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Day 1

Mr Rajeshsharma Ramloll SC


Solicitor General,

AGO, Mauritius




Mr Ramloll SC is the Solicitor-General at the Attorney-General's Office in Mauritius. He holds a specialist LLM in taxation from the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London. He has been the President of the International Fiscal Association (IFA), Mauritius Branch and is a member of the General Council of IFA (Netherlands). Mr Ramloll is a Fellow of the Hon. Society of Advanced Legal Studies (London).

Mr Ramloll acts regularly for the Mauritius Revenue Authority before the Supreme Court in Mauritius and before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London, the PCA (Netherlands and the ICC (Paris)). He has appeared in many cases for the State both at first instance or on appeal. He prosecuted successfully the first money laundering case in Mauritius. He appeared for Revenue in land mark tax matters with JP Morgan Sicav v/s MRA and Airbus Industrie v/s MRA. He has also appeared before arbitral Tribunals abroad in the Hague, Paris and Brussels in investment arbitration cases. He has for the last 20 years been involved in tax treaty negotiations. He regularly advises the Government on legal aspects of financial matters. He sits as the Vice Chair of the Financial Services Commission. As an assessor of the OECD Global Forum, he has carried out tax transparency assessments in many countries on behalf of the Global Forum. He currently chairs the Expert Working Group of the Commonwealth Secretariat on the development of a model law for Commonwealth countries to regulate transactions with virtual assets.



He is a regular contributor to International Tax Journals, the IFA Cahiers de Droit Fiscal International, has contributed book chapters to Offshore Business Survey (1999 - Sweet & Maxwell)(1998) and General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) – An international perspective (2021 -Thomson – Reuters) and is on the editorial committees of the IFA World Tax Newsletter, the New Bar Chronicle (Mauritius) and is on the editorial boards of Global Taxation, International Taxation, (Taxmann) and the Foundation of International Tax (FIT) Conference magazine. He is a regular speaker at tax conferences in Mauritius and abroad. He is an external examiner for postgraduate courses in international taxation.

He is a tax reviewer and author of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) – (Netherlands). Mr Ramlohl took silk in 2016 and is Senior Counsel.





Carmine Di Noia

Director Financial and Enterprise Affairs

Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development




Mr Di Noia is the Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs at the OECD.

Prior to his appointment, he was the Commissioner of the Italian Securities and Exchange Commission (CONSOB) from 2016 until 2022. In this capacity, he was also an alternate member of the Board of Supervisors of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) and chair of its Committee for Economic and Markets Analysis (CEMA) and Post-Trading Standing Committee. He was also the vice chair of the OECD Corporate Governance Committee.

Mr Di Noia was previously Deputy Director General and Head of Capital Markets and Listed Companies at Assonime (the Association of Italian Corporations) and served two terms as a member of the Securities and Markets Stakeholders Group at ESMA. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Italian Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana).

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, a Doctorate in Economic Theory and Institutions from Tor Vergata University in Rome (Italy), and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics from La Sapienza University in Rome.





Dr Navin Beekarry

Director-General

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Mauritius




Dr Beekarry is the Director-General of the ICAC, Mauritius since 2016. He is a lawyer and an expert in the fields of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, asset recovery and terrorism financing.

He has worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the G20. He was the first Commissioner of the ICAC, Mauritius. Dr Navin Beekarry was also appointed as the Assistant Solicitor-General and Acting Director of Public Prosecutions in Mauritius from 1984 to 2002.

He holds a PhD in law from the George Washington University, Washington D.C, USA and a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics, the United Kingdom. He was a Visiting Scholar and Researcher at the Harvard Law School and Associate Fellow at the George Washington University Law School, USA.

He has undertaken a number of publications and contributed in numerous specialised journals and published a book on “Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Finance: Past and Current Challenges”.



He chairs the Task Force on the implementation of Lam Shan Leen Commission Report on Drug-Trafficking set up to coordinate the investigations on drug dealing offences involving corruption and money laundering in Mauritius.

Recently, he has also been called upon to prepare a Report on the Financial Crime Commission with recommendations for the review of the legal and institutional framework to fight financial crimes in Mauritius for a more effective management in the fight against financial crime.

