

FORUM SPEAKERS

SESSION III: BUILDING FINANCIAL SECTOR RESILIENCE

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Mr. Williams had a 30-year career at the International Monetary Fund. He left the IMF in 2002, as Deputy Director in the Western Hemisphere Department, to become Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

During two five year terms as Central Bank Governor (2002-2012), Mr. Williams was instrumental in the establishment of the Heritage and Stabilization Fund, and served as one of the Governors of the Fund for five years through 2012.

Mr. Williams was Trinidad and Tobago's representative on the International Working Group of Sovereign Wealth Funds (2008-2012) and has participated in several Sovereign Wealth Fund conferences.

He currently is the Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Campus of the regional University of the West Indies and was recently named a Distinguished Fellow of the University. He holds BSc and MSc degrees in Economics from the University of the West Indies.

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Elie Canetti is an advisor in the Western Hemisphere department (WHD) of the IMF where he is mission chief for Trinidad and Tobago and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and directs the Caribbean Regional Financial Project. He also coordinates technical assistance for WHD. Since 2009, he has been an adjunct professor of finance at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Prior to WHD he served in the IMF's Monetary and Capital Markets department, where he led the Financial Sector Assessment Program for The Bahamas and helped manage the IMF's multilateral financial sector surveillance. He also served as a desk officer in the Asia and Pacific Department. He has also worked with Mohamed El Erian at PIMCO, and at the U.S. Treasury and World Bank. Among his publications are a landmark corporate pricing

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BRUCE BOWEN



Mr. Bowen holds the position of Senior Vice President Caribbean Region, International Banking, Scotiabank, succeeding Claude Norfolk. Prior to his appointment on September 1, 2013 he was President & Chief Executive Officer of Scotia Group Jamaica Limited, a position he held since 2008. He is also part of the Board of Directors of Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited.

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Angelo’s practice over the last two decades has focused primarily on advising clients concerned with domestic and international corporate transactions – including mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations, divestitures, inbound and outbound multinational direct investment, and structured financing.

Angelo has spoken and written on numerous occasions on various topics of corporate and international tax law – including at conferences or courses organized by the Canadian Tax Foundation, the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association, Federated Press, the Canadian Institute, Strategy Institute and Infonex, as well as in the following journals: Tax Planning International Review, International Tax Review, Corporate Finance, Corporate Groups and Structures, and the Journal of International Trust and Corporate Planning. Angelo is the

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Angelo received his B.A. in 1989, and his LL.B. and B.C.L. in 1993, from McGill University, and is qualified to practice in Quebec, Ontario and New York State.