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KEY TOPIC 2023-2024 CHIEF ECONOMISTS ROUNDTABLE

Profile of participants

The Montreal Group is a forum lining subject matter experts through key topic groups. Members of our Chief Economists' Roundtable meet monthly to comment on various economic rebound subjects and the macroeconomic impact of the crisis on MSMEs. They have participated in workshops about Impact Measurement and Additionality.

This Roundtable is a unique opportunity for Chief Economists of state-supported Development Banks to share honest thoughts about the global situation, the impact of the global crises on local economies, and forecasts about the economic recovery and measures implemented to support the growth of MSMEs.

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Matt Adey is Director and Senior Economist at the British Business Bank and a graduate of Cambridge University and Australia National University. His responsibilities include leading a team of economists producing high quality research on small business finance markets and delivering economic input to British Business Bank activities.

His previous experience includes roles at the Bank of England, the UK Financial Services Authority, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the UK government Department of Business, Innovation and Skills.

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Pierre Cléroux was appointed Vice President, Research and Chief Economist at BDC in 2012. Pierre leads a team of experts who analyze economic data to identify business and sector trends impacting Canadian entrepreneurs. Mr. Cléroux is also responsible for providing economic analysis and advice to the Bank's senior management team and supervises all marketing and industry research activities.

Over his 25-year career as an economist, he has held several influential positions that have had a direct impact on entrepreneurs in Canada and abroad. Before joining BDC, Pierre worked for the Government of Saudi Arabia as Vice President, Business Analysis in the National Industry Clusters Development Program. His role was to create program strategies, define sector policies and conduct financial and economic analyses.

Previously, Mr. Cléroux was the Quebec Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade, responsible for the implementation of economic policies and programs to support small and medium-sized businesses and encourage entrepreneurship. He was also a strategic advisor for Montreal International, where he was responsible for attracting foreign investment from India and the Middle East, and developing international relationships and partnerships. He worked for 12 years at the Canadian Federation of Independent Business in various roles, including economist and Quebec Vice President.

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Raphael Simas Zylberberg is a Manager of Economic Research at BNDES. He works analyzing economic data and research to provide economic analysis and advice to the Bank's policies design and implementation.

With 14 years of experience in the public sector, he has worked designing projects for the supply of public services, followed by research on small business finance markets, with responsibilities on the design and implementation of economic policies and programs to support small and medium-sized businesses for BNDES, and evaluating the impact of programs and instruments.

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He was the technical advisor (small and medium-sized enterprises, trade, crafts) in the office of the Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin (2004-2005) and of Dominique de Villepin (2005-2007). Mr Mutricy acted as Director of Cabinet of the Director General of the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (2010-2011). He was Deputy CEO in charge of strategy and forecasting within CDC Entreprises, subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (2011-2012).

Since July 2013, Mr. Mutricy has been the Director of Evaluation, Studies and Prospective in the Strategy, International, Studies and Sustainable Development Department of Bpifrance. He notably supervises all econometric evaluation activities of Bpifrance systems, and the publications of Bpifrance-Lelab.fr intended for business leaders.

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He has worked within the Evaluation, Economic and Prospective Studies Department of Bpifrance since 2013. He is in charge of the Evaluation and Macroeoconomic Research branch within the Department since 2015. He used to work as an economist at the French Treasury (2007-2012) on Macro forecasting and Financial Sector analysis.

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Joseph Nnanna currently serves as the Chief Economist at the Development Bank of Nigeria PLC (DBN). In this capacity he oversees Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Sustainability units in the bank. He is a seasoned professional with numerous years of experience in the U.S mortgage, banking, manufacturing, and telecommunication industry serving in managerial roles before joining academia.

Prior to joining DBN, Mr. Nnanna was a tenured Professor of Business and Economics at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. His scholarly works have been published in: Politics and Policy, International Journal of Public Administration, Economic Analysis and Policy, Foreign Trade Review, The International Trade Journal, Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies, The Journal of Chinese Economics and Foreign Trade Studies, International Journal of Business Economics and Management to name a few.

In 2020, Prof. Nnanna contributed a book chapter in the European Investment Bank (EIB) publication entitled “Banking in Africa: Financing transformation amid uncertainty with fellow economist in the EIB.

Prof. Nnanna is a member of the American Economic Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, an MBA in Accounting, a master's degree in Applied Economics, and a doctorate degree in Corporate Governance and Economics, from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Florida Metropolitan University, the University of Oklahoma and Argosy University respectively.

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Yousef Al-Ibrahim is currently the head of Economic Intelligence Unit within SIDF, which produces in-house economic studies and oversees economic impact assessment activities for SIDF's project.

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He holds a Ph.D in Economics and a master's degree in Business Engineering from the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, part of the Université libre de Bruxelles. During his doctoral research, he investigated the costs-benefits of the unitary patent, the R&D-patent relationship with an industry perspective and the globalisation of innovation using patent-based indicators.

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