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## INTRODUCTORY SESSION: STATING THE ISSUES

## Chair


**NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA** (COORDINATING MINISTER FOR THE ECONOMY AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, NIGERIA)

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala currently serves as Nigeria's Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Minister of Finance. Prior to this appointment, she served as Managing Director of The World Bank Group. Dr Okonjo-Iweala founded NOI-Gallup polls, an indigenous Nigerian opinion research organisation, and co-founded the Makeda Fund - a fledgling fund to invest in African women entrepreneurs. She is a Distinguished Fellow of the Brookings Institution. She had previously served first as Finance Minister and subsequently as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria 2003-2006. In both positions, she was notably the first woman to hold either position in the country. She is a recipient of numerous awards and honours including the Gold Medal award by the President of the Italian Republic and the Pio Manzù Centre.

## Speakers


**PASCAL LAMY** (DIRECTOR GENERAL, WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION)

Pascal Lamy has been Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since September 2005. He began his career at the French Inspection Générale des Finances and at the Treasury. He then became an advisor to the Finance Minister Jacques Delors, and subsequently to Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. From 1985 to 1994, Pascal Lamy was Chief of Staff for the President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, and G7 Sherpa. In November 1994, he joined the team in charge of rescuing the French bank, Credit Lyonnais, and later became CEO of the bank until its privatisation in 1999. Between 1999 and 2004, Pascal Lamy was European Commissioner for Trade. After Brussels, Pascal Lamy spent a short sabbatical period as President of "Notre Europe", a think tank working on European integration.


**GORDON CONWAY** (CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON)

Professor Sir Gordon Conway is Professor of International Development at Imperial College London. He is currently working on a grant funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation entitled 'Agriculture for Impact', which focuses on European support for agricultural development in Africa. From 2005-2009 he was Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department for International Development. Previously Professor Conway was President of The Rockefeller Foundation and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex. In the early 1960s, working in Sabah, North Borneo, he became one of the pioneers of sustainable agriculture. He was made a Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in 2005. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for East Sussex. Professor Conway was recently President of the Royal Geographical Society. He has authored *The Doubly Green Revolution: Food for all in the 21st century* (Penguin and University Press, Cornell).

## PANEL 1 - AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL: BUILDING A MODERN, EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT AGRICULTURE SECTOR

### Chair



#### JAY NAIDOO (CHAIRPERSON, GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION)

Jay Naidoo is Chair of the Board of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition and Co-founder of J&J Group. He has also held various positions in South Africa including Minister for Reconstruction and Development (RDP) and then for Communications in President Mandela's Cabinet (1994-1999); founding General Secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU 1985-1993); and Chair of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA 2000-2010). He has served in UN Commissions and with other international organisations. He is the recipient of a number of awards including the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. Mr Naidoo has returned to full time voluntary work, and publishes a blog at [www.thejustcause.org](http://www.thejustcause.org). He recently published his autobiography, *Fighting for Justice*.

### Panellists



#### JOSEPHINE OKOT (FOUNDER AND CEO, VICTORIA SEEDS)

Josephine Okot founded Victoria Seeds Ltd in 2004 and, under her leadership, the company has become Uganda's leading seed house. Her outstanding efforts to empower rural women and reverse Africa's declining agricultural productivity have been recognised internationally. Ms Okot is the 2007 YARA Prize Laureate for a Green Revolution in Africa, for being an outstanding example of a new generation of African entrepreneurs willing to take risks, take the lead and break new ground within African agriculture. She was awarded Woman Entrepreneur of the Year and the Shareholder Value Champion Prize 2009/2010. In 2011 Victoria Seeds Ltd won the Africa SMME Awards in the Industrial Sector.



#### HUBERT OUÉDRAOGO (AFRICAN LAND POLICY INITIATIVE, UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA)

Dr Hubert M. G. Ouédraogo has a Ph.D in Land Law from University of Paris Sorbonne. He is currently Lead Land Expert at the Secretariat of the African Union Commission-Economic Commission for Africa-African Development Bank Joint Land Policy Initiative, after having served for more than 20 years as international land policy expert and Professor of Law (University of Ouagadougou). His work experience covers land policy development and implementation as well as institutional development across the continent.



#### SOUMAILA COULIBALY (DIRECTOR GENERAL PROSEMA)

Soumaila Coulibaly set up Prosema SARL in 2006, to collect and export sesame seeds from Mali. In 2008 Mr Coulibaly initiated, and became the Chairman of, a coordinated venture between 14 companies to promote, market, collect and/or export sesame seeds in Mali. Today Prosema is doing business with a network of 13,600 producers in five administrative regions; namely Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Ségou and Mopti. From 1994 to 2001, he managed Etablissements Karim Coulibaly et Fils, a firm which imported and sold spare car parts based in Sikasso. In 2001, he set up his own company, called ECS (Etablissements Coulibaly Soumaila) in the same business sector.



