

Dr. Marco Ferroni -- Profile

Marco Ferroni is Chairman of the System Management Board of the CGIAR, an international food and agriculture research partnership with a track record in crop and livestock improvement, agricultural development and growth, sustainable natural resource management and both food security and better nutrition and health. Mr. Ferroni focuses on renewal and modernization in his role while ensuring strategic oversight of R&D portfolios, funder engagement, change management to position the organization for success in the 21st century and 'go-to-market' strategies in partnership with governments and both commercial and non-profit actors.

A strong analyst, advocate, motivator and communicator, Mr. Ferroni served as Executive Director of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA) for ten years to September 2017. Working in partnership with others, the Foundation identifies and develops scalable solutions for farmers, tests them and fosters their progression to the market under ambitious impact frameworks in crop improvement research, seed systems development, mechanization, agricultural index insurance and finance, digital decision tools, and farmer-empowering links to supply chains and markets, among other aspects of producer and farm sector support. Mr. Ferroni shaped the Foundation as an incubator of technologies and services, contributed potentially disruptive solutions in weather insurance and seed systems, among other aspects, and achieved freedom to operate for SFSA as an independent corporate Foundation in ways unequalled in the crop science industry.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Ferroni held executive and senior advisory positions at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank in Washington DC. He was a member of the Board of Directors at IDB and later had responsibility for technical and advisory services to Country Departments in social sectors, information technology, and agriculture as Deputy Manager of the Sustainable Development Department. He served as a Senior Advisor to the corporate focal point on donor relations, concessional resources and partnerships at the World Bank where he spearheaded and published analytical work on global and regional public goods. Before moving to Washington, he was a trade diplomat (Foreign Economic Affairs) in his native Switzerland with responsibility for the design and implementation of balance of payments support schemes for highly indebted low-income countries, debt reduction in the context of sectoral and macroeconomic reform, and preferential trade agreements.

Mr. Ferroni is passionate about international agriculture, sustainable development and the geopolitics of food. He is a leader, talent spotter, team builder and mediator in his areas of expertise. He is an internationally recognized public speaker who has organized acclaimed conferences over the years. He has peer-reviewed professional publications as well as edited/co-edited books to his credit and has worked extensively across India, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America in the course of his career. He advises non-profits and private philanthropists on strategic choice as a member of advisory councils and boards. He holds a PhD in agricultural economics from Cornell University and has recently completed terms as an Adjunct Professor in agriculture and environmental sciences at McGill University. He has homes in Basel and Chicago and loves to spend time with family while also following his passions for mountain hiking and classical music.

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Bio of H.E. Mr. **Newayechristos (Newai) Gebre-ab**

Newayechristos Gebre-ab, Former Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia with the rank of Minister and Executive Director, Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)

Newayechristos Gebre-ab was the Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister, with the rank of Minister and Executive Director of the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) until recently. Duties of the advisor included contribution to macro-economic policy-making, development strategy formulation, and negotiations with World Bank, IMF and Paris club members on debt relief. He chaired the Government/Donors Committee on governance and represented the Prime Minister in the NEPAD. He was also the chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Ethiopia. He was the Prime Minister's Sherpa in meetings of climate issues, and the transitional Committee of UNFCCC that studied the design of the Green Climate Fund. He has previously worked as a project coordinator and team leader at different projects of FAO. He has also worked as an Economic Officer of the Technology Division in UNCTAD, Geneva. He has been a freelance consultant for UNDP, UNESCO and FAO among others.

Mr. Newayechristos Gebreab has recently received The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star award from the Japanese government.

He holds Post-graduate Diploma, Economics, Manchester University and B.Litt. Economics, Oxford University, UK.

Dr. Gerardine MUKESHIMANA

Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, RWANDA

Dr. Gerardine MUKESHIMANA is the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources of the Republic of Rwanda. As a Minister she is responsible for oversight of all agricultural and livestock related activities in the Country, charged with new policy formulation, oversight of implementation of existing policies, work with other Ministries and Development Partners on issues that affect the agricultural sector especially land use and land management, trade, commerce, infrastructure, gender and youth employment.

Prior to that, Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana worked at International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), MINAGRI, and the National University of Rwanda.

She holds both PhD and Masters in Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology from Michigan State University.

Guido Girardi, Senate of the Republic of Chile, President of the Commission of Health and Commission of Future Challenges.

Medical Doctor and graduate of the Universidad de Chile, Senator serving the City of Santiago, Author of the Chilean Nutritional Labeling and Advertising Law, a model initiative in the Americas region and across the globe, and Specialist in public health, environment and science, technology and innovation. Girardi has been the driving force behind multiple issues, including medical patient rights, pharmacological regulation, the Universal Donor Law, tobacco laws, food loss and food waste norms, the introduction of a fast food tax, among others. Between 2011 and 2012 he was President of the Senate of Chile, as well as Vice-President of the upper house in 2017. He is currently the President of the Health and the Future Challenges, Science, Technology and Innovation Commissions of the Senate. Through the latter, he created and drove the Futures Congress, Latin America's most prominent science, technology and innovation event.

Dr. Phouang Parisak Pravongviengkham has worked in the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for over 35 years. He has fulfilled many roles in key policymaking and planning positions within the Ministry. He has also led various research programs on livestock nutrition and fisheries. He has engaged with many development programs and International counterparts over his many years of service to the Lao agricultural sector. 1982-1989: Deputy Director, National Animal Feed Research Centre, and Head of the Technical Advisory Board of the Livestock and Fisheries Department. 1989-1996: Deputy Director General, Livestock and Fisheries Department, and Advisor on Agriculture Policies to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. 1996-2004: Deputy Permanent Secretary. 2004-June 2007: Permanent Secretary. June 2007-November 2011: Director General, Department of Planning. November 2011-present: Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry. Received his Masters in Science in Agronomy from the University of Godollo, Hungary (1976-1982).and his Doctorate in Technical Science from the School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, in Bangkok, Thailand (1995-1998).

