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Speaker Profiles

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**Joseph Aiello, CEO**

**Meridiam Infrastructure**

Joseph Aiello has been a leader in the development of large scale infrastructure and real estate projects and a senior executive in business operations and development. Mr. Aiello, a Partner, Board and Investment Committee Member in Meridiam Infrastructure Managers, has also led the activities of Meridiam Infrastructure North America Fund since 2007. Meridiam is an equity investor, developer and asset manager of Public Private Partnerships and has emerged as one of the global leaders in its markets. Meridiam’s 25 year funds align the interest of investors, asset life and the public interest. The firm’s equity investments of more than $3 billion of equity have leveraged more than $40 billion of new infrastructure investment of which more than $10 billion are in North America. The firm received a variety of Global honors such as PPP Project of the Year and Sponsor of the Year for 2009 through 2015.

Prior to joining Meridiam, Mr. Aiello played senior roles in a Global EPC firm, a major national real estate firm and also spent 10 years developing public infrastructure at the MBTA in Boston. He is an alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School.

Meridiam has reached financial close and is now building or operating more than 10 projects in North America including the Central Terminal at LaGuardia Airport, the Port of Miami tunnel, 2 Managed Lanes Projects in Texas, the new Long Beach Courthouse, the University of Montreal Hospital and Medical Research Center, and Waterloo Light Rail. In Europe, Turkey and Africa, Meridiam has more than 25 additional assets ranging from health care, social infrastructure facilities, water resources and transport.

In July of 2015 Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker named Mr. Aiello as Chairman of the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board, a pro-bono position.

**David Altshuler**

**Partner, StepStone Infrastructure and Real Assets Group**

Mr. Altshuler is a Partner in the Infrastructure and Real Assets Group at StepStone Group, a global private equity specialist overseeing over US$91 billion of private capital allocations, including approximately US$24 billion of assets under management. StepStone offers customized private markets investment management and advisory services to institutional clients using industry leading analytics and research capabilities, with a focus on providing highly responsive and collaborative client service. Mr. Altshuler focuses on infrastructure and natural resources investments.

Prior to StepStone, Mr. Altshuler was Senior Vice President and Infrastructure Practice Leader at Meketa Investment Group. In this role, he advised a diverse group of public and private pension plans on all aspects of private market infrastructure and real asset investments. Prior to joining Meketa, Mr. Altshuler held senior investment positions in the infrastructure financing and fixed income groups at Nuveen investments, and was a visiting scholar at the Collaboratory for Research on Global Projects at Stanford University. He holds an MA and PhD from the University of Chicago and a BA from Reed College.

**Neil Brown**

**Partner and Head, Investor Development Group, Actis**

As head of IDG Neil is responsible for Actis global fundraising and investor relations activities. He is a member of both the Executive Committee and the Valuation and Exit Committee. Prior to joining Actis in 2013, Neil worked in Sydney as a Founding Director of the boutique Private Equity advisory firm, Minerva Capital Advisors Ltd (2009-2013). Previously, he was an Executive Director and Head of Global Debt & Equity Capital Markets and Head of Funds Management at Alco Finance (Sydney, 2007-2008). Neil also brings experience from his time as Global Head of the Sales, Products & Client Services division with Citigroup Alternative Investments (New York, 2004-2007). He holds an MBA from Melbourne Business School and a First Class Honours in Industrial Chemistry from The University of New South Wales.
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Sujoy Bose is Global Co-Head and Director of Infrastructure and Natural Resources at IFC, where he oversees IFC’s US$12.6 billion portfolio in transport, utilities, power, oil and gas and mining. Prior to his current position, Sujoy was Chief Investment Officer and Head of the US$1 billion IFC African Latin American and Caribbean Fund, a growth equity fund with several large sovereign wealth funds and pension funds as investors. Sujoy has over 20 years of experience in emerging markets private equity and debt investments with IFC, where he has been responsible for several major emerging markets transactions, covering both debt and equity in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and MENA. Over the 2006-2010 period, Sujoy headed IFC’s office in Mumbai, India, following which, he joined the IFC Asset Management Company in 2010. Sujoy holds an MBA from Rice University and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from St Xavier’s College, Kolkata, India.

**Leo de Bever**  
Chairman, Oak Point Energy

Leo de Bever has served financial institutions based in Canada, the U.S., Japan and Australia, including the Bank of Canada, Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan, and Alberta Investment Management Corporation. In the past, he has advised the Norway’s Pension Plan, and served on the Investment Committee of Dutch pension fund APG.

Leo grew up in the Netherlands. He received his B.A. in economics from the University of Oregon, and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin.

**Max Castelli**  
Head of Strategy & Global Sovereign Clients, UBS Global Asset Management

As Head of Strategy in the team serving sovereign institutions globally, Dr. Castelli analyzes the market trends affecting the investment behaviour of central banks, sovereign wealth funds and other state-controlled investment institutions. He works closely with the investment teams in providing investment advice and developing tailored investment solutions for clients and prospects across regions. He is a member of the UBS Sovereign Investment Management Committee.

