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Welcome

Dear participants,

It is our pleasure to welcome you warmly to the Annual General Assembly (AGA) 2018 of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development. The title of our event is programmatic – “Young and ready to move – empowering the new generation in the rural space”.

Young people will shape the future of the rural world. What will be the international development community’s role in this? How will it be able to effectively meet the socio-economic and environmental expectations of the young rural population in times of rapid urbanisation and migration? Many of the Platform members and partners are already engaged with rural youth empowerment in various ways. Current approaches, trends and remaining gaps in assistance will be presented at the AGA in the form of a compendium.

We invite you to discuss with young agricultural colleagues, representatives of rural youth organisations and young entrepreneurs from the developing world about ongoing support programmes, new strategies and mechanisms to improve the effectiveness of international and domestic public finance and to leverage private sector investments.

Message

We are very pleased to welcome the high-level representatives of our members and partners to join us on the second day of the AGA. It will undoubtedly enrich the event and enhance the profile of the Platform through the provision of a strategic and political outlook on the role of the international community in the future empowerment of the young people in rural areas worldwide.

We acknowledge with great appreciation the contributions of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) and African Development Bank (AfDB) for co-hosting the AGA 2018 in the heart of Berlin.

We are looking very much forward to your active participation!



Patrick Herlant



Shantanu Mathur

AGENDA DAY 1

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee	
09:00 – 09:20	Impromptu Networking Initiating discussions and shaping the direction of the AGA deliberations	Moderation: Nancy White
09:20 – 09:50	Welcome Panel hosted by Platform Co-Chairs Determining the language that sets the tone with a focus on exposition and strategy	Moderation: ▶ Patrick Herlant (EU), Platform Co-Chair ▶ Shantanu Mathur (IFAD), Platform Co-Chair Guests: ▶ Stefan Schmitz (BMZ), Deputy Director-General ▶ Martin Fregene (AfDB), Director of Agriculture and Agroindustry
09:50 – 10:45	Young Generation of Agriculturalists – Key Priorities from Different Perspectives Keynotes by a young farmer, a young agri-preneur and a member of a farmer organization presenting promising entry points to youth empowerment	Moderation: Nancy White Speakers: ▶ Nono Sekhoto (GrowthShoot), Managing Director ▶ Lanz Espacio (ASEAN / PAKISAMA), Program Manager, Legal, Policy and Advocacy Development ▶ June Syowia (Farmaction), Co-Founder
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break / Market place	
11:15 – 11:45	Compendium on Donor Engagement with Rural Youth – Key Findings Getting a sense for different approaches, trends and strategies and understanding open issues in rural youth empowerment	Presentation: Maria Lee , Facilitating Consultant

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11:45 – 13:00	Open Roundtable Discussions – Identifying Leverage Points to Better Empower Rural Youth Interactive session exploring responses of international programmes to needs and aspirations of rural youth	Moderation: Nancy White
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break / Market place	
14:00 – 15:30	Joint Donor and Youth Think-Tank – Interactive Dialogue on Responses to Youth Aspirations Enhanced programmatic reactions of the international community to priorities of the young rural generation	Moderation: Nancy White Panelists: Young agriculturalists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ James Kyewalabye (RASA), Founder and Executive Director▶ Fatuma Namutosi (Byeffe Foods Company Limited), Director▶ Peter Ngoma (Lakeshore Agro-Processors Enterprise), Executive Chairman Donor representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Meredith McCormack (USAID), Program Analyst, Global Engagement and Strategies Office, Bureau for Food Security▶ Pernille Borgbo (DANIDA), Global Youth Adviser, Head of section UPF-Development Policy and Financing▶ Mei Y. Kok (ADB Youth for Asia), Youth for Global Goals Coordinator and Partnership Manager
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break / Market place	

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16:00 – 17:40	Working Groups on Key Topics for Empowering the Young Rural Generation Working groups allow a deeper exchange on the main entry points of donor programmes as well as innovative and scalable interventions. They aim to facilitate discussions about the work, learning and applicability in a broader sense.	
	Working group 1 Cash and Ground: Unlocking Finance and Land for the Youth	Moderation: Lindsay Wallace (MasterCard Foundation), Director, Learning and Strategy Discussants: ▶ Harold Liversage (IFAD), Lead Technical Specialist Land Tenure ▶ Norbert Tuyishime (EAFF), Program officer Agribusiness and Trade
	Working group 2 Rural Employment Dynamics: Empirical Evidence and Monitoring for Impact	Moderation: Ousmane Djibo (GIZ), Project Director, Sector Project – Agriculture Policies and Food Security Discussants: ▶ Frank Bertelmann (GIZ), Project Director, Sector Project – Rural Employment with Focus on Youth ▶ Philipp Heinrigs (OECD / Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat), Senior Economist
	Working group 3 Getting Heard: Better Rural Policies with Youth	Moderation: Saskia Hollander (INCLUDE / The Broker), Director of Knowledge Management at The Broker Discussants: ▶ Peter Wobst (FAO), Senior Economist Economic and Social Development Department ▶ Noland Peñas (PAKISAMA), National Chair

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
	Working group 4 Knowing How: Skills Development and Modern ICT	Moderation: Edson Rurangwa Mpyisi (AfDB), Chief Financial Economist, Coordinator ENABLE Youth Program Discussants: ▶ Benjamin Kwasi Addom (CTA), Team Leader, ICTs for Agriculture ▶ Jean-René Cuzon (AFD), Task Team Leader, Division Agriculture, Rural Development and Biodiversity
17:40 – 18:00	Harvesting the Collective Wisdom Closing of the day by harvesting the main insights	Bolaji Ige (Pastor Ige Farms Limited), CEO Hernán Manson (ITC), Head of Inclusive Agribusiness and Trade
18:00 – 20:00	Reception and Market Place	

