

THE FUTURE OF AN ARUBAN CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Fourth Annual Future of Innovation Conference by the Centrale Bank van Aruba

Friday, November 1, 2019 — 8:00am to 2:00pm
Ritz Carlton Hotel, Aruba



8:00am	Registration and light breakfast	
8:45am	Welcome	Mrs. Penelope Tromp-Gomez The Master of Ceremony
8:55am	Official opening	Mrs. Jeanette R. Semeleer President of the Centrale Bank van Aruba
9:15am		Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes Prime Minister of Aruba
9:30am	Fiscal Policy and Development: Spending for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals	Ms. Mercedes García-Escribano Deputy Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department International Monetary Fund
10:15am	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:30am	Designing Circular Futures	Mr. Arthur ten Wolde Head & Owner of Circular Future, The Netherlands
11:15am	Redesigning the roadmap. Circular infrastructure and public works: challenges and opportunities	Mrs. Zayènne van Heesen-Laclé Court of Appeal Den Bosch, The Netherlands
11:45am	Circular Economy for Climate Action	Ms. Alexandra Soezer Climate Change Technical Advisor Climate, United Nations Development Programme
12:15pm	Are Consumers Circular?	Ms. Jharonne Martis Director of Consumer Research, Refinitiv
12:45pm	Banking on the Circular Economy	Mr. Stephen Grell Vice President Head, Public Sector & Financial Institutions Group Citi Banking, Capital Markets & Advisory
1:15pm	Circular Economy for Sustainable Development	Mr. Kevin de Cuba Americas Sustainable Development Foundation, Colombia
1:45pm	Panel discussion	Mr. Dustin O. Ling Director, Citi Global Corporate Banker for the United Nations Global Public Sector Banking Citi Banking, Capital Markets & Advisory (BCMA)
2:15pm	Concluding thoughts & thank you	Mrs. Jeanette R. Semeleer President of the Centrale Bank van Aruba



Ms. Mercedes García-Escribano is Deputy Division Chief in the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department. She has over 15 years of experience working on emerging economies—including Brazil, Mexico and Peru—and advanced economies in the fields of international economics and fiscal policy analysis. In her current role, she has been the lead author of some of the most read IMF work on inequality—the 2017 Fiscal Monitor on Tackling Inequality—and on costing the Sustainable Development Goals. She has published on a range of topics in fiscal, financial, and labor market issues. Ms. García-Escribano holds a PhD degree in Economics from University of Chicago.



Mr. Arthur ten Wolde is the head and owner of Circular Future, specializing in circular economy advocacy and consultancy. He is also executive director of Ecopreneur.eu, the European Sustainable Business Federation, EU policy expert for MVO Nederland, and Trainer Circular Design for the Dutch programme CIRCO. Ecopreneur.eu represents about 3000 businesses in six member states, mostly SMEs, which strive to deliver sustainable products and services. Arthur is internationally recognized as a circular economy expert, motivational speaker and (co-)author of several reports and numerous articles in magazines. Arthur worked earlier for De Groene Zaak, IMSA, the Dutch Industry Confederation VNO-NCW, and the STT Future Trend Study Centre. He has a background in polymer technology and a Ph.D in physics.



Mrs. Zayènne van Heesen-Laclé was recently appointed as a honorary judge at the Court of Appeal Den Bosch, the Netherlands. Zayènne's areas of expertise include commercial contracts, procurement projects, and state aid in the infrastructure, utilities, and industry sectors. Zayènne graduated from Leiden University in 2003. After completing her PhD-thesis at Leiden University, Zayènne joined the Amsterdam based law firm NautaDutilh in 2007. As a strategic adviser and in-house lawyer to the Dutch Province of North-Holland as of 2015, Zayènne has advised and litigated on key infrastructure projects.



Ms. Jharonne Martis is the Director of Consumer Research at Refinitiv. She is the retail and consumer industry expert at the New York Innovation Lab. She generates thought leadership research and builds brand awareness by promoting Refinitiv content to a large set of media, sell-side and buy side following. Her research reports are widely distributed to central banks, economists & strategists, institutional clients, and on the award-winning Lipper Alpha Insight research blog. She also analyzes the Refinitiv/Ipsos Consumer Sentiment Index and Environmental, Social and Governance content and promotes them on various platforms. A widely quoted authority on the consumer and retail industry, including same store sales and corporate earnings, Martis is a frequent guest speaker on CNBC, Yahoo Finance, Reuters TV, Cheddar TV, as well as other television news outlets. Her research has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, CNN Money, and Barron's. Prior to Refinitiv, Martis worked as a software developer at NetLander, Inc., where she contributed to key projects at the NASA J.F. Kennedy Space Center and was a Control Desk Analyst Manager at Citigroup. She holds a B.S. in Management Information Systems and an MBA in Finance. For being a woman in STEM and representing Aruba with pride, she is the second women to receive the pin of outstanding innovator of her native Aruba.



