

# WHAT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S ROLE IN RESPONDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE CRISIS?

## *Speaker Biographies*

**Scarlet Cronin** is senior director of private sector partnerships at the Tent Foundation, which mobilizes the private sector to address the refugee crisis. She oversees the Tent Partnership for Refugees, a coalition of more than 80 companies that have made commitments to support refugees. Before joining Tent, Cronin worked at the Clinton Foundation, where she was associate director of the commitments department and head of the response and resilience track at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI). She advised corporate, philanthropic, government, and nonprofit leaders with a focus on natural disasters and humanitarian crises, including the Syrian refugee crisis. She also managed the Haiti Action Network, CGI's group of more than 50 organizations working in Haiti, which addressed such issues as education, enterprise development, and health. Before joining the Clinton Foundation, Cronin worked at the Elie Wiesel Foundation. She graduated from Trinity College Dublin with a BA in European studies, majoring in history and French.

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**Grant Gordon** is director of innovation strategy at the Airbel Center at the International Rescue Committee (IRC), where he manages a portfolio of innovation processes and drives the organization's strategy on innovation. Before joining the IRC, Gordon worked at the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, where he developed and directed a global, interagency mine action monitoring and evaluation mechanism to assess \$175 million in annual operations. He has worked for multiple UN agencies, donors, and governments, restructuring business processes to integrate evidence into strategic planning and decisionmaking. Gordon has a PhD in political science from Columbia University and cohosts *Displaced*, a long-form-interview podcast on humanitarianism that is a collaboration between the IRC and Vox Media.

**Ammar A. Malik** is a senior research associate in the Center on International Development and Governance at the Urban Institute, leading the center's research on the causes and consequences of urbanization. He focuses on the spatial structure of cities and their impacts on economic outcomes, the governance and local political economy of public service delivery, and the distributional effects of public transit interventions. For his ongoing work measuring the economic impact of sexual harassment in urban public spaces, he was awarded the World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative's Development Marketplace Innovation Award. Malik has used agent-based modeling to explore the emergence of innovation clusters within cities, including how land-use regulations, sprawl, spatial segregation, and lack of urban mobility stifles productivity. He holds a BA with honors in economics from the Lahore University of Management Sciences, an MA in public policy from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore, an MA in public affairs from the Institut d'études de politiques, and a PhD in public policy from George Mason University.

**Charles Cadwell** is vice president for international development and governance at the Urban Institute. A lawyer with 30 years' experience in economic reform, deregulation, research oversight, and nonprofit leadership in the United States and developing countries, Cadwell joined Urban in 2007. He coordinates the research and technical assistance efforts of Urban staff and partners on projects around the globe. His work targets governance reform, aid effectiveness, and integrating research and policy reform. Current projects include support for think tank capacity building in Indonesia, collaboration with colleagues supporting public-sector system strengthening in Tanzania, developing new multicountry data on the structure and operation of the local public sector and service delivery, and addressing political economy barriers to implementation of poverty-reducing reforms. Cadwell has also worked in the White House Office of Consumer Affairs, the Office of Advocacy at the US Small Business Administration, in private law practice, and—in the pre-internet era—in the export information business. From 1990 to 2006, Cadwell was director of the IRIS Center in the Department of Economics at the University of Maryland. IRIS conducted research on economic development and reform in developing countries, working with reform leaders in 70 countries to understand and improve governance and economic policies. Cadwell is a graduate of Yale College and the National Law Center at the George Washington University. He is an adjunct professor at the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University.