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HIGH-LEVEL FORUM

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee	
09:00 – 09:10	Impressions of the AGA Day 1 Presentation of a short video on the impressions of the AGA Day 1	Moderation: Nancy White
09:10 – 09:30	Keynote to the Forum Strategic framing of youth empowerment – What is needed in the future?	Keynote speaker: Ibrahim Ceesay (CYN), Chair of the CAADP Youth Network
09:30 – 10:45	Panel Discussion: Young Farmers and Decent Rural Employment – New Strategies by the International Community Insights into the main strategies and trends of the Platform members in view of scaling up economic empowerment of rural youth	Moderation: Leonard Mizzi (EU), Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition Panelists: ▶ Stefan Schmitz (BMZ), Deputy Director-General ▶ Martin Fregene (AfDB), Director of Agriculture and Agroindustry ▶ Alexandre Kolev (OECD Development Centre), Head, Social Cohesion Unit ▶ Anders Aeroe (ITC), Director, Division of Enterprises and Institutions
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	

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11:15 – 12:45	<p>Panel Discussion: Enhanced Development Effectiveness for Youth Inclusion</p> <p>Panelists debate how to increase development effectiveness of donor/IFI programmes and strategies to better support rural youth</p>	<p>Moderation: William Cobbett (Cities Alliance), Director</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Cornelia Richter (IFAD), Vice President▶ Farah Karimi (Oxfam Novib / Netherlands), Executive Director▶ Lindsay Wallace (MasterCard Foundation), Director, Learning and Strategy▶ Fadel Ndiame (AGRA), Regional Head, West Africa▶ Nichola J. Dyer (World Bank Group), Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Closing Remarks by the Platform Co-Chairs</p>	<p>Patrick Herlant (EU), Platform Co-Chair Shantanu Mathur (IFAD), Platform Co-Chair</p>

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

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AGA MEMBERS' SESSION

Reflecting and acting together for rural youth empowerment and SDG 2

The Members' Session during the Annual General Assembly of the Donor Platform is the occasion for Platform members to:

- ▶ Learn about the latest challenges and opportunities faced by donor agencies in funding food security and nutrition policies and programmes
- ▶ Exchange views on emerging ARD topics and approaches, such as the topics chosen every year for the Platform's Annual General Assembly
- ▶ Reflect on and strengthen the Donor Platform as a community of development officers from donor organisations who can help each other with operational, as well as strategic matters in their work
- ▶ Build partnerships and devise concrete actions to reach the goals of the Global Donor Platform

This year, a portion of this session will be dedicated to a presentation + discussion on the SDG 2 Roadmap – an emerging informal initiative by BMZ, USAID, DFID, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, EC and a few other donors active in agriculture, food security and nutrition to take stock of and catalyse actions to achieve SDG 2. The group is currently discussing actions in different areas: a) research and data, including the framework for an economic model to increase agricultural productivity and sustainability; b) mapping of donor initiatives which contribute to SDG2; c) private sector cooperation to implement SDG2, and d) joint advocacy, which includes cooperation with custodian agencies for SDG indicators 2.3 and 2.4.

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14:00 – 14:10	Briefing on the Agenda	Co-chair: Patrick Herlant (EC)
14:10 – 15:10	Highlights from the Platform and its Members: A Timeline Exercise! An interactive session to present the Platform achievements in the last 18 months and to harvest achievements in member organisations, as well as upcoming initiatives / work	Moderation: Nancy White
15:10 – 15:55	SDG2 Road Map Initiative Presentation of the initiative Q&A and next steps	Presenter: David Hegwood (USAID)
15:55 – 16:10	Going Forward Quick harvest of participants' ideas to help achieve goals individually, in their organisations, and collectively as Platform members	Moderation: Nancy White
16:10 – 16:15	Wrap-up and Closing	Co-chair: Shantanu Mathur (IFAD)

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June Syowia Farmaction

Norbert Tuyishime EAFF

Lindsay Wallace MasterCard

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Peter Wobst FAO

Nancy White Moderator

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Benjamin Kwasi Addom

**Team Leader, ICTs for Agriculture,
Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)**



Dr. Benjamin K. Addom is the Team Leader, ICTs for Agriculture at CTA. He is an expert in digital solutions for agriculture (digitalisation in agriculture). He focuses on integration of mobile applications, remote sensing technologies and innovative business partnerships for scale and sustainability. He has over 20 years of experience with smallholder farming; extension and advisory service provision; agribusiness development; and grant management.

He holds Doctorate in Information Science and Technology from Syracuse University, USA; Masters in International Agriculture and Rural Development from Cornell University, USA; and Bachelors in General Agriculture from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

At CTA, he leads a team that designs and implements ICT4Ag projects reaching millions of smallholder farmers and other value chain actors. He coordinated the development and deployment of the CTA's Apps4Ag Database that has over 400 apps for agriculture. He is also currently managing a multi-million, multi-partnership, and multi-year e-extension project in Uganda that utilises remote sensing data to reach 350,000 maize, soya bean, beans and sesame farmers.

Anders Aeroe

**Director, Division of Enterprises and Institutions,
International Trade Centre (ITC)**



Anders Aeroe has been Director of the Division of Enterprises and Institutions of the International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva, Switzerland since March 2011. Mr. Aeroe, a Danish national, joined ITC in 2007 and has since then held several positions within ITC, including as Acting Deputy Executive Director and as Chief of the Market Analysis and Research Section.

