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WELCOME MESSAGE

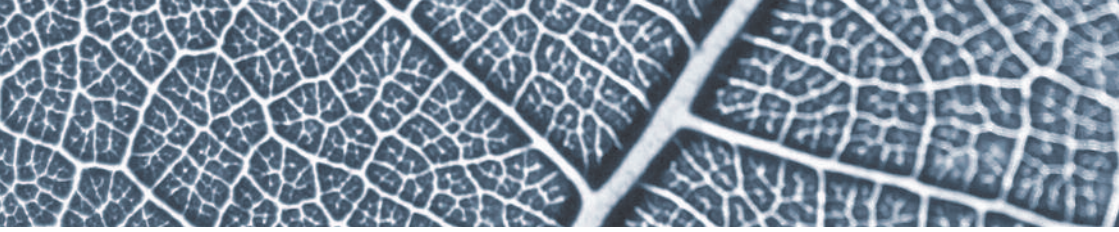
Dear participants,

A very warm welcome to the Annual General Assembly (AGA) 2017 of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development. This year we look forward to discussing the role of the Platform, our operational content, and more specifically the food security, agricultural and rural development interventions we invest in, as they will contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the achievement of the SDGs.

We very much appreciate the guidance and support from the different members, scientific and development partners, particularly of the European Commission for hosting this event in the heart of Europe, Brussels.

We also welcome several high-level representatives from our membership to join us on the second day of the AGA. It will certainly enhance the profile of the event and the Platform itself. We hope that the exchange and discussion at this roundtable will shed light on the recent trends in ODA, programming and alternative sources of finance for ARD and for rural transformation, particularly in view of addressing key challenges such as growing urbanisation and migration.

At this years' AGA we will hear from partner countries on how we can effectively work together when it comes to implementing the Agenda 2030 in this rapidly changing environment. The implementation of the Agenda will be country-led and their input as Platform partners will better inform our



discussion on the opportunities and challenges, ahead. We will welcome Platform members' guidance on how and where food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development could be positioned in international cooperation in 2030.

We also hope to reassert the importance of agricultural investments. With practical examples we will display the interlinking role these interventions play in the achievement of the SDGs. Finally, we would like once again to reinforce the convening role of the Platform and to inspire for further exchange of knowledge and practical experience and coordinate operational policies and initiatives for greater impact on sustainable and inclusive transformation of our Planet and societies.

We look forward to your active participation!

Mauro Ghirotti

Shantanu Mathur

DAY 1 AGENDA 2030 PUT INTO PRACTICE: WHAT FUTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT?

1 February 2017, 9:00 – 17:30 (CET)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	ROOM
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee		Foyer 1
09:00 – 09:15	OPENING REMARKS Agenda 2030 and Rural Development – Are We Fit for Purpose? Positioning agriculture and rural development in the political and strategic context of EU programmes and initiatives	Leonard Mizzi Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition (Directorate C) DG DEVCO European Commission	Brussels Ballroom I + II
09:15 – 09:30	WELCOME REMARKS Agenda 2030 and the Strategic Initiative of the Platform – Concept of the AGA 2017	Shantanu Mathur IFAD, Co-chair	
	Transformation – Not Only Rural Strategic points for consideration in 2017 by the Platform	Mauro Ghirotti IADC, Co-chair	
09:30 – 10:00	KEYNOTE SPEECH Trends that will Drive 2030 Strategies and Opportunities Futurist outlook on major trends in finance, governance, human development and other issues that will influence the development agenda of 2030 – What is realistic to expect?	Steve Waddell Change and Network Development Entrepreneur	
10:00 – 10:45	PANEL DISCUSSION How do Partners See Development Cooperation in a Decade? Headlines in 2030 Voices from the Global South	MODERATOR: Nancy White PANELISTS: 1. Beatrice Byarugaba Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda 2. Esther Mwaura-Muiru Groots Kenya 3. Erich Schaitza Former Coordinator of Embrapa Africa 4. Pham Quang Huy (Mr) Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam	

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		5. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)	Brussels Ballroom I + II
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break		Foyer 1
11:15 – 12:00	PANEL DISCUSSION Chances to Implement Agenda 2030 in Rural Areas – How Comprehensive and Holistic Can we be? Voices from international expert community	MODERATOR: Nancy White Setting the Scene with some Facts – Global Food Security 2030: Facts and figures of Foresight Study – Xavier Troussard European Commission Ending Hunger – What Would it Cost? Carin Smaller IFPRI/IISD PANELISTS: 1. Natasha Grist ODI 2. Barbara Adolph IIED 3. Morgane Danielou Emerging Ag 4. Michael Taylor ILC	Brussels Ballroom I + II
12:00 – 13:00	World Café Making sense: conversations about our own development mo- dels in light of the panel inputs. What should we change? What do we risk if we don't change?	MODERATOR: Nancy White Table conversations	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break		Restaurant „Parnasse“

