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Global Policy Dialogue Series

**Advancing equitable livelihoods in food systems:
a UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue**
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Speaker Biographies

Introductory remarks



Michelle Nunn, President and CEO of CARE USA; chairperson of the UN Food Systems Summit Action Track 4: Advance Equitable Livelihoods and Value Distribution

Since July 2015, Michelle Nunn has been president and CEO of CARE USA, a leading humanitarian organization that fights global poverty and provides lifesaving assistance in emergencies. In the last fiscal year, CARE worked in 100 countries and directly reached nearly 70 million people.

Nunn took the helm of CARE in 2015 and is spearheading an ambitious strategy to support 200 million of the world's most vulnerable people to overcome poverty and social injustice by 2030. Under Nunn's leadership, CARE has invested in innovative new programs and partnerships with private corporations and other nonprofits to increase its impact. Since assuming leadership of CARE, Nunn has set a goal of increasing CARE's micro-savings program from 7 million participants to 60 million participants by 2028. Before joining CARE, Nunn had built a career of civic and public service as a social entrepreneur, a nonprofit CEO, and a candidate for the U.S. Senate. She co-founded the volunteer-mobilization organization Hands On Atlanta and expanded it from a single entity to a national network of more than 50 affiliates. Nunn oversaw that group's merger with Points of Light, creating the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service, with affiliates across the globe engaging more than 70,000 corporations and nonprofit organizations. Nunn served as Points of Light CEO from 2007 to 2013.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia, Nunn majored in history with a minor in religion and earned her master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She also received a Kellogg Fellowship to study faith and social justice in more than a dozen countries, from Peru to Namibia to Jordan. Nunn currently lives in Atlanta with her husband, Ron Martin, and their two children, Vinson and Elizabeth.



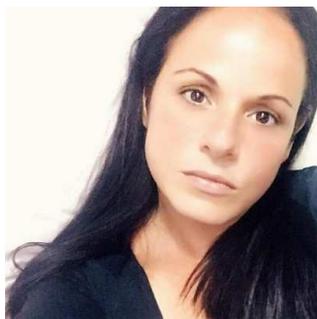
Marie Haga, Associate Vice President of the External Relations and Governance Department at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UN Anchor Organization for Food Summit Action Track 4

Marie Haga is Associate Vice-President of the External Relations and Governance Department at IFAD. She is responsible for communications, global engagement, partnerships, and resource mobilization, as well as overseeing the relations with IFAD's 177 Member States. Haga has extensive experience in conservation, food security, foreign affairs and politics. Prior to her role with IFAD, she was the Executive Director of the Global Crop Diversity Trust since March 2013.

Haga served with Norway's Foreign Service holding various positions in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the Norwegian Mission to the United Nations in New York and the Embassy in New Delhi. She held the position of State Secretary/Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1997-1999.

Haga's political career includes serving as a Member of Parliament in Norway from 2001-2009. She also held three ministerial positions: Minister of Cultural Affairs (1999–2000), Minister of Local Government and Regional Development (2005–2007) and Minister of Petroleum and Energy (2007–2008).

Panel 1: The impact of COVID-19 and population movement on food system livelihoods



Moderator: Daphne Ewing-Chow, Senior Contributor, Forbes

Daphne Ewing-Chow is a well-known and widely published journalist and food systems activist with a passion for agriculture, food and the environment. She is a Senior Contributor with Forbes.com and has written for a wide number of global publications including The New York Times, The Sunday Times (London) and the International Monetary Fund (Finance & Development Magazine). As a Senior Contributor with Forbes in the areas of food, agriculture and the environment, she focuses on development issues primarily through the lens of food systems. As a communications specialist and food systems expert, Daphne has managed communications for climate change projects at the Food and Agriculture Organization, one of which is ongoing, and recently judged the \$3 million Zayed Sustainability Prize in the United Arab Emirates as well as the Rockefeller Foundation's \$2 million Food System Vision Prize for which she now serves as a mentor. Daphne currently heads up a team of journalists at Loop News in the Cayman Islands

and was the former Editor in Chief of Living Barbados Magazine. She also served as President of Thomvest Ventures Limited between 2012 and 2017. Daphne holds a master's degree in International Affairs with a specialty in International Economic Policy from Columbia University in New York.