During his professional career, Mr. Aeroe has focused on the interrelated topics of competitiveness and trade development at enterprise, organisational and policy level, trade intelligence, trade in services, sector and value chain development, and industrial transformation, learning and innovation.

Before joining ITC, he spent a number of years in South Africa, as a regional adviser to the Danish Industrialization Fund for Developing Countries and prior to this position as Senior Manager Trade Promotion at the Western Cape Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (WESGRO). He was Chairman of the Board of the Western Cape call centre business association (CallingtheCape) and was appointed as a member of the South African Maritime Industry Task Team. He also served as a member of the Advisory Council to the Cape IT Initiative.

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Frank Bertelmann

**Project Director, Sector Project Rural Employment with a Focus on Youth,
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**



Frank Bertelmann, geographer by profession, graduated from the Free University, Berlin.

In the 15 years of his professional career, he largely worked at the interface of sustainable economic development and rural development.

Before joining GIZ in 2007, he worked at the Joint Planning Department of Berlin and Brandenburg as well as at the consultancy firm PROGNOS AG on regional planning and economic policy in the Berlin region.

With GIZ, he started in the Sustainable Agricultural Development Program (PROAGRO) in Bolivia and then worked for 6 years in Indonesia for the Regional Economic Development Program as an adviser and later as the project director.

In 2015, he joined the Sector Project “Agricultural Trade and Value Chains” at GIZ Headquarters in Bonn, focusing on the cooperation with the private sector. In early 2018, he took over the new Sector Project “Rural Employment with a focus on youth” under the Special Initiative “ONE World – No Hunger”.

In the working group session, he will share recent developments in the conceptual work of GIZ on rural employment promotion, including insights into empirical evidence, project examples and approaches for employment measurement.

Ige Bolaji

CEO, Pastor Ige Farms Limited, Nigeria



Bolaji Ige became exposed to large scale farming in 2004 at Nefraday Nigeria limited, where he learned to manage a commercial-sized farm. In 2008, he started his own fish farm with 400 pieces of juvenile fish. He is currently the CEO of Pastor Ige Farms Limited (PIFL), a fish farm estate in the North Central zone of Nigeria. In 2013 Bolaji started processing cat fish to smoked fish as a means of improving production and in 2014 began freezing catfish for local consumption. He also developed catfish feed in response to scarcity of commercial feed in 2016. Bolaji is one of the 27 beneficiaries of the Nagropreneur program; an initiative of the Federal Government of Nigeria that launched the Youth Employment in Agriculture Program (YEAP) and Fund for Agriculture Finance in Nigeria (FAFIN) in 2014. As a fish farmer with over 10 years practical experience, Bolaji has well developed skills and ability in catfish production, processing and marketing. He has trained about 200 fish farmers. He makes the training and retraining of both established and prospective fish farmers a life mission. As a practical means of expressing his faith in God, Bolaji turned out a bi-vocational minister – teaching the gospel and taking care of animals. He strongly believes that agriculture is the way to experience the blessings of God. He makes his home in Ilorin, Nigeria with his wife Betty and children Temple and Timothy.

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Pernille Borgbo

Global Youth Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (DANIDA)



Pernille Borgbo was appointed Global Youth Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark in August 2018 as part of Denmark's new strategic focus on "development by and with youth, not merely for youth". Pernille has previously worked as Youth Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations in New York and been a board member in Save the Children Youth Denmark.

Ibrahim Ceesay

Chair of the CAADP Youth Network (CYN), Gambia



Ibrahim Ceesay is a social justice activist and youth policy expert. He holds leadership positions with several youth-led regional and international organisations and currently works full time as the Founding Executive Director of the African Artists Peace Initiative (AAPI) www.aapiafrica.org – the biggest artists movement in Africa (with 42 country teams). He chairs the CAADP Youth Network and the African Youth Alliance on Sustainable Development Goals (AYAS). He was former Chairperson of the Gambia National Youth Council, African Youth Panel (AYP) www.africanyouthpanel.org, and Executive Coordinator of African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) www.ayicc.net.

He has facilitated and was involved in several youth-led processes at the African Union, UN and other international organisations, as a youth expert. He was nominated in 2012 by Youth Hub Africa an online platform for youth engagement in

Africa, as one of the 12 most influential youth leaders in Africa. Ibrahim Ceesay is a campaigner and strong advocate of the African Youth Charter and steering committee member of the Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC). He is the Founder of Children and Community Initiative for Development (CAID).

He was awarded the "Personality of Year 2013" in Gambia and won the "Youth Leader of the Year Award 2013" for his outstanding work and contribution to youth empowerment and development. He was awarded the "Youth Advocacy and Nation Building" – in the 2017, Pan-African Humanitarian and Summit and Awards in Tanzania.

William Cobbett

Director, Cities Alliance



William (Billy) Cobbett, Director of Cities Alliance, has over 30 years of experience dealing with poverty and development at local, national and international levels. After leading an urban NGO in Johannesburg, and then moving to ANC headquarters, Billy was appointed Director General for the National Department of Housing in Nelson Mandela's Government of National Unity, overseeing the design and launch of South Africa's first non-racial housing policy under Minister Joe Slovo. After a short period as Director for Housing in Cape Town, Billy moved into international development, initially at UN Habitat in Nairobi, from where he was seconded to the World Bank to the newly-established Cities Alliance. He was appointed Director in 2006, and has overseen a series of organisational and substantive reforms, including the relocation of the Cities Alliance to Brussels in 2013. Billy has a degree in Modern European History from Middlesex University, London.

