

Speaker Profiles

Panellist: Professor Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre

Dr. Carlos Correa is the Executive Director of the South Centre since July 2018. Formerly, he was the Centre's Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property (IP). He worked with the Argentine Government and was the Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Industrial Property and Economics, University of Buenos Aires (UBA). He was a member of the UK Commission on IP Rights, the WHO Commission on IP, Innovation and Public Health and the FAO Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture. He has been a visiting professor at several universities, a consultant to various regional and international organizations and advised several governments on IP, innovation policy and public health. He is the author of numerous publications. Dr. Correa is a lawyer and an economist and holds a PhD in Law from the UBA.

Panellist: Jane Nalunga, Executive Director, Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) – Uganda

Jane Seruwagi Nalunga is an expert on trade, fiscal and investment related issues. She has vast experience and expertise in analyzing national, regional and international trade, investment, fiscal and related agreements and policies and how they interact with key development dimensions such as Climate Change, Gender, Human Rights and Food Security. She has more than twenty years of experience in policy research, analysis and advocacy and has authored a number of policy-oriented studies and articles. She also has substantial experience advising Government, Civil Society Organisations, private sector, and policy makers on trade related issues. She is currently the Executive Director of SEATINI- Uganda. (SEATINI is a sub-regional NGO operating in Eastern and Southern Africa).

Panellist: Ogwuche Sunday, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Trade Office to the WTO

Mr. Ogwuche Sunday is a Senior Counsellor with the Mission of Nigeria to the WTO. He holds a Master's Degree (Magna Cum Laude) in International Law and Economics of the university of Bern, Switzerland (2013) and a B.sc in Business Management (2002) of the University of Jos, Nigeria. He has over 17 Years' experience in negotiating, analysing, modelling and designing trade and investment policies and agreements. Currently, he is the African Group Focal Point Official on the WTO Agriculture negotiations. He represents Nigeria in the WTO Council for Trade in Goods and its subsidiary bodies as well as the Council for Trade in Services and its subsidiary bodies. He also represents Nigeria in respective negotiations under WTO Joint Statement Initiatives on E-Commerce, Investment Facilitation, Services Domestic Regulations and MSMEs as well as in discussions at UNCTAD and the International Trade Centre (ITC).

Moderator: Vahini Naidu, Programme Coordinator: Trade for Development, South Centre

Vahini Naidu is the Programme Coordinator of the Trade for Development Programme at the South Centre, an intergovernmental organization that supports developing countries in advancing their common interests in global policy spaces. An experienced lawyer, trade negotiator, and former diplomat, Vahini provides legal and policy advice to developing countries and their groupings on international trade negotiations and strategies, both in Geneva and in capitals. Her areas of expertise include WTO and regional trade negotiations, trade in services, digital trade, and development policy. Prior to joining the South Centre, Vahini was an international trade negotiator with South Africa's Department of Trade and Industry, covering negotiations under SADC, the Tripartite FTA, the AfCFTA, and the WTO. She also served as a diplomat at the South African Permanent Mission to the WTO in Geneva, where she was the Focal Point and Coordinator of the African Group in the WTO.