Mr. Stephen Grell joined Citi in 2017 as Cluster Head for Public Sector and Financial Institutions Group within the Banking, Capital Markets & Advisory business for the Southern Caribbean, which includes Aruba, Curacao, Guyana, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago. He has over 14 years' experience in banking and financial services with a focus on originating and executing both public and private sector initiatives. In his varying roles he has advised on strategies and transactions for a wide range of products including derivatives, structured credit, debt capital markets and Public Private Partnerships in the Caribbean and the United Kingdom. Stephen was born and raised in Trinidad and considers himself a true fan of Caribbean Art and Culture. With his background in banking and passion for the Caribbean he is a keen advocate for climate change initiatives and the role finance can play in meeting their respective goals. Stephen holds a Master of Science degree in Finance from the Chapman School of Business, - Florida International University.



Ms. Alexandra Soezer is an expert in climate change mitigation and carbon finance. She supports countries in a variety of areas to enhance NDC implementation, including private sector engagement, structured finance, MRV, NDC mitigation action design and implementation. Previously, Alexandra worked with MDG Carbon, UNDP's corporate framework for carbon finance for nearly seven years, building on her experience that she gained at the Austrian JI/CDM Programme, managed by Kommunalkredit. Alexandra earned her PhD in Environmental Sciences at the Austrian Institute of Technology with a specialization on fluctuating micro-climatic stresses on plants.



Mr. Kevin de Cuba is the Director of the Americas Sustainable Development Foundation (ASDF) a non-profit independent advisory foundation established in 1998 in Aruba, Dutch Caribbean; which is an official partner of Worldwatch Institute, a renowned think-tank based in Washington D.C.; and also an official partner of McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (MBDC) and an authorized representative for Cradle to Cradle® design in Latin America and the Caribbean. From 2008 to 2015, he developed and managed the U.S. Department of State funded - Closed Looped Cycle Production in the Americas Program. In 2016, he co-founded and serves as first Chairman of the Circular Economy Platform of the Americas (CEP-Americas) to continue to contribute to the region's transition to circular economy. More recently, in July 2019, Kevin has been appointed by the Aruba's Council of Ministers as Circular Economy Ambassador for the Ministry of Education, Science and Sustainable Development of Aruba (Ministry of ESSD). Kevin is an Aruban native and holds a master's degree in Sustainable Development with specialization in Energy & Materials from the Copernicus Institute at Utrecht University and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Technology with specialization in Waste Management and Waste Water Treatment from the VHL University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands.



Mr. Dustin Ling is a senior Director at Citi with over 17 years of finance, banking and regulatory experience in the public and development sectors specializing in advising supranational organizations. Dustin has worked in the U.S. and extensively abroad with a focus on the Americas, Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific regions. Based in New York, Dustin is a senior banker in Global Public Sector coverage within Citi Banking, Capital Markets & Advisory and serves as trusted advisor to the United Nations system (UN) and related supranational organizations. In his role, he counsels clients on finance, banking, regulatory, market developments and also digital solutions in developed (DM), emerging (EM) and frontier markets. Today, he oversees 70 countries within Citi's proprietary network and lead innovation efforts

with an emphasis on digital money, payments and integrity. He is also the curator of Citi's Digital Money Roundtable during the IMF / WBG Meetings and supports Citi's Tech for Integrity (T4I) and Cyber Security programs as liaison to the IMF. Dustin also served as COO of Citi's Global Public Sector Banking coverage group encompassing 700+ clients in 160 countries. As Banker to the UN, Dustin is proudly passionate and an advocate for sustainability, diversity and inclusion, including on youth entrepreneurship, solutions for vulnerable communities, disaster risk and recovery and humanitarian relief efforts. Through, the Citi Foundation, he is also a strong supporter of Citi's role in the Sustainable Development Goals, namely the 2030 SDGs. Dustin is a graduate of the University of Miami's School of Business and received a dual degree in International Finance and Marketing with a specialization in Business Tech. He is proudly tri-cultural having been born and raised in the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, a part of Kingdom of the Netherlands, speaks Dutch, English and Papiamentu fluently, while being of Asian heritage.