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**BIOGRAPHIES****FEATURED SPEAKERS****PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

Barack H. Obama is the 44th President of the United States. His story is the American story — values from the heartland, a middle-class upbringing in a strong family, hard work and education as the means of getting ahead, and the conviction that a life so blessed should be lived in service to others.

With a father from Kenya and a mother from Kansas, President Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. He was raised with help from his grandfather, who served in Patton's army, and his grandmother, who worked her way up from the secretarial pool to middle management at a bank.

After working his way through college with the help of scholarships and student loans, President Obama moved to Chicago, where he worked with a group of churches to help rebuild communities devastated by the closure of local steel plants.

He went on to attend law school, where he became the first African-American president of the *Harvard Law Review*. Upon graduation, he returned to Chicago to help lead a voter registration drive, teach constitutional law at the University of Chicago, and remain active in his community.

President Obama's years of public service are based around his unwavering belief in the ability to unite people around a politics of purpose. In the Illinois State Senate, he passed the first major ethics reform in 25 years, cut taxes for working families, and expanded health care for children and their parents. As a United States Senator, he reached across the aisle to pass groundbreaking lobbying reform, lock up the world's most dangerous weapons, and bring transparency to government by putting federal spending online.

He was elected the 44th President of the United States on November 4, 2008, and sworn in on January 20, 2009. He and his wife, Michelle, are the proud parents of two daughters, Malia, 13, and Sasha, 10.

**HIS EXCELLENCY DR. BONI YAYI****President, Republic of Benin**  
**Chairman, African Union**

Dr. Boni Yayi was sworn into office as the twelfth President of the Republic of Benin on April 6, 2006 after winning overwhelmingly the presidential elections held in March 2006. He is the President of the Republic of Benin, the Head of State and the Head of the Government.

Prior to this position, Dr. Yayi served from 1994 to 2006 as President of the West African Development Bank, a regional financial institution based in Lome, Togo.

President Boni Yayi was born in 1952 in Tchaourou, in northern Benin where he grew up.

He earned a Master's degree in economics from the National University of Benin and advanced degrees in economics and banking from the University of Dakar, Senegal and from the West African Center for Banking Studies of the

Central Bank of West African States, also based in Dakar. He also holds a doctoral degree in economics and politics from the University of Orleans, France, and a PH-D in economics from the University of Paris- Dauphine.

As banker, President Yayi has had a distinguished career both at national and international levels: 1975-1977: served at the Benin Commercial Bank; 1977-1989: served in various positions at the Central Bank of West African States; 1992-1994: Technical Advisor to the President of Benin for monetary and bank affairs, member of the Macroeconomic Analysis Cell of the President's Office; 1994-2006: President of the West African Development Bank. During his 12 year tenure, he succeeded in reorganizing the management of the Bank and in bringing in new shareholders and funds, which led to increased activities.

For his work as President of the West African Development Bank, he was appointed: Commandeur de l'Ordre National of Republic of Benin; Commandeur de l'Ordre National of Republic of Burkina Faso; Commandeur de l'Ordre National of Republic of Mali; Commandeur de l'Ordre National of Republic of Niger; Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Lion of the Republic of Senegal; Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite of the French Republic.

Following his swearing into office, he has been promoted to Grand Officier de l'Ordre National of the Republic of Benin. He was re-elected in March 2011 for a second term. He serves as the current Chairman of the African Union.

### **HIS EXCELLENCY MELES ZENAWI**

#### **Prime Minister**

#### **Ethiopia**

Mr. Meles Zenawi was born on 8th May 1955 at Adwa in Northern Ethiopia. He received elementary education at Queen Sheba Junior Secondary School and joined General Wingate High School in Addis Ababa where he completed his high school education with great distinction in 1972. He then joined the Medical Faculty of Addis Ababa University where he studied for two years.

He interrupted his studies in 1974 to join the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF). He was elected to the Leadership Committee of the TPLF in 1979 and to its Executive Committee in 1983. He has been chairman of both the TPLF and the Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) since 1989. EPRDF is a political alliance of the four main political organizations in the country.

Upon the defeat of the military junta, Mr. Meles Zenawi became President of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia and Chairman of the Council of Representatives (the legislative body of the Transitional Government) from 1991-1995. He was elected Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in 1995 and re-elected for additional three terms in 2000, 2005, and 2010.

Meles Zenawi has served as chairman of the OAU from June 1995 to June 1996. He had also served as co-chairman of the Global Coalition for Africa. He has also been actively involved in IGAD's efforts to end the conflicts in Sudan and Somalia, and African initiatives to seek a solution to the crisis in Burundi. He has served as one of the Commissioners of the Africa Commission established by former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Tony Blair.

Prime Minister Meles Zenawi is chairing both the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee and the African Peer Review Forum. In July 2009, he was mandated to speak on behalf of Africa on climate change matters and to co-ordinate the Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC). In this capacity, he has led Africa's negotiating team to the World Summit on Climate Change (COP. 15), held in Copenhagen, in December 2009, Cop 16 in Mexico in 2010 and Cop 17 in South Africa 2011.

The Prime Minister was a co-chair of the High-Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

He acquired an M.A degree in Business Administration from the Open University of the United Kingdom in 1995 and M.Sc in Economics from the Erasmus University of the Netherlands in 2004.

**HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN EVANS ATTA MILLS**  
**President**  
**Ghana**

Professor John Evans Fiifi Atta Mills was born on July 21st, 1944, at Tarkwa in the Western Region of Ghana and hails from Ekumfi Otum in the Mfantseman East Constituency of the Central Region. He launched a lifelong interest in acquiring knowledge at Achimota Secondary School, where he obtained his General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level in 1963. To further his education, he attended the University of Ghana, Legon, where he received a bachelor's degree and professional certificate in Law (1967). While earning a PhD in Law from the prestigious School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, John Evans Atta Mills was selected as a Fulbright scholar at the equally prestigious Stanford Law School in the United States of America. At age 27, he was awarded his PhD after successfully defending his doctoral thesis in the area of taxation and economic development. Prof. Mills' first formal teaching assignment was as a lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ghana, Legon where he spent close to twenty five years imparting knowledge (as well as other institutions of higher learning) rising from lecturer to senior lecturer then to associate professor. His contribution to intellectual development is remarkable having served on numerous boards and committees.

He is an academician, sportsman and an astute politician. John Evans Atta Mills is the only person who has ran for President on the ticket of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) for three consecutive times in the history of the Party. He won the Presidency on the third attempt in the 2008 general elections. (December 7th & 28th, 2008 and January 2nd 2009 - 28th December, 2008 and January 2nd 2009 elections were Presidential run-offs) Publications Professor Mills who campaigned on "CHANGE" during the 2008 elections has more than a dozen publications to his credit. These include: Taxation of Periodical or Deferred Payments arising from the Sale of Fixed Capital (1974), Exemption of Dividends from Income taxation: A critical Appraisal (1977), Report of the Tax Review Commission, Ghana, parts 1,2&3, (1977) and Ghana's Income Tax laws and the Investor. (An inter-faculty lecture published by the University of Ghana).

