

BIOGRAPHIES

BUILDING RESILIENT SOCIO-AGRICULTURAL FOOD SYSTEMS: THE KEY TO NUTRITION

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MS. CRISTINA DUARTE

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa

Ms. Cristina Duarte is the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa and UnderSecretary-General of OSAA since 1 August 2020. She is the strategic adviser to the Secretary-General on African Affairs, the focal point in UNHQ for relations with the AUDA-NEPAD as well as the African Group with regard to Africa's development. As the head of OSAA, she supports the Secretary-General in promoting coherence in the UN system's engagement in Africa and chairs the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs (IDTFAA), and advocates and mobilizes the United Nations, its Member States and other key stakeholders around Africa's transformative vision articulated in the 2030 and 2063 Agendas.

Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Duarte served as Cape Verde's Minister of Finance and Planning for 10 years. She has also served as Director of a World Bank reform program and Vice President of Citibank giving her a valuable exposure on the functioning of international finance systems. When Mrs. Duarte left Government in 2016, she was invited to governance and advisory positions in various international and regional organizations; namely, Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Member of the United Nations High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, a Member of President Paul Kagame's Advisory Committee on African Union Reforms, a Member of the Board of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and a Member of the Board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development (UONGOZI Institute). Mrs. Duarte is committed to public service.



DR. AGNES KALIBATA

President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

Dr. Kalibata joined AGRA as its President in September 2014. She leads the organization's efforts with public and private partners to ensure a food secure and prosperous Africa through rapid, inclusive, sustainable agricultural growth, improving the productivity and livelihoods of millions of smallholder farmers in Africa.

Under Dr. Kalibata's leadership, AGRA is working to increase the incomes and improve food security for 30 million farming households in 11 African countries by 2021 through targeted investments to strengthen 3 core areas: State capability and policies; input delivery systems in agriculture; and partnerships for inclusive agricultural growth

Prior to joining AGRA, Dr. Kalibata was Rwanda's Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) from 2008 to 2014, where she drove programs that moved

her country to food security helping to lift more than a million Rwandans out of poverty.

Dr. Kalibata sits on various boards, councils and commissions including the Global Commission on Adaptation, the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum, the Malabo-Montpellier Panel, the Food and Land Use (FOLU) Coalition, the Architecture for REDD + Transactions (ART), the International Fertilizer Development Corporation (IFDC), Bioversity International, and Africa Risk Capacity, among others.

She has a distinguished record of accomplishment as an agricultural scientist, policy maker and thought leader. She served as the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2021 Food Systems Summit, accelerating action to transform food systems around the world to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. She was also awarded the Yara Prize, now the Africa Food Prize, in 2012, Honorary Doctorate from the University of Liège in 2018, and the National Academy of Sciences' Public Welfare Medal in 2019 for her work to drive Africa's agricultural transformation through modern sciences and effective policy thereby improving livelihoods of stallholder farmers. She holds a doctorate in Entomology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



DR. GODFREY BAHIGWA

Director, DARBE, African Union Commission

Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, a Ugandan national, is the Director of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development (AUC-DARBE). In this role, he leads the efforts to develop and promote continental policies, frameworks, and programs that contribute to agricultural transformation and rural development in line with the African Union's Agenda 2063. Over the last 20 years, he has worked with national and international research organizations such as the Secretariat for the Programme for Modernisation of Agriculture and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and has been actively involved in food and agricultural policy both as a researcher and a practitioner. Bahigwa holds a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master's degree in agricultural and applied economics from the University of Minnesota.



DR BEKELE SHIFERAW

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Dr Bekele Shiferaw leads evaluations and major studies in Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change at the World Bank Group. Dr Shiferaw is a Development and Resource Economist with wide experience in research, impact evaluation and analysis of policies in agriculture, environment and climate change.

Dr. Shiferaw has worked in international research and development for over 20 years in various capacities, including the position of Executive Director of the Partnership for Economic Policy, Director of the Socio-Economics Program at CIMMYT and Senior and Principal Economist at ICRISAT. He has provided technical and strategic leadership for several major international initiatives related to sustainable food systems; agribusiness and inclusive value chains; environment and natural resources; valuation of ecosystem services; climate change - mitigation, adaptation and

resilience; youth employment; green growth and resilient economies. He has won numerous awards and grants from major donors and published over 150 studies in professional journals, books and others.