Madeleine Onclin, Head of Sector Nutrition European Commission's Directorate for International Co-operation and Development (DG DEVCO) Madeleine Onclin is a veterinary surgeon by training; for 11 years she was directly engaged in the fight against animal disease in Belgium, before creating the non-profit organisation Vétérinaires Sans Frontières-Belgium (VSF- Belgium, within VSF-Europa network). In 2009, she joined the European Commission, extending her development work in Africa and to Central America. She worked in several EU Delegations, including 3 years in Chad, 3 years in Guinea-Bissau and 2 years in Honduras. She worked on a range of programmes for rural development and food and nutrition security, including in fragile situations. Since 1 September 2017, she headed Nutrition Sector at the European Commission's directorate for International Co-operation and Development in Brussels. The Nutrition team's role is to implement the European Commission's Action Plan for Nutrition with all partners involved in the fight against malnutrition.

Emorn Udomkesmalee

Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand

Emorn Udomkesmalee is Senior Advisor and Former Director of the Institute of Nutrition of the Mahidol University in Thailand. Currently, she is Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of International Health at the John Hopkins University in the United States. She received her PhD in nutritional biochemistry and metabolism from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1985. Her post-doctoral training was at the Vitamin and Mineral Nutrition Laboratory in the United States Department of Agriculture. She is currently a member of several international committees related to nutrition advocacy, food policy, micronutrients and implementation science. Her research interests include micronutrient assessment, bioavailability and metabolism; efficacy of food-based interventions to address micronutrient deficiencies; maternal and child nutrition policy and program implementation.

Ferew Lemma Feyissa (PhD, MPH, MD & DLSHTM)

Dr Ferew is a Physician and Public Health with a PhD in public health nutrition from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr Ferew has worked in various capacities in teaching/ learning (higher education), health service delivery and management as well as research. He has served as Deputy Head of Regional Health Bureau, Asst. Professor of Nutrition and Head, Planning & Program Office at Jimma University (7 years) as well as a Senior Research Fellow (8 years) at London South Bank University. Currently, Dr Lemma is serving as a Senior Nutrition Advisor at the Office of First Lady and Minister of Health, Ethiopia.

SUN Ethiopia Focal Point

Member, Global Nutrition Report [GNR] Steering Group Executive Committee [Co-chair–2015/ 16]

Board member (Technical) – Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition [GAIN]

Publication areas: Nutrition, health service delivery, (health professionals) capacity building, (Nutrition) budget & expenditure tracking, (program/ project) monitoring & evaluation and mental health.

Martin Bloem, Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Professor Martin Bloem joined the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future as Director in December 2017, relocating to Baltimore from Rome, Italy, where he spent 12 years as a senior nutrition adviser at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and as the WFP's Global Coordinator for UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. He is no stranger to Baltimore, having also served during the same 12 years as adjunct professor at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Martin has more than three decades of experience in research on public health, nutrition, emergencies and food systems. From 1985-2005, he worked and lived in Thailand, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Singapore before he moved to the UN working at the global level. Martin holds a medical degree from the University of Utrecht and a Doctorate from the University of Maastricht.

Fred Grant

Fred Grant has nearly 20 years of experience in international public health, supporting and implementing both emergency and development programs and research, with a focus on maternal-child health, community-based management of acute malnutrition, food fortification, nutrition-sensitive agriculture, and nutrition and HIV. He has worked in Cambodia, Senegal, Mali, Niger, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and supported programs in more than 25 countries across Africa and Asia. He is currently responsible for Helen Keller International's overall program quality and country support as the Regional Director of Programs for Asia.

Dr. Purvi Mehta

Purvi Mehta is the Head of Asia for Agriculture at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She leads the foundation's agriculture strategy for Asia, that includes links between farming systems and food systems as a key component.

She has her formal education, upto PhD, from M.S. University, India, Tokyo University, Japan and North Carolina State University- USA.

Dr. Mehta has worked with the CGIAR, as head of Asia of the International Livestock Research Institute and also as head of South Asia Biosafety program (IFPRI, USAID), and brings a blend of Asia and Africa experience. Dr. Mehta has been on boards of several international and national organisations. Some of her current board affiliations include- International Alliance for Ecology and Health-Canada, International Centre for Rural Agriculture-Netherlands, Indian Council for Food and Agriculture, Director on the board of NCDEX etc. She is also a visiting faculty at Cornell University.

Dr. Mehta has two books and over 48 publications to her credit.

Mrs. Khady Fall TALL is Regional Chairperson of AFAO-WAWA

(West African Women Association) since 2005

1) Mrs. TALL Regional Chair of the AU-IBAR / AU Network for Women in Animal Resource Management

2) Mrs. Khady Fall TALL is the Regional President of the West Africa Civil Society Forum FOSCAO / WACSOF based in Abuja / Nigeria with ECOWAS as Institutional Partner and Regional Civil Society Respondent. Also, Mrs. Khady Fall TALL is coordinator of the "Gender Group" ECOWAPP + 10 of ECOWAS

3) Mrs TALL is DPO of the ECOSOCC of the African Union, ECOSOCC being the branch of the African Union Body in charge of Civil Society of the African continent

4) Mrs. TALL is Provisional coordinator of CSOs / ACP-EU pending the end of the GA scheduled for 2018

5) Mme TALL is member of several institutions and co-ordinates many regional projects in the areas of agricultural processing, sensitization and women's empowerment in collaboration with Regional Organizations and with various bilateral and multilateral development partners (ECOWAS, WAMU, RPCA/OECD, AGIR Platform, CILSS)

6) Mrs. TALL who chairs the regional office of WAWA has set up a large incubation center for capacity building and training of women in processing agricultural products (cereals, fruits and vegetables, cashew and milk) located in Gorom since 2010.

7) Mrs. Khady Fall Tall is graduated from the National School of Administration of Senegal, Promotion 97-99 of PIM 4th Promotion Option **Management** and continued her postgraduate studies at the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris with a specialization in **International Relations**.

Dr Rose Ngugi, Executive Director-KIPPRA

Dr Rose Ngugi is the Executive Director of the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA). She is involved in providing technical guidance and capacity building on policy and strategy formulation to the Government of Kenya and other stakeholders, with the overall aim of contributing to the achievement of national development goals. Before then, she was a Senior Advisor in the Office of Executive Director, Africa Group 1, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C. Dr. Ngugi been a member of Central Bank of Kenya, Monetary Policy Committee and has vast teaching experience in the University of Nairobi, School of Economics.