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14:00 – 14:45	PANEL DISCUSSION How will Rural Development and Agriculture be Positioned in International Cooperation in 2030? Voices of donor agencies and international finance institutions	MODERATOR: Nancy White PANELISTS: 1. Leonard Mizzi EC-DEVCO 2. Marjaana Pekkola MFA Finland 3. Joseph Coompon AfDB 4. David Hegwood USAID	Brussels Ballroom I + II
14:45 – 15:15	THINKING ACROSS ALL PANELS What are the Opportunities and Challenges in 2030 Based on Current Rural Transformation? Strategic conversations: naming key opportunities and challenges for 2030	MODERATOR: Nancy White Table conversations	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break		Foyer 1
15:45 – 17:15	DISCUSSION GROUPS (PARALLEL) What is New in Support of Rural Transformation? Explore innovative and impact-oriented initiatives for readiness and resilience in rural transformation under Agenda 2030		Lisbon Room
	1. Agenda 2030 – What Instruments to use to Support Inclusive and Sustainable Transformation?	National Transformation Pathways: Marie-Hélène Schwoob, IDDRI Territorial Approach to Food Security, OECD/FAO/UNCDF: Stefano Marta, OECD	

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	2. Rural Future – What is in for Youth?	Integrated Country Approach for Promoting Decent Rural Employment: Peter Wobst, FAO Agnes Kirabo, Food Rights Alliance Purchase from Africans for Africans: Israel Klug, Brazil/FAO	Madrid Room
	3. Transformational Change – Climate Finance Readiness and NDCs in Agriculture	Initiative Adaptation of African Agriculture: Mohamed Badraoui, National Agricultural Research Institute, Morocco ASEAN Climate Resilience Network: Imelda Bacudo, ASEAN/GIZ	Copenhagen / Essen / Warsaw Room
	4. Agenda 2030 and Safeguards – When are Agricultural Landscapes ready for Business?	Enabling the Business of Agriculture Programme: Christopher Brett, World Bank Action Agenda for Business in Sustainable Landscapes: Sara Scherr, EcoAgriculture	Brussels Ballroom I + II
17:15 – 17:30	Finding Resonance Synthesis of Today's Discussions Plenary	Leonard Mizzi Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition (Directorate C) DG DEVCO European Commission	Brussels Ballroom I + II
18:00 – 19:30	RECEPTION AT AGA VENUE hosted by European Commission		Foyer 1

DAY 2 HIGH LEVEL FORUM: RURAL TRANSFORMATION – BUILDING BLOCKS FOR THE ROAD TO 2030

2 February 2017, 9:00 – 13:00 (CET)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	ROOM
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee		Foyer 1
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction to the High-level Round Table and key messages from Day 1	MODERATOR: Nancy White	Brussels Ballroom I + II
09:10 – 09:30	OPENING REMARKS Framing International Cooperation of the Future: The emergingcConsensus of EU Member States	Roberto Ridolfi Director Sustainable Growth and Development (Directorate C) DG DEVCO European Commission	
09:30 – 09:50	Dealing with Complexity: Agenda 2030 and ARD support strategies of the International Finance Institutions from a Bretton Woods institutional perspective	Christopher Brett Global Engagements, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank	
09:50 – 10:30	PANEL DISCUSSION Agenda 2030 and new Development Directions for ARD in 2030 What programmatic, institutional and priority changes will take place?	MODERATOR: Isolina Boto, CTA PANELISTS: 1. Stefan Schmitz Deputy Director-General Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ), Germany 2. Laura Frigenti Director, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (IADC) 3. Michel Gagnon Director, Food Security Global Issues and Development Global Affaires Canada 4. Beth Dunford Assistant to the Administrator Bureau of Food Security Deputy Coordinator for Development for Feed the Future U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)	

DAY 2

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	ROOM
10:30 – 10:45	Structured Q & A	Surfacing key issues and questions	Brussels Ballroom I + II
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break		Foyer 1
11:00 – 11:40	PANEL DISCUSSION Change in Direction for Development Effectiveness – Enhanced trade and value chains as drivers of inclusive and sustainable rural transformation in 2030?	MODERATION: Anders Aeroe, ITC 1. Evan Rogerson Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division World Trade Organization (WTO) 2. Julie Delforce Senior Sector Specialist Agricultural Development and Food Security Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia 3. Marcel Vernooij Management Team of the Sustainable Economic Development Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA-NL), Netherlands	Brussels Ballroom I + II
11:40 – 11:55	Structured Q & A	Surfacing key issues and questions	
11:55 – 12:30	PANEL DISCUSSION New Financing Instruments and Agenda 2030 – What do the banks offer operationally in 2030?	MODERATION: Andrew Wardell, CIFOR PANELISTS: 1. Josephine Nyokabi-Mwangi Manager Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department African Development Bank (AfDB)	

