



**BIOGRAPHIES – COUNTER-TERRORISM SPECIALIST NETWORK SESSION:
TERRORISM AND TERRORIST FINANCING - TRENDS, CHALLENGES AND BEST
PRACTICE**

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Noel Merillet, Anti-Corruption Analyst, Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, OECD

Noel Merillet is an Anti-Corruption Analyst at the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN) within the Anti-Corruption Division of the OECD's Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs.

He works on the ACN's law enforcement activities, namely the ACN's regional Law Enforcement Network and the Global Law Enforcement Network and also contributes to monitoring activities conducted within the framework of the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention.

Speakers:

Simon Davis, Director of Public Prosecutions, Cayman Islands

Simon Davis was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1990. He has practised in crime for over 30 years.

He has specialised in prosecuting cases involving terrorism, serious organised crime, modern slavery, exploitation of children, drug and gun supply, homicide, fraud and proceeds of crime. He has particular experience in prosecuting cases involving organised crime groups.

He has prosecuted cases on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service : the Insolvency Service; Serious Fraud Office and HMRC.

Between 2009 and 2015, he represented a defendant before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. His client was charged with offences of genocide and crimes against humanity arising out of the events surrounding Srebrenica. Simon has been on lists of duty counsel before the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Court and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

He has led teams of lawyers, police officers, financial investigators, analysts and other professionals in UK and multi jurisdictional investigations.

Many of his cases have involved IT, cybersecurity and multi jurisdictional challenges.

Between 2016 and 2021, he prosecuted 30+ terrorism cases in the UK. A number of his cases involved Terrorist Financing as well as Preparation of Terrorist Acts, Dissemination of Ideology and Collection of Terrorist related material.

In 2022, he became DPP of the Cayman Islands. He is responsible for all prosecutions within the jurisdiction and is the Central Authority for International Mutual Legal Assistance Requests.

Simon read Classics at Cambridge University after gaining an Open Exhibition to Trinity College, Cambridge. Later, he converted to Law on a postgraduate basis.

Jennifer Riddell, Criminal Justice Advisor, British High Commission Nairobi

Jen Riddell is the Criminal Justice Adviser at the British High Commission in Nairobi where she is on loan to the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office from the Crown Prosecution Service. In Nairobi, Jen works with Kenyan prosecutors, law enforcement and judiciary on counter terrorism and organised crime. Jen has an LLB (hons) in Scots Law and French Law, an LLM (Research) in International Criminal Law and Human Rights and is a solicitor in England and Wales. Prior to her current role, Jen worked as a Specialist Prosecutor deployed by the Crown Prosecution Service to Ethiopia to work with the Federal Attorney General's Office on organised immigration crime. Jen has worked as a corporate litigation lawyer, criminal defence lawyer and prosecutor. She has also run programmes on access to justice and witness support and delivered capacity building in the UK and East Africa.

Hassan Abdi Ahmed, Ag Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya

Hassan Abdi is an employee of the Director of Public Prosecutions Office (ODPP), currently acting as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (Ag.DPP) and is one of the ODPP's top management officers.

He is also head of the Inspectorate and Quality Assurance department (IQA) based at the ODPP Nairobi.

The department is mandated to provide oversight of the operations and performance of the office and prevent abuse of the discretion to charge.

Mr Hassan has an LLB degree from the University of Nairobi, LLM from the Coventry University (UK) in international law, and a Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations and National Security from Curtin University, Perth, Australia.

Mr Hassan is an advocate of the high court of Kenya, having been in private practice prior to joining the government. He was also a member of the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal as well before joining the ODPP. Mr Hassan has been a member of various committees and taskforces in the office of the Director of Public prosecutions that developed the DTC guidelines, the disclosure policy, a taskforce that has developed correctional service policy- and being in another task force that reviewed the laws relating to the exercise of the power of mercy.

He is a member of various committees such as Human resource Committee, Human Resource Deployment Committee, Disclosure Policy Development Committee among others.

Dr. Fuad Aliyev, Chair, Membership, Support and Compliance Working Group, Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units

Dr. Fuad Aliyev is the International Cooperation Director at the Financial Monitoring Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan and has worked at the FIU since 2011.

Dr. Aliyev has been a certified Council of Europe MONEYVAL Committee V round AML/CFT evaluator since 2016, a certified FATF-TREIN trainer since 2022, and passed CAMS anti-money laundering specialist certification in 2013. In addition, he was a MONEYVAL evaluator of IO1 & IO2 for North Macedonia in 2022 and 2023 and a FATF ICRG lead reviewer of IO8 for Lebanon and Bulgaria's POPR and Albania and Türkiye's action plans, IO4 for the Malta POPR, and IO3 & IO6 for the Isle of Man POPR. Dr. Aliyev contributed on behalf of MONEYVAL as an external reviewer of the draft EAG MER of Tajikistan in 2018 and was a MONEYVAL expert at the FATF Policy Development Group meeting in May 2019.

Dr. Aliyev has a Ph.D. in Economics and was a Fulbright Scholar of Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (USA) and a US Department of State Hubert Humphrey Fellow in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

In the Egmont Group, Fuad Aliyev serves as an Egmont Committee member and Chair of the Membership, Support, and Compliance Working Group (MSCWG).

Haripriya Jayasundara, President's Counsel, Additional Solicitor General, Attorney General's Department, Sri Lanka

Additional Solicitor General Ms. Haripriya Jayasundara, Presidents' Counsel serves at the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka. Ms Jayasundara has joined the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka as a State Counsel in 1994 and has over the years prosecuted and appeared in both original courts and in the appellate forums. She has appeared in all types of criminal trials ranging from white collar crimes, drug related matters, murders, etc. and also in a considerable number of cases relating to terrorism.

She is currently the head of the Counter Terrorism Litigation Unit of the Attorney General's Department. Ms. Jayasundara is also the lead prosecutor of the Easter Sunday Suicide Bombing Case which is being heard by a three-judge bench in Sri Lanka. Additional Solicitor General Ms. Jayasundara also acts in the capacity of an advisor to the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka on matters relating to terrorism. Ms. Jayasundara is also the overall supervisor of the investigations conducted by the Criminal Investigations Department and Counter Terrorism Investigations Division of Sri Lanka.

Ms. Jayasundara has gained her Attorneys at Law from the Sri Lanka Law College and holds a Masters' Degree (LL.M.) in Human Rights Law from Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom.

Ms. Jayasundara's presentation is focused on the topic of 'Terrorism and Terrorist Financing Trends, Challenges and Best Practices' from the Sri Lankan perspective identifying the domestic challenges which has a bearing on the international arena.

Mark Carroll, O.B.E, Director – Criminal Justice, International Justice Development

Mark is a highly experienced prosecutor and criminal justice advisor with over 25 years' involvement in the criminal justice field.

Mark has experience of working in the UK on complex serious and organised crime cases, public corruption and high-profile counter terrorism investigations and prosecutions. For a decade Mark enjoyed overseas postings in Afghanistan, Kenya and Pakistan, before spending three years in the world-renowned Counter Terrorism Division of the Crown Prosecution Service at the forefront of national CT prosecutions. Mark has a LLB in Law, a LLM in Criminal Litigation and in 2012 became an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Rule of Law in Afghanistan.

Since 2019 Mark has been working in numerous countries developing capacity and delivering justice assistance, in particular on counter terrorism, anti-corruption, mutual legal assistance and digital evidence projects as part of International Justice Development and the UK Foreign Office.