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Jean-René Cuzon

Task Team Leader, Division Agriculture, Rural Development and Biodiversity, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)



Jean-René Cuzon joined the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) in 2009, as program manager at the AFD's Direction of Strategy, where he was in charge of the thematic Trade and Development / Regional Integration. Since 2013, he is working as Task Team Leader in the Division Agriculture, Rural Development and Biodiversity, where he follows more specifically projects in Egypt as well as several regional projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly with ECOWAS Commission. Before joining AFD, he worked for 14 years as a technical assistant on behalf of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, mainly in West Africa.

Ousmane Djibo

Project Director, Sector Project – Agriculture Policies and Food Security, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)



Ousmane Djibo is an Agricultural economist with 18 years of work experience in the field of rural development, agricultural finance, agricultural policy and food security and agricultural technical and vocational training. He started his career as a manager of a Microfinance Institution in rural area in Burkina in 1997 before joining Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in 2002, where he has been working for the last 16 years. First as agribusiness and agrifinance adviser in the bilateral Agriculture Development Programme in Burkina Faso. He was then after appointed as GIZ-Adviser to the NEPAD Agency in South Africa in support to the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). He has been supporting in this function the CAADP process at national

and regional level in West Africa (ECOWAS), Central Africa (ECCAS) and Southern Africa (SADC). Later on, he was appointed as Head of the GIZ-CAADP Support Programme in support the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency. After working seven years on CAADP, he moved to GIZ-HQ in Bonn in 2016 as Head of the GIZ Sector Project Agriculture Policy and Food and Nutrition Security advising the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Ousmane Djibo holds a Master Degree in Cooperative Economics from the University of Marburg in Germany and Master in Development Economics and a Bachelor in Rural Sociology from the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso.

Nichola J. Dyer

**Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP),
World Bank Group**



Since April 2015, Nichola Dyer, a Canadian and UK national, has worked as Program Manager of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), a multi-stakeholder program housed in the World Bank Group.

During almost 25 years at the Bank Group, she has worked in various operational and corporate roles. Early in her career she established the World Bank's office in Gabon, which prepared her well to serve as Special Assistant to the Bank's Vice President for Africa, then to work on numerous countries on the continent. She also has worked on industry and energy in the Maghreb, and country programs in the Western Balkans.

She led the World Bank Group's Office of Ethics and Business Conduct at crucial junctures, helping to build its advisory practice, and designing and delivering training programs and workshops for senior internal and external stakeholders.

Diversity and inclusion are key areas of focus for her. She has developed greenfield

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engagements on disability and excluded minorities, and served on related corporate committees.

Prior to the Bank, she worked for KPMG's Policy Economics Group.

Her Ph.D. studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, from which she also obtained her Master's in Economics, focused on econometrics and industrial organisation.

Lanz Espacio

Program Manager, Legal, Policy and Advocacy Development, Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA), Philippines



Lanz Espacio is the Legal, Policy and Advocacy Development program manager for PAKISAMA or National Confederation of Family Farmers' Organizations, a national movement of farmers, indigenous peoples, fisherfolk, and rural women and youth in the Philippines. After leading the Union of Students for the Advancement of Democracy (USAD), a student-led democratic movement based in Ateneo de Manila University, he joined PAKISAMA first as Coordinator for a project supporting a coalition of peasant federations campaigning for asset reforms seen to benefit smallholder coconut farmers, towards establishing a new community-based coconut economy in the Philippines.

He has concurrently worked towards upholding the rights and advancing the welfare of young smallholder farmers, working on various initiatives in the Philippines such as the Magna Carta of Young Farmers and regionally with the Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA).

Martin Fregene

**Director, Agriculture and Agro-Industry (AHAI),
African Development Bank (AfDB)**



Dr. Martin Fregene is a plant geneticist and molecular breeder with over 25 years of research and development experience at two International Agricultural Research Centers (IITA and CIAT), a renowned Plant Science Center in the US, at the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development as Chief Technical Adviser to the erstwhile Minister of Agriculture and as Adviser to the Vice President of Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the African Development Bank, Dr. Jennifer Blanke. He is currently the director of the Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department at the AfDB implementing a bold initiative of the Bank, the Feed Africa Strategy. Specifically, he is leading the execution of the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) to raise farm level crop, livestock, and aquaculture productivity across the continent. He is also leading the design and implementation of the Transformation of the African Savannah Initiative (TASI), a science and technology – based initiative, that seeks to transform 16 million Ha of African Savannah across eight African countries into breadbaskets producing 50 million MT of maize, 30 million MT of soybean, and 10 million MT of livestock within 25 years via new private sector investments and climate-smart agriculture.

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David B. Hegwood

**Chief, Global Engagement and Strategy, Bureau of Food Security,
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**



David Hegwood joined USAID in 2009. He manages USAID engagement in a wide range of global policy issues, including the G20, the G7, the Committee on World Food Security, and the Sustainable Development Goals. He previously served as the representative of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Food Program, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development and as Special Counsel to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Hegwood has previously held positions as a consultant with O'Mara & Associates, as Assistant Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and as Majority Staff Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. He began his career as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Hegwood holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia.

