

Second Committee Special Event

Panel discussion on “Revitalizing the International Financial System”

Friday, 30 October 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Conference Room 2

Biographical notes

Mr. Ranjit Teja is currently Deputy Director in the International Monetary Fund’s Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, where he deals with a range of issues including crisis response, early warning systems, and reform of Fund governance, to name a few. He obtained his PhD from Columbia University and his experience in the Fund since 1986 has spanned everything from emerging market crises in Asia (India, Thailand), Europe (Czech Republic), and Latin America (Brazil, Uruguay) to surveillance of large economies (China, US). Mr. Teja has also served as Senior Advisor to the Managing Director.

Mr. Jeffrey Lewis is Senior Adviser and Head of the International Policy & Partnerships Group in the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network. He previously worked as Adviser in the Office of the Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, where he provided support on areas including global trends, trade, international finance, migration, aid, and climate change. He has also worked on issues of country risk and creditworthiness in the Bank's Financial Policy and Risk Management Department, and as a country economist on Indonesia, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea. Prior to joining the Bank in 1993, he was an Institute Associate at the Harvard Institute for International Development, including five years as a resident advisor in the Indonesian Ministry of Finance. He has carried out extensive research in areas including economic modeling, exchange rates and trade policy, stabilization and structural adjustment policies in developing economies, and regional trade arrangements.

Mr. Jomo K. S. has been Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) since January 2005, and (Honorary) Research Coordinator for the G24 Intergovernmental Group on International Monetary and Financial Affairs since December 2006. He was previously Professor in the Applied Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya. He was also the Founder Director of the Institute of Social Analysis and Founder Chair of International Development Economics Associates. He has also been on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute on Social Development in Geneva. Mr. Jomo has authored over 35 monographs, edited over 50 books and translated 12 volumes besides writing many academic papers and articles for the media. He is on the editorial boards of several learned journals.