

## Bios

### **Simonetta Zarrilli**

Simonetta Zarrilli is the chief of the Trade, Gender and Development Programme of UNCTAD, a programme she has been leading since its inception in 2010. An experienced trade analyst with a long and successful career at the UN, Simonetta has worked on many trade issues, including preferential trade schemes; health, environment and energy services; trade and biotechnology and renewable energies. She has carried out numerous analytical, intergovernmental and technical cooperation activities on these issues, and has authored and coordinated many publications.

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### **Mariangela Linoci**

Mariangela Linoci is Economic Affairs Officer in the Trade, Gender and Development Programme of UNCTAD, where she works on numerous analytical and programmatic aspects relating to the area of trade and gender.

Prior to her current appointment, Mariangela worked on several development-related issues with a focus on gender equality and women's economic empowerment, holding assignments with other UN entities, including UNIDO and UN Women, and with non-governmental organizations.

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### **Daniel Lopez Rojas**

Daniel Lopez Rojas is Communications and e-Learning Coordinator at UNCTAD's Trade, Gender and Development Programme. His core functions are to design Trade and Gender Online Course for the Programme and ensure the coordination of the online course projects.

Prior to his current appointment, Daniel had two years work experience at the Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations where he worked on trade policy issues, and served as Trade Secretary at the Mission of Colombia to the World Trade Organization.

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