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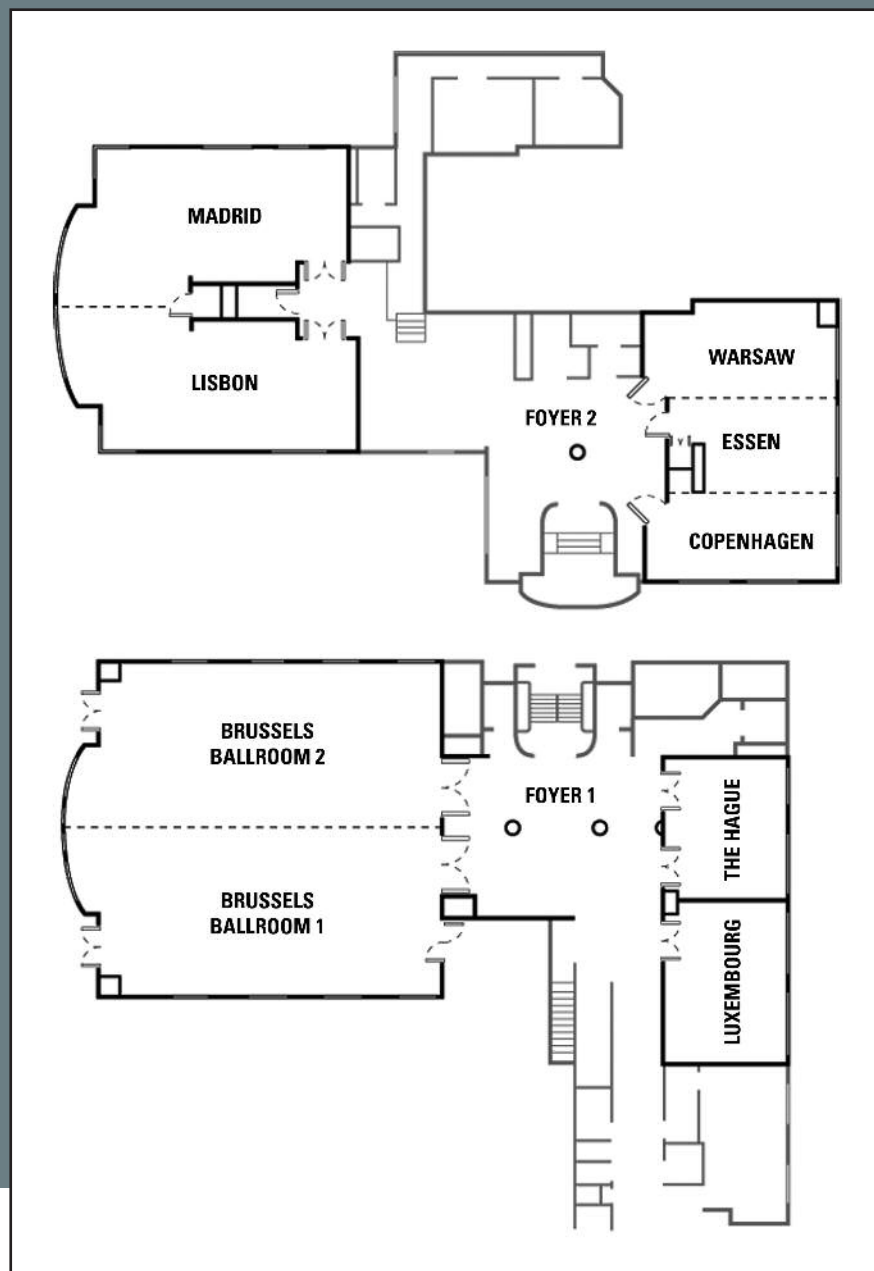
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		<p>2. Michael Hamp Inclusive Rural Finance Services, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p> <p>3. Thomas Duve Director, Southern Africa and Regional Funds, German Bank for Reconstruction (KfW)</p> <p>4. Marie Cécile Thirion Economic and Social Research Unit, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</p>	Brussels Ballroom I + II
12:30 – 12:45	Structured Q & A	Plenary to reflect on specific questions	
12:45 – 12:55	Synthesis of High-Level Session	Alexander Jones Director ad interim of the South-South and Resource Mobilization Division, FAO	
12:55 – 13:00	Closing Remarks	Roberto Ridolfi Director, Sustainable Growth and Development (Directorate C) DG DEVCO European Commission	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		Hotel Restaurant „Parnasse“

