



**SACHA POLVERINI**

**Sacha Polverini** joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Financial Services for the Poor (FSP) team in December 2012 as Senior Program Officer - Regulation and Policy. In this capacity, Sacha represents FSP and the foundation on policy & regulatory related aspects with a variety of stakeholders including governments, SSBs, global organizations, grantee organizations and donors. The Financial Services for the Poor team works with a wide range of public and private sector partners to foster the development of digital financial services (DFS) – such as mobile money – that can reach hundreds of millions of people with the financial tools they need to mitigate risks and capture opportunities to move out of poverty. Since June 2014 Sacha chairs the International Telecommunications Union's (ITU) Focus Group on DFS for Financial Inclusion (<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/dfs/Pages/default.aspx>) The Focus Group aims at developing principles, guidelines and other tools that policy and decision makers in developing countries can use to fast track policy reform targeting the unbanked.

Sacha joined the foundation from Brussels where he lived and worked for almost 20 years representing the interests of the financial services industry before both the EU and national policy and decision makers. Sacha worked – inter alia - at Barclays Bank PLC as Group Director for EU public Policy and at Genworth Financial Mortgage Insurance (formerly GE Mortgage Insurance) as Managing Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs Europe. A graduate of University L.U.I.S.S Guido Carli in Rome, Sacha holds a Master's degree in European Political Studies from the Universite' Libre de Bruxelles. In addition he has completed the post-graduate management program at Solvay Business School, Ecole de Commerce de Solvay, Brussels.