DR LAWRENCE HADDAD

Executive Director GIAN (Global Alliance for Nutrition) -2018 World Food Prize Laureate (Nutrition)

Dr Lawrence Haddad is GAIN's Executive Director since 2016. In this capacity, since 2020 and up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit that took place on 23 September, Dr Haddad chaired Action Track 1 to ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all. He is also the co-convenor of the Standing Together for Nutrition. Prior to GAIN, Lawrence was the founding co-chair and lead author of the Global Nutrition Report from 2014 to 2016. From 2004 to 2014, Lawrence was the Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), the world's leading development studies institute. Before joining IDS in 2004, he was Director of the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) from 1994 to 2004. From 2009 to 2010, he was the UK representative on the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CSF). From 2010 to 2012, he was the President of the UK and Ireland's Development Studies Association. An economist, Lawrence completed his PhD in Food Research at Stanford University in 1988.

In June 2018, the World Food Prize Foundation awarded the 2018 World Food Prize to Lawrence Haddad, and David Nabarro, former Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General. Announcing the award - Ambassador Quinn, World Food Prize President - cited the recipients for their "extraordinary intellectual and policy leadership in bringing maternal and child nutrition to the forefront of the global food security agenda and thereby significantly reducing childhood stunting."



DR. ROBERT BERTRAM

Director, Office of Agriculture, Research and Technology, USAID

Dr Rob Bertram is the Chief Scientist in USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, where he serves as a key adviser on a range of technical and program issues to advance global food security and nutrition. In this role, he leads USAID's evidence-based efforts to advance research, technology and implementation in support of the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative, Feed the Future.

He previously served as Director of the Office of Agricultural Research and Policy in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, which leads implementation of the Feed the Future research strategy and related efforts to scale innovations in global food security efforts, working with a range of partners. Prior to that, he guided USAID investments in agriculture and natural resources research for many years.

Dr. Bertram's academic background in plant breeding and genetics includes degrees from University of California, Davis, the University of Minnesota and

the University of Maryland. He also studied international affairs at Georgetown University and was a visiting scientist at Washington University in St. Louis. He has been especially active in plant genetic resources policy as it relates to research for development, including applications of biotechnology in food security-related research.

Before coming to USAID, he served with USDA's international programs as well as overseas with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) system.



JIMMY SMITH
Director General, ILRI

Jimmy Smith (Canada) joined ILRI as Director General in October 2011. He has considerable experience in livestock research for development as a CGIAR scientist and in multi and bi lateral donor agencies. He worked for the World Bank leading the Bank's Global Livestock Portfolio and held senior positions at the Canadian International Development Agency (now Global Affairs Canada). Earlier in his career, he worked at ILRI and its predecessor, the International Livestock Centre for Africa where he led a regional program and a systemwide initiative on livestock. He has a wide pan African experience and networks across countries and institutions.



H.E. MS. FATIMA KYARI MOHAMMED
Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations

Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed is the Permanent Observer of the AU to the UN. Prior to her appointment she was Senior Special Advisor to the ECOWAS Commission. Her career spans over 2 decades with a focus on peace, security, socio-economic development, regional integration, organizational development, and project management, both in the public and private sectors.

Her thematic expertise includes: Peace & Security, Conflict Prevention & Transformation, Gender, Regional Integration, and Socio-Economic Development. She is also the Founder of the LikeMinds Project, a non-profit, non-partisan Organisation working with vulnerable communities in Nigeria. The organization works with displaced communities from Northeast Nigeria particularly Women and children and youth empowerment.

Her academic background is in Peace, Security, Development and Conflict Transformation (University of Innsbruck, Austria), Sustainable Economic Development (UN University of Peace, Costa Rica), and Business Communication (MBA, European University, Switzerland). She also holds a BA in Environmental Design from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. In addition to English she speaks fluent French, Hausa, and Kanuri and has a basic knowledge of Arabic and Spanish.

In her spare time she enjoys painting, photography, travelling and learning about different countries and cultures, and engaging in community development activities.

Some of her publications and articles include: *The Future of Nigeria: Security Challenges and Implications for Internal, Regional, and Global Security Environment* (Revue Défense Nationale, Summer 2016); "A Human Security & Development Approach to CVE in Northeast Nigeria: Exploring the Role of Women" (August 2015); "Climate Change, Human Security and Violent Conflict: Challenges for Sustainable Peace in the Lake Chad (June 2014);"Engaging Private Sector Corporations in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding through Corporate Social Responsibility: A Case study of Northern Nigeria" (September, 2013);"Security and Development in Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) in the Sahel - Case study: Northern Nigeria" (May 2013); "Women as Drivers of Economic Recovery and Development in the Sahel Region" HD Centre/EU- UNWOMEN Discussion paper (April 2013); "Regional Security Lessons from the Attack on Algeria's In Amenas Gas Plant" - USIP, Olive Branch (January 2013); "Nigeria: Fuel Subsidy Removal and the National Crisis" Peace and Conflict Monitor (March 2012);"Parliamentary Oversight of the Security Sector in West Africa: Opportunities and Challenges - Case Study of ECOWAS" (2005); "Oiling Violence: The Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Niger Delta" - FES (2005).