Philipp Heinrigs

**Senior Economist, Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat,
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**



Philipp Heinrigs has over 15 years of experience working on African economies with a focus on regional integration, rural and agricultural development, structural transformation, cities and urbanisation. Prior to joining the OECD he worked in the Economic Policy Department of GIZ and the Kiel Institute for World Economics. He studied economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

Patrick Herlant

Policy Officer, Rural Development, Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture, European Commission (EC)



Patrick Herlant joined DEVCO in 2016 as a Policy Officer for Food Security, Agriculture and Rural Development. Having served as a Country Programme Manager for IFAD and responsible for the design and implementation of Agricultural and Rural Development interventions in Tunisia, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania he also has served as an agriculture and rural development policy attaché to the EU delegation to Turkey, as a Senior Quality Support Officer for food security and rural development at DEVCO HQs and as a Senior Expert for food security and rural development to the EU Delegation to Haiti. Before that he implemented several NRM and sustainable agriculture programmes in South / Central America and Madagascar as chief Technical Advisor for the Intercooperation (Swiss Technical Cooperation).

As a development practitioner for over 35 years and trained as an Agricultural Engineer ('82), Mr. Herlant holds a Masters in Tropical Forestry ('96) and an MBA in International Business ('03). Currently tasked with policy analysis and coordination he is the DEVCO focal point on rural transformation, territorial approaches to rural development and sustainable food systems.

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Saskia Hollander

Knowledge manager for INCLUDE Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, Director of Knowledge Management at The Broker



Dr. Saskia Hollander is a political scientist and holds a PhD from Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands). She is director of knowledge management at The Broker, a pioneering knowledge brokering organisation for International Inclusive and Sustainable Development based in The Hague, the Netherlands. From this position she works as knowledge manager for INCLUDE, the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, instigated by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Saskia previously worked at the Dutch Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR) and the Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV). Her professional interests include political and economic inequality, democratic institutions, the quality of democracy, and political participation.

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Farah Karimi

Executive Director, Oxfam Novib / Netherlands



Since February 2008 Farah Karimi is the Executive Director of Oxfam Novib and member of the Executive Board of Oxfam International. Farah Karimi is also a board member of the SHO (Samenwerkende Hulp Organisaties), a coalition of 10 Dutch NGOs working together on humanitarian aid.



Farah Karimi has ample experience in the field of international co-operation and human rights. She came to Europe as political refugee from Iran in 1983. In the Netherlands she studied Policy and Governance of International Organizations, and has been a member for the Green Left of the Lower House of Parliament for more than eight years, where she focused on development co-operation, foreign affairs, defense and European affairs.

In 2007 Farah Karimi was involved in the capacity building of the Afghan parliament, as a consultant for the UN organization UNDP.

As a governor she was, among others, active on the advisory board of the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World. Between 2006 and 2007 she was member of the board of Parliamentarians for Global Action in New York.

Farah Karimi has also been a member of the supervisory board of VPRO (Dutch broadcasting company) and the supervisory board of IDH (Dutch Sustainable Trade Initiative).

Farah Karimi was born on 15 November 1960 in Garros (Iran). In 1983 she came as refugee from Iran to Germany, where she got political asylum. In 1989 Farah Karimi moved to the Netherlands.

Farah Karimi has written two books:

- ▶ Slagveld Afghanistan (Battlefield Afghanistan), 2006
- ▶ Het geheim van het vuur (The Secret of Fire), 2005 – together with Chris Keulemans

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Mei Y. Kok

**Youth for Global Goals Coordinator and Partnership Manager,
ADB Youth for Asia**



Mei Kok is an experienced youth leader and an emerging development professional. Currently, she serves as Youth Partnership Manager for ADB. As the Team Lead, she manages ADB's youth-focused contributions to the SDGs. In this role, she creates strategies, and facilitates partnerships to increase youth engagement in ADB projects.

She honed her leadership as a young leader in AIESEC where she spent 5 years. Mei was the National President for AIESEC in Australia where she overlooked the strategy, planning and development of 800 members mobilising 700 youth across the world in 1 year. Mei was also invited to chair youth conferences in over 10 countries and territories across Asia Pacific and Europe.

Mei received her Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Financial Accounting, Investment Finance and Corporate Finance from the University of Western Australia. She is most passionate about inspiring young people to be motivated and competitive in order to drive inclusive development for the world.

Alexandre Kolev

**Head, Social Cohesion Unit,
OECD Development Centre**



Alexandre Kolev is heading the Social Cohesion unit of the OECD Development Centre. His expertise includes the analysis of inequality and poverty, human development, labour markets, gender economics, well-being and social policy. Alexandre has published in key journals and contributed to several OECD reports. Before joining the OECD, Alexandre was heading the Employment, Research and Analysis Programme at the ILO Turin Centre. Previously, he worked as a poverty economist for the World Bank and as a research economist for the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Italy. He holds a bachelor degree in Russian studies from the Institute of Oriental Studies, Paris, an MSc in Economic Policy and Analysis from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (PSE), Paris, a doctorate in economics from the European University Institute, Florence, and an “Habilitation à diriger des recherches” (HDR) from the University of Paris 12.

James Kyewalabye

**Founder and Executive Director, Real Agricultural Solutions for Africa
(RASA), Uganda**



James Kyewalabye is a founder and executive director of Real Agricultural Solutions for Africa (RASA), the first alternative coffee value addition hub that focuses on generating local alternative markets for local home grown coffees through innovative unique value-addition to produce secondary market driven products. RASA produces unique products like liqueurs, confectioneries, branded coffees and cold brews. James holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Commerce from Makerere University.

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He is committed to achieving social-economic justice for small holder farmers in the coffee value chain in Uganda through championing alternative value addition. His work has earned him different awards and recognitions: the best new product at the CURAD agribusiness awards, most exemplary youth at the first Uganda coffee expo, Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Award, and the recent nomination for the Young Achievers Award in the farming and agro processing category. He has engaged with youth and agricultural issue's policy locally and internationally: in 2016 he was part of the Growing the Future Fellowship in Washington DC where he engaged in discussions with top level US policy makers on how USA agricultural development programs could be made more youth-inclusive.

