

## *Speaker Information*

*(Alphabetical order)*

- **Biagio BOSSONE**  
The World Bank, Head of Convergence SPI Albania

Biagio Bossone is an economist with background in international finance and development. He has been associated for more than 20 years with the Banca d'Italia, where his last two assignments were deputy division chief, International Financial Markets Relations and Analysis; and division chief, International Payments and Correspondents. He has been Advisor to the Executive Director for France and Italy, Asian Development Bank (1987-1990); Advisor to the Italian Executive Director, IMF (1990-1992); Senior Financial Policy Advisor, World Bank (1997-2001); Senior Advisor to the IMF Italian Executive Director (2001-2003); Executive Director for Italy and Albania (2003-2006). He is currently Advisor to the Independent Evaluation Office of the IMF, and assists the Convergence Program in launching SPI Albania and SPI Adriatic.

- **Riccardo BROGI**  
Senior Regulatory Economist, Convergence Program and South-East Europe Regional RIA Program Director

Riccardo Brogi brings to Convergence his pioneering experience in designing Regulatory Impact Assessment analyses at the Italian Banking Association where he applied Law and Economics methodology to all policy interventions he worked on. His main fields were as follows: insolvency law, real estate enforcement procedures, positive information sharing and credit bureau with privacy implications, corporate governance. He taught Economics of Financial Intermediaries as assistant at LUISS University in Rome. Riccardo holds a degree in Economics from the University of Florence and attended Microeconomics Summer course at London School of Economics and Political Science.

- **Elira KARAJA**

Elira Karaja has a degree in Business and Economics, Bari University, with a Thesis on performances and challenges of transition economies. She has attended the Master courses in "European Business Engineer" at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Télécommunications de Bretagne, Rennes France, and the Summer School in "European Economic Policy" Faculty of Economics, Bari University.

- **Luigi PASSAMONTI**  
The World Bank, Founder and Head of Convergence Program

Realizing that authorities and bankers could achieve a great deal in terms of modernizing financial systems in many emerging and transition economies by joining forces with the help of an "honest broker" with a gift for analysis and compromise, Luigi Passamonti has been dedicating most of his energies since 2004 in designing and operating the Convergence Program. This program is the fruit of a 25-year career in banking, strategy consulting, emerging market investments and public policy. Mr. Passamonti is a graduate in economics from universities in Brussels and Oxford.

- **Sandra WESSELING**  
Senior Officer, CEIOPS

Sandra Wesseling is a Dutch citizen and holds a Masters degree in Economics from the Groningen University in the Netherlands. She is a senior policy officer at the Dutch central bank/prudential supervisor, in particular involved in financial supervision on banks, insurance companies and pension funds as well monitoring financial stability and strategic developments in these sectors. On behalf of CEIOPS she is in charge of the workings of the CEIOPS Financial Stability Committee and the CEIOPS Occupational Pensions Committee substructure on solvency. Ms. Wesseling has served as an economist at the International Monetary Fund Statistics Department, working on the development of data warehouse systems in less developed countries.