Izabella Teixeira, Former Minister of Environment, Brazil, member of the UN High-level Advisory Board for Economic and Social Affairs

Izabella Teixeira is the former Minister (2010-2016) at the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment. During her career, Teixeira was the Environmental Analyst of the Ministry of Environment (1984-2016), the Undersecretary for the Environment, Chief of Staff, Task Leader of the Clean-up Program of the Guanabara Bay of Rio de Janeiro State, Secretary for the Environment (2006-2008), the Deputy Minister of the Environment of Brazil (2008-2009), the Executive Director of New Tracks Environment and Development Consultancy (since 2017), the Senior Fellow for Land Use and Climate Change of Brazilian Center for International Relations – CEBRI (since 2017), the Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel – IRP/UNEP (since 2017). Teixeira has international expertise as the Head of the Brazilian Delegation on negotiations of the Paris Agreement of the UN Convention on Climate Change, Member of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability of UN's Secretary General, Member of the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda of UN's Secretary General, Key leader of Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, Head of the Brazilian Delegation on negotiations of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Head of the Brazilian Delegation on negotiations of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and of BASIC countries (Brazil, South Africa, India and China). Teixeira has a Ph.D. and M.Sc. in Energy Planning from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She was awarded the Champions of the World award for Policy Leadership of the United Nations Environment Program (2013). She has been a member of the UN High-level Advisory Board for Economic and Social Affairs since 2018.



Endah Murniningtyas, former Deputy Minister for National Resources and Environment at the Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) of Republic of Indonesia; co-chair of the Independent Group of Scientists that prepared the 2019 Global Sustainable Development Report

Until May 2016, Endah Murniningtyas was Deputy Minister for National Resources and Environment at the Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) of Republic of Indonesia. She was the Indonesian Representative at the Open Working Group on SDGs at the UN. She has been working at BAPPENAS for over 30 years in the area of natural resources, economics, and poverty, and has been a frequent lecturer at Bogor Agricultural Institute. She frequently speaks at international conferences on development

plans, SDGs and poverty reduction. She is an active board member of Perhimpunan Ekonomi Pertanian Indonesia (Perhepi), and also a member of the Long-Term Development Planning Study and Strategic Planning Team of BAPPENAS. She graduated with a BSc in Agricultural Economics and Social from Bogor Agricultural Institute in 1984, graduated with an MSc in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Oregon State University in 1989, and was awarded a PhD from Colorado State University in 2000 for studies in Agricultural and Resource Economics.



John Wilmoth, Director of the UN DESA Population Division

John Wilmoth took up his position as the tenth Director of the UN DESA Population Division on 2 January 2013. He comes to DESA from a distinguished academic career, lastly as Professor at the Department of Demography of the University of California at Berkeley. He has also previously served in the Population Division as Chief of the Mortality Section from 2005 to 2007. Wilmoth is the author or co-author of more than 50 scientific papers examining various aspects of population dynamics and population issues, including the causes of the historical decline of human mortality, prospects for future trends in life expectancy, the impact of population ageing on public pension and healthcare systems, popular perceptions of population growth and its consequences, and methodologies for estimating and projecting demographic trends. He has also served as a consultant to the World Health Organization and the World Bank from 2009 to 2012, leading the development of new global estimates of maternal mortality. He is a member of the Population Association of America and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. He also serves on the editorial boards of some leading demographic journals including *Demographic Research* and the *European Journal of Population*.