His expertise goes well beyond the classroom, and is evidenced by the various examiner positions he held with finance related institutions throughout Ghana (i.e. Institute of Chartered Accountants, Institute of Bankers, Ghana Tax Review Commission). As an advocate for recreation and an active sportsman and sports fan, Professor Mills has supported the academic community and the nation at large through his contribution to the Ghana Hockey Association, National Sports Council of Ghana, and Accra Hearts of Oak Sporting Club. The Law Professor loves sports and he is a keen hockey player and once played for the national team and is still member of the Veterans Hockey Team He equally keeps his body in shape by swimming, spending close to two hours every day when he has time.

A track record of financial knowledge and strong professional credentials led to several important appointments.

**HIS EXCELLENCY JAKAYA KIKWETE**  
**President**  
**United Republic of Tanzania**

His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete was first elected as the Fourth President of the United Republic of Tanzania on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and re-elected on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2010 for the second term.

Born on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1950, President Kikwete is a graduate of economics from the University of Dar es Salaam. At the university, he was a student leader and active participant in African liberation politics and youth movements. He later enhanced his leadership skills in the military, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel before retiring from the army in 1992 to concentrate on politics.

In his more than 30 years of public service, President Kikwete served in different positions in the party, the military and government. He joined the Cabinet in 1988 and held several Ministerial portfolios including Minister for Finance, Minister for Water, Energy and Mineral Resources and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation before being elected President in 2005. He was the longest serving Foreign Minister in the history of the United Republic of Tanzania after serving in that position for a ten year tenure.

During his tenure in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he led Tanzania's efforts to bring about peace in the Great Lakes region, particularly in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). As Chairman of East African Community's Council of Ministers, he played a pivotal role in moving forward the process of regional integration in East Africa, particularly the delicate negotiations of establishing a Customs Union between Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. He also Co-chaired the Helsinki Process on Globalization and Democracy with the Foreign Minister of Finland.

In 2007, President Kikwete was elected Chairman of the SADC Organ on Security, Defense and Politics, in which he was deeply involved in the search for peaceful solutions to political crises in the Southern Africa region, including the political crisis in Zimbabwe and Lesotho.

On January 31, 2008, President Kikwete was elected Chairman of the African Union Assembly of Heads of States and Government during which he played a proactive role in resolution of conflicts in the Republic of Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also advanced to greater heights the relations between the AU and the UN, EU and International Community at large.

President Kikwete has also assumed Chairmanship of the East African Community and it was during his tenure that the EAC signed and ratified the Protocol on the Common Market, while negotiations on the Monetary Union had reached an advanced stage.

### **THE HONORABLE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**

#### **Secretary of State**

On January 21, 2009, Hillary Rodham Clinton was sworn in as the 67th Secretary of State of the United States. Secretary Clinton joined the State Department after nearly four decades in public service as an advocate, attorney, First Lady, and Senator.

Secretary Clinton was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1947 to Dorothy Rodham and the late Hugh Rodham.

She attended local public schools before graduating from Wellesley College and Yale Law School, where she met Bill Clinton. In 1974, Secretary Clinton moved to Arkansas, a year later then married Bill Clinton and became a successful attorney while also raising their daughter, Chelsea. She was an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, and after working to strengthen the local legal aid office, she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1977 to serve on the board of the Legal Services Corporation, which she later chaired.

During her 12 years as First Lady of the State of Arkansas, she was Chairwoman of the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, co-founded the Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, and served on the boards of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, and the Children's Defense Fund.

In 1992, Governor Clinton was elected President of the United States, and as First Lady, Hillary Clinton became an advocate of health care reform and worked on many issues relating to children and families. She led successful bipartisan efforts to improve the adoption and foster care systems, reduce teen pregnancy, and provide health care to millions of children through the Children's Health Insurance Program. She also traveled to more than 80 countries as a representative of our country, winning respect as a champion of human rights, democracy and civil society. Her famous speech in Beijing in 1995 -- when she declared that "human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights" -- inspired women worldwide and helped galvanize a global movement for women's rights.

With Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary Clinton worked to launch the government's Vital Voices Democracy Initiative. Today, Vital Voices is a non-governmental organization that continues to train and organize women leaders across the globe.

In 2000, Hillary Clinton made history as the first First Lady elected to the United States Senate, and the first woman elected statewide in New York. In the Senate, she served on the Armed Services Committee, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Budget Committee and the Select Committee on Aging. She was also a Commissioner on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

As a Senator, Clinton worked across party lines to build support for causes important to her constituents and the country, including the expansion of economic opportunity and access to quality, affordable health care. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, she was a strong advocate for funding the rebuilding of New York and the health concerns of the first responders who risked their lives working at Ground Zero. She also championed the cause of our nation's military and fought for better health care and benefits for wounded service members, veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves. She was also the only Senate member of the Transformation Advisory Group to the Department of Defense's Joint Forces Command.

In 2006, Senator Clinton won reelection to the Senate, and in 2007 she began her historic campaign for President. In 2008, she campaigned for the election of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, and in November, she was nominated by President-elect Obama to be Secretary of State.

Secretary Clinton is the author of best-selling books, including her memoir, *Living History*, and her groundbreaking book on children, *It Takes A Village*. She and President Clinton reside in New York.

## **SYMPOSIUM COCHAIRS**

### **THE HONORABLE CATHERINE BERTINI**

**Cochair, Global Agricultural Development Initiative, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs**  
**2003 World Food Prize Laureate**

Catherine Ann Bertini is a senior fellow at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. She serves as cochair of the Council's *Global Agricultural Development Initiative* and chair of its *Girls in Rural Economies* project. Ms. Bertini is also a Professor of Public Administration and International Affairs at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She previously served as UN Under Secretary-General for Management (2003-2005) and as Executive Director of the UN World Food Program (WFP), the world's largest international humanitarian agency (1992-2002). She was credited with assisting hundreds of millions of victims of wars and natural disasters throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and parts of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and reforming WFP's operations.

Ms. Bertini is the 2003 World Food Prize Laureate. She was awarded the Gene White Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Nutrition in 2007 and the Borlaug CAST Communication Award in 2011. Ms. Bertini is a member of two U.S. Agency for International Development Advisory Committees: the Board of International Food and Agricultural Development, and the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. She also serves on the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security for the United Nation's Committee on World Food Security & Nutrition.

### **THE HONORABLE DAN GLICKMAN**

**Cochair, Global Agricultural Development Initiative, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs**  
**Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Dan Glickman is currently cochair of the Council's *Global Agricultural Development Initiative* and a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) in Washington, D.C. He cochairs an initiative of eight Foundations called *AGree*, administered by the Meridian Institute, which examines the long term implications of food and agricultural policy. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program.

Mr. Glickman served as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from March 1995 until January 2001. Under his leadership, the Department administered farm and conservation programs; modernized food safety regulations; forged international trade agreements to expand U.S. markets; and improved its commitment to fairness and equality in civil rights.

