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### Short Biographies

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Hannes Schloemann is a director in WTI Advisors. Hannes advises governments, IGOs, NGOs, business associations and corporate clients on a wide range of issues of WTO/trade policy and law. He is also a highly experienced trainer and designer of tailor-made trainings, and a tested team leader and manager. His key areas of practice include trade in services (GATS), trade in agricultural and non-agricultural goods, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, subsidies, the WTO's DDA negotiations, regional trade agreements (EPAs, EuroMed), WTO accessions (law, policy, strategy), WTO dispute settlement and Trade & Climate Change. He studied in Heidelberg (State Exam), Geneva and New York. He holds an LL.M. from New York University and is a member of the Berlin and New York Bars and is registered as a foreign lawyer with the Geneva Bars. Before establishing WTI Advisors he was a trade lawyer with Baker & McKenzie in Berlin and London.

#### Cherise M. VALLES



Cherise Valles joined the ACWL in 2001. As Senior Counsel, she has assisted ACWL developing country Members in several dispute settlement proceedings before the WTO Appellate Body, panels and arbitrators. She has also drafted numerous legal opinions on the WTO agreements, including on the GATT, GATS, the Customs Valuation Agreement, TRIPs, SCM and the Safeguards Agreement. She was actively involved in the development of the ACWL training programme and has taught at all the courses. Before joining the ACWL, she was at the U.S. law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal (now SNR Denton). Prior to Sonnenschein, she was Counsel in the Trade Law Bureau of the Canadian government, where she provided legal advice and advocacy services in several WTO cases. She joined the Canadian Foreign Service in 1989. During the Uruguay Round, she was responsible for trade policy issues in the Services, Investment and Intellectual Property Division at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. She had a three-year posting as a Trade Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ms. Valles was born in Bombay, India. She has a B.A. (Honours) in Political Science from McGill University, a M.A. in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, and an LL.B. from the University of Ottawa. She is a Member of the Bar of Ontario, Canada. She has lectured on WTO law for international organisations (*e.g.*, IDLO) and at the university level (*e.g.*, the LL.M. programme at

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### **Gilles CARBONNIER**



Gilles Carbonnier is Professor of Development Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies since February 2007. He obtained his PhD in Economics from Neuchâtel University. He is editor-in-chief of International Development Policy since 2008, and President of the board of directors of CERAH, the Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH). His research and publications focus on the energy-development nexus and the governance of extractive resources, as well as on humanitarianism, the political economy of armed conflict and international development cooperation. Gilles Carbonnier has over 20 years of professional experience in international trade, development cooperation and humanitarian action. From 1989 to 1991, Gilles Carbonnier was a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Iraq, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and El Salvador. He joined the ICRC again from 1999 to 2006 as the Organization's economic adviser and head of private-sector relations, which involved fieldwork in places like Colombia, Indonesia, the Balkans, Western and Central Africa and the Palestinian Territories. Between 1992 and 1996, he was in charge of international development cooperation programmes and multilateral trade negotiations with the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and has been advising Vietnam on its accession to the WTO between 1996 and 1999. Gilles Carbonnier is Vice-President of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes since 2011, and a board member of Doctors without Borders (MSF-Switzerland) since 2008. He also sits in the Federal Commission for International Development Cooperation and advises investment funds over sustainability and human rights issues.