

## Speakers Biographies



**Fumika Ouchi** is an Evaluation Advisor at the Independent Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Her professional career at the UN began as Junior Professional Officer at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 1994. Following her interest in evaluation in the international development context, Fumika worked as Evaluation Officer in various organizations, including the World Bank in Washington, DC, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Office of Internal Oversight Services at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna. Fumika graduated from Georgetown University, with a master's degree in demography, and later studied doctoral courses in engineering management at George Washington University.



**Nick York** is Director of Country, Corporate and Global Evaluations at World Bank IEG since 2013. He oversees independent evaluations of country programs, of major corporate issues such as working in fragile and conflict states, and of the World Bank Group's partnerships with global and regional programs. Prior to this shift to Washington DC, Nick was Chief Professional Officer for evaluation in DFID in the UK. He joined DFID in 2004 working on country program evaluations. His team was responsible for independent evaluation of DFID's major policies and programmes and developing the evaluation function in DFID including support on capacity and quality. In 2006/7 Nick chaired the steering group for the multi-donor evaluation of budget support. He also chaired the DAC evaluation network and helped to set up and lead the network of networks on impact evaluation (NONIE) and to set up 3ie. Nick's background and training in economics includes advising on health systems and quality for 10 years for the UK government and he has also worked as a macroeconomist in the UK.

**Ellen Vinkey** has over 20 years of evaluation experience in oversight organizations. The last 9 years she has served as a team leader in the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services' Inspection and Evaluation Division. Recent evaluations she has led include a thematic evaluation of the monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals, which focuses on lessons learned for the post-2015 era, and a programme evaluation of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Prior to coming to the United Nations, Ellen led evaluation teams at the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General. During her 11 years there, Ellen's work focused, in large part, on Medicare program evaluations with the objective of reducing waste, fraud and abuse. Prior to that, Ellen held a number of service delivery management positions at the New York City Department of Finance. Ellen served as the chair of a UN Evaluation Group task force that developed quality standards for evaluation terms of reference. Her Master of Science degree is from New School University in Urban Policy Analysis and Management.



**Olivier Cossée** is an Evaluation Advisor at the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office since 2010, and has led the UNDP-IEO evaluation of the role of UNDP in supporting national achievement of the MDGs. Trained as an agronomist with a degree on tropical agriculture, he has worked as programme manager and evaluator for a variety of NGOs and UN agencies, notably the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and UNDP. He has led a number of large evaluations for the UNDP

Independent Evaluation Office, including most recently the evaluation of the UNDP Regional Programme for Arab states and that of the Afghanistan country programme.



**Xiaolun Sun** is a Senior Evaluation Officer of Country, Corporate, and Global Evaluations, Independent Evaluation Group, at the World Bank. She joined IEG's Country, Corporate, and Global Evaluations unit in 2012. Since then, her major area of focus has been on assessing the relevance and effectiveness of WBG country programs. This includes both desk reviews of WBG country programs during a single strategy period, as well as in-depth evaluations of WBG engagement in a country over a 10-year, multiple strategy period. In addition, she led a number of IEG learning products to

deepen and disseminate the knowledge on the design of the WBG country programs. In 2014, she managed the preparation of IEG flagship report on *World Bank Group Results and Performance*, which had a special theme on *Achieving the MDGs*. Prior to joining IEG, Xiaolun was with International Finance Corporation, the private sector arm of the WBG, and the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia region. Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked at the International Labor Office in Geneva. Xiaolun holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Arild Hauge** is Deputy Director of the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office. He joined the UN in 1990 as a JPO in Zimbabwe, following an initial private sector career based in Norway. Subsequently serving as Head of External Assistance Unit in Swaziland's Ministry of Planning, he then joined the Office of Evaluation and Strategic Planning at UNDP in New York as an Evaluation Advisor in 1996. Between 1999 and 2005 he was an independent M&E Advisor to various UN agencies and the World Bank. During this time he did the initial development of UNDP's

Outcome Evaluation Guidelines and authored some of its earliest country-level ADR evaluations. He was a partner co-recipient of the World Bank President's 2002 Team Excellence award for his contribution as M&E Advisor to the Uganda Poverty Reduction Strategy Credit (PRSC) programme sponsored by the Operations Evaluation Department. Most recently prior to joining the Independent Evaluation Office as Deputy Director, Arild served at the UN Secretariat for nearly 10 years as Chief at the Inspection and Evaluation Division of Office of Internal Oversight (OIOS), supervising a large range of thematic and programme evaluations considered by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly and specialized oversight bodies. He holds a PhD in Management Science from Manchester University.