

SPTW Selection Panel Biographies

Albert Byamugisha

Albert Byamugisha is currently the Commissioner for the Monitoring & Evaluation Department in the Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda. He is in charge of overseeing the implementation of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and Chairs the National Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Working Group, which is composed of over 80 members coming from across public service, NGOs, the private sector and the donor community. He is a PhD candidate at the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University and holds a Master's Degree in Statistics from the University of Sheffield. In his most recent position as the Director of the Statistics, Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Division of the Ministry of Education and Sports Mr. Byamugishawas involved in all aspects of the design and implementation of the SACMEQ II and III Projects, and he co-authored the SACMEQ II National Report for Uganda.

Marie Gaarder

Marie Gaarder is currently the Director of Evaluation at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), the development agency of the Norwegian Government. Prior to joining NORAD she was Deputy Executive Director at the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Earlier experience includes working as a social development economist at the Inter-American Development Bank, visiting researcher at the World Bank and Statistics Norway, instructor of development-, macro and micro- economics at the University College London, environmental consultant at Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group in Norway, and research assistant at the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency. Ms. Gaarder holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University College London, a M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics, and Master's degrees in Arabic, Political Science and Economics from the Universities of Hamburg, Germany, and Oslo, Norway.

Ricardo Henriques

Since January 2011 Mr. Ricardo Henriques has held the position of President of Pereira Passos Municipal Urban Planning Institute (IPP) where he is responsible for coordinating the 'UPP Sociais' in the city as well as the 'Morar Carioca' Programme. He is a Professor and researcher at the Faculty of Economics of the Fluminense Federal University. As a researcher he specializes in social economy and has worked with themes such as education, inequality, poverty, corporate social responsibility, and income distribution. He has acted as the Executive Vice-Minister at the Ministry for Social Action, Advisor of the President of the Brazilian Development Bank, and Secretary of Social Assistance and Human Rights of the State Government of Rio de Janeiro.

Thomas de Hoop

Thomas de Hoop is an Evaluation Officer at 3ie. He is responsible for the review and quality control of impact evaluation research proposals. In addition, he contributes to the development of the 3ie impact evaluation database. Thomas recently obtained his PhD in Development Studies from the Radboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. His research focused on the link between social norms and the effectiveness of development programs in Ghana, India, and Peru. In his PhD project Thomas estimated the impact of six projects of partner organizations of the Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid. He has published papers in *Social Science & Medicine*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* and *The Developing Economies*.

Joanna McGowan

Joanna McGowan works as the Economic Adviser for the Governance, Conflict, and Social Development Team in the Research and Evidence Division of the Department for International Development (DFID). She leads the design, management and dissemination of poverty research, including work on social protection and also a major partnership with the Economic and Social Research Council. Previously, Ms. McGowan has worked on country

programs for DFID in Bangladesh (2002-2004) and the West Bank and Gaza (1999-2000). She held a post in the evaluation department (2000-2001) where she worked on country program evaluations and developed a new evaluation for budget support. Prior to joining DFID she worked directly for the Government of Montserrat for two years as an ODI Fellow, and also worked for NGOs in India, South Africa and Uganda.

Tavengwa Nhongo

Dr. Tavengwa Nhongo is the Executive Director of Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP). He has worked in the ageing field since 1988 and has presented papers in national and international forums on ageing since then. Dr. Nhongo has extensive experience in public, private and international development institutions. He spent twelve years as Regional Representative for HelpAge International, and prior to that he was the Director of HelpAge Zimbabwe and the Deputy Field Director for the same organization. He holds a Diploma, Bachelor and Master's Degree in Social Work, a Diploma and Certificate in Marketing and Practical NGO Management. His PhD thesis was on the theme of 'The conflict between traditional and legal systems of inheritance after the death of a spouse among black people of Zimbabwe.'

Ingrid Woolard

Ingrid Woolard is an Associate Professor in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town. She holds a PhD in Economics from the same institution. She teaches graduate-level econometrics, programme evaluation and labour economics. Ingrid is the Principal Investigator of South Africa's first national panel survey, the National Income Dynamics Study. In addition, she chairs the Employment Conditions Commission which sets minimum wages and working conditions. Her research areas include income inequality, the measurement of poverty, social assistance, labour market issues and survey design. She consults widely for institutions such as the World Bank and OECD and has worked in a large number of African countries.

Alicia R. Bala

Alicia R. Bala, a Registered Social Worker by profession, is Undersecretary for Policy and Programs, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). She is also Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Social Protection of the National Economic and Development Authority – Social Development Committee, the current Deputy Project Director of the Social Welfare and Development Reform Program, the National Project Director of the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction, an alternate Chairperson of the Inter-country Adoption Board, Chairperson of the National Committee on the Filipino Family, Executive Director of the National Council of Disability Affairs and the Chairperson of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Committee. She was appointed by His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III as the Philippine Representative for Children to the ASEAN Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Rights of Women and Children and also as a member to the Senior Official's Committee for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. Ms. Bala authored "The Philippine Experience in Social Assistance" and "The Social Welfare and Development Reform Agenda of the Philippines and the Conditional Cash Transfer," both of which were published by the Asian Development Bank. She obtained her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of the Philippines.