DAY 2 PUTTING THE BUILDING BLOCKS TOGETHER FOR AGENDA 2030

AGA Members' Session | 2 February 2017, 14:00 – 17:00 (CET)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	ROOM
14:00 – 14:10	Briefing on the Agenda	Shantanu Mathur IFAD, Co-chair	Brussels Ballroom I + II
14:10 – 14:40	Highlights in Members' Organisations – Initiatives, programmes, policy priorities	MODERATION: Nancy White	
14:40 – 15:00	The Year in Review – What did we learn collectively and individually in 2016 and what are we taking home from the AGA 2017?	MODERATION: Nancy White	
15:00 – 15:20	Land Governance for Food & Nutrition Security – Why Does it Matter? Presentation of a successful Platform outcome in 2016	HOST: Mathieu Boche MFA-France and chair of the Global Donors Working Group on Land (GDWGL) of the Platform	
15:20 – 15:50	Coffee break		Foyer 1
15:50 – 16:10	Presentation and Discussion on the Work Plan 2017 Adoption and members' engagement in work streams	Secretariat Jedi Bukachi	Brussels Ballroom I + II
16:10 – 16:30	Presentation of the new Platform Website	Secretariat Coordinator Reinhild Ernst	
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap-Up & Closing	Co-chairs Mauro Ghirotti Shantanu Mathur	

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PANELISTS

Barbara Adolph IIED

Anders Aeroe ITC

Imelda Bacudo GIZ

Mohamed Badraoui INRA

Mathieu Boche MFA France

Isolina Boto CTA

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Beatrice Byarugaba MAAIF Uganda

Joseph Coompsen ADB

Morgane Danielou Emerging Ag

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Marie-Helene Schwoob IDDRI

Carin Smaller IISD

Michael Taylor ILC

Marie-Cécile Thirion AFD

Xavier Troussard EC

Marcel Vernooij MFA The Netherlands

Steve Waddell Keynote speaker

Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu CAADP

Andrew Wardell CIFOR

Peter Wobst FAO

Nancy White Moderator



BARBARA ADOLPH

Leader Agroecology Team, IIED

Barbara is an agricultural research and development specialist with over 20 years of experience in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Europe. Her main areas of expertise are agricultural research uptake and use, research governance and IAR4D (integrated agricultural research for development) approaches. She has worked with and advised government agencies, research organisations, civil society organizations and donors working, including the WFP, FAO, CGIAR, FARA, ASARECA and EIARD. Recent work includes leading a research project on farmers' perceptions of trade-offs in sustainable intensification, supporting a climate change learning platform for Irish Aid and undertaking action research on agricultural innovation systems and smallholder farmer livelihoods in large irrigation schemes in West Africa with the IIED-led Global Water Initiative. She leads IIED's agroecology team. Before joining IIED, she worked as a scientist and consultant for Triple Line Consulting in London, the Natural Resources Institute in Chatham, and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics in Hyderabad, and the University of Hohenheim in Germany.



ANDERS AEROE

Director, Division of Market Development
International Trade Centre (ITC), UN/WTO

Anders Aeroe has been Director of the Division of Market Development 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 trade development at enterprise, organisational and policy level, trade intelligence, 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 Industrialisation 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. Prior to moving to South Africa, Mr Aeroe held positions as Head of the Research and Policy Section at the Danish Association of Engineers and Export Manager at the Danish Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises.

Mr Aeroe holds a PhD in industrial economics from Copenhagen Business School. He has been a Research Fellow at University of California Los Angeles and at the Danish Institute for International Studies, and a post doc scholar at the Technical University of Denmark.



IMELDA BACUDO

Deputy Head of the ASEAN-German Programme on
Response to Climate Change, GIZ

Imelda Bacudo currently works as Senior Regional Advisor and Deputy Head of the ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change (GAP-CC) project implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. She has over 15 years' experience in the areas of biodiversity con-

servation, sustainable development, and conservation finance in the Philippines, Latin America, Uganda and Southeast Asia, working with NGOs, national governments, and international development corporation agencies. Recently, she has been focusing on the promotion of climate-smart agriculture with the 10 member states of ASEAN. She acquired her Master's Degree in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science under a Fulbright Scholarship.



MOHAMED BADRAOUI

Director General of INRA, based in Rabat, Morocco

Badraoui has more than 36 years of experience in agricultural research, specializing in soil science. His work has focused on soil fertility management and crop fertilisation and fertigation; soil mapping for land management; and soil salinity management under irrigated systems for intensive crop production. He is also experienced in evaluating the sustainability of cropping systems and evaluating and refining agricultural development projects in arid and semi-arid areas.

Since 2008, Badraoui has served as the director general of INRA, based in Rabat, Morocco. INRA is a public organization dedicated to improving research for agricultural development in Morocco. Prior to coming to INRA, Badraoui was the director of Combating Desertification and Nature Protection for Morocco's High Commission for Waters, Forests and Combating Desertification from 2005 to 2008. He assisted in the implementation of government policies regarding resource conservation and sustainable rural development. For more than two decades (1981–2005), Badraoui provided training and continuing education for professionals in science and technology as professor of soil sciences at the Institute of

Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine (IAV) Hassan II in Rabat. Prof. Badraoui was an active member of the scientific committee of COP22 and one of the founders of the adaptation of African agriculture to climate change initiative (AAA initiative) presented by the government of Morocco. A Moroccan citizen, Badraoui holds an MS degree in soil science from the Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine Hassan II of Morocco in 1981. He earned a PhD in soil chemistry, mineralogy and fertility from the University of Minnesota (United States) in 1988.



