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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Having lived and worked in the United States, France and Japan, Lance Thompson joined the United Nations in 2017. He has a doctorate in social anthropology at the Sorbonne and an MBA specialized in International Business where he finished as valedictorian. In his past career in the private sector, he has worked extensively with standards and cooperation with government bodies, especially customs agencies from around the world. He has held key positions within the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), the World Customs Organization's Data Model Project Team and the French Trade Facilitation organization ODASCE.

In his role as Secretary to the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6), Lance Thompson actively seeks opportunities for cooperation between government agencies to reduce technical barriers to trade and ensure a smooth flow of cross-border movement of goods. He is engaged in all areas of the Working Party from market surveillance and risk management to education on standardization and gender-responsive standards.

**Second WP.6 Forum
GRS annual meeting**

**Return on experiences and
challenges in implementing
gender action plans for
standards development**

Virtual webinar

24 May 2023
13:00 – 16:00