Before his appointment as Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Glickman served for 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 4th Congressional District of Kansas. During that time, he was a member of the House Agriculture Committee, including six years as chairman of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over federal farm



policy issues. Mr. Glickman served as Chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) from 2004 until 2010.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **TOM ARNOLD** **Chief Executive** **Concern Worldwide**

Tom Arnold was appointed CEO of Concern Worldwide in 2001. He was previously Assistant Secretary General and Chief Economist in the Department of Agriculture and Food in Ireland. He worked for the European Commission for 10 years, three of which were in Africa. He was Chairman of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Committee for Agriculture (1993-1998). He served on the UN Millennium Project's Hunger Task Force (2003-05), was a member of the Irish Hunger Task Force (2007-08) and the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund's (CERF) Advisory Group (2006-09). He was Chairman of the European Food Security Group (EFSG) a network of 40 European NGOs engaged in food security work (2005-10). He was a member of the Irish Government's Commission on Taxation (2008-09).

Mr Arnold was elected in 2010 to the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) charged with leading the reform of the international agriculture research system. He is a member of the International Food Policy Research Institute's (IFPRI) advisory Board. In April 2012, Mr Arnold was appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations, to the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, a high-level, international working group charged with providing leadership to the aforementioned global project aimed at tackling child hunger in the world's poorest countries. He is also a Governor and Director of the Irish Times, Ireland's leading newspaper.

Tom Arnold is a graduate in Agricultural Economics from University College Dublin and has Masters Degrees from the Catholic University of Louvain and Trinity College Dublin. He has received Honorary Doctorates of Laws from the National University of Ireland and Science from University College Dublin.

### **BONO** **Cofounder** **ONE and (RED)**

Bono is the lead singer of the Irish rock band U2 and a well-known activist in the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty. He is the co-founder of ONE, an advocacy organization dedicated to fighting extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa. Bono has received numerous awards for his music and his campaigning including TIME Magazine's Person of the Year (in 2005 with Bill and Melinda Gates), the Legion D'Honneur from the French Government, and an honorary British knighthood.

### **MARSHALL M. BOUTON** **President** **The Chicago Council on Global Affairs**

Marshall M. Bouton became president of The Chicago Council in August 2001. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, founded in 1922 as The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, is a leading, independent, nonpartisan organization committed to influencing the discourse on global policy issues through contributions to opinion and policy formation, leadership dialogue, and public learning. Dr. Bouton has championed the Council's Global Agriculture and Food Policy work since it began in 2008.

Dr. Bouton came to The Chicago Council from the Asia Society, New York, where he was executive vice president and chief operating officer from 1990 to 2001. Dr. Bouton was previously the Director of Policy Analysis for Near East, Africa and South Asia international security affairs in the U.S. Defense Department and special assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to India. An expert on South Asia, Dr. Bouton co-chaired the Task Force on India and South Asia

cosponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations (New York) and the Asia Society from 2001 to 2003. Dr. Bouton is an Adjunct Professor in the Political Science Department at Northwestern University, where he teaches on India and Asia.

**DYBORN CHIBONGA**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi**

Dyborn Chibonga manages the National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi (NASFAM) as Chief Executive Officer. He has served in this role since June 1999, managing the membership association of over 100,000 farmer members and a staff of about 390 in 19 locations across the country. In his experience with NASFAM, Mr. Chibonga has led a dynamic team in taking the project from an initiative to becoming a model rural producer organization in Southern Africa. Mr. Chibonga is a member of the Trade Policy National Working Group (TPNWG) and part of the Malawi Government agriculture cluster for World Trade Organization (WTO) and EU-ACP EPAs negotiations. His general experience includes various board roles with both for-profit and non-profit organizations, task forces and committees dedicated to improving the lives of the underprivileged through their active participation. Prior to NASFAM, he served in a marketing and manager capacity with Agricultural Trading Company from 1994 to 1999.

**JANET CHIGABATIA-ADAMA**  
**Managing Director**  
**Savanna Farmers Marketing Company**

Mrs. Janet Chigabatia-Adama is the Managing Director of Savanna Farmers Marketing Company (SFMC) in Tamale. She is responsible for directing and implementing business strategies of the company. She leads the process of sourcing profitable markets for over 12,000 individual smallholder farmers producing maize, soybeans and sorghum within and outside Ghana.

One remarkable achievement of the company that Janet leads is its hall mark of supplying quality, graded grains to agro processors. Her work experience includes finance, marketing and value chain management and has received training from the Danish Fellowship Centre in Denmark on General Tools and concepts in Agribusiness with special reference to Small and Medium sized Enterprises. Janet previously worked as a finance officer for World Vision Ghana, a non- governmental organization. She also served as a branch manager and finance officer for Consumer Credit Ltd., formally a subsidiary company of Social Security Bank.

Janet holds a master's degree in business administration (MBA, Accounting) from the University of Ghana and a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Cape Coast (Ghana).

**ERTHARIN COUSIN**  
**Executive Director**  
**United Nations World Food Programme**

Ertharin Cousin began her tenure as the twelfth Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme in April 2012. Cousin brings more than twenty-five years of national and international non-profit, government, and corporate leadership experience focusing on hunger, food, and resilience strategies. Cousin guides the World Food Programme in meeting urgent food needs while championing longer-term solutions to food insecurity and hunger.

**SAM DRYDEN**  
**Director, Agricultural Development**  
**The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Sam Dryden, Director of Agricultural Development, oversees foundation efforts to help millions of the world's poorest farming families boost their productivity and incomes.

Prior to joining the foundation, Dryden served as a managing director of Wolfensohn & Company, a corporate advisory and investment firm founded by former World Bank President James Wolfensohn.

An investor and entrepreneur in life sciences ventures, Dryden has written and lectured widely on food security and economic development issues and served as an advisor on rural development for the World Bank and the Rockefeller Foundation. Until 2006, he led Emergent Genetics, Inc., which develops and markets seeds. Previously, Dryden served as president and CEO of Agrigenetics Corporation, a seed company, and founded Big Stone Inc., a private venture and development company. He began his career as an analyst with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Dryden was previously on the U.S. board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, which focuses on ensuring crop diversity for food security. He also served on the National Academies Roundtable on Science and Technology for Global Sustainability. Previously, he served on the World Bank's steering committee for the International Assessment on Agricultural Science and Technology. He was a member of the executive council of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and was involved in its efforts to advance food security in Africa. He also served on the board of the South/North Development Initiative, a not-for-profit effort aimed at alleviating rural poverty in developing countries through entrepreneurial development.

Dryden has worked in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. A native of eastern Kentucky, he received his bachelor's degree in economics from Emory University.

**MICHAEL B.G. FROMAN****Assistant to the President****Deputy National Security Advisor, International Economic Affairs**

Michael Froman is the Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs. He is responsible for coordinating policy on international trade and financial, energy security and climate change, and development and democracy issues. He serves as the U.S. Sherpa for the G20 and G8 Summits, and staffs the President for the APEC Summits. In addition, he is the chair of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, a group of the largest industrial and emerging economies which have been working through issues related to the Copenhagen negotiations. He is also the U.S. Government co-chair of the Transatlantic Economic Council, the U.S.-India CEO Forum and the U.S.-Brazil CEO Forum.