MATHIEU BOCHE

French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development

Mathieu Boche is a key member of the French Ministry of Foreign affairs and international development's Department for sustainable development that sets strategy for analytics and partnerships in land governance. He also oversees partnerships with multilateral, bilateral, UN and regional organizations. Mathieu has a PhD in development economics and over 7 years of experience in rural development and land governance. He's led efforts to design and implement projects supporting land policy reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa and in the Caribbean and has represented France during international negotiations. Mathieu is co-chair of the French technical committee on land tenure and development and the current chair of the Global Donor working group on land.



ISOLINA BOTO

Manager, CTA Brussels Office

Isolina has more than 25 years of experience in development. She worked for the European Commission, various ACP embassies and NGOs on food security, rural development and trade. Within CTA, she worked in various positions at headquarters, in the Netherlands, especially on co-funded technical programmes on Agriculture and Rural Development implemented at regional level. Since 2004, she heads the CTA Brussels Office, dealing with policy issues related to the ACP-EU cooperation in the field of agrifood systems and rural development and leads CTA global project on regional trade and agribusiness development. She coordinates and organizes the regular Brussels Development Briefings on topical and emerging development policy issues with the EC, the ACP Group and other partners. The office produces a daily news service on key policy areas of ACP-EU cooperation on trade, fisheries, climate change, food security and development policy.



CHRISTOPHER BRETT

Lead Agribusiness Specialist
World Bank

Christopher Brett was appointed as the Lead Agribusiness Specialist 2016 with the World Bank in November 2016 and joins the Food and Global Agricultural Practice, based in Washington DC. He has a Master's Degree in Management for Agricultural Development from Cranfield University in the United Kingdom. He has more than thirty years' experience of working within the public private and voluntary sectors in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prior to working with the World Bank, he worked for 9 year as the Global Head of Sustainability for a large

multi-national agricultural supply chain management company, as part of the senior management team, Chris supported the company's transition from a trading based company to a global agri-business supply chain management company.

He contributed to the implementation of a corporate growth strategy, helping lead the company 1) to invest in direct operations covering a production area of 2.8 million hectares; 2) to expand a procurement network to reach 4 million global small-holder farmers; and 3) to build and acquire 145 agricultural processing units and integrate them into the production and procurement systems. As of September 2016, nearly \$10 billion had been invested as capital in implementing the corporate growth strategy. He also led the company to be fully compliant and monitored to IFC Performance Standards. From 2001 to 2007, he undertook a range of consultancies for leading development organizations and the private sector, such as: the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, African Development Bank, European Union, United Nations Development Programme, commercial banks and infrastructural development companies. He also worked for 6 years in Central America as a Private Sector Development Advisor (1995–2001) for the UK Department for International Development.



BEATRICE BYARUGABA

Director Agriculture Extension Services

Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda

Mrs Byarugaba Beatrice is the Head of the Directorate of Extension Services in Uganda which coordinates provision of Extension Services countrywide by both public and private sector service providers. She holds a Masters degree in Agriculture with 30 years working experience in the agriculture sector in government. She worked as frontline extension service provider for 18 years helping farmers

to improve their agricultural production so as to attain food and nutrition security and increase incomes for their families. She was promoted through the ranks up to policy making level where she has spearheaded formulation of policies that guide rural transformation especially through the agricultural sector, the just concluded policy being the Uganda's National Agricultural Extension Policy 2016 and the 5 year National Agricultural Strategy 2016/17 to 20/20. Mrs Byarugaba believes that empowering actors in the agricultural value chains with information, knowledge and skills is key for sustainable development.



JOSEPH COOMPSON

Chief Agricultural Economist

Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department, African Development Bank

Mr Joseph Coompson is a Chief Agricultural Economist with the Agriculture and Agro-industry Department, African Development Bank, and based at the Bank's South Africa Regional Resource Centre. He has been with the Bank since 2001, and has worked mainly in the Eastern and Southern regions of the continent. He has over 30 years of professional experience spanning the international and national civil service, parastatals and the private sector, and in the areas of covering the entire project cycle. Prior to joining the Bank, he had undertaken a number of assignments as an Agricultural Economist/Project Analyst for FAO-Investment Centre, IFAD, African Development Bank (AfDB), UNOPS, USAID and UNDP. This experience has been gained from many of the Regional Member Countries of the Bank. He also worked in his home country Ghana as a Project Officer with the National Investment Bank, and as a management consultant with the Management Development and Productivity Institute. He holds degrees from University of Cape Coast, Ghana; and University of Reading, England.



