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WEBINAR

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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## CHARLES ROBERTSON

Global Chief Economist, Renaissance Capital



Charles Robertson, a leading emerging markets specialist, is Renaissance Capital's Global Chief Economist and Head of the Firm's Macro-strategy Unit. Charles Robertson covers the global economic themes having the greatest impact on emerging markets, including democratisation, demographics, education, electricity, ESG, fertility, pension funds, savings, terrorism, as well as key ways to examine exchange rates in emerging and frontier markets. He is the lead author of *The Fastest Billion: The Story Behind Africa's Economic Revolution* ([www.fastestbillion.com](http://www.fastestbillion.com)), published in October 2012, and is often found on twitter @RenCapMan. Charles was voted the #1 Frontier analyst in the Extel survey in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, #1 Frontier analyst in Institutional Investor in 2019, and Renaissance Capital was the #1 rated Frontier firm in both 2016 and 2017. He was previously ranked the number-one economics and macro analyst for emerging Europe, the Middle East and Africa in the Extel survey in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. In addition, the team he led was ranked the best macro team in Extel's 2010 survey of equity investors. Another of his teams took 1st place for SSA coverage in the institutional investor survey for 2012. Charles graduated from the London School of Economics in 1993 and worked at a UK parliamentary defence think-tank and a research boutique until joining the financial services industry in 1998.

## ERIC ABOUSSOUAN

Head of Strategy and Digitalization, Cargill Ocean Transportation



Eric Aboussouan is the head of strategy and digitalization for Cargill Ocean Transportation and holds almost 30 years of experience at Cargill. Eric joined Cargill in 1990 as a petroleum and freight analyst in Geneva. He worked in trading on the crude oil desk before joining the tankers team at Cargill Ocean Transportation in 1995. He moved to dry freight trading and became a trading manager, before relocating in Hong Kong then Singapore to lead the Ocean Transportation business in Asia Pacific. In 2009, Eric moved to Cargill's head office in Minneapolis, U.S., to work on corporate strategic projects, before coming back to Geneva in 2011 to lead the market research and trading analytics group for Cargill's Energy, Metals and Transportation business. He served as head of analytics and digitalization for Ocean Transportation until 2017. At the beginning of 2019, he became responsible for leading OT's strategy and business development, and also joined Cargill Agricultural Supply Chain strategy team. Eric holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Geneva.

## MODERATOR

### NADYA WELLS

Senior Research Adviser, Global Health Centre



Nadya Wells is an experienced finance and investment professional whose passion is building bridges to facilitate increased financing for global health. In recent years, she has worked on research with WHO on banking for health, community based health financing with field work in Tajikistan, new business models for NTD medicine R&D for a major pharmaceutical firm, and strategy for a donor government moving into Non-Communicable disease programs.

Her research interests are around the intersections of biomedicine and finance and she has taught at the institute in the area of Biofinance. She is currently working on the FINPHARM project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, exploring the impact of Financialisation on Global Health through a series of pharmaceutical case studies where she is leading the work on anti-microbial resistance (AMR).

Prior to joining the Global Health Centre she spent over 20 years as a long-term investor in Emerging and frontier markets as a portfolio manager and governance specialist. Since 2014 she has pursued a plural career combining non-executive board roles in the financial sector in multiple countries with her academic work in Global Health.