Maria Lee

Rural Development, Youth and Gender Specialist



Maria Lee is an independent consultant, with an expertise in rural development, rural youth and gender equality. She has over 10 years of experience working with civil-society networks and international development organizations in West Africa, Europe and Asia, at the field and headquarter levels. She contributed to different research papers and publications on the subject of rural youth and women's empowerment, including the 2017 "Rural Youth Employment" paper prepared by the World Bank and IFAD on behalf of the German G20 Presidency. She is also Assistant Director of a women-led international organization (Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and NRM).

Harold Liversage

Lead Land Tenure Technical Specialist, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)



Harold Liversage has over 28 years of experience in land and natural resource governance policy formulation and implementation and joined IFAD in 2004. Prior to joining IFAD, Harold worked in the early 1990s for a land rights NGO in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and then as a Land Reform Programme Coordinator for the South African Government from 1996 to 1998. Subsequently he worked as a Land Tenure Adviser for the Zambézia Agricultural Development Programme from 1998 to 2002, working with the Government of Mozambique's provincial land administration service and a national land rights NGO. From 2002 to 2004 he worked for the Government of Rwanda / UK Department for International Development as a Land Policy Adviser. His presentation will focus on the lessons learnt by IFAD in improving land access for young rural people.

Hernán Manson

Head, Inclusive Agri-Business and Trade, International Trade Centre (ITC)



As Head of the International Trade Centre's Inclusive agri-business and trade team, Hernan oversees the implementation of Alliances for Action, a new generation market systems approach that results in improved and more sustainable producer and MSME participation in global, regional and local value chains. Hernan also works on the development of ITC's Ethical Food initiative, which is a market led consumer driven program that connects fork to farm in order to empower poor communities to add and receive more value from trade.

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Shantanu Mathur

**Lead Adviser, Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division,
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**



Shantanu Mathur is the Lead Adviser, Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division at IFAD. Previously he was the Lead Adviser to the Associate Vice President, Programme Management, at IFAD. In these roles he has also managed the UN Rome-based Agency Partnership and selected multilateral engagements and platforms including with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). He has served as Head of the Quality Assurance Group at IFAD in the Office of the President and Vice President. As Head, Corporate Grant Secretariat he managed the IFAD Grant programme for over 25 years. He has been a UN development practitioner for over 33 years – 3 at FAO and 30 years at IFAD, in Rome. Since 2016, he has been serving as the Co-Chair of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD). He was the first CGIAR Fund Council Chair of the Evaluation and Impact Assessment Committee (EIAC); and also served as Vice-Chair of the CGIAR Finance Committee (2001-2004) and Vice Chair, GFAR (2017). He holds two MA Degrees (Cambridge, UK and Delhi). Contributed to / edited 4 books in the fields of rural development, research and impact assessment.

Meredith McCormack

**Program Analyst, Global Engagement and Strategies Office, Bureau for
Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**



Meredith McCormack serves as a Program Analyst on the Global Engagement and Strategies Office within the Bureau for Food Security at USAID where she works to support donor coordination and engagement in food security, nutrition and resilience. Additionally, she supports USAID staff and implementing partners with

tools and advice on how to effectively engage young people in the US Government's food security and nutrition initiative, Feed the Future. Prior to joining USAID in 2012, she worked for FHI 360 supporting the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. She holds a Master's degree in International Development and Planning from the University College London (UCL) and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Human Rights from Trinity College in Connecticut.

Leonard Mizzi

**Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition,
European Commission (EC)**



Dr. Leonard Mizzi is head of unit in DEVCO C1 – Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition since 1 January 2017. Prior to this post he was Head of Unit for 10 years in DG Agriculture and Rural Development, first on agri trade and development issues (2007–2014) and then more recently on inter institutional matters (EP, Council – 2015-6).

He is a graduate in Public Administration from the University of Malta (BA Hons First Class); and has degrees from CIHEAM-Montpellier (Master of Science) and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Reading (UK). He has been an author of a number of articles and publications on agri-food issues and nutrition in the Mediterranean region.

Dr. Mizzi has a broad working experience in the Maltese public administration and the Maltese private sector. He first worked in the Economic Planning Division of the Office of the Prime Minister (Malta) and from 1996–2006 was the Director of the Malta Business Bureau in Brussels – the office of the Malta Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise and the Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association. He was also visiting lecturer at the Boston University (Brussels campus), Open University and Malta University.

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Edson Rurangwa Mpyisi

**Chief Financial Economist, Coordinator of ENABLE Youth Program,
African Development Bank (AfDB)**



Edson Mpyisi is the Coordinator of the ENABLE Youth Program at the African Development Bank (AfDB) whose objective is to empower youth as “agripreneurs” by providing agricultural training along the value chain, business training, incubation through mentorship and facilitating access to finance for youth-led agribusiness enterprises. Mr. Mpyisi has over 20 years of experience in Economic and Rural Development with extensive policy, research, management and investment experience on key strategic and emerging issues facing Africa.

Prior to joining the AfDB, Mr. Mpyisi was the Head of Division of Agriculture and Food Security at the African Union Commission (2005–2009) where he spearheaded the development, coordination and implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). Prior to that, Mr. Mpyisi worked with Michigan State University as the Country Coordinator of the Food Security Research Project (FSRP) in Rwanda and as the Rwanda Country Representative for USAID’s Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWSNet).

Fatuma Namutosi

Founding Director, Byeffe Foods Company Limited (BFCL), Uganda



Fatuma Namutosi is a community worker and a founding director of Byeffe Foods Company Limited. Byeffe is a duly registered company adding value to traditional foods that improve nutrition, enhance food security and create sustainable incomes for youth through on and off farm activities for the past 3 years.

