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Khalid Bomba is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA). The Agency is an initiative of the Government of Ethiopia, established by federal regulation to promote agricultural sector transformation in Ethiopia by identifying solutions to systemic bottlenecks in key program areas. Prior to joining the ATA, Khalid worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where he developed and managed grants in the agriculture sector. Prior to that, Khalid served as the Regional Director for Africa at the Global eSchools and Communities Initiative, an organization founded by the United Nations ICT Task Force. He has also held senior level and executive positions in various public and private sector institutions and began his career at JP Morgan, where he spent ten years as an investment banker working on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and sovereign debt issues in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

Khalid received his BA from Swarthmore College in the United States and his MSc from the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom.



ENDAH MURNININGTYAS

Endah Murniningtyas was Co-Chair of Independent Global Scientist for Global Sustainable Development Report 2019 appointed by UN Secretary General (2017-2019), that was launched September 2019. She worked for Ministry for National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) for more than 30 years, and her last position was Deputy Minister for Maritime and Natural Resources. She

has experiences in the area of food and agriculture, and poverty reduction policies in Indonesia. During her last position, she led Indonesia on tackling global issues such as climate change, (national and sub-national) for 2020 and related activities in this area.

During SDGs formulations, she represented the Government of Indonesia in the Open Working Group for Agenda 2030. She graduated from Bogor Agriculture University for her undergraduate, and continued her Master (Oregon State University) and Ph.D (Colorado State University) in the United State.



KEIRA HAVENS

Pivot Bio helps farmers reduce agriculture-related water and air pollution while achieving top-end yield by using nitrogen-fixing microbes to displace synthetic nitrogen. By harnessing the innate capability of the soil microbiome to provide nitrogen and other key nutrients that crops need, Pivot Bio is rapidly bringing innovative tools to market for a productive and profitable agricultural system that protects our shared resources. As Sustainability and Public Affairs Manager at Pivot Bio, Keira Havens determines and communicates the impact of well designed, elegant biological solutions that transform conventional assumptions about the agricultural system, starting with the industry's first sustainable nitrogen-producing microbe for corn.



LYDIA SASU

Born into a farming family in Ghana, Mrs. Sasu has been involved in agriculture from an early age. She is a successful small-scale farmer, an expert and rural women advocate for women in agriculture, and a skilled trainer and educator. She has won awards for her contributions to advancements in farming in food security.

Ms. Sasu worked for the Ghanaian Ministry of Food and Agriculture in the Department of Women in Agriculture for several years and helped coordinate the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Freedom from Hunger Campaign/Action for Development project. Under Mrs. Sasu's leadership, project beneficiaries decided to create a coalition to continue the anti-hunger campaign and in 1999 the Development Action Association (DAA) was formed. Since its creation, Ms. Sasu has served as the Executive Director of this grassroots, women-led organization that works to empower rural farmers across Ghana. In her CEO capacity, Mrs. Sasu was invited to attend the FAO World Food Summit five years later in 2002, leading her to join forces with male farmer allies and other stakeholders to create a national farmer's platform in Ghana, the Farmers Organizations Network in Ghana (FONG). FONG is a member of ROPPA (small scale farmers Organisation). With rural women at the forefront of her work, Mrs. Sasu also initiated and organized World Rural Women's Day celebration in Ghana for the purposes of bringing rural women together to share best practices and lessons learned for food security and make their voices heard. Under her leadership as an Executive Director, DAA is currently operating as one of the eight partners for USAID – Sustainable Fisheries Management Programme (SFMP) which aims rebuilding targeted marine fisheries stock in



JEFFREY D. SACHS

Jeffrey D. Sachs is a University Professor and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he directed the Earth Institute from 2002 until 2016. He is also Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and a commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development. He has been advisor to three United Nations Secretaries-General, and currently serves as an SDG Advocate under Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. He spent over twenty years as a professor at Harvard University, where he received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. He has authored numerous bestseller books. His most book recent is *A New Foreign Policy: Beyond American Exceptionalism* (2018).

Sachs was twice named as *Time* magazine's 100 most influential world leaders, and was ranked by *The Economist* among the top three most influential living economists.



ALEXANDRE VARELLA

Alexandre Varella was born in South Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul State. Varella got his undergraduate on Agronomy and a Master degree (M.Sc.) on Forage Plants at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in South Brazil. In addition, Varella got a Ph.D. degree on Plant Science at the Lincoln University, New Zealand, with the emphasis on modelling light environment and pasture growth under agroforestry systems. He developed a post doctoral research at the same University and at the Plant and Food Research Ltd in New Zealand. Dr. Varella is a senior scientist at the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA) and worked at the South Animal Husbandry Research Unit in Brazil from 2005 to 2019. As a scientist, his work has focused on screening and managing shaded tolerant forage plants for silvipastoral systems as well as modelling pasture growth under shaded environments. From 2006 and 2009, Varella worked as the Leader of R&D group at the EMBRAPA Research Unit in South Brazil. Afterwards, Varella held the position of the General Administrator at the same Research Unit from 2011 to 2019. Currently, he is the Coordinator of EMBRAPA LABEX Program (Virtual Laboratory in Overseas) which is based at the U.S. Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) in Beltsville. His main duty is to promote scientific cooperation between EMBRAPA and other international scientific related institutions.



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Special Advisor to the Cabo Verde's Minister of Agriculture and Environment .

She is Caboverdian, and she completed her studies at Timiriezev Academy in Moscow, where she got a master's degree in agronomy.

During her 27-year career in Cabo Verde she has worked at the agricultural sector as a responsible for technical services linked to agricultural production, as a coordinator of several projects for Agricultural Development, and from 2011 to 2015 she was a national resident consultant of the United Nation Programme on “Support for Food Security and School Nutrition” project.

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