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### List of Biographies

#### Day 2. Session I. Competition in the Online Market: E-commerce and Digitalization

##### Moderator

Lynn Robertson, Competition Expert, OECD



**Lynn Robertson** is a Competition Expert and project manager in the OECD Competition Division, where she manages a diverse range of projects. She is currently leading the project on [Gender Inclusive Competition Policy](#). Amongst other responsibilities, Ms. Robertson manages relations and projects with Africa and the MENA region, including the Joint UNESCWA-UNCTAD-OECD MENA Competition Forum and related activities. She also leads the organisation of the annual the OECD-IDB Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum. Before being invited to join the Competition Division, Ms. Robertson worked in the OECD Anti-Corruption Division, which is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions. Prior to joining the OECD, Ms. Robertson worked with foundations in Canada to launch new programmes and projects. She was Director of Business Programmes at the GLOBE Foundation of Canada ([www.globe.ca](http://www.globe.ca)) which promotes the business case for sustainable development and undertakes ground breaking work on climate financing. Ms. Robertson is a founding member of the University of Toronto G7/8 G20 Research Group and continues to be active in the Group.

Ms. Robertson is also Co-ordinator of the OECD Women's Network.

Ms. Robertson studied international relations, economics and development at the University of Toronto and the University of the South Pacific.

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### Speakers

**Lilia Naas**, Chief, Office for the Arab States, International Trade Centre



A Tunisian national, Ms Lilia Hachem Naas has worked for the United Nations for more than 20 years. She is currently Chief Office for Middle East and North Africa (OMENA) at the International Trade Centre in Geneva. In her role, Ms Naas was able to deepen collaboration with key institutions at national and regional levels in the Arab region, working on creating a more conducive business environment, enhancing institutional capacity to provide better support services to enterprises, and improving MSMEs international competitiveness.

Previously, Ms. Naas was Director of the Sub-Regional Office for North Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Under her leadership, the Office launched several new programmes to help countries achieve sustainable growth, and initiated the new area of specialisation on “employment, skills and sustainable development”. She also worked at UNITAR as Manager Local Development Programme to strengthen local authorities’ capacities in implementing policies to support all aspects of sustainable development.

Before joining the UN, Ms. Naas worked for the Export Promotion Centre (CEPEX) in Tunisia and Hewlett Packard Company in the USA.

Ms Hachem Naas holds an MBA in International Business Management and a Master of Science in Management Information Systems from University of Maryland College Park in the USA.

**Antonio Capobianco**, Senior Competition Expert, OECD



Antonio Capobianco is currently the Deputy Head of the OECD Competition Division. In this position, he is responsible for the proceedings of the OECD Competition Committee and for other work streams of the Division. Over the years at the OECD, Mr Capobianco has coordinated a series of OECD projects and work streams and has authored numerous Background Notes of the Secretariat on a wide range of competition law enforcement and policy topics. He has led many in-country projects to support domestic reforms and he regularly represents the OECD at international events.

Prior to joining the OECD in 2007, Mr Capobianco was a Counsel in the Competition Department of WilmerHale LLP, based in Brussels. He also spent three years with the Italian Competition Authority. Mr Capobianco authored several articles on antitrust issues published on major international law journals specialized in competition law and he co-authored textbooks on Italian and European competition law and economics. He regularly speaks at international conferences on antitrust and regulation issues. Mr. Capobianco graduated in law at the L.U.I.S.S. - Guido Carli in Rome and holds LL.M. degrees from the Law School of the New York University and from the Institute of European Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

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**Pinar Akman**, Professor of Laws, Leeds University



Prof. Dr. Pinar Akman is a Professor of Law specialising in competition law at the University of Leeds, where she is also a Director at the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance. She has published widely in the area of competition law and economics, particularly on abuse of dominance, vertical restraints, and competition in digital markets. Her publications include the sell-out monograph *The Concept of Abuse in EU Competition Law: Law and Economics Approaches* alongside numerous peer-reviewed publications. She received a Philip Leverhulme Prize (Leverhulme Trust) for her research into competition law in the digital economy. She has presented her research in over 20 countries around the world and advised and/or provided expertise to numerous organisations including the IMF, European Parliament, House of Lords, Federal Trade Commission and World Economic Forum. Amongst others, she sits on the Scientific Committee of the Florence Competition Programme (European University Institute), the Advisory Board of Computational Antitrust at CodeX (Stanford) and the Editorial Board of World Competition. She is a Non-Governmental Advisor appointed by the United Kingdom and by Turkey at the International Competition Network.

**Robert Anderson**, ITC Consultant, former Team Leader for Competition Policy in the WTO Secretariat



Robert Anderson is Honorary Professor in the School of Law at the University of Nottingham (UK) and is on the part-time external faculties of the International Master's Program in Public Procurement Management of the University of Rome Tor Vergata; its sister program at the University of Belgrade (Serbia); and the Academy of International Economic Law and Policy (AIELPO) in Athens, Greece. Mr Anderson also works as an international consultant on government procurement policy, competition policy and diverse related issues. Typical clients/collaborating partners have included the International Trade Centre (ITC) in Geneva, Switzerland; the US Commercial Law Development Program (Washington, DC); and the Inter-American Development Bank (also in Washington, DC).

Until March 2019, Robert Anderson was Senior Counsellor and Team Leader for Government Procurement and Competition Policy in the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland, where he worked for 22 years. In that capacity, he facilitated international negotiations and policy development and travelled to more than 75 countries in diverse parts of the world to present training seminars and/or to give related presentations/talks/policy advice. Prior to joining the WTO in 1997, Mr Anderson held various positions in the national competition agency of Canada (the "Competition Bureau"), the Saskatchewan (Province of Canada) Department of Finance and other public sector organizations in Canada.

Mr Anderson holds a J.D. (Juris Doctor) from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (Toronto, Canada); a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Economics from the University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada); and Executive Certificates in Public Policy and Economic Development from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He is editor/co-editor of three books and author/co-author of more than 75 published articles/book chapters on topics in government

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procurement policy, competition policy, intellectual property and/or international trade policy. He is currently working on a book on Preventing Corruption and Supplier Collusion in Public Procurement (co-authored with William Kovacic and Alison Jones; to be published by Oxford University Press in 2023).

**Kayvan Hazemi-Jebelli**, Competition & Regulatory Counsel at CCIA Europe



Kayvan Hazemi-Jebelli (Kay) is Competition & Regulatory Counsel to the Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA) based in Brussels, where he's represented and advised the association on competition policy issues, and European regulatory policy matters since 2019. He has over a decade's experience working as a competition lawyer in private practice, in the European Commission Directorate-General for Competition, in academia, and as Senior Legal Counsel at a leading UK media and communications company. Before that, he worked as a computer engineer. Kay received his B.Sc. in Computer Science & Engineering from UCLA, his J.D. from the University of the Pacific, and his LL.M. in Competition Law from King's College London.

**Jamil Zayed**, Director, Competition Directorate at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Jordan



Mr. Jamil Zayed is one of the pioneers behind the establishment of the Jordanian Competition Directorate in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply. He has worked at the Directorate since its inception in 2003.

Mr. Zayed was appointed as director of the Competition Directorate in 2016. He holds a Bachelor's degree in industrial production engineering.

He has gained extensive experience in the field of competition law enforcement, actively participated in the training of cadres of the Directorate, and has provided training to other competition agencies in various Arab countries. He has been active in the preparation and implementation of awareness programmes on competition law and policy in Jordan.