#### MONTY JONES (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN AFRICA)

Professor Monty Patrick Jones is the Executive Director of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and Chairman of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR). He was awarded the prestigious World Food Prize in 2004 in recognition of his discovery of the genetic process to create the New Rice for Africa (NERICA). In 2010 he became the first recipient of the Niigata International Food Award. Professor Jones has spent the past 24 years working in international agricultural research. He has published more than 100 scientific papers and articles. Professor Jones has been honoured with numerous other awards, namely the National Order of Merit of Côte d'Ivoire conferred on him in 2001 by the President and the insignia of the Grand Officer of the order of the Rokel conferred on him in 2004 by the President of Sierra Leone.

## PANEL 2 - AT THE CONTINENTAL LEVEL: INCREASING INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE

### Chair



#### **ABDOULIE JANNEH (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA)**

Abdoulie Janneh is UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), prior to which he was UNDP Regional Director for Africa. Mr Janneh is a strong advocate for aligning development efforts to Africa's priorities. Accordingly, ECA's strategic mandate is geared to promoting regional integration and meeting Africa's specific needs. Mr Janneh remains engaged in supporting the African Union vision, NEPAD, the African Peer Review Mechanism and the climate change agenda. He chairs the Governing Bodies of the African Institute of Economic Development and Planning and the African Trade Policy Centre, and serves on the Boards of the Global Green Growth Initiative and the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa.

### Panellists



#### **ELENI GABRE-MADHIN (CEO, ETHIOPIAN COMMODITY EXCHANGE)**

Dr Eleni Z. Gabre-Madhin is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange. She has served as Senior Economist at the World Bank and Senior Research Fellow with the International Food Policy Research Institute. She has also worked in the United Nations as Commodity Trading Expert based in Geneva. She has authored numerous publications and articles, including *Reforming Agricultural Markets in Africa* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002). Dr Gabre-Madhin is presently on the Nike Foundation sponsored Advisory Panel on Girls in Rural Economies, as well as the Expert Group on Development Issues for the Government of Sweden, the African Union Task Force on Commodities, and the Stiglitz Task Force on Africa. She was nominated in 2010 for Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year by African Business Awards.



#### **LUCY MUCHOKI (CEO, PAN AFRICAN AGRIBUSINESS AND AGRO-INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM)**

Lucy Muchoki is the Chief Executive Officer of the Pan African Agribusiness Consortium, (PanAAC) an agribusiness platform for Africa. Her various high-level agribusiness forum commitments include being the Private Sector Representative to the Executive Boards of Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) and the Global Forum for Agriculture and Research (GFAR). She is a member, representing the private sector, of the African Union Commission expert task force on markets and infrastructure. She is the Vice Chair of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme's (CAADP) Non State Actors' Taskforce and also a member of the thematic working group on the Agribusiness, Value Addition and Market Access Programme in Kenya's Agricultural Sector Coordinating Unit. An accomplished entrepreneur, Ms Muchoki is a founding member of the Kenya Country Business Incubator programme KEKOBI.



#### **SHENGGEN FAN (DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE)**

Dr Shenggen Fan has been Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) since 2009. Growing up in rural China in the 1960s and 1970s, Dr Fan became deeply committed to reducing poverty and hunger. He is convinced that innovative, country-owned, country-led approaches are required to achieve ambitious development goals. Dr Fan joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Dr Fan led IFPRI's programme on public investment before becoming the Director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division in 2005. Dr Fan is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food Security, as well as an Executive Committee member of the International Association of Agricultural Economists.



#### **CHRISTIAN FRIIS BACH (MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, DENMARK)**

Christian Friis Bach has been Minister for Development Cooperation (Denmark) since 3 October 2011. He began his career at the International Trade Division of the World Bank, in 1995. From 1997 to 2001 he held the position of Chairman at the Danish Association for International Cooperation. He then became International Director in DanChurchAid for five years followed by a year as CEO at ViewWorld ApS. In 2008, he joined the Africa Commission focusing on youth and employment in Africa. He was affiliated Professor in International Economics and Development at the University of Copenhagen in 2009. From 2010 to 2011 he was special advisor for EU Commissioner Connie Hedegaard at the UN Global Sustainability Panel and a member of the Board of the Danish United Nations Association.

## PANEL 3 - AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL: AFRICA AS A PLAYER

### Chair



#### **DONALD KABERUKA (PRESIDENT, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK)**

Dr Donald Kaberuka is the seventh elected President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB); chairing the Boards of the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund. Prior to joining the Bank, Dr Kaberuka served as Rwanda's Finance and Economic Planning Minister from 1997 to 2005, and has been widely acknowledged as the principal architect of the country's successful post-war reconstruction and economic reform programme. Dr Kaberuka had over 12 years experience in the banking industry, trade and finance, the international commodity business and the development sector before joining the government.