Before his second White House tour, Mr. Froman served in a number of roles at Citigroup, including Managing Partner, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Investments, Chief Operating Officer of Citi Alternative Investments (CAI), President and CEO of CitiInsurance (Citigroup's international insurance business), Director of Emerging Markets Strategy, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the Internet Operating Group.

Prior to joining Citigroup, Mr. Froman was a Senior Fellow at the Council of Foreign Relations and a Resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund.

In the 1990's, Mr. Froman spent seven years in the U.S. Government. He served as Chief of Staff and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Eurasia and the Middle East at the U.S. Department of Treasury under Secretary Robert E. Rubin. He also worked at the White House, where he served as Director for International Economic Affairs at the National Security Council and National Economic Council.

Mr. Froman received a bachelor's degree in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University (summa cum laude), a doctorate in International Relations from Oxford University and law degree from Harvard Law School (magna cum laude), where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He was born in California. He, his wife, Nancy Goodman, and their children, Benjamin and Sarah, reside in Washington, DC.



**ELENI GABRE-MADHIN**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Ethiopia Commodity Exchange**

Dr. Eleni Z. Gabre-Madhin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Ethiopia Commodity Exchange since 2008, is an internationally recognized thought leader on agricultural marketing in Africa and global development, with prior roles as Senior Economist at the World Bank and Senior Research Fellow with the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, as well as UNCTAD in Geneva. She has authored numerous publications and articles, including *Reforming Agricultural Markets in Africa* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002). Eleni holds a PhD in applied economics from Stanford University, an MSc in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University, and BA in economics from Cornell University, and was awarded Outstanding Dissertation by the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1999 on the Ethiopian grain market. She is presently on the Nike Foundation Advisory Panel on Girls in Rural Economies, the African Union Task Force on Commodities, and the Board of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences. She is among The Africa Report's "50 Women Shaping Africa" 2011, named Ethiopian Person of the Year 2010, and nominated Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year 2010 by African Business.

**THE HONOURABLE KRISTALINA GEORGIEVA**  
**European Commissioner**  
**International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response**

Kristalina Georgieva is the European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.

Before joining the European Commission in February 2010, she was Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group.

She began working there in 1993, initially as Environmental Economist, continued as Sector Manager on Environment for the East Asia and Pacific Region, and later became the Director in charge of World Bank environmental strategy, policies and lending.

In 2004, she moved to Moscow to become World Bank Director for the Russian Federation. From 2007-2008 she held the position of Director for Sustainable Development.

She obtained an M. A. in Political Economy and Sociology at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria. Her PhD in Economic Science was granted by the same university. Between 1977 and 1993 she worked as Associate Professor there.

During the same period she was also a Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and spent a year as Visiting Professor at Fiji's University of the South Pacific and the Australian National University.

In 1991 she attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she carried out post-graduate research in environmental policy, co-led a course on economies in transition, and consulted on environmental policy in Eastern Europe.

**JOHN GINASCOL**  
**Vice President, Global Supply**  
**Abbott Nutrition**

John has approximately 32 year's experience in healthcare manufacturing, and will achieve 30 years with Abbott in 2012. His experience includes pharmaceuticals, hospital products, medical devices, and nutritionals.

He is responsible for all elements of global supply for Abbott Nutrition, including procurement, manufacturing, quality, distribution, and various support functions. He has operations in North America, Europe, Asia, India, and China. These sites service customers in over 70 countries.

John was elected an officer at Abbott in 2008.

John has a Masters in Management with Honors from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management and a B.S. in Chemistry with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin. He has achieved professional certification from the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) and the American Society of Quality (ASQ).

John and his wife Denise live in Chicago and are active in numerous charitable organizations.

**THE HONORABLE LINDSEY GRAHAM**  
**United States Senator, South Carolina**

In the United States Senate, South Carolina's Lindsey Graham has earned a reputation as a conservative leader willing to tackle the toughest issues facing our nation.

Graham is widely viewed as one of the strongest proponents of a robust national defense and considered a loyal friend to our men and women serving in uniform. He has been a leader in balancing the federal budget and reforming entitlements to get our nation's fiscal house in order.

Graham was elected to the Senate in 2002 and reelected in 2008. He serves on the Senate Appropriations; where he is the Ranking Member on State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee, Armed Services, Budget, and Judiciary committees.

He also serves in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a colonel and is one of only three U.S. Senators currently serving in the Guard or Reserves.

Graham grew up in Central, graduated from D.W. Daniel High School near Clemson, and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. He lives in Seneca and is a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

**HUGH GRANT**  
**Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Monsanto Company**

Hugh Grant is chairman of the board, president, and chief executive officer of Monsanto, an agricultural company focused on applying innovation and technology to help its farmer customers increase yields while conserving more of our world's precious resources including water, soil and energy. Under his leadership, Monsanto has increasingly relied on building partnerships to achieve commercial, environmental and social humanitarian goals.

Monsanto and Mr. Grant have been recognized by numerous groups for innovation, contributions to green practices and sustainable agriculture, corporate responsibility and employment practices, and business leadership and performance. Most notably, Monsanto was named: Company of the Year by *Forbes* Magazine (January 2010); one of *FORTUNE* Magazine's Best Companies to Work For (January 2010); One of The World's 10 Most Influential Companies by *BusinessWeek* (December 2008); the 2009 Keystone Center's Leadership in Industry awardee; No. 2 on *Science* Magazine's 2008 Top Biotech and Pharma Employers worldwide list; and the Top 20 on the 2009 Best Corporate Citizen list by *Corporate Responsibility Officer* Magazine. Mr. Grant's leadership is routinely recognized by his peers, most recently as *Chief Executive* magazine's CEO of the Year, as a repeat winner on *Barron's* 30 Most Respected CEOs list and *Institutional Investor* magazine's America's Best CEOs list.

Monsanto has platforms in large-acre crops, including corn, cotton, oilseeds, wheat and sugar cane, as well as small-acre crops with its vegetable-seeds business. Monsanto's seed brands and biotechnology products have established the company as a leader in the agricultural seed-and-trait industry and support conservation efforts such as reduced tillage or no-till practices and pesticide reduction, as well as help small holder farmers increase their incomes. Additionally, the company's Roundup products are worldwide leaders in the herbicide sector.

Mr. Grant joined Monsanto as a product development representative in 1981. Since then he has served in a variety of product and management positions on three continents, including the role of executive vice president and chief operating officer prior to assuming his current role in 2003.

Mr. Grant is a director of PPG Industries, Inc. and is a board member of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. He serves on the board of CropLife International, the Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Science Center and the Board of Trustees of Washington University. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and Civic Progress in St. Louis.

Born in Larkhall, Scotland, Mr. Grant earned a bachelor's of science degree in agricultural zoology with honors at Glasgow University. He also earned a post-graduate degree in agriculture at Edinburgh University, and a master's of business administration at the International Management Centre in Buckingham, United Kingdom.