MORGANE DANIELOU

Vice-President Operations, Emerging Ag

Morgane has been working in international development and communications in relation to the agrifood sector for the past 15 years. She has worked for international organisations, NGOs, and the private sector. She has been a spokesperson for specific industries as well as business groups in international policy processes. For two years, she was the private sector representative at the UN Committee on World Food Security where she helped found the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM). She was also vice-chair of the Food and Agriculture Committee of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) to the OECD.

Morgane is passionate about building engagement with diverse stakeholders and representing civil society in United Nations processes and agencies. She has a strong background in corporate and digital communications. Prior to joining Emerging ag, Morgane was Director of Communications at the International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA). During her time at IFA, she co-chaired the Farming First coalition. She also worked for the World Bank and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). She has conducted fieldwork in Latin America and Africa.

A French national, Morgane is fluent in French, English, Portuguese and Spanish. She holds a Master of Science in Development Studies from the London School of Economics, an MBA from the Sorbonne Graduate Business School, a BA in History from the Sorbonne University and a BA in Chinese from the International Institute of Oriental Languages.



JULIE DELFORCE

Senior Specialist

Agricultural Development and Food Security, DFAT-Australia

Julie Delforce is Senior Specialist in Agricultural Development and Food Security in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). This role focuses on strengthening the quality of agricultural development initiatives across the Australian aid program. She has also served as Director in the same section, with responsibility for policy and strategic issues including the interface between Australia's agricultural trade and development interests. Julie has worked on Australia's aid program since 1998, covering a wide range of development topics across both Asia and the Pacific. Earlier roles included Economic Adviser at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and university lecturing, consulting and research. Her academic qualifications are in Social Anthropology (BScEcons) and Agricultural Economics (MEc, PhD).



BETH DUNFORD

Assistant to the Administrator, Deputy Coordinator for Development
for Feed the Future, U.S. Agency for International Development

Beth Dunford is the Assistant to the Administrator in the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID's) Bureau for Food Security, as well as the Deputy Coordinator for Development for Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. In this dual role, she coordinates implementation of Feed the Future across the U.S. Government, oversees its execution, reports on results, and leads engagement with the external community to ensure that food security remains high on the development agenda. She also oversees USAID's

technical and regional expertise focused on improving food security to sustainably reduce hunger, poverty and undernutrition. A career Foreign Service Officer, Dr Dunford most recently served as Director of USAID's Mission in Nepal, overseeing the country's massive earthquake recovery and reconstruction effort.

Dr Dunford has also served in Ethiopia and Afghanistan where she directed agriculture, resilience and emergency food assistance programmes, as well as in a number of roles in Washington, D.C., including Deputy Assistant to the Administrator in the Bureau for Food Security and Senior Development Advisor to the Secretary of State's Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Dr Dunford earned her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and her PhD in Sociology from Michigan State University.



THOMAS DUVE

Director

Southern Africa and Regional Programmes, KfW Development Bank

Dr Thomas Duve (born 1959) joined KfW in 1995. Since August 2010, he is Director in the Africa region, currently for the Department 'Southern Africa and Regional Funds' with a multisectoral portfolio of approximately 4 billion Euro. Focal areas of his work are renewable energy and energy efficiency, HIV/AIDS, biodiversity and agricultural finance. He is chairman of the board of the 'Africa Agriculture and Trade Investment Fund' (AATIF). He headed KfW's In house Consulting Unit from October 2008 to July 2010. In this function he was involved in the execution of a major internal restructuring project. From September 2001 to October 2008 he was responsible for the product design and business policy of KfW's housing programmes in Germany, development of programmes for small start-ups and the execution of a major global loan programme for German banks.

Before entering the Business Policy Department, Thomas Duve worked in KfW Development Bank as Head of the Unit for West Africa with a focus on water and health projects (1999–2001). Previous posts were Sector Economist for biodiversity and public transport in the Business Policy Department (1997–1998) and project manager in West Africa with a special focus on health and HIV/AIDS projects (1995–1996). Prior to KfW he worked in rural development projects with GIZ in Ghana and Burkina Faso (1991–1994).

After graduating from Justus Liebig University in Giessen in 1984 with a degree in geography and biology, Thomas Duve carried out research on plant diseases in South Korea and the Philippines. He obtained a PhD Degree in 1989 and followed a Postgraduate Course in Rural Development in 1990.



