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BIOGRAPHIES

MODERATOR:



Ms. Femi Oke
Al Jazeera Journalist

Femi Oke is an international broadcaster, journalist and writer. She's currently based in Washington D.C. where she works for Al Jazeera English, curates for the social media organization Upworthy and blogs at therealfemioke.com.

Femi's work has been recognized by The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Communications Agency and InterAction.

Since the 1980's she has worked for BBC television and radio, all the UK terrestrial television networks, CNN and US public radio. You can catch Femi's latest television venture on Al Jazeera English from May 6th.

SPEAKERS:



H.E. Mr. Christian Friis Bach
Minister for Development Cooperation
Denmark

H.E. Mr. Christian Friis Bach is the current Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, a position he has held since October 2011. Mr. Bach is the Member of Parliament for the Social Liberal Party in North Zealand greater constituency.

Mr. Bach has a PhD (international economics) and MSc (agronomy) from the Royal Danish Agricultural University and a supplementary degree in journalism at the Danish School of Journalism.

Previously, Mr. Bach was Special adviser to EU Commissioner Connie Hedegaard, UN Global Sustainability Panel and Special delegate to the World Bank (International Trade Division). He was also CEO of ViewWorld ApS and International Director, DanChurchAid. Mr. Bach formerly lectured in international economics and development economics at the University of Copenhagen.



Ms. Yoka Brandt
Deputy Executive Director
UNICEF

Yoka Brandt joined UNICEF in February, 2012 as the Deputy Executive Director for External Affairs. She brings over 20 years of experience in international assistance and humanitarian emergency response.

Prior to joining UNICEF, Ms. Brandt served as Director General for International Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands since 2008, prior to which she was Deputy Director-General. She also held an appointment to the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), established by the General Assembly.

Ms. Brandt has also served as Ambassador of the Netherlands to Uganda (2004–2007) and Eritrea (2000–2004). Prior to that, she had worked for the Netherlands Development Organization as Regional Director for West and Central Africa, and in the field offices in Kenya and Uganda.

Throughout her career, Ms. Brandt has focused on development issues with a focus on Africa and advocacy for poverty eradication.

Ms. Brandt is a national of The Netherlands, and holds a master's degree in Geography and Development from Utrecht University.



Dr. Sharad Sapra
Representative
UNICEF Uganda

Dr. Sharad Sapra has served as UNICEF Representative in Uganda since August 2009.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Sapra was Director of Division of Communication at the UNICEF Headquarters in New York, a position he had held since 2004. Dr. Sapra also served as UNICEF Representative in Afghanistan from November 2002.

Dr. Sapra joined UNICEF in July 1983 as a consultant in the area of Programme Management in New Delhi, India. He continued in this capacity until his appointment as Assistant Project Officer, Health, in March 1985. In February 1988, Dr. Sapra transferred to Male, Maldives to work in the Programme Section as Project Officer until July 1989 when he became Assistant UNICEF Representative. In 1990, Dr. Sapra transferred to New York to assist with the global monitoring, evaluation and programme support to field offices until he transferred to UNICEF Dhaka as Senior Programme and Planning Officer.

In 1997, he was appointed UNICEF Representative in Iran. In 1999, Dr. Sapra transferred as Chief of Operations in the Operation Lifeline Sudan (OLS) programme in Nairobi, Kenya until November 2002. In February 2002, the Executive Director requested Dr. Sapra to co-ordinate the implementation of the Afghanistan Back-to-School Programme, which resulted in over 3 million children enrolling in schools in Afghanistan.

Prior to joining UNICEF, Dr. Sapra was involved with the preparation of project proposals for Amar Jyoti Trust in New Delhi, India (1982-1983). He also researched the effect of immunization in communities for the Indian Council of Medical Research (1980-1982).

Dr. Sapra is a national of India. After completing his Degree in Medicine and Surgery, he obtained a post-graduate degree in Preventive and Social Medicine from the Jiwaji University, Gwalior, India in 1982.



Mr. Ted Dintersmith
Venture Capitalist
Partner Emeritus
Charles River Ventures

After a twenty-five year career in venture capital, Ted Dintersmith is now focused on issues at the intersection of innovation and education. Ted is currently serving as part of the delegation representing the United States at the United Nations General Assembly, where he is focused on global education and entrepreneurship.

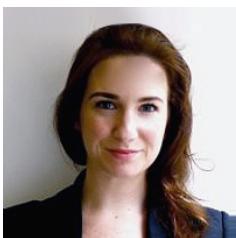
Ted is a Partner Emeritus with Charles River Ventures, a leading early-stage venture capital firm. He has twenty-five years of venture experience, focusing on software, information services, direct and web-based marketing, and publishing companies.