Dr. Ngugi has published widely. Her research interests are in public policy, financial sector, investments, reforms and institutional issues. She holds a PhD from Business School Birmingham University, UK specializing in Financial Markets, Masters and Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Elan Satriawan is Chief of Policy Working Group, a policy think tank under National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Office of Vice President-Republic of Indonesia. He is also associate professor in the Department of Economics, Universitas Gadjah Mada at Yogyakarta-Indonesia. In the past he has been Lead Evaluator in Monitoring and Evaluation Unit of TNP2K, Senior Research Fellow of Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL-MIT), Consultant for World Bank and ADB. He obtained his PhD from Michigan State University. His research interests cover range of topics in development microeconomics areas particularly in impact evaluation and effectiveness of anti-poverty and social programs, poverty related issues including nutrition/ health, education and inter-linkages between the two. Currently he is researching drivers of malnutrition and its long-term impact on various adult outcomes including education, cognitive, and labor market outcomes. In addition, in TNP2K he evaluates effectiveness of various social protection programs and, collaborating with JPAL, conducts randomized impact evaluation on shifting the food in-kind to cash/e-voucher transfer for food.

Joyce Kinabo
Personal Statement

Joyce Ludovick Kinabo was born on 22 July 1955 in Tanzania. She is married and has two children.

Education Qualifications and Specialization

She obtained her B.Sc. degree in Agriculture with a major in Food Science and Technology from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1980); M.Sc. in Food Science from Leeds University, UK (1984) and PhD in Nutritional Physiology from Glasgow University (1990). Areas of specialization include energy balance studies (thermic effect of food), food security, epidemiology, maternal and child nutrition, adolescent nutrition, food body interactions and nutritional status nutrition policy and community nutrition.

Work experience

Joyce is currently employed as full Professor of Human Nutrition at Sokoine University of Agriculture Morogoro, Tanzania where she has been working for the past 32 years. After completing her B.Sc. degree studies she was employed as a Food Scientist with Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre, the position she held from 1980 to 1984. In 1985 she joined the academia and was employed by Sokoine University of Agriculture and has been instructing courses on human nutrition, nutritional physiology, body composition and energy balance, nutritional epidemiology, maternal and child nutrition and food and nutrition security. Research activities have focused mainly on energy balance studies, maternal and child nutrition, adolescent nutrition, food body interactions and nutritional status. Currently, she is actively involved in community nutrition research focusing on enhancing capacity of communities to identify nutrition challenges and solutions by developing nutrition interventions to address their unique nutrition challenges in various food systems.

Professional Membership and Awards

Joyce has been an active member of the Food and Nutrition Association of Tanzania since its inception. In 2000 she was nominated secretary of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies, a position she held for 10 years. In 2011, she was elected President of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies (2011-2015). She is a Nutrition Ambassador and member of Board of Directors for the Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) (2011 - to-date) and USAID Champion for change (2010). She has also been a member of various nutrition societies and networks such as South Africa Nutrition Society, Food Science and Nutrition Network for Africa. In academia, she served as a Visiting Professor at the Research Institute for Food Science, Kyoto University, Japan (2000); and Visiting Professor, Department of Human Nutrition Cornell University, USA (2010).

Hossain Zillur Rahman, Ph.D

Economist and social thinker, Hossain Zillur Rahman is a leading policy voice of Bangladesh with over three decades of experience within and outside government. Holding a Masters in Economics (Dhaka University) and Ph.D in Political Sociology (Manchester University), Dr. Rahman is the founder-chairman of the think-tank Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) and has held various policy positions including Lead Consultant for PRSP, Member, SAARC Poverty Commission, Member, Bangladesh Bank Board. He is a regular Resource Person at the National Defense College and is a member of the Bangladesh National Council for the Aga Khan Foundation. He is the convener of two new civic platforms – Healthy Bangladesh and Safe Roads and Transport Alliance (SROTA). Dr. Rahman has authored influential publications on poverty, governance, urbanization, quality education and social protection. Dr. Rahman was appointed Advisor (cabinet minister) in charge of the Ministries of Commerce and Education in the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh (2007-08) and was credited with a lead role in the successful return of Bangladesh to electoral democracy. Dr. Rahman was awarded the Dr. John Meyer Global Citizenship Award by the Institute for Global Leadership of Tufts University, USA in November, 2009, Gold Medal 2013 by Rotary International Bangladesh (District 3280). He currently leads PPRC's work on social protection, urban poverty, sustainable healthcare and inclusive growth.

Dr. Tin Htut was born in 1958 and graduated from Yezin Agricultural University in 1980 for his B.Ag degree. Right after pre-service training, he joined mushroom production section of the department of agricultural extension, Myanmar. Then, he moved to the Department of Agricultural Research (formerly ARI- Agricultural Research Institute) as research assistance in Horticultural Division to work on Floriculture, Orchard Development and Nursery Science. In 1988, he was selected to go to North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA under USAID assisted project named “Burma Agricultural Research and Development (BARD) Project to pursue his MS degree. In 1991, he completed his MS degree majored in Plant Breeding with research thesis entitled as “Inheritance of Symbiotic Nitrogen Fixation in Peanut (*Arachis hypogea* L.). On his return, he was reassigned as an assistant peanut breeder at Oil Seed Crop Division of the Department of Agricultural research as well as food legume agronomist in the Central Dry-zone research farm at Nyaung Oo in Myanmar. In 1993, he was reassigned as a soybean agronomist in Food Legume Division at the Head Quarter of the Department of Agricultural Research, at Yezin. In 1996, he was awarded a scholarship from International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to pursue his Ph.D degree, majored in plant breeding in the University of Philippines at Losbanos, Philippines. His research work was about the genetics of iron content in the rice grain under the supervision of Dr. Gurdev Singh Khush, plant breeder and head of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biochemistry (PBGB) Division of IRRI and the World Food Price Winner. He completed his Ph.D in 2000 and return to the Department of Agricultural Research as a rice breeder and developed bacterial leaf blight resistance rice variety. In 2003, he was reassigned as a gene-bank manager of the Department of Agricultural Research and initiated pre-breeding works in rice. While he was working in the Department of Agricultural Research, he continued collaborative work with IRRI for developing rice varieties with biotic and abiotic stress resistance. In 2003, he was invited as a visiting research fellow in IRRI to assist in the genetic analysis of iron-dense rice grains. In 2003, he participated as a National Consultant for FAO’s project on Myanmar Rice Trade Liberalizations and Integration to ASAEN. In 2007, he was appointed as a Deputy Director of the Department of Agricultural Planning by the minister’s office handling international cooperation and protocol. In 2008, he participated as a National Consultant for National Medium Term Priority Framework (NMTPF) of FAO, later know as Country Program Framework (CPF).

