

William (Bill) Coen



Bill Coen served as Secretary General of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision from 2014 to 2019. The Basel Committee is the international group of central bankers and banking supervisors responsible for setting global banking standards.

As Secretary General, Bill directed the work of the Basel Committee and managed its Secretariat. He served as chair of the Basel Committee's Policy Development Group, which was responsible for developing and recommending the Basel III post-crisis reforms for endorsement by the Basel Committee and its governing body – the Group of Central Bank Governors and Heads of Supervision (GHOS). He also chaired the Committee's Task Force on Corporate Governance and the Coherence and Calibration Task Force. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, Bill served as Deputy Secretary General. Appointed to that role in 2007, he managed the daily activities and workstreams of the Committee and its Secretariat. His specific responsibilities as Deputy Secretary General focused on the Committee's response to the financial crisis, including the coordination of the Committee's various Basel III policy initiatives.

From 2003 to 2006, Bill served as Content Manager for FSI Connect, the Financial Stability Institute's web-based information resource and learning tool available exclusively to central banks and supervisory authorities. It covers international financial regulatory standards and sound supervisory practices, including the latest prudential standards as well as key guidance on banking supervision.

Bill joined the Basel Committee's Secretariat in 1999 from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington DC. During his career at the Federal Reserve, he worked in areas related to banking policy, supervision and licensing. Before joining the Federal Reserve, he was a bank examiner for the US Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Bill began his career as a credit officer of a New York City-based bank, where he served as an Assistant Vice President responsible for consumer credit and retail mortgage lending.

Bill is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee and the IFRS Advisory Council. He is a native of New York City and received his Master of Business Administration degree from Fordham University (1991) and Bachelor of Science degree from Manhattan College (1984).