



Navigating Global Uncertainty and Building Financial Resiliency

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Panelists:



Stefan Ingves
Chair, Toronto Centre
Former Governor, Sveriges Riksbank

Stefan Ingves is Chair of Toronto Centre's Board of Directors and the former governor of the Central Bank of Sweden. Mr. Ingves previously held the positions of Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and Chair of the BIS Banking and Risk Management Committee (BRC).

Mr. Ingves was previously a member of the General Council of the European Central Bank; First Vice-Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board; Governor for Sweden in the International Monetary Fund; and a member of the Nordic-Baltic Macprudential Forum (NBMF).

Mr. Ingves is former Chairman of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision; Director of the Monetary and Financial Systems Department at the IMF; Deputy Governor of the Riksbank; and General Director of the Swedish Bank Support Authority. Prior to that, he was Head of the Financial Markets Department at the Swedish Ministry of Finance. Mr. Ingves holds a Ph.D. in economics.



Elsie Addo Awadzi
Board Member, Toronto Centre
Former Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana

Elsie Addo Awadzi has over 27 years of professional experience working in various capacities in Ghana and internationally in law, finance, policy and regulatory reforms, financial sector regulation, sustainable development, and public financial management, among others. She is the former Second Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana, a position she occupied from February 2018 to February 2025. She was the second woman to occupy the Office of Deputy Governor in the Bank of Ghana's

66-year history.

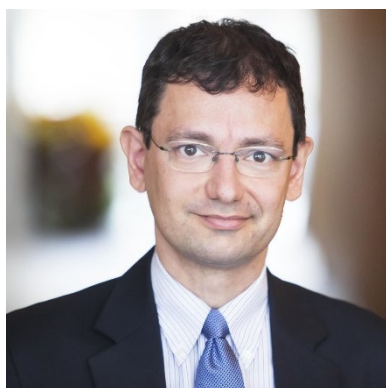
As a staunch advocate for inclusive and sustainable finance, she chairs the Alliance for Financial Inclusion's (AFI) Gender Inclusive Finance Committee, which provides thought leadership and guidance to the AFI network on the design and implementation of measures to close the gender gap in access to finance in developing countries. She is also a member of the Expert Leaders Group on Women's Financial Inclusion in the Digital Economy, established by the Graça Machel Trust.

Before her appointment as Deputy Governor, Elsie was Senior Counsel of the Financial and Fiscal Law Unit of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where she conducted financial sector



stability assessments on a number of G20 countries. Previously, Elsie was a Commissioner of Ghana's Securities & Exchange Commission for six years and worked as an independent consultant for the World Bank, IFC, DfID, Commonwealth Secretariat, and USAID on key financial sector policy and regulatory reforms in Ghana, Africa, and the Caribbean for several years.

She holds an LL.M. degree (International Business and Economic Law) with distinction and a Certificate in W.T.O. Studies from the Georgetown University Law Center (2012), where she was also a Fellow of the Institute of International Economic Law. She also holds an M.B.A. (Finance) Degree and an LL.B. Degree from the University of Ghana (2000 and 1993, respectively) and a post-graduate Qualifying Certificate to practice law from the Ghana School of Law (1995). She holds Honorary Fellowships awarded by the Chartered Institute of Bankers (Ghana) and the Institute of Directors (Ghana) in recognition of her contributions to Ghana's banking sector and Corporate Governance in Ghana, respectively.



Nicolas Véron
Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics
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Nicolas Véron, senior fellow, joined the Peterson Institute for International Economics in October 2009. Véron is also a senior fellow at Bruegel, a Brussels-based economic policy think tank he helped cofound in 2002–04. He is host of the Peterson Institute's Financial Statements virtual event series.

A French citizen and graduate of Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris, he has held various positions in the public and private sectors, including as corporate adviser to France's labor minister (1997–2000), as chief financial officer of the publicly listed internet company MultiMania / Lycos France (2000–2002), and as an independent financial services consultant. Since July 2013 he has been a board member of the derivatives arm of DTCC (the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation), a global financial infrastructure company.

Véron's research is mostly about financial systems and financial reform around the world, including global financial regulatory initiatives and current developments in the European Union. He has published on accounting standards, audit firm governance, banking supervision, cross-border financial crisis management, economic nationalism, financing of high-growth firms, industrial policy, internationalization of large companies, oversight of inward investment in the European Union, and rating agencies. He is coeditor of *Transatlantic Economic Challenges in an Era of Growing Multipolarity* (2012) and coauthor of *Smoke and Mirrors, Inc.: Accounting for Capitalism* (2006). He is trilingual in English, French, and Spanish, and has fluent understanding of German and Italian. In September 2012, Bloomberg Markets included Véron in its second annual 50 Most Influential list, with reference to his early advocacy of European banking union.



Moderator:



**Babak Abbaszadeh
President and CEO, Toronto Centre**

Babak Abbaszadeh joined Toronto Centre for Global Leadership in Financial Supervision as President and CEO in June 2010. Babak is responsible for the organization's business strategy, capacity building programming, operational activities, and outreach. Babak also oversees the Centre's collaboration with central banks, supervisory authorities, international development agencies, Financial Stability Board (FSB), international standard setting bodies, international financial institutions, and regional development banks. He has 29 years of experience in public

policy and implementation in the public and private sectors.

Babak has held leadership roles in highly regulated sectors such as financial services, energy, and natural resources financing including at Sun Life Financial, and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). He was also a former chief of staff to Cabinet Ministers in Canada.