In 2010, he again, joined the Department of Agricultural Research as the Director of rice research. In the same year, he was recognized and awarded as one of IRRI’s outstanding alumni in the field of rice research management. In 2011, he was assigned by presidential degree to serve as the Rector of Yezin Agricultural University. In 2014, again, he was assigned by presidential degree to serve as the Director General of Department of Planning. In 2015, he was appointed by presidential degree to serve as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI). As a Permanent Secretary of MoALI, he took the coordination role for power transition from first democratic government to second democratic government. He coordinated the thirteen departments under the ministry, and serves as a secretariat for the minister and assists him in managing MoALI. He also took the responsibilities of Senior Official Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF) Leader. In 2016, he also received a special citation from SEARCA (The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture) during its 50th Anniversary for his unstinting support to SEARCA’s capacity building program and contribution to agriculture and rural development in Myanmar. He also liaised with CABI to develop Myanmar Plant Health System Strategy and directed to develop Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS). During his tenure as a permanent secretary he oversaw several development project and directed several agricultural development strategies including well-known ADS (Agricultural Development Strategy). He also served as a member of the National Races and Public Service Affair Management Committee led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. He retired in April, 2018 and standing as a professional and resource person for agricultural

development in Myanmar. He, effectively, retired from the post of Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation in August, 2018. Before, his retirement he chaired various meeting and workshop and served as a panelist Internationally and domestically.

Mr. Chance Kabaghe

Chance Kabaghe has been the Executive Director of Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), since 2012 when it transitioned from the Food Security Research Project (FSRP). He has a BSc and MSc Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Zambia and London University (WYE College) respectively with more than 25 years' experience in agricultural policy and agribusiness management and analysis. He is one of Zambia's leading agribusiness practitioners and professionals.

His career has bridged multiple worlds – in agri-business, government, public policy and academia – all at very high levels and with impressively broad impact in key areas affecting agricultural development. In the business world, he played a key role in the promotion of hybrid maize seeds while serving as Marketing Director cum Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Zambia Seed Company Limited (ZAMSEED) during the period 1985 to 1995. He continues active involvement in many of Zambia's major agri-businesses, serving as Director and Chairman on multiple agribusiness corporate boards including Seedco which is a leading seed company in Zambia and the Sub-Saharan African Region.

In government, he served as Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock where he was in charge of agricultural policy, planning and marketing. He was the first Executive Director of Zambia's Food Reserve Agency, where he was instrumental in establishing Zambia's market-friendly system of strategic food reserves. Drawing from his early career in the academic world as a university lecturer at the University of Zambia School of Agricultural Sciences, Mr Kabaghe has emerged as a key leader in national and regional agricultural policy debates.

As Chief Executive Officer of IAPRI, he is responsible to the Board Directors for the direction and management of the Institute's research, capacity building, stakeholder consultation, coordination and general administration and financial management. At the regional level, he is the Chairman of the Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Institutes (ReNAPRI) in Eastern and Southern Africa which is comprised of nine (9) countries.

Mr Kabaghe has in the past been involved in the development of many agricultural policies in Zambia such as the Agricultural Marketing Bill, Food Reserve Act, Agricultural Credits Act, and the Cotton Act etc. He also sits on the COMESA Business Council (CBC) where he chairs the Agricultural Committee.

Previously he was appointed to lead the Michigan State University run FSRP from 2009 until it was transformed in 2012 into IAPRI in order to enhance the interface between empirical policy analysis and transmission of these findings to key stakeholders especially policy makers, policy implementers and the private sector.

Tushar Pandey – Brief Profile

Tushar Pandey is an independent consultant in Agriculture, PPP and Social Equity related developmental aspects based in NCR. Tushar is a consultant to Govt of Australia (via ACIAR) on a conservation agriculture project in India, Nepal and Bangladesh where he is advising on outscaling and private sector development aspects. Earlier Tushar was a part of Top Management of YES BANK where he shaped up YES Banks developmental agenda and strategic interface with the government. Tushar has over 24 years of professional experience with expertise in Public Policy, Governance & Institutional Reforms, and Public Private Partnerships (PPP). All through his career, Tushar's work has cut across multiple sectors with emphasis on Institutional Innovation and Social Equity in growth models.

His sectoral areas of interest encompass Agribusiness & Agri-Infrastructure, Infrastructure, Tourism, Education, Sports, Governance, Energy, Mining and Sustainable Development. Tushar has been a part of Indo-Canada Mining Committee, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce, and has completed several infrastructure assignments including those in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Philippines and Mozambique across various sectors including roads and railways. Tushar has represented the Indian financial sector at the G20-CSIRO Food4Growth leader's forum, the precursor to the G20 Chief Agricultural Scientists' meet. He is currently pursuing an independent research on Farmer Organizations' impact on smallholder farmers. Tushar also authored ICRISAT report submitted to PMO on Transforming Agricultural Marketing in India: Linking Farmers to a National Gateway and E-Markets: Current Scenario and a Way Forward

Tushar has been doing voluntary work on quality of life concepts in the fields like Yoga, Nature and Natural Healthcare and has received commendation certificate from Indian Naturopathy Organization (INO). He is also a guest and visiting faculty at many educational and developmental institutions.

Tushar is an executive alumnus of Harvard Kennedy School of Government and an Indo-US Cochran Fellow on Agricultural Policy from US Department of Agriculture. He holds a M.Sc. (H) Economics and B.E (H) Mechanical Engineering from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani. Before YES BANK, Tushar has also worked with Rabobank, IL&FS, ANZ Investment Bank and Reliance Industries Ltd.