He has been an early, active investor in numerous successful start-ups including ten that went public and seventeen profitable acquisitions. Ted has served on the Board of Directors for the National Venture Capital Association, chairing its Public Policy Committee, and spearheading the organization's National Competitiveness Initiative. Independent industry analysts ranked Ted as the top-performing venture capitalist in the United States for the 1995-99 period.

Prior to venture capital, he was a senior executive at Analog Devices, and worked for two years on Capitol Hill on science and technology policy. Ted earned a Ph.D. in Engineering from Stanford University, and his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary..

Ted has been on the Board of many non-profits, including the Endowment of the College of William and Mary, the College of Charleston Foundation, the Spoleto Festival, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Boston Lyric Opera, the Alumni Board of the College of William and Mary, the African Leadership Academy, and the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship.

About Charles River Ventures: Founded in 1970, Charles River Ventures is one of the nation's oldest and most successful early-stage venture capital firms with approximately \$2.1 billion under management. CRV is dedicated to helping exceptional entrepreneurs turn their ideas into the next category leaders in high growth technology and media sectors. Over the past 20 years, CRV funds have been ranked among the industry's top performers. CRV has offices in Boston, MA and Menlo Park, CA. For more information visit <http://www.crv.com/>.



Ms. Kristen Titus
Executive Director
Girls Who Code

Kristen Titus is the Executive Director of *Girls Who Code*, leading the organization's work to close the gender gap in technology and engineering. She is a former consultant to nonprofit organizations, foundations, and corporate partners working at the intersection of philanthropy and technology, and the former Managing Director of Jumo.com, the social network for the social sector from Facebook Co-Founder Chris Hughes.

Kristen helped to launch Jumo in 2010, where she led the organization's programming and product development, fundraising, communications and operations. She sits on the Board of Doc2Dock and is an Advisor at Crisis Text Line and NonprofitShare.

Kristen was recently named by Forbes on a list of “Women Changing the World of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics”.

About Girls who Code: Launched in Spring 2012, *Girls Who Code* is a national nonprofit organization working to educate, inspire, and equip young women (13- to 17-year-old girls) with the skills and resources to pursue academic and career opportunities in computing fields. *Girls Who Code*'s vision is to reach gender parity in computing fields. *Girls Who Code* believes this is paramount to ensure the economic prosperity of women, families, and communities across the globe, and to equip citizens with the 21st century tools for innovation and social change. *Girls Who Code* believes that more girls exposed to computer science at a young age will lead to more women working in the technology and engineering fields.

The U.S. Department of Labor projects that by 2020, there will be 1.4 million computer specialist job openings. To reach gender parity by 2020, women must fill half of these positions, or 700,000 computing jobs. Anecdotal data tells us that an average of 30% of those students with exposure to computer science will continue in the field. This means that 4.6M adolescent girls will require some form of exposure to computer science education to realize gender parity in 2020. Girls Who Code has set out to reach 25% of those young women needed to realize gender parity.

Girls Who Code aims to provide computer science education and exposure to 1 million young women by 2020. Together with leading educators, engineers, and entrepreneurs, *Girls Who Code* has developed a new model for computer science education, pairing intensive instruction in robotics, web design, and mobile development with high-touch mentorship and exposure led by the industry's top female engineers and entrepreneurs. In its inaugural program, *Girls Who Code* empowered young women from New York City's five boroughs and will launch programs in New York, Detroit, San Francisco, and San Jose in 2013. For more information visit <http://www.girlswhocode.com>.



**Ms. Josephine Bourne
Associate Director Education
Programme Division
UNICEF**

Josephine (Jo) Bourne is the Associate Director of the Education Section in Programme Division in UNICEF. Jo Bourne's career has been guided by a passion to enable children – especially children living in the poorest countries in the world - to reach their full potential through access to good quality education.

Initially training as a primary school teacher, Jo worked in a Chinese teacher training college as a volunteer with Voluntary Service Overseas, and has taught primary age children in the UK and in China. After completing an MA in Education and International Development, she joined the UK Department for International Development. Overseas postings allowed her to work on education programmes in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Uganda (with the European Commission) and Rwanda. Much of her work in these countries concentrated on working with national governments to develop, implement and monitor ambitious education strategies, whilst working simultaneously with key development partners to jointly finance education strategies – and strengthen accountability for results. Jo also held several positions at DFID's London Headquarters, playing a leading role in shaping the organization's education policy, and strengthening technical capacity.

Jo became UNICEF's Associate Director for Education in February 2013. She is looking forward to working with UNICEF's extensive global network to accelerate work on equity in education (especially girls' education), put learning at the heart of all UNICEF's education programmes, and explore how innovation (including, but not only technology) might contribute to improving educational opportunities for children.