[Panel 2: Sustainable rural development to ensure better food livelihoods](#)



Ibrahima Hathie, Research Director for the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR Senegal), and member of the Independent Group of Scientists preparing the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report

Dr. Ibrahima Hathie is currently the Deputy Chief of Party and Policy Director of the Feed the Future Policy Systems Services project in Senegal, a USAID-funded project focusing on agricultural policy and reform. He is also a distinguished fellow at IPAR and a member of the Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) for the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR). Dr. Hathie was IPAR's Research Director from 2011 to 2020. His research focuses mainly on agricultural performance, climate change, youth employment and the Sustainable Development Goals. He was the Africa regional coordinator of Southern Voice for the Post 2015 development agenda from 2013 to 2018. He

has also served as a Professor at the National School of Applied Economics (ENEA, Senegal) from 1992 to 2009 where he assumed the position of Director of studies and fieldwork from 2004 to 2007. From 2009 to 2011, he was a value chain manager at the USAID Economic Growth Project in Senegal with a focus on a business approach to food security. Ibrahima Hathie holds a PhD and MSc in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Connecticut, USA.



Hellen Akinyi Onyango, Crop Aggregator, Farm to Market Alliance

Hellen Akinyi Onyango is a young leading cereal grain aggregator in Western Kenya, primarily based in Homa-Bay County but with a reach to parts of Migori and Kisumu Counties which border Homa-Bay County. She supports small-scale grain producers in the region to apply market-led information and technology to grow cereals for definite markets. She is a procurement specialist with a first degree in Procurement. She is passionate about applying her skills and knowledge in supply chain management to assist small-scale cereal producers access grain markets with ease and leverage their advantages to obtain fair prices for their grain.

Onyango is actively mentoring a youth group, FAIR PRICE YOUTH, to assist young people in obtaining gainful employment and at the same time honing their skills in enterprise development and entrepreneurship in order to make meaningful contribution to the Kenyan economy. Her vision for the food value chain include interventions in value addition for the varied locally produced semi-commercial crops to infuse food security at the basic home level and to create value that will be monetized to benefit the local producers. Her interests in the crop value chain crops are sorghum, soybeans, cassava, sweet potato and maize.



Loay Radwan, Co-founder of G-Beetle, and UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals, 2020 class

Loay Radwan has always been a devout believer that people should be there for each other – this is why he has built himself up to be a pillar of support for everyone around him. At a young age, he started noticing the various environmental issues that were present in his community. He thus decided to dedicate his life to taking action and changing this world into a better place. For this purpose, he chose a career in Environmental Engineering, which allowed him to start his journey of activism, winning various competitions along the way. This led him to represent the Egyptian and African youth at the Youth Climate Action Summit last year and gave him the chance to speak to the world leaders about the climate crisis.

Currently, Radwan is co-founding a startup, G-Beetle, which aims to help farmers adapt with the aftermath of climate change and save water. His main motive is to provide people with a better quality of life and help make a change towards a prospering Earth. He aspires to become a renowned entrepreneur and dedicate his career towards solving environmental challenges.



Antonella Cordone, Senior Technical Specialist on Nutrition and Social Inclusion, IFAD

Antonella Cordone has worked at IFAD since 1999. She joined the Nutrition Social Inclusion team in July 2018. From January 2007 to July 2018, Antonella was responsible for the IFAD Desk of Indigenous Peoples. In her current role, she has been providing technical support to operations on nutrition-sensitive projects and social inclusion. She managed the organization of international events and regional trainings and coordinated publication of knowledge products and guidelines. She is been managing several grants with research Centers and Universities and most recently managing the USD\$6 million NORAD project to mainstream nutrition at IFAD.

In her previous function as Senior Technical Specialist, Indigenous Peoples, she led on the approval of the IFAD Policy on Engagement with IPs (2009), and its implementation. She established the Indigenous Peoples Forum at IFAD in 2011, a unique Forum solidly institutionalizing IFAD's dialogue with IPs. She established and managed the IFAD multi-country Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF), a dedicated facility financing small projects directly to IPs' communities and their organizations. She developed a How to do Note on seeking Free, Prior and Informed Consent in IFAD-funded projects, and represented IFAD in international processes, fora and conferences and lectured in several Italian Universities.

Cordone holds a master's degree in international cooperation and project design and a master's degree in foreign literature and languages from the University of Rome La Sapienza (cum laude). She specialized in social inclusion and participatory approaches (PRA/PLA) in rural communities. She feels privileged to have had the opportunity to do a job that she considers a mission and that combines her professional skills with her values to contribute to reduce poverty, inequalities and malnutrition, which she considers great injustice for humanity.