### Panellists



#### **JEAN-MARC ANGA (ACTING CEO, INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION)**

Dr Jean-Marc Anga has over 27 years experience in agricultural commodity development, 15 of which have been acquired in the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO). Dr Anga began his career in 1982 as Project Analyst in the Ministry of Agriculture of Côte d'Ivoire, before rising to become Deputy National Coordinator in the Plant Protection Department. In February 1996, he was offered the post of Project Officer in ICCO. Promotion to the position of Project Manager followed swiftly, and in 2005, Dr Anga became Director of the Economics and Statistics Division of ICCO. In March 2010, the exporting and importing members of the International Cocoa Council unanimously elected Dr Anga to the position of Executive Director a.i., of the International Cocoa Organization. Dr Anga holds a Ph.D in Agricultural Science from Imperial College of Science, University of London and an MBA from Westminster University in London.



#### **TOM ARNOLD (CEO, CONCERN WORLDWIDE)**

Tom Arnold was appointed Chief Executive of Concern Worldwide, Ireland's largest humanitarian organisation, in 2001. In 2003, he was appointed to the UN Millennium Project Hunger Task Force which worked to devise a strategy to halve world hunger by 2015. He was a member of the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund's Advisory Group (2006-2009) and was Chairman of the European Food Security Group (2005-2010). He is currently a member of the International Food Policy Research Institute's 2020 Advisory Council. He was elected in 2010 to the nine member Board of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) charged with leading the reform of the international agriculture research system. Tom is a Governor and Director of the Irish Times, Ireland's leading newspaper.



#### **YOUBA SOKONA (AFRICAN CLIMATE POLICY CENTRE, UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA)**

Dr Youba Sokona is the Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) based in the UN Economic Commission for Africa. He is also a co-chair of IPCC Working Group III. Dr Sokona was the Executive Secretary of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) from June 2004 to May 2010. He focuses on the energy, environment and sustainable development nexus and he has broad experience in Africa in policy development. Before joining OSS, he worked for the Environnement et Développement du Tiers Monde, based in Dakar, Senegal. Prior to that, he served as Professor at Ecole Nationale d'Ingenieur of Bamako in Mali. Throughout his career, Dr Sokona has served in various advisory capacities to African governments. He has published several books and articles on the issues of energy, environment and development, with a focus on Africa.



#### **MIMI ALEMAYEHOU (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION)**

Mimi Alemayehou is the Executive Vice President of OPIC, the Development Finance Institution of the United States Government. Previously, Ms Alemayehou served as the United States Executive Director at the African Development Bank (AfDB) and as the most senior US Treasury official in Africa. Prior to this, she was Founder and Managing Partner of Trade Links, LLC, a development consulting firm that worked with clients on emerging markets issues and promoting African exports under the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Before that, Ms Alemayehou was with the International Executive Service Corps where she managed a multi-country trade project in Africa. She also served as a Director of International Regulatory Affairs at WorldSpace Corporation.

## CONCLUDING SESSION

## Chair

**KANAYO NWANZE (PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT)**

Dr Kanayo F. Nwanze began his term as the International Fund for Agricultural Development's (IFAD) fifth President on 1 April 2009. He brings to the job over 30 years of experience, across three continents, in poverty reduction through agriculture, rural development and research. Dr Nwanze served as IFAD's Vice-President for two years before taking the organisation's helm. Prior to that, he was Director-General of the Africa Rice Center for a decade. Dr Nwanze has held senior positions at a number of research centres affiliated with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in Africa and Asia, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Alliance of CGIAR Centers.

## Speakers

**RUDY RABBINGE (PROFESSOR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY, WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY)**

Professor Rudy Rabbinge is the University Professor in Sustainable Development and Food Security at Wageningen University and Board Member, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He is former chairman of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Science Council, a body which advises the CGIAR on strategic scientific issues and how to harness the best international science to address the goals of the international agricultural research committee. Professor Rabbinge is a member of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). In addition, Professor Rabbinge was involved in the establishment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

**ELSIE KANZA (DIRECTOR, HEAD OF AFRICA, WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM)**

Elsie Kanza is the Director, Head of Africa at the World Economic Forum. She was previously Personal Assistant (Economic Affairs) to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania from 2006 to 2011. Prior to that, she worked with the Ministry of Finance, serving as Personal Assistant to the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and Acting Commissioner for Debt Policy and Principal Policy Analyst for Finance and Capital Markets. From 1997 to 2002 Ms Kanza worked with the Bank of Tanzania. Ms Kanza has been honoured as a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader (2011) and an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow (2008).