LAURA FRIGENTI

Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

Laura Frigenti was appointed Director of the newly established Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in January 2016. Before then she spent over 20 years in the USA where she held various positions at the World Bank and in other public organisations. She joined the World Bank in 1994 and she held several technical and senior manager positions, including Country Director for Central America and the Andean Countries, Director of Strategy and Operations for both Latin America and Caribbean and Africa, Chief of Staff to the President and Director of the President's Office. During her career, Laura Frigenti designed some of the Bank's most innovative programmes and was deeply involved in organisational reforms. After leaving the World Bank in 2014, Laura Frigenti was Vice President for the Global Development Practice at InterAction the largest umbrella organiza-

tion of US NGOs where she dealt extensively with issues related to public-private partnership, transparency and accountability, and private funding for development. She brings in-depth knowledge and expertise of Africa, Central Asia, Europe and Latin America region, with direct experience in leading the dialogue with political and business leaders in over 30 countries.

Before joining the World Bank, she worked at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General for Development Cooperation; the Istituto per la Cooperazione Economica (ICEPS) where she led the think tank's effort around international development; the UN Economic Commission for Latin America & Caribbean in Chile and the Istituto di Studi Italo Africani. Laura holds a master in History and International Affairs from the University of Rome, la Sapienza.



MICHEL GAGNON

Director, Food Security at Global Affairs Canada

Michel Gagnon is the Director of Food Security at Global Affairs Canada, responsible for the implementation of Canada's Food Security Policy, Programming, and Specialist Support. Mr Gagnon is an international development expert with over 20 years of experience holding executive leadership roles in Canada, West Africa (Senegal), and North Africa (Morocco). As Director of the Development Program of Canada in Senegal, he was the lead in the development and implementation of Senegal's Development Program.

In addition, Mr Gagnon has significant experience in international development programmes and aid, public management and strategic international relations. His professional interests include aid effectiveness and improving stakeholder

engagement. He holds a Bachelor of Administration from Sherbrooke University (Quebec, Canada), is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), and holds a Master of Finance with a specialisation in International Business from École Supérieure de Commerce et Management (Poitier, France).



NATASHA GRIST

Senior Research Fellow

Overseas Development Institute

Natasha is a Senior Research Fellow in Climate Change and Agriculture at the Overseas Development Institute. Her primary role is in policy and technical advice and evaluation, particularly around Climate Smart Agriculture. She has developed, led and evaluated approaches to integrating environmental issues and climate change into existing development programmes and adaptation planning. She works currently with the BRACED programme on resilience for climate change, leading a component on innovation for resilience in farming.

Natasha has worked recently with IFAD, evaluating the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme, and a number of UN institutions, donors and NGOs including FAO, World Bank, UNDP, Plan International, AusAID. She authored the DFID-funded Topic Guide on Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture and reports on integrating agriculture into the climate change negotiations and future scenarios and game playing as learning tools around disaster risk preparation.

Natasha initiated and led the Research component of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) for 3 years, developing a robust programme with a £15m budget. Previously, Natasha worked with the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. Natasha has a BA in Geography from the University

of Cambridge, and MSc and PhD from the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia in the UK. Natasha's first hand international experience centres on West and Southern Africa and Brazilian Amazonia.



MICHAEL HAMP

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Agnes is a Human Rights defender specifically the Human Right to Adequate Food specialized in policy analysis, alternative policy engagement paradigms, social mobilization and capacity building. She has focused on advancing security of rights and opportunities for all people especially the vulnerable (women, children, youth, refugees, prisoners and smallholder farmers, pastoralists and fisher folk) to realize and enjoy the Right to Adequate Food. Her priorities are geared towards strengthening food Governance at all levels and the effective civic engagements to address the inherent fundamentals that restrict the attainment of this right.

Agnes has championed efforts that promote the public media sphere and platform to give voice and visibility to marginalized people on issues that impact on Food availability, accessibility, stability and utilization. In addition she has caused policy influence while adding diverse perspectives to everyday struggles and providing alternatives into a critical and cohesive voice of civil society for policy change. She holds fourteen years of applied community based development work, situation analysis, training monitoring and documentation of community and programme

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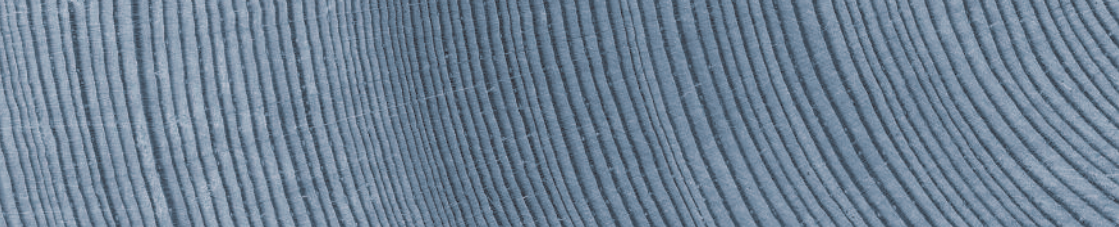
fields of project formulation and management, policy development and research. Twenty five of those years have been spent in the African Development Bank. Mrs Mwangi started her career in 1981 as a farming systems expert in the Ministry of Agriculture in Kenya where she was responsible for analysing the economics of growing cotton by small scale farmers. In 1982, she moved to the Planning Department of the same Ministry where she was part of the planning team responsible for preparing agricultural policies, and Government and donor funded agricultural projects. In 1989, Mrs Mwangi joined the Kenya Office of the International Potato Center, an International Agricultural Research Institute, as a Research Assistant where she was responsible for social and economic research of growing sweet potato in Kenya. This included constraints, varieties grown, utilisation and marketing of the crop in the country. Some results of the research were published as a working papers by the International Potato Center. Mrs Mwangi joined the African Development Bank in 1991 where she has served the Bank in various capacities – project officer in charge of projects identification, preparation, appraisal and portfolio management as well as operations quality analysis. Since 2008, Mrs Mwangi has headed the Agricultural Division covering the North, East and South Regions. She holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University, U.S.A, 1987 and a BA in Economics from University of Nairobi, 1981.