Max established himself as a global thought leader on the macroeconomic, financial and political trends in sovereign wealth management. He has often been called in by leading institutions as an expert on global economic and financial matters and regularly publishes articles and research on international economic policy and financial market issues and he is often quoted in the media. He recently published The New Economics of Sovereign Wealth Funds in the Wiley Finance Series, a book providing a thorough guide to sovereign wealth funds.

In his fifteen year-long international professional career, Max has been Head of Public Policy for UBS in Europe, Middle East and Africa, Senior Economist for the Middle East region at UBS and consultant advising governments and corporates in emerging markets on behalf of international institutions.

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Trevor joined Standard & Poor’s in 1998 and has been involved in all analytical aspects of the Infrastructure practice. His responsibilities include chairing rating committees, the primary analyst for new credit ratings such as Solar Star (one of largest utility scale solar projects globally), WVB East End Partners (S&P’s first rating of an availability public-private partnership project in the U.S.) and surveillance of existing ratings including Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (aka as Penn Bridges project). In addition, Trevor has been significantly involved in the world’s first three rated solar securitization transactions (SolarCity 1, 2 and 3) and the rating of the first rooftop solar loan portfolio (SolarCity FTE 1).


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Eric Freedman is a partner at K&L Gates and represents a wide variety of clients, in both the private and public sectors, on energy and electric utility law issues. His practice emphasizes energy, utilities and infrastructure transactional matters such as the preparation and negotiation of agreements relating to power project and other infrastructure development, mergers and acquisitions, alliances and joint ventures, power purchases and sales, natural gas purchases and sales, commodity derivatives transactions, renewable energy credits and certificates transactions, emissions allowance transactions, electric and gas transmission, and energy services. His practice also includes counseling concerning commercial, regulatory, risk management, contracting and contract interpretation issues.

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Amadou Hott, CEO of FONSIS (the sovereign wealth fund of Senegal), was appointed Special Adviser to His Excellency President Macky SALL on investment and financing affairs in 2012, coordinating various projects including the establishment of FONSIS. From June 2013 to May 2014, he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Aéroport International Blaise Diagne (AIBD) project company. In 2011, he created Afribridge Capital, an investment and advisory firm based in Dubai, focusing on Africa and advising large groups such as Dangote with whom he started Dangote Capital for a stint. In 2008 he joined the UBA group as CEO of its investment banking subsidiary, UBA Capital in Lagos, where with his team, they completed unprecedented transactions in West Africa such as the largest corporate bond ever issued, the first Tier 2 Capital for a financial institution, the largest corporate debt restructuring ever done in West Africa, etc. Prior to that, he was recruited by the newly established Dubai-based investment bank, Millennium Finance Corporation, to develop its investment banking activities in Africa. At the beginning of his career, he completed internships at Société Générale head office within the derivatives credit risk department and the risk department in New York. Mr. Hott went on to join Société Générale in London, then BNP Paribas and finally ABN AMRO where he started his investment banking career focused on Africa.

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Witold Henisz is the Deloitte & Touche Professor of Management at The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania. His research which examines the impact of political hazards on international investment strategy including efforts by multinational corporations to engage in corporate diplomacy to win the hearts and minds of external stakeholders has been published in top-ranked journals in international business, management, international studies and sociology. Witold is also the author of the book “Corporate Diplomacy: Building Reputations and Relationships with External Stakeholders”. He has won multiple teaching awards and teaches extensively on the topic of Corporate Diplomacy in executive education programs. He served as the academic co-director for the stakeholder engagement KEROVKA crisis management simulation. He has authored numerous teaching cases highlighting best practices in integrated project management from across the globe, including ones on Karachi Electric, the Minas-Rio mine, Choppies, Newmont Ahafo Gold Corporation, Gabriel Resources, Thai Petrochemical Corporation and AES-Telasi that highlight the importance of managing stakeholder risks together with their financial and operational counterparts. Witold is also a principal at PRIMA LLC, a political risk management consultancy, whose recent clients include AngloGold Ashanti, Rio Tinto, Lockheed Martin, Shell, Dundee Precious Metals, and the International Finance Corporation.
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Mr. Orji was the lead semiconductor analyst and global coordinator for Semi-conductor Research at UBS, New York, covering more than 35 technology companies in the US and more than 100 investor clients globally. Prior to his time at UBS Securities, Uche Orji also worked at JP Morgan Securities in London, UK, and at Goldman Sachs Asset Management in London. Whilst at Goldman Sachs, he was a member of the team managing the Pan European Equity Fund and Global Technology Fund.

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Uche Orji studied Chemical Engineering at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, graduating in 1990, and also obtained an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1998.

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**Adrian Orr**
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