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BIOGRAPHIES

Opening remarks
15:00 – 15:10



Jochen Guckes *Parliamentary Support Programmes Coordinator, Division W14 - International Exchange Programmes, German Bundestag*

Dr Jochen Guckes is deputy head of and team leader within the International Exchange Programmes Division at the German Bundestag, where he is in charge

of parliamentary support programmes and coordinates the Bundestag's EU Twinning activities. Prior to this, he was team leader in the Parliament's visitors' service, responsible for youth projects such as a simulation game on legislation and an international Youth Encounter on the occasion of January 27, the day of remembrance for the victims of Nazi crimes. Before joining the Bundestag, Dr Guckes worked at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and as free-lancer in political and historical education.

Dr Guckes has a PhD in modern German history from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and has studied modern history, political science and economics at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.



Ingrid Walker, *INTER PARES, Acting Head of Programme*

Ingrid Walker is the Acting Head of Programme of the EU-funded INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership project. Her responsibilities include the coordination of peer-to-peer partnerships between EU Member State Parliaments and partner

Parliaments in emerging democracies, monitoring and evaluation, knowledge development, and cross-cutting initiatives to foster parliamentary inclusivity and effectiveness. She has been with INTER PARES since July 2019.

Walker's previous work experience includes working as a Senior Policy Adviser in the European Parliament, with a special focus on the Development and Foreign Affairs committees.

**Case Study
Presentations 15:10-
16:00**



Josua Namoce, Executive Advisor to the Speaker, Parliament of Fiji

Josua Namoce works as an executive support and advisor to the Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji. He worked as the Manager of Research & Library Services at the Parliament of Fiji from 2015 to 2020 and has taken a keen interest in parliamentary affairs. He holds a degree in Sociology and Political Science from the University of the South Pacific, and has done postgraduate studies in social policy at the Fiji National University. Prior to joining the Fijian Parliament, he had worked for over 15 years at the Consumer Council of Fiji, which looks after consumer rights and interests in Fiji. The most part of his working career, has been dedicated to the consumer rights advocacy in Fiji. Prior to that Josua worked briefly at the newsroom of a local newspaper called the Fiji Daily Post and as a Campaigns Researcher at the Pacific Resources Center (now closed) which was the secretariat of the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement. The highlight of his work from that period is The publication that documented the plight of Fijian army and naval veterans who participated in British nuclear tests in the South Pacific islands of Malden and Kiritimati in the 1950s.



Martin Kuta, Head of General Analysis Department, Czech Chamber of Deputies

Martin Kuta works as Head of General Analysis Department of the Parliamentary Institute, Czech Chamber of Deputies. His area of expertise comprises CFSP/CSDP (mainly EU defence initiatives and EU relations to countries of Eastern Europe), political science and methodology. He is also responsible for inter-parliamentary development cooperation of the Chamber of Deputies. He acted as Acting Component Leader in a Twinning Project in Moldova (2017–2019) aimed at strengthening the capacities of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova in the area of EU harmonization. He also takes part in various development projects as a guest expert (for instance NDI Western Balkan Legislative Initiatives). Mr Kuta holds PhD (2016) in Political Science and classes in Parliamentary Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague.



Jon Davies, Chief Executive, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK

Jon Davies has been Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA UK) since September 2017. He joined the UK Civil Service in 1990 in the East African Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). After working in the Cabinet Office Assessments Staff from 1991 to 1993 he became head of the FCO's Iraq Section. He then worked in Madrid and the Tsunami Unit in the Consular Directorate, before spending 2005-2007 as Deputy Director of Communications. From 2007- 2010 Jon was Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy, Cairo. In 2010 he returned to London as Iran Co-ordinator, and from 2011-2013 he was also Director, Middle East and North Africa. Jon then became the first Director of the new FCO Diplomatic Academy, from 2014 to July 2017



Dalila Maulide, Head of the International Relations and Cooperation Division, Assembly of the Portuguese Republic

Dalila Maulide has been a Parliamentary Adviser at the *Assembleia da República* (Portuguese Parliament) since 2007. She is currently the Head of the International Relations and Cooperation Division.



Michael Mukuka, IT Director, Parliament of Zambia

Michael Mukuka is an accomplished ICT practitioner who has been in the industry for over 25 years. He began his career as the ICT Training Manager when he left the University of Zambia where he obtained his bachelors' degree in Mathematics with a minor in Computer studies. Michael, further, worked for 6 years as country ICT Manager for an international courier company before joining the National Assembly of Zambia as Principal Clerk in Charge of ICT where he has been working for the past 18 years. Michael became instrumental in establishing the ICT department for the National Assembly of Zambia. He played a critical role at both international and regional level in promoting the use and adoption of ICTs in parliaments through IPU-CIP and the Global Centre

	<p>for ICT in Parliaments which was based in Rome and operating under UNDESA. Michael was instrumental in setting up the Southern Africa Hub operating under the IPU-CIP and he is the current coordinator. Michael played a pivotal role in setting up the ICT, parliament radio as well as parliament TV infrastructure for the National Assembly of Zambia. Besides having a BSc in Mathematics and Computer studies from the University of Zambia, Michael has an MBA in Leadership and Sustainability from University of Cumbria in the United Kingdom. He obtained a post graduate diploma in Strategic Information Technology Management from Derby University in the UK, Diploma in Project Management awarded by Cambridge University. Michael further obtained training in Internet Governance with DiploFoundation in Malta, Strategic Information Management in Canada as well as PRINCE II project management among many other courses he has undertaken. He is passionate about Digital Transformation in Parliaments.</p>
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