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She has been an active member of the global women movement ensuring that grassroots women's priorities and needs are a part of the agenda and was a delegate to the 4th Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995 which inspired her to establish GROOTS Kenya. GROOTS, which stands for Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood, aims to shift the perception that women living in vulnerable and under resourced communities are mere recipients of services and projects to empowered agents of change in development. The network has developed to a movement of over 3,000 grassroots self-help groups and community-based organisations that are women-led providing space for grassroots communities to be 'masters' of their own development while driving demand for accountability among duty bearers. In 2013, Esther was appointed among the 50 women and gender experts in Africa to help draft the Africa Union 2063 (Africa Renaissance) background paper on Gender equality, women rights and women empowerment. She was an active participant on the Post 2015 formulation process.

Esther has served in other various board and committees including the UNDP Equator Initiative, Shelter Forum, and as an advisor for the UNHABITAT Executive Director at the Vancouver World Urban Forum. She is currently a member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues to the UN Habitat as well as among the group of civil society advisors to UN Women with special focus on the Region of Africa.



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EVAN ROGERSON

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She serves on the U.S. board of the international agricultural biodiversity research organization Bioversity International, on the advisory boards of Food Tank, the Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research, and the UN Agri-food Task Force, and on the board of U.S. non-profit Solutions from the Land. Dr Scherr is widely published in the scientific and policy literature, and is a member of the scientific editorial



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Conducted in partnership with research centers such as Rothamsted Research and Wageningen University and under the auspices of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network of the United Nations, the initiative, today, gathers seven countries, both in developed and developing countries.



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Director

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He joined the Commission as administrator of the Audiovisual Policy Unit in 1989 at the DG for Information, Communication, Culture and Audiovisual where he contributed to the establishment and further development of the EU audiovisual policy before representing the European Commission in the negotiation of the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions. As Head of the 'Culture policy, diversity and Intercultural dialogue' Unit in the Directorate General for Education and Culture, he developed the European Agenda for culture and an EU strategy for cultural and creative industries. Twice acting Director in the same Directorate General, he contributed to the shaping of the EU Creative Europe Programme and managed its MEDIA sub-programme.



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ment climate-smart and climate proofed programmes and projects to help ensure resilience, as well as in making valuable contributions in both scholar debate and practical field contributions to problem solving in developing countries.

He recently completed a 21-month assignment with the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development as their Task Leader (Advisor) on CAADP and ARD in Africa and is now familiar with the aid/development effectiveness agenda. He holds a PhD (with distinctions) in Agric Economics from the University of Paris-Sud 11, an MSc in Agric Economics from the National Advanced School of Agronomy (ENSA) of Montpellier, France, an MSc in Agric Engineering from the University of Dschang, Cameroon. Augustin demonstrates fluency in professional French and English.



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Dr Andrew Wardell has over thirty-five years' experience working on natural resource management, capacity development and finance issues in more than twenty South-East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa countries. He is now based at CIRAD in Montpellier, and responsible for CIFOR's projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and a new global initiative, The Landscape Fund. Previously, he was Director of CIFOR's Forests and Governance Portfolio. Dr Wardell has a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental History from the University of Copenhagen. He has published 3 books and edited collections, more than 40 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and 70 technical publications. He is currently co-editing a Cambridge University Press book on CITES.



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Between 1997 and 2005, Peter has worked for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington where his research focused on macro-economics and international trade, agricultural sector development, intersectoral linkages, infrastructure improvements, market integration, and the impact of rural development on income distribution and poverty. He has worked extensively with dynamic simulation models for policy impact assessment and was involved in capacity development efforts mainly in sub-Saharan African countries, including collaborative research, training, and teaching. Peter, a national of Germany, holds a PhD (summa cum laude) from the University of Hohenheim, Germany, and an M.Sc. in Economics from the University of Bonn, Germany.



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