

Speakers

Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen Fleisch, State secretary, SECO Director and Director of the Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate

State Secretary Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch (*1961), Attorney, MBA, SECO Director and Director of the Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate since 1 April 2011. From 2007 Federal Council Ambassador and Delegate for Trade Agreements, Switzerland's chief negotiator at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as well as member of the SECO Board of Directors and in addition to the WTO responsible for the OECD and free trade agreements as head of the World Trade Division in the Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate. Previously, from 1999 to 2007, head of the WTO sector. From 1995 head of section in the WTO section of the Federal Office of Foreign Economic Affairs FOFEA. 1992/1993 she worked at the World Bank (Washington D.C., USA) as assistant to Switzerland's Executive Director's. From 1990 to 1995 scientific adviser in the Legal Service and International Investment and Technology Transfer Service in the FOFEA. 1989 gained her MBA from INSEAD (Fontainebleau, F). 1988 Junior Consultant at McKinsey in Zurich. 1987 gained her law degree at the University of Berne qualifying as an attorney.



Carlo Sommaruga, Member of the Swiss Parliament (National Councillor), President of the Foreign Affairs Committee FAC-N



Carlo Sommaruga (1959) studied Law at the University of Geneva. As a lawyer, he has been committed since twenty-five years in the individual and collective defence of tenancy rights. Currently he is the Vice President of the Swiss tenant association (ASLOCA). Before, he was trade unionist and labor lawyer in Geneva. As a member of the Swiss Socialist Party, he has been a MP at the National Council of the Swiss Parliament since 2003. He is currently the President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the

National Council. His main interest lies in topics such as international development cooperation and faire trade. He is also member of the National Advisory Committee on International Development Cooperation and co-chairs the Parliamentary Group on International Solidarity. Besides his political mandate, he participates in various NGOs and committees, such as the Foundation Board Committee of Swissaid, an organization dedicated to relief and development cooperation. Furthermore, he is also interested in the international presence of Switzerland. He is for example a member of the Council of the Swiss Abroad and of the Board of the Swiss Institute of Rom.

Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy Director General at DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid



Klaus Rudischhauser joined the European Commission in 1989 and took up duty in the Directorate-General Environment. Subsequently he worked on assistance to the Newly Independent States and then was Head of Unit at the Directorate-General Personnel and Administration and the Directorate-General Energy and Transport where he was in charge of the Transeuropean Transport Networks. From March 2007 to May 2011, Klaus Rudischhauser was Director at the Directorate-

General Development and Relations with ACP Countries. His areas of responsibility covered amongst others: Programming of the European Development Fund (EDF), Panafrican issues, Peace and Security in Africa, Migration, Governance, Budget support and debt relief. From June 2011 to July 2012, Klaus Rudischhauser was in charge of Directorate B Quality and Impact of Aid at DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid. His responsibilities included amongst others: Quality of aid; Evaluation; Inter-institutional relations; Information and Communication.

Since 22 November 2011 Mr Rudischhauser represents Commissioner Piebalgs in the UN initiative Energy for All. As of 1 August 2012 Mr Rudischhauser is Deputy Director General at DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid and oversees directorates EU development policy, Sustainable Growth and Development, Human and Society Development as well as the Task-force for an enhanced dialogue with International Organisation and three units dealing with respectively Communication and transparency, Institutional relations, Quality and results.

Conor Foley, Advisor Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

Conor is a government and regulatory affairs advisor with Norton Rose Fulbright based in London. He advises on legislative and regulatory matters pertaining to commodities, commodity and financial derivative markets, financial market infrastructure, sales and trading. His clients include agri-businesses, commodity trading companies, exchange groups, proprietary trading companies, major industrials, mining companies, oil and gas producers and utilities.

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Moderator

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