Dr. Ren Wang

Special Advisor to the Chairman, Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI)

Dr. Ren Wang is the Special Advisor to the Chairman of BGI, the world's largest genomics organization, primarily guiding the organization's strategy and major initiatives in international cooperation and agriculture. Before his appointment at BGI, he served as Assistant Director General of FAO's Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, in Rome, Italy, between 2013 and 2018.

He began his career as a researcher (Assistant Research Professor, Associate Professor and Professor) at the Institute of Biological Control of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) in 1985-1993. During that period, he pioneered China's program of managing invasive exotic plants using the classical biological control approach. He was also the founding director of the joint Sino-American Biological Control Laboratory between the USDA and the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture during 1987-1993. From 1993 to 1995, he was the Deputy Director, Programme Development of the International Institute of Biological Control (IIBC), CAB International, UK. In 1994, he was appointed by the Chinese State Council as Vice President of CAAS responsible for international relations, strategic research planning and supervision of 6 of the 38 research institutes of the academy. During 2000-2007, Dr. Wang served as Deputy Director General for Research at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) based in the Philippines. In 2007, he became the Director of CGIAR based at the World Bank in Washington, DC, USA. In 2010, he returned to CAAS and was appointed as the First Vice President of the academy responsible for international cooperation and technology transfer. He also served as a member of the Standing Committee of the China Science and Technology Association, Vice Chair of the China Association for Agricultural Technology Extension, and Vice Chair of the China Rural Technology Services Association. Dr. Wang served on several high-level international boards and committees in the area of agriculture and agricultural research, and was an invited speaker at numerous conferences and forums in China and abroad.

Dr. Wang holds a Ph.D. in Entomology from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Virginia, USA.

Dr. Eleni Gabre-Madhin is founder and chief happiness officer of blueMoon, Ethiopia's first youth agribusiness incubator. Prior to this, she led eleni LLC, Africa's leader in designing and building commodity exchange eco-systems in frontier markets. Dr. Gabre-Madhin is also founder and former CEO of the highly acclaimed Ethiopia Commodity Exchange (ECX), which she founded and managed from 2008 to late 2012, successfully trading \$1.4 billion annually after 3 years of operation. A globally recognized thought leader on agricultural commodity markets and African development, formerly with the World Bank and IFPRI in Washington, she holds a PhD in applied economics from Stanford University, an MSc in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University, and BA in economics from Cornell University, and was awarded Outstanding Dissertation by the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1999 for her research on Ethiopian grain markets.

Dr. Gabre-Madhin was selected among Devex' Top 5 Women Global Women of Impact on Development 2016, Wharton Business School Africa Club's "Africa's Top Woman Pioneer, Innovator & Entrepreneur 2015," 125 Global Women of Impact by Newsweek in April 2013, 100 Most Influential Africans by New African 2012, and received the prestigious Yara Prize for Agricultural Transformation in Africa and the African Banker Icon Award, both in 2012. She was named among 50 Women Shaping Africa by The Africa Report in 2011, nominated Outstanding African Businesswoman in 2010, and selected as Ethiopian Person of the Year in 2009.

Boitshupo (Bibi) Giyose

Bibi Giyose is senior nutrition and food systems officer, and special advisor to the NEPAD CEO. Previously, she advised the New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency, an organ of the African Union, on the same, and was an UNDP/UNAIDS regional project coordinator for HIV and nutrition. She holds an M.S. in international nutrition from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, USA and a B.S. in nutrition and dietetics from Appalachian State University – Boone, NC, USA.

Anna Lartey is the Director of Nutrition and Food Systems Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy, since 2013 where she leads FAO's work on Food Systems for Improved Nutrition. Prior to that Anna Lartey was a Professor of Nutrition at the University of Ghana (1986-2015). She was a Fulbright fellow (1994-1998) at the University of California, Davis, USA. She worked as a researcher in Sub-Saharan Africa for 27 years. Her research focussed on maternal and child nutrition. Anna won the University of Ghana's "Best Researcher Award for 2004". She held the International Development Research Center (IDRC, Canada) Research Chair in Nutrition for Health and Socioeconomic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (2009-2014). She is the recipient of the Sight and Life Nutrition Leadership Award for 2014. Anna Lartey was the President of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS, 2013-2017). Anna was awarded a Doctor of Science *honoris causa*, by McGill University (June 2018).

Paul Amuna, MB ChB (MD); M.Med Sci; RNutr; FRSM is a medical doctor by training, a consultant in international nutrition and public health and Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. He has over two decades of pedagogical experience and has been involved in training and capacity building in four United Kingdom (UK) Universities and worked as an external expert in a number of institutions in Europe, Africa and The Middle East. He serves on a number of boards and committees and is a Trustee of the Nutrition Society, the Learned Society for Nutrition in the UK and Ireland on which he chairs the International Affairs Committee. He is also a Trustee of the African Nutrition Society (ANS) in charge of Scientific Programmes. He also served as a Board Member of the Association for Nutrition (AfN), the professional accreditation organisation for nutritionists in the UK and Ireland from 2007 to 2013. Paul has a passion for education, training and capacity building in health and nutrition; and has undertaken research and made presentations on the subject at international conferences. He is an Advisor to the FAO on a new training module on professional training in nutrition education for Africa (ENACT). He has also been involved with WHO-AFRO on implementing tools for the management of nutritional problems in Africa including severe acute malnutrition. He has previously served on the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Task Force (Civil Society). He has particular interest in harmonisation of standards in education and training of nutritionists and workforce capacity building in developing countries to support the health sector in SUN Interventions. Paul is Principal Lecturer at the University of Greenwich in the UK where he has designed undergraduate and postgraduate training curricula and patientcentred educational tools for management of nutrition-related non-communicable disease as well as Taylor-Made continuing development courses for field workers and health professionals in developing countries. He is currently on Sabbatical at the Research Section of the Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) in Qatar where he is also faculty member and Nutritional Medicine Module Leader on the Postgraduate Community Medicine Residency Programme for Medical Specialists.

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He has been a Senior Scientist at the Italian Food and Nutrition research Institute where he was leading studies on the effects of food and nutrients on human health at the different stages of the life cycle and on the impact of public health nutrition programmes. He has been President of the Federation of the European Nutrition Societies in 2003-2007.