### **ASHOK GULATI**

#### **Chairman**

#### **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices**

Ashok Gulati is Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Government of India since March, 2011. Prior to this, he served with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) for more than 10 years, first as Director of Markets, Trade and Institutions division in Washington D.C. (January 2001 – February 2006) and later as Director in Asia at IFPRI's New Delhi office (March 2006 – February 2011). Before joining IFPRI, he has also served as NABARD Chair Professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi and Chief Economist at the National Council of Applied Economics Research in India. He has his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the Delhi School of Economics (India).

He has been deeply engaged for long in agri-policy analysis and advice in India. He has been a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; a member of the State Planning Board of Karnataka; and a member of the Economic Advisory Committee of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

He has authored/co-edited 10 books on issues related to Asian Agriculture with a focus on India, besides several research articles in international and Indian journals of repute. Some of his books like 'The Dragon and the Elephant – Agricultural and Rural Reforms in China and India' (2007) co-edited with Shengen Fan; and 'WTO Negotiations on Agriculture and Developing Countries' (2008) co-authored with Anwarul Hoda are published by Johns Hopkins University Press in United States and also by Oxford University Press in India.

### **JØRGEN OLE HASLESTAD**

#### **President and CEO**

#### **Yara International ASA**

Mr. Jørgen Haslestad has served as President and CEO of Yara International ASA since October 2008.

Previously he held several senior management positions in Siemens AG, 1994–2008, most recently as CEO of the Group's Industry Solutions Division, Germany. Before joining Siemens, he served as Managing Director of Kongsberg Offshore AS, Norway, 1986–94; Project Engineer and Project Manager of the oil division, Kongsberg Vaapenfabrikk AS, Norway, 1980–86. He holds an M.Sc degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Norwegian Institute of Technology (NTH). Mr. Haslestad served as a board member of Yara, 2004–08.

### **ANIL B. JAIN**

#### **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**

#### **Jain Irrigation**

Mr. Anil Jain is the CEO and Managing Director of Jain Irrigation since 1993. He graduated in commerce degree from Pune University in 1983 and took his LL.B from Mumbai University in 1988. He joined Jain Irrigation's management team in 1984 as in-charge of U.S. based marketing operations. He has extensive experience in Finance, Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions, Strategic Planning, Restructuring Operations, Import & Export Marketing, International

Business Relations, Collaborations and Joint Ventures. He has put in focused efforts in the last quarter century in promoting and developing global business of water irrigation systems, which is now at the forefront of the environmental resources management sector.

Over the last 5 years, he has helped acquire few companies in the US, one each in Israel, Greece, Switzerland and one in Turkey. He is an optimist, has flair for figures, listening abilities, high degree of patience, extra-ordinary concentration, overwhelming confidence and has the ability to understand problems and find solutions.

As a young and dynamic leader, Mr. Anil Jain has worked in the company alongwith his brothers and has been instrumental in putting the company on the right track and has rewarded all stakeholders. He has achieved this under guidance of his father, Mr BH Jain.

Mr. Anil Jain is an expert in the field of sustainable and inclusive agri-business, and more specifically, global environmental resource management and infrastructure projects sectors, for 25 years. He has a level of expertise demonstrating that he is one of the small percentages who has risen to the very top in this highly specialized business field.

**DONALD KABERUKA**  
**President**  
**African Development Bank**

Mr. Donald Kaberuka was elected in 2005 as the seventh president of the African Development Bank Group. He was re-elected in May 2010 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, for a second five-year term.

Before joining the AfDB, Mr. Kaberuka worked for many years in the banking, trade finance, international trade and development domains.

The African Development Bank Group President Mr. Donald Kaberuka is the 7th elected President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). He was Rwanda's Minister of Finance and Economic Planning from 1997 to 2005, and is widely credited with the country's successful economic reconstruction after the country's civil war. He initiated and implemented major economic reforms and in terms of structural, monetary and fiscal governance, especially on central bank independence. These reforms led to the widely-recognized revival of Rwanda's economy, and to the sustained economic growth that enabled Rwanda to obtain debt cancellation under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) initiative in April 2005.

Mr. Donald Kaberuka holds a PhD in Economics from Glasgow University. He is proficient in English, French and Swahili.

**ELLEN KULLMAN**  
**Chair of the Board and Chief Executive Officer**  
**DuPont**

Ellen Kullman, 55, is chair of the board and chief executive officer of DuPont. She is the 19th executive to lead the company in more than 208 years of DuPont history.

Ellen became CEO on Jan.1, 2009, and chair of the board on Dec. 31 that year. She was president from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2008. Prior to that, she served as executive vice president and a member of the company's office of the chief executive.

As CEO, Ellen has championed market-driven science to drive innovation across the company's businesses. Under her leadership, decision making has moved closer to customers around the world, resulting in greater partnering, collaboration, and solutions attuned to local needs.

A native of Wilmington, Del., Ellen began her career at DuPont in 1988 as a marketing manager. She served as business director for several businesses including White Pigment & Mineral Products where she became vice

president and general manager in 1995. She assumed leadership of two high-growth businesses, DuPont Safety Resources in 1998 and Bio-Based Materials in 1999. She was named group vice president - DuPont Safety & Protection in 2002. In 2006, she was named executive vice president with responsibility for three business platforms and several functions including Marketing & Sales. In 2008, she was tapped to lead the company's focus on growth in emerging international markets.

She is a member of the U.S.-India CEO Forum, the Business Council, and the executive committee of SCI-America. She is co-chair of the National Academy of Engineering Committee on Changing the Conversation: From Research to Action.

Ellen is a member of the board of directors of United Technologies Corp. She also is on the board of trustees of Tufts University and serves on the board of overseers at Tufts University School of Engineering.

Prior to joining DuPont, Ellen worked for General Electric. She holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Tufts University and a masters degree in management from Northwestern University.

### **THE HONORABLE PATRICK LEAHY** **United States Senator, Vermont**

Patrick Leahy of Middlesex was elected to the United States Senate in 1974 and remains the only Democrat elected to this office from Vermont. At 34, he was the youngest U.S. Senator ever to be elected from the Green Mountain State. Leahy was born in Montpelier and grew up across from the Statehouse. A graduate of Saint Michael's College in Colchester (1961), he received his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center (1964). He served for eight years as State's Attorney in Chittenden County. He gained a national reputation for his law enforcement activities and was selected (1974) as one of three outstanding prosecutors in the United States. Leahy is the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and is a senior member of the Agriculture and Appropriations Committees. He ranks second in seniority in the Senate.

As a leading member of the Appropriations Committee, Leahy is the Chairman of the Committee's Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations.

