

Speaker Biography

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Dr Rob Davies is since June 2005 Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa, focusing on issues of International Trade Relations and Industrial Policy. He is a member of parliament since 1994 for the African National Congress (ANC) and he is a member of the South African Communist Party (SACP) in Mozambique. During his career he has also been serving as member of the South African Ministerial delegation to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Seattle (1999), Doha (2001), Cancun (2003) and Hong Kong (2005). From 1990-1994, he has been Professor and Co-Director of Centre for Southern African Studies at University of the Western Cape.

Rob Davies holds a Doctorate degree from the University of Sussex in Political Studies. Before he obtained a Masters degree in International and an Honours degree in Economics.