Dr. Branca graduated in Medicine and Surgery and specialized in Diabetology and Metabolic Diseases at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Roma and obtained a PhD in Nutrition at Aberdeen University.

Brave Ndisale is the Strategic Programme Leader of the Hunger Eradication, Food Security and Nutrition Programme (SP1) and previously served as the Deputy Director for the Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division.

Before joining FAO she served as Malawi's Ambassador to Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Switzerland, The Principality of Monaco, and as Permanent Representative to the European Union, World Trade Organization (WTO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and Rome-Based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP).

She previously held senior positions in international organizations, such as the African Union Commission and IFPRI in a variety of areas, including policy analysis, programme planning and coordination.

She holds a PhD (1991) in Agriculture and Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota and currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

David Dawe is a senior economist and strategy and policy advisor at the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Thailand. He worked previously for the Harvard Institute for International Development and the International Rice Research Institute, and has spent most of this professional career working on food policy in Asia. He has published books and research articles in the areas of trade and markets, domestic price policy, production and natural resources (fertilizer and water management, climate) and nutrition. He was formerly an editor of the journal *Global Food Security*.

Abigail Perry is currently the Senior Nutrition Adviser at the UK Department for International Development. Since joining DFID in 2011, Abi has provided leadership for DFID's nutrition policy and has provided technical support for DFID's development and humanitarian nutrition programming in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Prior to joining DFID Abi worked for several years with Save the Children UK and Action Against Hunger on nutrition policy and programming. She has also taken on research and capacity development roles with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University College London. Abi has diverse experience across a range of nutrition issues and has particular interest in data, nutrition in emergencies and the global nutrition architecture.

Luca Russo is an agricultural economist with a wide field experience, particularly in Africa. His main area of expertise is food security and resilience in protracted crises and related policy and analytical frameworks. He has published extensively on the topic.

Luca currently works at FAO as Senior Food Crises Analyst and Strategic Adviser in the Management Team tasked with overall implementation FAO Strategic Programme on Resilience, where he leads major food security and resilience related analytical works such as the Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), Early Warning for Early Action (EWEA) and the Resilience Index for Measurement and analysis (RIMA) which are particularly relevant to evidence based resilience and food security programming. Luca also leads FAO work in promoting resilience in fragile and conflicts affected contexts

Adrianus (Ad) Spijkers' career spans over three decades, dedicated to benefitting farmers in Asia and Africa. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) recognized his services by awarding the prestigious *B. R. Sen Award* (2010), for his outstanding leadership in innovative interventions towards comprehensive food security in Bangladesh as the FAO Representative (2006-2011).

He also served as the FAO Representative in Cambodia (1995-1999) and DR Congo (1999-2006). He worked as a programme officer in Vietnam and China during 1985 and 1995, lately as the Deputy FAO Representative. Before joining FAO, he worked for the University of Nijmegen and NUFFIC (Netherlands University Foundation for International Cooperation) in the Hague during 1970's, especially covering Vietnam, Cambodia and Mozambique. Early in his career, he worked in the field in Portugal.

He prompted overhauling FAO's country operations, triggered intensive interactions with government actors and partners, and launched innovative programmes in Bangladesh, Zambia, Sudan and the UAE. With support from USAID and other partners (e.g., IFPRI) under the former US Presidential *Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative (Feed the Future)*, Ad Spijkers pioneered Bangladesh's Country Investment Programme (CIP). This culminated in the creation of one of the world's largest FAO operations, generating tangible benefits for the nation during the global food, fuel and fertilizer crises.

His other notable achievements include, among others, the expansion of FAO country programmes in challenging situations like those in Vietnam (covering 40% of UNDP's then annual country budget), China (promoting innovative pest control methods), Cambodia (fighting against illegal logging) and DR Congo (persuading FAO's 'peace boats' to carry food to conflict zones).

After regular retirement (in 2011) Ad Spijkers' continued advisory engagement with FAO, including assignments in Zambia (2012), Sudan (2013) and the UAE (2014-15), where he headed the FAO Sub-Regional Office for the six GCC countries. He succeeded in creating collaborative scopes supported by unconventional sources. All along, he established close bonds and friendships with conventional donors like USAID and the EU, where results of his work have passed the test of time.

In recent years, he has advised a number of international agencies under the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), including the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in cross-country collaboration, on topics as diverse as invasive pest control, sustainable crop production (e.g., rice, cassava) and fund mobilization through private investors. These collaborations spanned the globe, covering countries like Vietnam, Cambodia, Cameroon or Nigeria. Furthermore, he supported the development of the Mekong Delta Plan in Vietnam, together with the Netherlands Cooperation.

Ad Spijkers represented FAO and other agencies in international forums in the Netherlands, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, DR Congo, France, Thailand, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Philippines, Zambia, Sudan, UAE, Italy, etc. He champions the principles of inclusive dialogue, people's participation and building multidisciplinary teams for novel interventions towards sustainable food security, natural resources management and inclusive social development.

As a retiree consultant Ad Spijkers is based in Nijmegen, the Netherlands and Hanoi, Vietnam. Born in the southern Netherlands in 1949, he did his M.A in Development Studies, Agriculture and Rural Development from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague. He is married and blessed with two grown-up children.

Sarah Walker is a development economist in the School of Economics at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. Her research broadly focuses on poverty alleviation, conflict, the economics of land use, and the interaction between culture and institutions in places such as Kenya, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Eastern Europe. Her most recent work measures the direct and indirect economic impacts of refugee inflows on host communities in Kenya, focusing on important mechanisms such as remittances and child labor. In addition to her academic position, Sarah has held consultancies with the World Bank and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR).

Ms. Karin Hulshof

UNICEF Regional Director, East Asia and the Pacific (EAPRO)

Karin Hulshof is the UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok, Thailand. She is responsible for oversight, ensuring overall policy and programme coherence and advocacy for UNICEF across the region. UNICEF has 14 country offices in the East Asia and the Pacific region: Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam, Pacific Islands (based in Fiji), Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

Ms. Hulshof has worked for UNICEF for almost 30 years. Prior to taking up her current position, she was UNICEF's Regional Director in South Asia. She has served as UNICEF Representative to India, as the Director of UNICEF's Public-sector Alliances and Resource Mobilization Office at UNICEF Headquarters in New York, and as Chief of Staff to the Executive Director in New York. She has also held field positions in Romania, Moldova, Belgium, Brazil, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Prior to her work with UNICEF, she worked at the Council of Youth Affairs and Institute of Criminology in the Netherlands.

