

Speakers Bios

Ms. Adriana Alberti

Ms. Alberti is Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA. She has thirty years of international knowledge and expertise in governance and public administration. She coordinated and contributed to a number of UN publications, including the UN E-Government Survey. She has led capacity development activities in over 25 countries from around the world, including on innovation in governance and digital government. She coordinated the UN Public Service Forum and Awards programme. As Chief Technical Advisor, she managed an innovation programme in the Middle East, North Africa, and Western Balkans. Prior to joining the UN, she worked at the University of Bologna and taught at several universities. She was Visiting Fellow at Princeton University, the Institute of Advanced Social Studies in Spain, and the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. She was awarded fellowships from the Italian National Research Council, the European University. She holds a Ph.D. in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute; a master's degree in Political Science magna cum laude from the University of Bologna and an Executive Education certificate from Harvard University.

Ms. Monica Nogara

Ms. Monica Nogara is the Chief of Programme Development at the Capacity Development Programme Management Office (CDPMO) within UN DESA, where she facilitates the delivery of technical support for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across countries. Additionally, she serves as a senior policy adviser on partnerships with the UN Resident Coordinator system to enhance country-level support. Previously, Ms. Nogara worked as a policy analyst in the UN DESA Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, where she contributed to ECOSOC and General Assembly discussions on sustainable development topics. Her expertise spans international development

cooperation, governance, strategic planning, project management, resource mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation. Ms. Nogara holds a Master's degree in Political Economy from Columbia University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Padua, Italy.

Mr. Alexander Lopez

Alexander López with a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Oslo, Norway, is currently the Director for International Affairs of the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD). He has worked "in situ" in several countries including Norway, Vietnam, South Africa, India, Brazil, México and throughout Central America on issues related to Public Administration and international environmental issues (water management and climate change). Dr. López has given lectures and seminars in more than 40 countries around the world and has published extensively in Spanish and English with well-known Publishing houses such as SAGE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press (MIT Press), Routledge, Earthscan and Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Mr. Markus B. Siewert

Markus Siewert serves as Managing Director of the TUM Think Tank at the Munich School of Public Policy at the Technical University of Munich since April 2022. Together with his team, he oversees various labs and initiatives to promote knowledge transfer between academia, and the public and private sector. In a world in which technologies and innovations are developing rapidly, bringing enormous potential but also challenges, the TUM Think Tank offers spaces for dialogue, learning and experimentation in which stakeholders from academia, civil society, industry and politics come together and jointly develop approaches and solution in line with the public interest. Among other things, Markus co-leads the GovTech Initiative and the Urban Digitainability Lab at the TUM Think Tank. He has a doctorate in political science and works on topics related to the responsible governance of new technologies.

Mr. Armando Guio

Armando Guio Español is a lawyer, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia) in 2014. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M. '16) from Harvard Law School and a Master of Public Policy (MPP '18) from the University of Oxford. He has served as an affiliated researcher at the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University. Additionally, he is part of the OECD's Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence and Risks.

He has advised public and private entities worldwide on data protection, AI policies, and innovation. He led the design and implementation of Colombia's AI Strategy. As a consultant for CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, he worked with the governments of Brazil, Uruguay, Peru, and Chile on their own digital transformation and AI strategies. He has also advised the World Bank, the University of Oxford, and UNESCO, among other entities, on issues related to AI ethics and governance.

Currently, he is the Executive Director of the Global Network of Internet Centers at Harvard University.

Mr. Fabro Steibel

Mr. Steibel holds a Ph and is affiliated with the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University. Fellow in open government by the Organization of American States, with a post-doctorate at the United Nations University, a doctorate at the University of Leeds, and a visiting researcher at the University of California San Diego. He was a member of the National Data Protection Council of ANPD and is the executive director of the Institute for Technology and Society (ITS Rio).

Ms. Rosanny Arias

Ms. Arias holds a degree in International Relations from the Catholic University of Santo Domingo and a Master's Degree in Digital Transformation from the School of Industrial Organization (EOI) of Spain,

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In her current role, Rosanny has collaborated in the elaboration of the National Artificial Intelligence Strategy (ENIA) and leads the implementation of the priority projects of this strategy. She is also actively involved in the National Innovation Policy and its implementation.

Rosanny holds a certification in Responsible Artificial Intelligence from the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing in India. She stands out for her passion for public administration, public policy and innovation.

Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta

Cristina is a Senior Interregional Adviser for Public Administration at the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in New York specializing on issues of digital government, innovation, and public policy. Prior to joining UNDESA, Cristina was Assistant Director for Institutional Relations at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University (FIU). She holds a PhD in Public Affairs from Florida International University in Miami, a MA in Latin American Affairs from Georgetown University in Washington, DC, and graduated from the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina with a BA in International Relations and a Certificate in Political Science.