

The Panel

Gustavo Crespi



Gustavo Crespi is a Lead Specialist in the Competitiveness and Innovation Division in the Inter-American Development Bank. He also served as Senior Program Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. He holds a PhD in Science and Technology Policy Studies from Sussex University (SPRU), a Masters in Economic Development and International Trade, from the School of Economics and Business Administration of University of Chile, and a BA in Economics from the National University of Cordoba, Argentina. His interests include Industrial Development, Technological Change, Industrial Structure and Development of the Firm and Management and Technology Policy Evaluation, especially in developing countries. He has written and published numerous articles on those topics in journals such as World Development, Research Policy, Industrial and Corporate Change, Journal of Technology Transfer, Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Technovation, Small Business Economics, etc.. Crespi is a member of the Editorial Board of Journals: Policy Research and The International Journal of Learning Technology, Innovation and Development.

Sylvia Dohnert



Sylvia Dohnert joined the Compete Caribbean team as its new Executive Director from November 16, 2012. Sylvia has a Ph.D. in Economic Development and Regional Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an MA in Public Policy from Tufts University and a BS in Systems Engineering from the Universidad Metropolitana de Venezuela. She has extensive experience working knowledge of industrial policy and cluster development and has previously worked at the IDB as a Consultant on competitiveness and innovation programs. Specializing in conceptualizing and designing

government policy and/or projects that will support private sector development, Sylvia is expected to be a major asset to Compete Caribbean whose primary function and focus is private sector development in the Caribbean. Particularly interested in how to stimulate entrepreneurship and enhance local firms' competitiveness in the global economy, she possesses a wealth of work experience in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Guyana. Her specialties include export development, supplier relations, inter-firm cooperation, informality and business associations. Sylvia is based in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Alessandro Maffioli



Alessandro Maffioli is a Principal Economist in the Competitiveness and Innovation Division (CTI) at the Inter-American Development Bank, where he coordinates the unit's work on impact evaluation in the area of production development, innovation and entrepreneurship . During his ten-year experience at the IDB, Alessandro has coordinated several impact evaluations of projects in the areas of agricultural development, science and technology, SMEs' productivity and access to credit. Prior to join the IDB in 2004, Alessandro spent five years at the Center for Research on Latin American and Transition Economies (ISLA) of Bocconi University, where he focused his research on economics of innovation and regional economics. Alessandro holds a Ph.D. in Economics of Production and Development the University of Insubria, Italy. His research focuses on the impacts of production development policies and he has published various papers and articles on the subject.

Camilo Gomez Osorio



Camilo Gomez Osorio is the Senior Country Economist for Barbados and the OECS countries. A Colombian national with over 10 years of development experience on macro- fiscal issues in small island developing states and conflict-affected states. Prior to joining the IDB's Caribbean Department, he was the Country Economist for Maldives and Sri Lanka at the World Bank based in Colombo, and for Afghanistan based in Kabul. He was the Fiscal Economist for the World Bank's Indonesia program

in Jakarta. Camilo holds a Masters on Economics for Development from Oxford University, St Antony's College, and a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Chicago. His specialties include: public expenditure management, debt sustainability analysis, public financial management, and public finance and regulation for private sector development.

Musheer Kamau



Musheer Kamau is the Chief of Operations at the Inter-American Development Bank Country Office in Suriname. In his previous position as senior economist, Musheer has been active in the drive to develop micro-economic databases for economies of the Caribbean. He was the task leader to design and implement the PROTEqIN survey across the Caribbean region, in effect delivering the region's richest dataset on firms as it relates to productivity, labour, use of technology, commercial victimisation and innovation. This work has complemented his other analytical efforts that focused on extensive assessment of the dynamics of innovation and productivity in small economies. Musheer is a graduate of Baylor University (University Scholar in economics, political science and music), The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (MALD in quantitative methods in economics and international development), and is currently pursuing his Doctor of Philosophy (concentrating on applied growth economics) at the University of Oxford.