With over 5 value added products, Byeffe attained a market reach of 20 tons per quarter in Eastern Uganda, selling through a sales team and supply to supermarkets. The market in Eastern Uganda was difficult to sustain with inconsistent supply as a result of low production. In December 2016, Byeffe entered partnership with USAID Feed the Future Uganda Youth Leadership for Agriculture, the grant aided enrolling and training over 5000 youth farmers in pumpkin production and its value addition. The production has since then increased to 1,536 tons with capacity to dry 3000 kilograms per 2 days.

Fatuma's mother worked on other people's farms for money, supporting her education amidst family rejection of providing education for a girl child. That is where Fatuma derives her passion for agriculture.

Byeffe is currently expanding operations to benefit more young women, reduce cost of production, and access regional and international markets for increased profits.

Fadel Ndiame

**Regional Head, West Africa,
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)**



Dr. Fadel Ndiame, a Senegalese national, is keen to match economic opportunities available to smallholder farmers with agricultural investment programs that have impact. Working with Farmer organizations to increase smallholder incomes and livelihoods involves providing demand-driven, income enhancing services for members, including access to inputs, services and markets. His work involves aligning and integrating AGRA's investments with the interventions of national governments and other development partners.

Dr. Ndiame joined AGRA in February 2011. Prior to his appointment, he was a Program Director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Southern Africa. In this capacity he led the conceptualization and content design of the Foundation's Investment programme in Southern Africa, with a particular focus on economic opportunities

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and agricultural investment programs. Prior to that, he served as Executive Regional Director of the West Africa Rural Foundation (WARF), Program Coordinator at the Local Organization Support Program (LOSP), and a Program Coordinator, Senegalese Institute of Agricultural Research.

He holds a PhD in Sociology with a focus on Rural Development from Wageningen Agricultural University and a MSc degree in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University.

He brings with him more than 25 years' experience in agriculture and economic development policies and programs.

Peter Ngoma

Executive Chairperson, Lakeshore Agro-Processors Enterprise (LAPE), Malawi



Dr. Peter Ngoma holds a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Cape Town; an MSc and a BSc (Distinction) in Agricultural Economics from the University of Malawi, Bunda College of Agriculture. He has over 15 years of experience in economic and socio-economic consulting, research and training.

He is the Executive Chairperson of Lakeshore Agro-Processors Enterprise (LAPE) – involved in cooking oil, seed cake, cassava starch, agri-preneurship incubation, contract farming and smallholder farmer inputs loan scheme; Executive Director of LAPE Consultants Limited – a private consulting, research and training company; Non-executive Director and Chair of the Finance, Audit and Appointments Committee of Press Agriculture Limited, a subsidiary of Press Trust Limited – the largest private crop farming enterprise in Malawi; member of the Stakeholder Committee of the Millennium Challenge Account, Malawi – the largest single financing grant from the USA Government to the Government of Malawi of US\$350

million; former Vice President of the African Agribusiness Academy – Malawi Chapter – a grouping of agribusiness entrepreneurs in Africa; and former Vice President of Economics Association of Malawi – an economic think tank in Malawi.

Noland Peñas

National Chairperson. Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA), Philippines



Noland Peñas is the National Chairperson of PAKISAMA or National Confederation of Family Farmers' Organizations, a national movement of farmers, indigenous peoples, fisherfolk, and rural women and youth in the Philippines. His name, literally meaning "no land", was given to him by his father Ka Rene Penas, a PAKISAMA martyr who fought for their right to own and access their land in Sumilao, Bukidnon in the southern island region of Mindanao.

Noland was part of the 20-year struggle to reclaim their ancestral land, using various forms of active non-violence including hunger strikes, land occupations, and most prominently, a long march (1,700 km) from their place of origin to Manila, the country's capital. Currently, he represents in PAKISAMA the community-based agri-cooperative Panaghiusa sa mga Mag-uumang Nakigbisog alang sa Yuta sa Sumilao (PANAW-SUMILAO) formed after their land was finally awarded to them.

In the working group "Getting Heard: Better Rural policies with Youth", Noland will present the Magna Carta of Young Farmers.

The Magna Carta is a progressive policy piece designed together with young farmers and for young farmers, which defines and guarantees the human rights, empowerment of young farmers including their political, civil and social rights and outlines the duties of the State to provide sufficient public funds and incentives, and strengthen young farmers' organisations.

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Cornelia Richter

Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)



Cornelia Richter is Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. She gives strategic direction to the institution, and promotes corporate approaches and solutions. She has direct oversight of the budget, quality assurance and ethics offices.

Before joining IFAD, Richter was Managing Director at GIZ, the German development agency. She brings extensive experience acquired in different fields of international cooperation through assignments such as Advisor for Planning and Research and Multilateral Institutions at the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation, Macroeconomic Advisor in Africa, and several managerial positions at GIZ, including Director General for Asia and the Pacific, and Director General for Global and Sectoral Issues.

Cornelia Richter holds a degree in economics and social science from the University of Göttingen. She completed postgraduate studies in systemic management at the University of St Gallen, Switzerland, and in organizational development at Columbia University in the United States. She is a member of several advisory boards, including the German Asia-Pacific Business Association, the Latin American Association for German Companies, the German Development Institute, the European Interuniversity Association, the Foundation for Peace and Development and the NGO Child Aid.

Stefan Schmitz

Deputy Director-General.