Under his Co-Chairmanship on the Core Group of the National Committee on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism set up with the aim to remove Mauritius from the Financial Action Task Force “grey list”, Mauritius has successfully exited the list.

Martha Monterrosa

African Law Enforcement Network lead, OECD



Ms Monterrosa is an Anti-Corruption and Legal Analyst within the Anti-Corruption Division (ACD), OECD and Secretariat to the Working Group on Bribery.

She conducts country monitoring for the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and oversees the ACD’s African Law Enforcement Network (LEN) as well as other outreach activities in the Africa region. Martha previously worked as a legal advisor in the Office of the Sanctions Officer of the Inter-American Development Bank and was a litigation consultant in the Integrity Vice Presidency of the World Bank Group, the units responsible for investigating and sanctioning fraud and corruption cases in Bank-financed operations. Prior to this, she was a

litigation associate at an international law firm in Canada. She holds a BSc from McGill University, Juris Doctor (JD) from Queen's University (Canada), and Masters of Law (LLM in International Legal Studies) from New York University School of Law. Martha is admitted to practice in Canada and New York State.

David Coonan

FBI transnational corruption advisor in Africa, United States



Mr Coonan is a Supervisory Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is currently serving as the Transnational Anti-Corruption Partnership Advisor based in Pretoria, South Africa. Special Agent Coonan has been employed with the FBI for 13 years and has previous work experience in the field of accounting. Prior to his current assignment, Special Agent Coonan spent four years working Counter-Terrorism investigations in Springfield, Illinois followed by six years working Financial Crimes investigations in San Diego, California. In 2021 Special Agent Coonan worked for five months assisting law enforcement partners in Accra, Ghana combating advance fee and romance scams.

Nandita Suneechur-Nunkoo

**Supervising Officer, Corruption Prevention and Education Division (CPED) ICAC,
Mauritius**

Mrs Suneechur-Nunkoo is currently the Supervising Officer of the Corruption Prevention and Education Division of the ICAC. She has over 20 years of experience in the fight against corruption, more specifically in the areas of corruption prevention, education and international cooperation.

Tom Green

British High Commission, IFF advisor, Mauritius and Seychelles



Mr Green is the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's Countering Illicit Finance Advisor for Mauritius and Seychelles, based permanently at the High Commission in Floreal. Prior to this, he has worked in Kenya, India and Ethiopia for government and non-government institutions. He has degrees from the universities of Manchester and Oxford in the UK.

Kevin Ramkaloan

Chief Executive Officer, Business Mauritius



Mr Ramkaloan is the CEO of Business Mauritius, the apex organisation of the business community. He was the former Director of the MTPA and Director of New Business Development at the Board of Investment.

He has over 20 years of executive experience in Mauritius and internationally.


Awarded both the State Scholarship of Mauritius and a US Fulbright, he holds post-graduate degrees in economics and policy from Cambridge University, UK and University of Maine, US respectively.

Prabha Chinien

**Registrar of Companies, Mauritius Registrar of Companies, Corporate and Business
Registration Department**



Mrs Chinien has been Registrar of Companies /Director of the Insolvency Service, Mauritius from 1989 to 2020. In November 2023, Mrs Chinien was awarded the Professional Achievement Award in Government services by the Tamil Chambers of Commerce and Professional.



She was appointed Registrar of Companies in 1989. Since 2006 she is also the Registrar of Businesses and the Director of Insolvency Service as from the 1 June 2009 following the Insolvency Act 2009. She chaired the Steering Committee on the review of the law relating to Insolvency and is presently chairing the Working group which is reviewing the current law.

In 2019, she was entrusted by Cabinet with the task of reviewing the ranking of creditors in the winding up process. She is a member of the Listing Executive Committee of the Stock Exchange Limited and is the chairperson of the Enforcement Panel of the Financial Reporting Council.

Mrs Chinien has been a part time lecturer in Company Law and Insolvency Act at the University of Mauritius for a number of years. She has also been a resource person for the World Bank in its business reforms agenda.

In March 2018, she was awarded the Presidential Medal for Distinguished Service (PDSM) in the public sector.