Active on human rights issues, Leahy also has been the leading U.S. officeholder in the international campaign against the production, export and use of anti-personnel landmines. In 1992 Leahy wrote the first law by any government to ban the export of these weapons. He led efforts in Congress to aid mine victims by creating a special fund in the foreign aid budget, and the Leahy War Victims Fund now provides up to \$14 million of relief to these victims each year. He was instrumental in establishing programs to support humanitarian demining and played a key role in pushing for an international treaty banning anti-personnel mines. He also wrote and enacted civilian war victims relief programs that are underway in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, Leahy headed the Senate's negotiations on the 2001 anti-terrorism bill, the USA PATRIOT Act. He added checks and balances to the bill to protect civil liberties, as well as provisions which he authored to triple staffing along the U.S.-Canada border, to authorize domestic preparedness grants to states, and to facilitate the hiring of new FBI translators.

Leahy has crusaded for the protection of privacy rights, copyright protections and freedom of speech on the Internet. He was a co-founder and remains a co-chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus. Leahy has taken the lead on several important privacy issues, including drafting legislation to address data privacy and security and leading the effort to enact privacy safeguards for electronic health records.

Always ranked among the top environmental legislators by the nation's foremost conservation organizations, Leahy successfully opposed attempts to allow oil and gas exploration in wildlife refuges in the United States, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and the Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge in Vermont. Leahy has also helped secure more than \$70 million in federal funds to clean up Lake Champlain and has spearheaded congressional efforts to tackle the dangers of mercury pollution. He has worked to add more than 125,000 acres to the Green Mountain National Forest, an accomplishment matched by few lawmakers of any era.



Leahy has led bipartisan efforts to streamline the Department of Agriculture, and the 1994 Leahy-Lugar bill reorganized the U.S. Department of Agriculture by closing 1100 offices and saving more than \$2 billion. Leahy also led the successful effort to extend the Conservation Reserve Program, which assists farmers in meeting environmental objectives without reducing income. Leahy's Farms for the Future program -- now the Farmland Protection Program, which was created in the 1990 Farm Bill -- has helped preserve more than 350 Vermont farms. He played a crucial role in enactment and implementation of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and also worked with others in the Vermont Congressional Delegation in establishing the Milk Income Loss Compensation (MILC) program, modeled on the Compact. Leahy also is the father of the national organic standards and labeling program, which took effect in October 2002.

Leahy co-chairs the Senate National Guard Caucus and has led in ensuring that members of the National Guard in Vermont and across the nation receive the necessary resources to fulfill their heightened missions after 9/11.

**MICHAEL MACK**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Syngenta AG**

Michael Mack is Chief Executive Officer of Syngenta AG, a world-leading agribusiness listed on the Swiss and New York stock exchanges. Syngenta was formed in November 2000 as a result of the demerger and merger of the respective agribusinesses of Novartis and AstraZeneca.

Mike joined Syngenta in 2002 as Head of the North American Crop Protection business. In January 2005 he became Chief Operating Officer of Syngenta Seeds and a member of the Syngenta Executive Committee. Mike was appointed Chairman of the Board of the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce in 2009.

Prior to joining Syngenta, Mike was President of the Global Paper Division of Imerys SA, a French mining and pigments company, from 1999 when it merged with English China Clays Ltd. At English China Clays he was Executive Vice President, Americas and Pacific Region as well as an Executive Director of the Board. From 1987 to 1996 he held various roles within Mead Corporation.

Mike has a degree in economics from Kalamazoo College in Michigan, has studied at the University of Strasbourg and holds an MBA from Harvard University.

**BERRY MARTTIN**  
**Member of the Executive Board**  
**Rabobank Nederland**

Berry Marttin (1965, born and raised in Brazil) is a member of the Executive Board of Rabobank Nederland and he is responsible for the world-wide Rural and Retail Division of Rabobank International. He joined the bank in 1990 as a management trainee after completing his degree in business administration in Brazil.

His career has taken him to managerial positions in Curacao, Hong Kong and Indonesia and he served as Deputy General Manager of Rural Banking in Australia and New Zealand. Before joining the Executive Board of Rabobank Nederland in 2009, he was Chairman of the Board of Rabobank Amsterdam.

**STRIVE MASIYIWA**  
**Acting Chairman of the Board**  
**Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa**

He first came to international prominence when he fought a landmark constitutional legal battle for 5 years in the African country of Zimbabwe. The ruling which led to the removal of the monopoly of the state in telecommunications is generally regarded as one of the key milestones, in opening the African telecommunications sector to private capital.

His flagship business, South African based Econet Wireless ([www.econetwireless.com](http://www.econetwireless.com)) is now a global telecommunications group with operations, investments and offices in more than 18 countries (in Africa, Europe, USA, Latin America and Asia-Pacific).

The company's activities include mobile cellular telephony, fixed networks, enterprise networks, fibre optic cables, and satellite services. They also provide payment solutions to banks across Africa.

Other business activities include operations and investments in some of Africa's leading businesses in areas such as financial services, insurance, renewable energy, bottling for Coca-Cola, hotel and safari lodges.

Strive Masiyiwa is a well-known international business leader who has won numerous international recognition and awards.

As a respected business leader today, Strive Masiyiwa speaks regularly on business and economic issues at major international gatherings, and has been regularly featured in leading international publications and television programmes, among them the Economist, Newsweek, CNN, Barron's of New York and the Financial Times and The World Economic Forum.

Strive Masiyiwa is internationally recognised for his leadership contributions in a number of areas outside of business including his crusading campaigns to stamp out corruption in Africa. He is a leading business voice, championing the establishment and promotion of the rule of law.

Over the years Strive Masiyiwa has served on many international boards and foundations.

Strive Masiyiwa and his family live in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**THE HONOURABLE ANDREW MITCHELL MP**  
**Secretary of State for International Development**  
**UK**

Andrew Mitchell MP was appointed as Secretary of State for International Development on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010. As Shadow Secretary of State for International Development from 2005 to 2010, Andrew Mitchell led his Party's campaign to tackle global poverty.

Andrew Mitchell has seen first-hand the impact that deprivation, conflict and oppression have on the lives of ordinary people around the world. Having served as a UN peacekeeper in Cyprus in the 1970s, he went on to work and travel extensively in Africa and Asia, experiences that have stayed with him throughout his time as an MP. For the last three years Andrew Mitchell has organised Project Umubano, a social action project where approximately 100 volunteers work on a variety of development projects in Rwanda.

Andrew Mitchell was the Member of Parliament for Gedling from 1987 to 1997. During this period he held office as a Government Whip and as Minister for Social Security. He served as a Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party from 1992 to 1993. Andrew Mitchell has represented Sutton Coldfield in Parliament since 2001.