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)



Stefan Schmitz is Deputy Director-General and Commissioner for the 'One World – No Hunger' Initiative at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in Bonn. For the last five years he was heading the rural development, agriculture and food security unit at BMZ. From 2007 until 2009, he worked as senior adviser to the Secretariat of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, leading the work on Managing for Development Results. Before that he coordinated the German bilateral cooperation programme with South Africa and Namibia and was deputy head of the infra-structure division at the BMZ. Before joining the BMZ in 2001, he held different posts in the German federal administration in the fields of statistical information systems, regional planning and international cooperation on urban issues. Over the years he held numerous lectureships at different German universities. He received scholarships of the McCloy Fellowship of the American Council on Germany and of the German Academic Exchange Service. In 1985 he graduated from Bonn University in geography and mathematics and received a PhD in geosciences from the Free University of Berlin in 2000.

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Nono Sekhoto

Co- founder, GrowthShoot, South Africa



Dimakatso Sekhoto (Nono) built a 7-year career in the financial services. In 2011 she started managing their family commercial farm: 2,100 ha farming dairy, beef, sheep, apples and grain. Nono studied financial accounting, agricultural finance and business management at institutions such as Pretoria University, Free State University, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, and Oklahoma State University.

Nono established GrowthShoot, to empower youth by coordinating farmer support, in collaboration with stakeholders. The first project is rabbit production for export.

As the youth chairperson for African Farmers Association of South Africa, she developed a huge following of youth in agriculture, of which she volunteers her time to mentor and share opportunities.

Over the years, she has presented at TEDxWomen, Brussels Policy Briefing, World Farmers Organisation, Nelson Mandela Rhodes Foundation, African Youth Agripreneur Forum, UN Committee for Food Security and Nutrition and many more.

June Syowia

Co-Founder, Farmaction, Kenya



June Syowia is an award winning, innovative young entrepreneur seeking to put Africa on the map by creating long-term solutions through business and social impact. She is the co-founder of Farmaction, which is a technological innovation that seeks to increase productivity of farmers by procuring and delivering quality,

affordable agricultural supplies and farming advice directly to farmers through USSD. At Farmaction they believe that in order to achieve zero hunger, smallholder farmers must access improved inputs.

Recognition / Awards:

- ▶ Forbes Africa Under 30, 2018
- ▶ 100 Brightest Young Minds in Africa by BYM Africa, 2017
- ▶ Global Student Entrepreneur Award, Kenya, 2017
- ▶ 100 Most Influential Young Kenyans, 2016
- ▶ Founder of the Year Award nominee by The Founder Kenya, 2016
- ▶ Top 40 Under 40 Woman 2015 by Business Daily Africa

Norbert Tuyishime

Program Officer, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Rwanda



Norbert Tuyishime studied agricultural economics and has a master's degree from the University of Pretoria and Nairobi. He specializes in international Trade. He joined Eastern Africa Farmers Federation in 2013 as Program officer in charge of Agribusiness and Trade. With a broad rural development experience of more than 5 years in East Africa and extensive participation in several multi-national projects. He is the current project manager of Support to Farmers Organizations in Africa Programme, funded by EU, IFAD, SDC and AFD. He also manages various projects -supported by AGRA, USAID, We Effect, AGRICORD among other partners, geared towards uplifting smallholder farmers by access to markets and support services in East Africa. Prior to that, he worked for Starbucks Farmer Support Centre in Rwanda as Business Adviser working with coffee farmer cooperatives in Rwanda, Tanzania and Ethiopia. He sits on the Review Committee of the East Africa Staple Foods Standards.

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Lindsay Wallace

**Director, Learning and Strategy,
MasterCard Foundation**



Lindsay Wallace leads the Learning and Strategy team at the Mastercard Foundation. Prior to this role, Lindsay Wallace was Deputy Director, Financial Inclusion at the Foundation and managed the Financial Inclusion team and its partnerships. Before joining the Foundation, Lindsay was a Senior Economist and Team Lead of the Economic Growth Unit at the UK Government's Department for International Development in Rwanda where she was responsible for a variety of programming that strengthened the financial sector, trade links, agriculture and overall economic development. She has extensive experience in private sector development and public sector reform in South America, Africa and Asia.

Peter Wobst

Senior Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



Peter Wobst is Senior Economist and Team Leader of the Decent Rural Employment Team at the Economic and Social Development Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome. His current work areas include decent work, youth employment, child labour prevention and migration with a strong focus on informal jobs in rural areas of developing countries. Prior to this, Dr. Wobst coordinated an FAO Agricultural Commodity Programme, which aimed at strengthening stakeholder capacities to develop and implement sustainable commodity strategies. From 2005–2008, he held positions with the European Commission at IPTS / JRC in Seville and DG Enterprise and Industry in Brussels, where

he worked on the assessment of Lisbon Strategy type structural reforms and the analysis of the EU energy and climate change package. Prior to 2005, Dr. Wobst worked for about a decade for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, DC, conducting Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) analysis on structural transformation in agricultural-based economies in Africa.

Nancy White

Moderator, Full Circle Associates



Nancy White brings over 35 years of communications, organisational development and leadership skills in her work supporting collaboration, learning and communications in the NGO, nonprofit and business sectors. Grounded in community leadership and recognized expertise in communities and networks, Nancy works with people to leverage their strengths and assets towards tangible goals and meaningful process. Nancy is a respected consultant, speaker, facilitator and workshop leader. She is a chocoholic and lives with her family in Seattle, Washington, USA.

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A close-up photograph of blue lotus leaves with numerous water droplets on their surface. The leaves are arranged in vertical ridges, and the water droplets are of various sizes, some reflecting light. A red circular shape is partially visible on the right edge of the image.

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