She has been the chair and member of the Executive of the International Association of Insolvency Regulators (IAIR). Mrs Chinien has been involved in the drafting and review of various legislation over the last 30 years. She is also the chair of the Corporate Governance Committee of the SIT Group.

She is presently chairing the Financial Services Law Advisory Committee whose mandate is to advise on reforms in the financial services sector.

For period November to April, Mrs Chinien was appointed Consultant at the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on matters relating AML/CFT and Doing Business reforms. Since 26 April 2021, Mrs Chinien has been re-appointed Registrar of Companies.

Mrs Chinien is a graduate in Law. She holds a B.A. (Hons) in Law from the U.K. She is a Barrister-at-law from the Middle Temple, London, UK.

She is also a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of UK.



Day 2

Neetyanand Kowlessur

Head of the Climate Change Centre, Bank of Mauritius



Mr Kowlessur has nearly 30 years of working experience at the Bank of Mauritius. He is an Economist by profession and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and a Masters Degree in Financial Economics. Mr Kowlessur has worked in the Economic Analysis and Research Department for several years, looking at monetary policy and regional integration issues. In the past few years, he was assigned the responsibility to head the Governor's Office and subsequently the Corporate Services Division of the Bank. Since August 2023, he has been appointed as the Head of the Bank's Climate Change Centre.

Catriona Marshall

Sustainable Finance Lead, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD



Ms Marshall leads work on sustainable finance within the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs. This notably encompasses climate-related risks and opportunities in financial markets, including analysis of net zero data and metrics for financial institutions and

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) rating and investing methodologies. Prior to joining the OECD, Catriona worked at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), contributing to their work on cross-border investment, after spending several years in private equity in London. She holds a Master's degree in Economic Policy from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from SOAS (University of London).

Juan Pavajeau Fuentes

Policy Analyst, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD



Mr Fuentes is a Policy Analyst within the OECD's Financial Markets Unit at the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs. His areas of work revolve around sustainable finance trends, including financial risks stemming from biodiversity-related losses, ESG ratings and net-zero commitments in the financial sector. Juan co-developed A supervisory framework for assessing nature-related financial risks. Joining the OECD in August 2021, he has also worked on development and climate finance. Prior to his experience at the OECD, Juan served as a consultant for Colombia's Business Development Bank (Bancóldex). He co-authored the academic book *Wrong Ideas, Wrong Actions: How the International Context Prevents the Generation of Development*. Juan, a national of Colombia, holds a Bachelor's in Government and International Relations from Universidad Externado de Colombia.

Day 3

Barbara Bijelic

Deputy Head of Due Diligence, OECD Center for RBC



Barbara Bijelic is the Deputy Head of Due Diligence with the OECD Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) Centre. Barbara oversees the OECD's work on RBC in the financial sector as well as technology sector, working with banks and investors as well as tech companies in promoting the implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. She also oversees the Centre's work on regulatory engagement providing technical advice to policymakers on how to align mandatory expectations on due diligence with international standards. She has a JD from Columbia University and BA in International Development from McGill University.

Wendy Mlotshwa

ESG specialist, Ninety-One



Ms Mlotshwa is the Investment Specialist - ESG at Ninety One where she co-leads the Africa-focused ESG infrastructure strategy. She is a professionally registered Environmental Scientist with 10 years of experience in consulting and finance. She has worked as an environmental technical expert on various infrastructure development projects in more than 15 African countries. Prior to joining Ninety One, Ms Mlotshwa worked in consulting as a Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioner and Sustainability Consultant. Wendy holds a PGDip in Development Finance (cum laude) from the University of Stellenbosch Business School, MSc degree in Ecological Science and BSc Hons in Environmental Science from the University of KwaZulu Natal.

Wendy was named one of the 50 Rising Stars in ESG for 2023 by the Women of the Future Programme.

Benjamin Gaffney

South Africa Operation Manager, IFC



Mr Gaffney is part of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) ESG Advisory Team. In this role, he coordinates advisory programs, mentors clients for compliance with IFC Performance Standards, delivers training to boards and management teams, and provides technical assistance to regulators and industry associations for localised ESG standards. Before joining the IFC, Mr Gaffney worked as a consultant for private equity firms, specialising in environmental and social due diligence studies and supporting investee companies in aligning with the IFC Performance Standards.