to shift the face and focus of conservation.

Tallis holds a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Washington and Master's degrees from the University of Otago and University of California, Santa Cruz, where she is now adjunct faculty. She is co-editor of the book *Natural Capital: The Theory and Practice of Mapping Ecosystem Services*, released by Oxford University Press in 2011.



Christopher Lane is the Special Representative of the IMF to the United Nations. His IMF career has focused on macroeconomic policies and economic development in developing and emerging markets. Prior to taking up the UN position, Mr. Lane was responsible for operations and policy in about 70 low-income developing markets during 2012-16, including policy initiatives to provide debt relief to countries facing public health disasters (e.g. Ebola) and enhancing the financial safety net for developing countries.

Mr. Lane has also engaged in policy and operational work on Liberia, Mali, Russia, Turkey, Lithuania, and Nigeria.



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