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Ethics and the Fight Against Financial Crime

MICHELE WOOD-TWEEL

CPA Canada, Vice-President Regulatory Affairs

Michele Wood-Tweel is Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs at CPA Canada and she provides lead staff support to the profession's Council of Chief Executives regarding public trust matters. Michele serves on Canada's Advisory Committee on Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing public-private sector working groups including with respect to legislation and regulation, FINTRAC guidance and policy interpretations and the National Risk Assessment. Internationally, she actively contributes to IFAC and the Global Accounting Alliance, participates in IESBA's Jurisdictional Standard Setters and is a member of the B20 South Africa 2025 Integrity and Compliance Task Force.

Michele previously was the CEO and Executive Director of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia and prior to that role, she was in public practice at KPMG LLP. She is a Fellow of CPA Nova Scotia, a member of CPA Canada and holds a Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa from Saint Mary's University.

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JENS POLL

Accountancy Europe, President

Jens Poll is President of Accountancy Europe for 2025–2026, representing over one million accountants across 35 countries. His leadership emphasizes audit quality, ethics, and sustainability reporting.

He has held senior roles at Mazars and Moore Stephens and lectures on company law and commercial law at the University of Ulm. He has served on the IESBA and IFAC's SMP Committee and chairs quality assurance at WPK. He is recognized for advancing ethics and public interest in the profession.

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JOSÉ RANITO

European Public Prosecutor's Office, European Prosecutor

Mr. José Ranito is the European Prosecutor representing Portugal at the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), appointed in July 2023. He supports investigations into EU financial crimes, including fraud and corruption, and coordinates with national and EU-level judicial bodies.

He has over two decades of experience in prosecuting financial crime. He previously worked at the Lisbon Criminal Investigation Office and Portugal's Central Criminal Investigation Department. His career includes leadership in international judicial cooperation and high-profile cases involving major financial institutions.

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PASCAL SAINT-AMANS

**Lausanne University, Professor | OECD, Former Director
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Pascal Saint-Amans is a Senior Fellow at Bruegel and Associate Professor of Tax Policy at HEC Paris and the University of Lausanne. He is the founding chairman of Saint-Amans Global Advisory (SAGA), a consulting firm advising governments on tax and public policies.

He was Director of the OECD's Centre for Tax Policy and Administration from 2012 to 2022, where he led major global reforms, including BEPS and the global minimum corporate tax. A former French Ministry of Finance official, Pascal Saint-Amans has been recognized internationally for his contributions to tax transparency and reform.

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LUÍS LAGINHA DE SOUSA

CMVM, Chair

Luís Laginha de Sousa has served as Chair of the Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVM) since December 2022, leading Portugal's capital markets regulator in overseeing transparency, investor protection, and market supervision. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Banco de Portugal from September 2017 to November 2022.

Previously, he held management positions in several Portuguese and multinational companies and was, among others, deputy director of ICEP - (Portugal's investment promotion body), Executive Director of Caixaweb SGPS, Chief Operating Officer of Euronext Lisbon, S. A., President of Euronext Lisbon, S. A. and also of Interbolsa, S. A.

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