Ms. Hulshof graduated from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands with a Master's degree in Social Science and specializations in Economics, Spanish, Cultural Anthropology and Education. She is an Honorary Fellow of the Senate of the University of Bucharest, Romania. She is University of Columbia Certified Executive Coach (2018).

Ms. Hulshof was appointed Regional Director for UNICEF in East Asia and the Pacific (EAPRO) effective 1 June 2016.

Carlo Cafiero

Carlo Cafiero is a Senior statistician with the Statistics Division at FAO, where he is in charge of food security and nutrition statistics.

At FAO, he has been responsible for the review and revision of methods to estimate the prevalence of undernourishment and managed the “Voices of the Hungry” project, which led to establishment of the Food Insecurity Experience Scale as global reference standard for measuring the severity of individual and household food insecurity.

Before joining FAO in 2011, he was a tenured professor of statistics at the graduate school of Agriculture at the University of Naples Federico II (Italy). He holds a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and a doctoral degree on Agricultural Economics and Policy from the University of Naples Federico II (Italy).

Recent publications include:

Cafiero, Viviani and Nord “Food security measurement in a global context: The food insecurity experience scale” . *Measurement*. 116(2018):146-152
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.measurement.2017.10.065>

Cafiero, Melgar-Quinonez, Ballard and Kepple “Validity and reliability of food security measures” *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. 1331(2014):230–248 <https://doi.org/10.1111/nyas.12594> *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.*

Mr. **André Laperrière** joined the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) initiative as its first Executive Director, in September 2015. During his career, Mr. Laperrière has led/managed numerous projects on behalf of large Private Corporations and subsequently, within the United Nations and the World Bank. In this context he played a senior role in the design and the implementation of major reforms within a number of agencies such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF. He has extensive work experience in the Americas, Caribbean, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, in particular in developing countries and in conflict/post conflict environments.

Before joining GODAN, Mr. Laperrière was Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Washington DC. Among other positions, he has also been the first Executive Director of the Trust Fund for Victims at the International Criminal Court (ICC), Director of the Administration and Finance Division in the World Health Organization (WHO), and Coordinator for reconstruction and rehabilitation activities under the responsibility of UNICEF in Iraq.

Prior to his career in the UN, Mr. Laperrière was Director in the International Services of Price Waterhouse. In this position, he led multiple large scale business evaluations, privatizations, mergers and structural reform projects in Europe, Africa, the Americas and Caribbean. Mr. Laperrière was born in Canada, where he completed postgraduate studies in Administration and in Industrial Relations. Mr. Laperrière is an expert in international development.

STINEKE OENEMA has been since 2016 the coordinator of the UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition. She previously worked at the Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University, and chaired the Netherlands Working Group on Nutrition, a working group of NGOs, private sector actors and knowledge institutes. She chaired the European Food Security Group, supported the development of the Global Nutrition Reports during its initial years as member of the Independent Expert Group, and was part of the Coordinating Committee of the Civil Society Mechanism for the Committee on World Food Security. From 2004-2015 she was in charge of food and nutrition security and programme development in a Dutch NGO (ICCO) and was during this period a member of the editorial board of the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch. In earlier years she worked for FAO (in Vietnam and Chile) and UNICEF (Ghana).

Matt Kovac

Executive Director

Food Industry Asia

Matt Kovac is the Executive Director at Food Industry Asia (FIA), the food industry's first regional industry platform for multinational, regional and local food & beverage companies. He reports to a non-profit board of regional CEOs from multinational food and drink companies.

Matt manages a team of 14 full-time secretariat staff based in Singapore, and is responsible for delivering impactful policy and regulatory outcomes in health & nutrition, food safety, sustainable packaging and regional trade across Asia.

He is active in APEC through the Food Safety Cooperation Forum's PTIN, a governing council member of the Global Food Safety Partnership convened by the World Bank, and works with the Asian Development Bank on a number of food safety and trade related products in the Greater Mekong Subregion. He also sits on the board of the government-backed Singapore Packaging Agreement, the supervisory council of the first public private partnership on health & nutrition for Asia known as the Asia Roundtable on Food Innovation for Improved Nutrition, and was a board member of NGO Save The Children's Corporate Advisory Council in Asia from 2016-2018.

Originally from the UK, Matt has spent 16-years in Asia living in China, Taiwan and Singapore. He holds an MBA at the UK's Lancaster University Management School. He is married with three children.

Jimmy Smith, a Canadian citizen, is director general of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), a position he assumed in October 2011. Before joining ILRI, he worked for the World Bank, in Washington, DC, where he led the Bank's Global Livestock Portfolio.

Before joining the World Bank, he held senior positions at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Still earlier in his career, Smith worked at ILRI and its predecessor, the International Livestock Centre for Africa (ILCA), where he served as the institute's regional representative for West Africa and subsequently managed the ILRI-led Systemwide Livestock Program of the CGIAR. Before his decade of work at ILCA/ILRI, Smith held senior positions in the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).

Smith, born in Guyana, is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, USA, where he completed a PhD in animal sciences. He is widely published, with more than 100 publications, including papers in refereed journals, book chapters, policy papers and edited proceedings.

Joyce Njoro, works at IFAD as the Lead Technical Specialist – Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture & Rural Development. Her main role is to lead the nutrition mainstreaming efforts at IFAD. Prior to joining IFAD in November 2017, she worked for the Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger (REACH), hosted by the World Food Programme in various capacities at global, regional and country level. Joyce has extensive experience in multi-sectoral nutrition governance; designing frameworks and policies, multi-sectoral coordination, and mainstreaming of nutrition in key sectors especially; Agriculture, Health, and Education. She has also immense experience in rural development and community-based approaches.