**JACQUELINE MKINDI**  
**Executive Director**  
**Tanzania Horticulture Association**

Jacqueline David Mkindi, Executive Director and CEO of the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA), is an experienced business and trade professional who has worked through TAHA to promote and develop the horticulture industry, which is now the most effective sub-sector in the country. Under her leadership, TAHA has successfully branded the image of the horticulture industry in Tanzania and received the commitment and support from both local and international stakeholders, growing the industry from \$1.4 million in 2004 to \$340 million today. Her efforts have resulted in the horticultural industry achieving significant development and positively impacting the livelihood of Tanzanians, including the nearly 230,000 women who form more than 65% of workers in the industry. From 2007

to 2011, Ms. Mkindi also served as Country Coordinator for the Tanzania-Netherlands World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) Public-Private Partnership Program, which enhanced the competitiveness of the horticulture industry and addressed technical and operational challenges faced by the horticultural industry. In addition, she is a certified Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program facilitator and is engaged in Feed the Future (FtF) programs in Tanzania and throughout the region. Her commitment to the development of Tanzania goes beyond her role at TAHA and WSSD. As the Chairperson of the women's group, Aim and Achieve, Ms. Mkindi has promoted the mentoring of Tanzanian women pursuing economic activities and linked them with women from around the world to facilitate both knowledge exchange and cultural understanding. Ms. Mkindi's many achievements demonstrate her commitment to the future of Tanzania.

**KANAYO NWANZE****President****International Fund for Agricultural Development**

Kanayo F. Nwanze began his term as IFAD's fifth President on 1 April 2009. A Nigerian national, Nwanze has a strong record as an advocate and leader of change and a keen understanding of the complexity of development issues.

He brings to the job over 30 years of experience across three continents in poverty reduction through agriculture, rural development and research.

Under Nwanze's leadership, IFAD has stepped up its advocacy efforts to ensure that agriculture is a central part of the international development agenda, and that the concerns and needs of smallholders and other poor rural people are recognized by governments around the world. In recognition of Nwanze's intellectual leadership on issues of food security, he was asked to chair the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food Security in 2010. During Nwanze's tenure, IFAD has increased the number of outposted country programme managers and expanded the number of country offices.

Nwanze served as IFAD's Vice-President for two years before taking the organization's helm. Prior to that, he spent a decade as Director-General of the Africa Rice Center. In addition, 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.

Nwanze holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and a Doctorate in Agricultural Entomology from Kansas State University, United States. He has published extensively and has received numerous honours and awards from governments and international institutions.

**THE HONOURABLE BEVERLEY ODA****Minister of International Cooperation****Canadian International Development Agency**

The Honourable Beverley J. Oda was appointed the Minister of International Cooperation on August 14, 2007. The Member of Parliament for Durham (Ontario), she is responsible for Canada's overseas development assistance through CIDA.

Ms. Oda was first elected to Parliament in 2004, and was re-elected in 2006, 2008 and 2011. On February 6, 2006, she was appointed Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women. Previous to this, she served in Opposition as the Critic for Canadian Heritage and as a member of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage.

Prior to her election, Ms. Oda spent more than two decades in the fields of public and private broadcasting. In 1999, Ms. Oda was appointed senior Vice-President, Industry Affairs, at CTV. From 1987 to 1993, she served as a commissioner with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

Ms. Oda began her broadcasting career at TV Ontario in 1973. In 1976, she moved to the field of commercial broadcasting. She has also worked as a consultant in the areas of multiculturalism, diversity and broadcasting.

Ms. Oda was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in 1944. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts. She served as chair of the *Lakeridge Health Hospital Network* and is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal.

**EDDY GICHERU OKETCH**

**British Council Global Changemaker**

**Founder and President, Peace for Africa and Development Initiative**

At 17 years, Eddy founded Peace for Africa and Development Initiative (PADI), formerly known as White Fingers Peace Initiative (Wifipe), an organization promoting peace and economic development in Africa. PADI, founded as Wifipe, is a youth-focused peace-building organization, which was instrumental in healing and reconciliation in Kenya during the 2007/2008 post-election violence. PADI works with young people to identify their talents and passions then building them into income-generating community action projects and micro-business enterprises for economic empowerment. Such projects include agricultural projects for young people to bolster their income, escape poverty and avoid negative participation in conflicts. While working with a myriad of young people in this initiative in vast rural areas in Kenya, Mozambique and Uganda, Eddy observes that the key to peaceful co-existence in Africa is food security and economic empowerment. Therefore, PADI encourages youth agricultural projects to move from subsistence to industrial ideals and promote access to nutritious food. As a double Mathematics and Economics major in Trinity College Hartford-USA, he is currently working with a group of colleague students to employ such concept and setting up community gardens to solve the problem of food security in Harford area. On the side, he is an inaugural graduate of the African Leadership Academy, a Global Changemaker with the British Council, has participated in the World Economic Forum on Africa twice as a discussion leader and trained as a UNESCO International Youth Peace Ambassador in Malaysia. He is also consulted for the MasterCard Foundation head leadership in Toronto on youth entrepreneurship and engagement strategy.

**HIS EXCELLENCY JEAN PING**

**Chairperson**

**African Union Commission**

From 1972 Mr. Ping worked at UNESCO in Paris as an international civil servant in the Department of External Relations. From 1978 to 1984, he was Permanent Representative of Gabon to UNESCO. His diplomatic and political experience earned him the appointment by the Head of State, to the post of Director of the civilian staff, a post he occupied from 1984- 1990. In 1990, Mr. Ping embarked on a long government career path during which he successively occupied numerous high ranking positions. From 26 February to 29 April 1990 Mr. Ping served as Minister of Information, Posts and Telecommunications, Tourism and Leisure, Reform of the Semi- Public Sector, Responsible for relations with the parliament and spokesperson for the government. From April of 1990 to June 1991, and then from August 1992 to 24 March 1994, Mr. Ping served as Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Resources. He occupied the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophony from 25 March to 20 October 1994 and served as Minister of State reporting to the Minister of Finance, Economy, Budget and Privatization, positions that he occupied from 30 October 1994 to 25 January 1997. Mr. Ping pursued his government career as Minister of Planning, Environment and Tourism, duties he discharged from 27 January 1997 to 25 January 1999, when he was appointed Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophony of the Gabonese Republic.

From 2007 till his appointment as AUC Chairperson, Mr. Ping was Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophony and Regional Integration.

He has led the Gabonese delegations to many African and international forums especially those of UNESCO, OAU, AU, Non Aligned Movement, Organization of Islamic Conference and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Mr. Ping also led his country' delegations to meetings of the World Bank, Summits of the Francophony, as well as to those of the Africa Caribbean Pacific- European Union (ACP-EU). He discharged of highly important duties as Head of Delegation to the Summits of the Central African Customs and Economic Union, the Economic and Monetary Community of Central African States, and to NEPAD. At the international level, Mr. Ping's experience was demonstrated at the China- Africa Forum, at the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development and to US- Africa conferences organized within the framework of the Africa Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA). He was the President of the 59th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

**THE HONORABLE RAJIV SHAH**  
**Administrator**  
**U.S. Agency for International Development**

Dr. Rajiv Shah serves as the 16th Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and leads the efforts of more than 8,000 professionals in 80 missions around the world.

Since being sworn in on Dec. 31, 2009, Administrator Shah managed the U.S. Government's response to the devastating 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, cochaired the State Department's first-ever review of American diplomacy and development operations, and now spearheads President Obama's landmark Feed the Future food security initiative. He is also leading "USAID Forward," an extensive set of reforms to USAID's business model around seven key areas, including procurement, science & technology, and monitoring & evaluation.

