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on the outcome of the
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Mr. Harris was born in the Bahamas and raised in Trinidad. He attended the University of Miami and Georgetown University in Washington D.C., obtaining a B.Sc. in German and Political Science in 1982. He took up the study of economics in Germany, first at the Philipps University in Marburg, and completing them at the Christian Albrechts University in Kiel, where he obtained the Diplom Volkswirt degree in 1987. In 1988, he received an Advanced Studies Certificate in international economics and policy research from the Institute of World Economics in Kiel.

Mr. Harris joined the Fund in the Economist Program (EP) in 1988, and came to the African Department in 1989, working primarily on the countries of the CFA Franc zone. In 1995, he joined the Fiscal Affairs Department, where he worked on public expenditure policy issues, in addition to country-related work in some Central Asian countries. He rejoined the African Department in November 1996 as Assistant to the Director. In July 2000, Mr. Harris was named Chief of the West Africa II Division of the African Department, with responsibility for Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Togo. He has led IMF negotiating missions to Togo, Chad, and Guinea.

In July 2002, Mr. Harris became an Advisor in the Policy Development and Review Department (PDR), with responsibility for low-income country issues, with particular focus on issues related to aid effectiveness, liaison with the UN system on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); and the Strategic Partnership with Africa (SPA). From 2007-2008 he headed the Development Issues Division, which in addition to these areas, also was responsible for the IMF's relations with the Development Committee. Since September 2008, Mr. Harris is the IMF's Special Representative to the United Nations, in addition to serving as Assistant Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department. In this capacity, in September 2009 he was named Vice Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programs of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

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Mr. Mattheisen is the Assistant Secretary of the World Bank Group, where he is responsible for guidance and support on corporate governance to the board and senior management of the World Bank Group (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA, ICSID). He has 22 years experience with the World Bank, including in Africa operations prior to joining the Corporate Secretariat. Before joining the World Bank, he worked for the World Health Organization on social statistics in Latin America. He has an MA in international development from George Washington University and an MBA in Finance from Johns Hopkins University. He is a member of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals.