

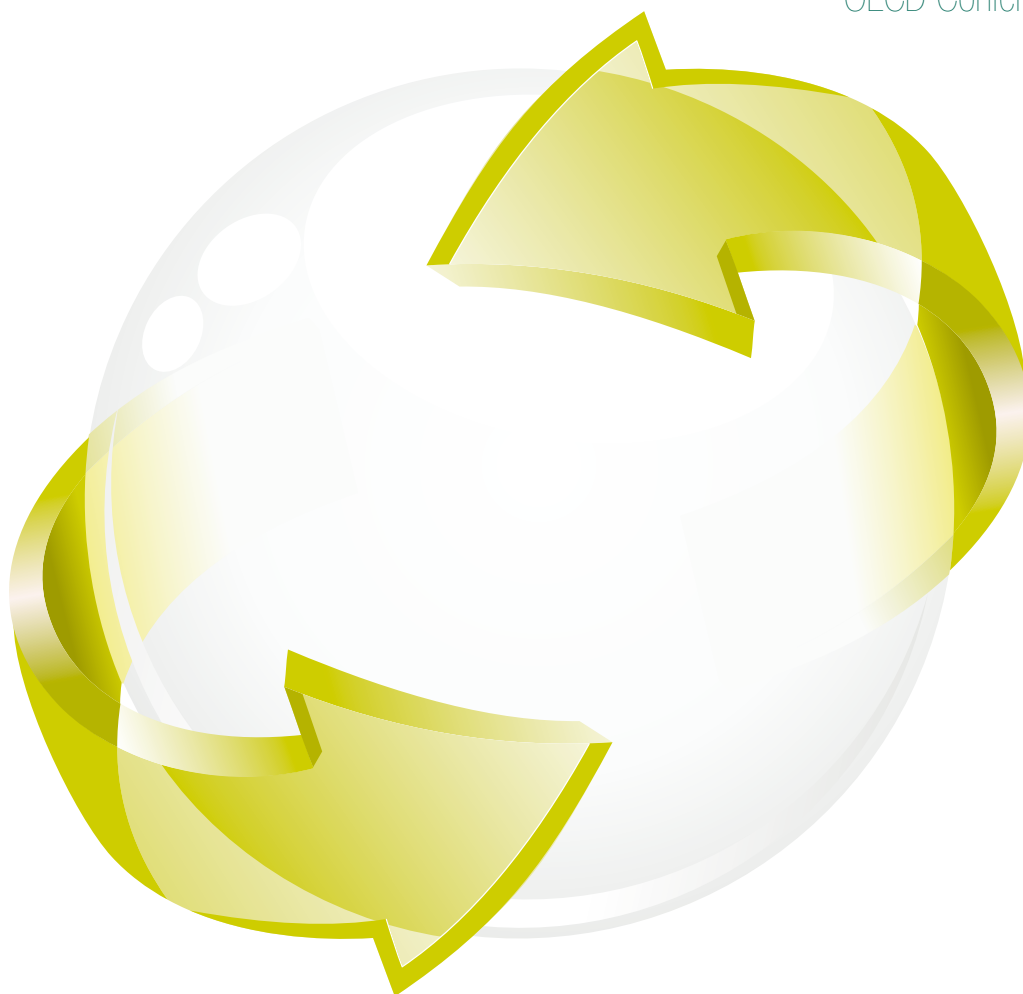


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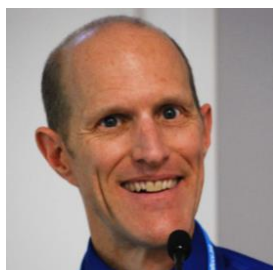
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He served two stints in Geneva, from 1995 to 1998 (as First Secretary) and again from 2003 to 2009 (as Counsellor). Between 2005 and 2009, he chaired the WTO-DDA negotiations on Domestic Regulations in Services, and has circulated a draft text. He served as the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Import Licensing Measures in 2005 and 2006. He has further chaired the ASEAN-India FTA (Services) negotiations. Peter has also led a number of Investment Guarantee Agreement (IGA) negotiations. Among others, he concluded the IGA negotiations with Colombia (in 2013) and Iran (2012).

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Prior to moving to Geneva, Vangelis was Ambassador to the European Union, NATO and Sweden and has also had postings to Australia and Russia. From 2008-2010 Vangelis was the New Zealand Chief Negotiator who led the conclusion of the regional ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the separate free trade agreement with Malaysia. He also worked on the FTA with China and the precursor to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, the Pacific-Four FTA. Vangelis is currently the Chief Negotiator for the (currently suspended) FTA negotiations with the Customs Union of Armenia, Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

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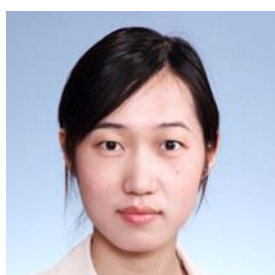
In addition to chairing the WTO agriculture negotiations, Vangelis chairs the OECD Committee on Trade and the Environment and has chaired the OECD Global Forum on Trade and Climate Change. Vangelis helped establish the Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy reform initiative and is currently the New Zealand Special Envoy for the Small Advanced Economies' Initiative. Vangelis speaks Greek, German and Russian and is married with three children.

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