Joyce holds a Masters in Rural Sociology and Community Development and a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine degree, both from the University of Nairobi

Meera Shekar

Meera Shekar is an internationally recognized authority on public nutrition, and Global Lead for nutrition with the World Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice. In this capacity she provides leadership, support and policy advice on the Bank's nutrition portfolio across the spectrum of undernutrition and obesity, managing key partnerships such as the Power of Nutrition, and the Japan Trust Fund, and firmly positioning nutrition within the Global Financing Facility for RMNACH and the Bank's new initiative on Human Capital. She is also responsible for building cross-sectoral linkages with the agriculture, water and sanitation, education and social protection sectors. Over the last several years, she has led the repositioning of the nutrition agenda that led to the setup of the global Scaling-up Nutrition (SUN) initiative and was a key partner in the discussions on the Catalytic Financing Facility for Nutrition developed in partnership with the Milken Institute, that evolved into the Power of Nutrition. Meera serves on the SUN executive committee and has been one of the principals for the emerging aid-architecture for the SUN, and the G8 and G20 agenda-setting process for food security and nutrition over the last decade. She leads the global and country-level costing and financing analyses at the World Bank, she authored the first ever global Investment Framework for Nutrition, and is leading the Bank's analytics on obesity prevention. She has also worked on the demographic dividend and population and development issues.

Meera has lived and worked across the globe and has extensive policy and operational experience in India, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Vietnam, Bolivia, Guatemala, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Before joining the World Bank in 2003, she led UNICEF's Health, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation and ECD teams in Tanzania and the Philippines. Meera has a PhD in international nutrition, epidemiology and population studies from Cornell University and has consulted extensively including with JHU Population Communications Services and Population Services International. Meera has been Adjunct professor at Tufts University, USA, and a guest speaker at several G8 preparatory events including the G8 parliamentarians' conference in Canada. She serves on several advisory boards and as a commissioner for the forthcoming Lancet Commission on Obesity.

Among other publications, she is the author of the health chapter in the World Bank's flagship report entitled *eTransform Africa: the Transformational use of Information and Communication Technologies in Africa, 2012*; *Repositioning Nutrition as Central to Development, 2006*; *Scaling-up Nutrition –What will it cost? World Bank 2009*; And most recently, *An Investment Framework for Nutrition: Reaching the global Targets for Stunting, Anemia, Breastfeeding and Wasting, World Bank, 2016*.

Hideya Yamada has more than thirty years of experience in the field of food and agriculture. He has spent most of his career with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and his extensive experience includes diplomatic service at the permanent mission of Japan in Italy to the United Nations' food agencies based in Rome. Since assuming the office of vice president at JICA in 2017, he has devoted himself to designing development strategies of food security and nutrition.

Mr. Yamada received a Master of Arts in International Development Policy at Stanford University, and a Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of Tokyo.

MS. MARIA-BERNARDITA T. FLORES

Assistant Secretary of Health and Executive Director IV

National Nutrition Council

Ms. Maria-Bernardita T. Flores has a Bachelor's Degree in Community Nutrition from the University of the Philippines Diliman, a Master's Degree in Professional Studies on Food and Nutrition Planning from the University of the Philippines Los Baños, and an Applied Diploma in Administrative Management obtained at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.

She was instrumental in developing, field-testing, and refining many of the planning, monitoring and evaluation tools and guidelines for national and local nutrition planning and management, many of which are still in use today in the Philippine nutrition program. She spearheaded the formulation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), the country's response to the malnutrition problem right after the 1st International Conference in Nutrition organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the World Health Organization held in Rome.

Her career-long experience at executive positions in the National Nutrition Council was recognized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for international consultancy in nutrition under the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries Programme.

She added radio broadcasting to her skills and talents, as anchor of multi-awarded radio programs promoting good nutrition and aired through top-rating commercial radio stations as well as through the internet, and through the 45 Nutriskwela Community Radio Stations established by NNC all over the Philippines.

Under her leadership, the National Nutrition Council was awarded the Certificate to the ISO 9001:2008 Standard, which capped the celebration of NNC's 41st Anniversary last 25 June 2015. After the 1st Surveillance Audit on 5 May 2016, the NNC achieved re-certification and after the 2nd Surveillance Audit on 26 May 2017, the NNC once again gained re-certification to the ISO 9001:2008 Standard after conforming to the requirements of ISO through effective implementation of the NNC Quality Management System.

Recently, she was appointed as a new member of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Executive Committee from January 2018-December 2019.

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Per Pinstrup-Andersen is Professor Emeritus at Cornell University and Adjunct Professor at Copenhagen University. He is past Chairman of the Science Council of the CGIAR, Past President of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and past Chair of the UN High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security (HLPE). He has a B.S. from Copenhagen University, a M.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University and honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Switzerland, and India. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. He is an honorary alumnus at Copenhagen University. He has been a professor at Cornell, Copenhagen and Wageningen universities, Director General and Department Head at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Economist at Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT) in Colombia. He is the 2001 World Food Prize Laureate and the recipient of several awards for his research and communication of research results, including Danish Radio's Rosenkjærprisen and the Danish Agronomprisen. He has written more than 400 books, journal articles and other publications about agricultural, food and nutrition economics and policy and natural resource management.

Zinash Tayachew is the wife of the current Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. Proceeding to her role as the First lady, she lived in exile with her three daughters in Denver, Colorado. Zinash Tayachew was born on January 13, 1978, in the town of Gondar, Ethiopia. Gondar is a royal and ancient historical city of Ethiopia. She attended Fassilledes school and graduated in 1996. She joined the military the same year she graduates, where she met her husband, Abiy Ahmed. They married in 1993. Zinash Tayachew and Abiy Ahmed have three daughters, Deborah, Rakeb, and Amen. The couple adopted their 15 days old son Ebenezer in the month of August of 2018.

As the first lady, Zinash Tayachew pledged to work with full commitment to alleviating difficulties that children are facing in education and providing access for all school-aged children. She foresees contributing to quality education by identifying the challenges of the sector. Her main initiatives as a First Lady are nutrition, mental health, woman economic empowerment and protection of the most vulnerable. As the mother of the nation, Zinash is committed to delivering successfully on her initiative through local professional support in each effort.

Apart from these initiatives, First Lady Zinash Tayachew works with compassion with the disabled and special needs community in donating adaptive pieces of equipment and assisting them with their needs. She is committed to building high schools in remote areas where only elementary schools exist. First Lady Zinash has become a hope for so many. She is humbly delighted to make a difference.