Before becoming USAID's Administrator, Dr. Shah served as Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics and as Chief Scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At USDA, he launched the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a new scientific institute that significantly elevates the status and funding of agricultural research. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Shah served for seven years with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation where his positions included Director of Agricultural Development in the Global Development Program, and Director of Strategic Opportunities.

Originally from Detroit, Shah earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and his Master of Science in health economics at the Wharton School of Business. He attended the London School of Economics and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Shah previously served on the boards of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the Seattle Public Library, and the Seattle Community College District.

Dr. Shah is married to Shivam Mallick Shah and is the father of three children. He lives in Washington D.C.

**JOSETTE SHEERAN**  
**Vice-Chairman and Member of the Managing Board**  
**World Economic Forum**

Josette Sheeran is Vice-Chairman of the World Economic Forum. She previously served as Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (2007) and Chair of the UN High-Level Committee on Management. She was Under-Secretary for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs at the US Department of State responsible for economic issues including development, trade, agriculture, finance, energy, telecommunications and transportation. In 2006 she was appointed to the High-level UN Panel on System-wide Coherence in the areas of development, humanitarian assistance and the environment. Ms Sheeran also served as Deputy US Trade Representative responsible for trade negotiations in Asia and Africa. She was Managing Director of Starpoint Solutions and was also President and CEO of Empower America.

She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was on its Washington advisory board and has served on a number of other boards, including the Washington board of the Urban League and the United Negro College Fund. Ms Sheeran has a BA from the University of Colorado.

**JEFF SIMMONS**  
**Senior Vice President, Eli Lilly and Company**  
**President, Elanco Animal Health**

Since 2008, Jeff Simmons has served as president of Elanco, the animal health division of Eli Lilly and Company, (NYSE: LLY). Elanco is an innovation-driven company with offices in more than 75 countries and 2010 sales of \$1.39 billion. As part of this role, he is also a Senior Vice-President and Executive Officer of Lilly. In more than two decades with the company, Simmons has held a number of sales, marketing and management positions, in the United States and abroad, including serving as country director in Brazil and area director for West Europe based in the U.K.



These international experiences offered Simmons a new perspective on food and agriculture and created a deep conviction about the need for solutions to global hunger. He has published two white papers on this topic, available at [www.plentytothinkabout.org](http://www.plentytothinkabout.org).

Simmons also holds a number of leadership positions, including serving on the board of directors for Chiquita, Gleaners Food Bank of Central Indiana and the International Federation of Animal Health (IFAH). He is also a member of Harvard's Private and Public, Scientific, Academic and Consumer Food Policy Group (PAPSAC) committee.

**JACK SINCLAIR**  
**Executive Vice President, Grocery Merchandise**  
**Walmart**

Jack Sinclair is executive vice president of the grocery division for Walmart Stores Division. He has responsibility for overall grocery strategy for Wal-Mart Stores U.S. In addition, he works to integrate planning, category management, store experience, and private brand development into the grocery business unit.

Sinclair has worked in the retail food business since 1982. He began his career as a trainee at Shoppers' Paradise in the United Kingdom. He has also worked for Tesco and Safeway PLC, where he eventually served on the Board of Directors that lead the merger of Safeway PLC and Morrison's. He has served as the European development director for SB Capital, partnering with banks, private financiers, and private equity houses to assess, advise and implement strategic retail acquisitions. He joined Wal-Mart from McCurrach, a U.K.-based field merchandising business.

Sinclair earned a bachelor's degree in economics and marketing from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland.

**GAYLE SMITH**  
**Special Assistant to the President**  
**Senior Director, National Security Council**

Gayle Smith is Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the National Security Council, where she is responsible for global development, democracy, stabilization, and humanitarian assistance issues. She was previously a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Co-Chair of the ENOUGH Project, and Co-Founder of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. During the Clinton Administration, Smith previously served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the NSC, and as Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Smith was based in Africa for over 20 years as a journalist covering military, economic, and political affairs for the BBC, Associated Press, Reuters, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Toronto Globe & Mail, London Observer, and Financial Times. Smith has also consulted for a wide range of NGOs, foundations, and governmental organizations including UNICEF, the World Bank, Dutch Interchurch Aid, Norwegian Church Relief, and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. She won the World Journalism Award from the World Affairs Council and the World Hunger Year Award in 1991, and in 1999 won the National Security Council's Samuel Nelson Drew Award for Distinguished Contribution in Pursuit of Global Peace.

Smith is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served on the boards of Oxfam America, the Africa America Institute, ASSET, USA for Africa, and the National Security Network. She also served on the policy advisory boards of DATA, the Acumen Fund, and the Global Fairness Initiative, and was the Working Group Chair on Global Poverty for the Clinton Global Initiative from 2005 to 2007.

**ANN VENEMAN**  
**Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Former Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund**

Ann M. Veneman has a distinguished career in public service, serving as the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) from 2005 to 2010. Veneman's leadership and vision has been recognized both nationally

and internationally. In 2009 she was named to the Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women list, and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

At UNICEF Veneman directed a staff of over 11,000 in more than 150 countries around the world. She worked to support child health and nutrition, quality basic education for all, access to clean water and sanitation and the protection of children and women from violence, exploitation and HIV/AIDS. She traveled to more than seventy countries to review the plight of children, to witness the devastation caused by natural disaster, conflict, disease and exploitation, and to advance programs aimed at improving and saving lives.

From 2001 to 2005 Veneman was Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), one of most diverse federal agencies with a budget of \$113 billion and 110,000 employees. She served as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 1995 to 1999, overseeing the state agency responsible for nation's largest agricultural producing region. From 1986 to 1993, she served in various positions in the USDA, including Deputy Secretary, Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, and Associate Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service. At USDA, Veneman advanced an expanded trade agenda, food protection, progressive farm policy, responsible forest policy, and stronger nutrition programs.

Veneman currently serves on the boards of directors for Alexion and Nestlé S.A. Alexion is a global biopharmaceutical company that combines groundbreaking science with a steadfast commitment to meeting the needs of patients living with severe, life-threatening and often ultra-rare diseases. Nestlé S.A. is the world's leading nutrition, health and wellness company, providing consumers a wide range of food and beverage products and choices.

Veneman is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and The Trilateral Commission and has been a participant in The Clinton Global Initiative and World Economic Forum. She is a frequent speaker on a range of topics including poverty alleviation, empowering women and girls, food security and nutrition, and global health.

Throughout her career Veneman has served on a number of advisory councils, committees and non-profit boards, particularly those involving higher education. Currently she is co-chair of Mothers Day Every Day and on the boards of the Close Up Foundation, Malaria No More and the National 4-H Council. She is also a co-chair of the Bipartisan Policy Center initiative on Obesity and Physical Activity and on the advisory boards of BRAC, The FEED Project, Pencils of Promise and Runa Tea. In 2012 she served as a fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health and the U.C. Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy.

A lawyer by training, Veneman has practiced law in both California and in Washington DC. Early in her career, she was a deputy public defender. Veneman holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis; a master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley; and a juris doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She has also been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from several universities and colleges.