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Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, President of the African Development Bank

Nigeria

Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina is the 8th elected President of the African Development Bank Group. He was elected to the position on May 28, 2015 by the Bank's Board of Governors at its Annual Meetings in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Adesina, 58, is a distinguished development economist and agricultural development expert with 25 years of international experience. He is the first Nigerian to serve as President of the Bank Group. He served as Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development from 2011 to 2015, during which time he implemented bold policy reforms in the fertilizer sector and pursued innovative agricultural investment programs to expand opportunities for the private sector. He was previously Vice-President (Policy and Partnerships) of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He was also Associate Director (Food Security) at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York.

Adesina has received a number of global awards for his leadership and work in agriculture. In 2010, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed him as one of 17 global leaders to spearhead the Millennium Development Goals, along with Bill Gates, the Spanish Prime Minister and the President of Rwanda. He was named Person of the Year by Forbes Africa magazine in 2013. Adesina was awarded the World Food Prize in 2017.

Adesina earned a first-class honours Bachelor Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ife, Nigeria, in 1981. In 1988 he completed a PhD in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University in the United States, where he won the Outstanding PhD Thesis Award for his research work. He also won the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Post-Doctoral Fellowship in 1988, which launched his international career in global agricultural development. Adesina speaks fluent French and English.



Manal Al Alem, Chef

Jordan

Manal Al Alem is an Jordanian professional chef and TV chef, living in Egypt. Throughout her career, Manal has encouraged women's involvement in the culinary industry by leading specialized culinary courses for women as well as setting up the Manal Club- a network of 6,000 women from across the Arab world who take part in culinary festivals, shows and competitions. Manal is a champion of Middle Eastern and Arab cuisine and posts cooking videos of traditional dishes on her youtube channel.

Additionally, Manal has published several cookbooks such as Manal Alalem Kitchen as well as features in a number of newspapers and magazines.

Manal also works as an ambassador for the World Food Programme. As a #HealthyNotHungry advocate she's raising nutrition awareness and teaching the adults of tomorrow about the benefits of local, diverse ingredients.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.manalalalemcenter.com/index.php/about-us/about-manal-alalem>



Reem Ebrahim Al-Hashimy, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for International Cooperation, United Arab Emirates

United Arab Emirates

In February 2016, Her Excellency Reem Al-Hashimy was appointed Minister of State for International Cooperation. She joined the Federal Government in 2008 as Minister of State and has had a vital role in dealing with a number of foreign and vibrant issues of the UAE such as the UAE's bid to host the World Expo 2020 in Dubai. Since her appointment, Her Excellency Al-Hashimy manages the International Affairs Office of the UAE Prime Minister, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Additionally, she holds responsibility within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the UAE's bilateral relations with India, Pakistan, Sub-Saharan African countries and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Her Excellency is also the chairperson of The Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority and a chairperson of Dubai Cares.

Her Excellency Al-Hashimy has extensive experience in international affairs and started her career as Commercial Attaché and, subsequently, went on to become Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Washington, D.C. H.E. Al-Hashimy completed her undergraduate studies at Tufts University, Massachusetts, in 1999, where she earned Bachelor of Arts degrees majoring in international relations and French. H.E. Al-Hashimy also holds a master's degree from Harvard University from 2002.



Inger Ashing, Chief Executive of Save the Children International

Sweden

A well-respected child rights activist, Inger has been associated with Save the Children for more than 25 years. Since then, she has been a member of the Board of Save the Children International and Save the Children Sweden. Before her appointment as CEO of Save the Children International in September 2019, Inger served as Director General at the Swedish Agency against Segregation, within the Swedish government, where she worked to advance cooperation between the government, municipalities, corporates and organisations to increase knowledge and to promote the development of evidence based methods.

She also served as the National Coordinator for Youth Not in Education or Employment for the Swedish Government, Deputy Director General of the Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society and the CEO of the Global Child Forum. Inger is a member of the Ethics Council at The Swedish Migration Agency, a member of the Delegation for the Employment of Young People and Newly Arrived Migrants.

She has been an expert to and board member of numerous authorities and committees such as the Delegation for Human Rights, the Swedish National Knowledge Centre on Violence against Children, the Swedish Enforcement Authority, the National Board of Institutional Care, and the Monitoring Committee for The European Social Fund.

Inger is married and has three children.



Cherrie Atilano, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Agrea Agricultural Systems International Inc.

Philippines

Cherrie Atilano is the founder and CEO of AGREA Agricultural Systems International, Inc., an agro-social enterprise that aims to help eradicate poverty for farming and fishing families in order to alleviate the effects of climate change and establish food security in the Philippines. AGREA has been mobilizing communities, businesses, academia, local and national governments, and international partners to bring an “Ecology of Dignity” to farming and fishing communities on the island of Marinduque.

Previously, Atilano worked as a consultant with the Department of Agrarian Reform in the Philippines and helped to form 241 cooperatives of smallholder farmers in the country. She started teaching farmers at the age of 12, has 19 years of vast experience in Sustainable Food Systems from organising smallholder farmers into sustainable cooperative, technology transfer, developing inclusive agri-business, connecting farmers to market, government support and financial institutions.

She is making farming desirable for young people and an advocate of agri-technology. She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including Inspiring Filipina Entrepreneur in 2017, The Outstanding Women in Nation’s Service Award in 2016, and Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines in 2007. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor’s in Agriculture from Visayas State University.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.agreaph.com/>



Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Mexico

Alicia Bárcena assumed office as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on 1 July 2008. She previously served as the Under-Secretary-General for Management at United Nations Headquarters in New York, Chef de Cabinet and Deputy Chef de Cabinet to the former Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. Alicia Bárcena held the post of Deputy Executive Secretary and Director of ECLAC’s Environment and Human Settlements Division.

Prior to her time at ECLAC, Ms. Bárcena served as Co-ordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), responsible for the Environmental Citizenship Project at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Alicia Bárcena was the Founding Director of the Earth Council in Costa Rica, a non-governmental organization in charge of follow-up to the agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.

Ms. Bárcena has taught and conducted research in the Autonomous Metropolitan University of Mexico. She has published numerous articles on sustainable development, public policy, environmental issues, and public participation. Alicia Bárcena holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, and holds a Master Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. She has completed the courses for a Master Degree in Ecology, and has initiated studies for a PhD Degree in Economics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.



David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP)

USA

In a public service and business career that spans more than four decades, David Beasley has worked across political, religious and ethnic lines to champion economic development, humanitarian assistance, education, and intercultural and interfaith cooperation for the most vulnerable people across the globe. For the past 10 years, Mr Beasley has worked with influential leaders and on-the-ground programme managers in more than 100 countries on projects to foster peace, reconciliation and economic progress.

Mr Beasley has also helped strengthen cooperation and communication among the business, political and non-governmental sectors in regions of long-standing political, ethnic and religious tension. In 2016, he and his team led an international conference in Kosovo that brought hundreds of business and political leaders from the Balkans together for five days of dialogue. As Governor of the U.S. state of South Carolina from 1995 to 1999, Mr Beasley provided a steady hand in moments of crisis. His leadership before, during and after hurricanes enabled the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people and ensured access to food, healthcare and shelter for the most vulnerable households during and immediately after the natural disasters.

As a political figure, Mr Beasley honed his diplomatic skills and has continued to put them to use after leaving public office. He believes strongly that personal dialogue and relationships are critical to conflict resolution. He has traveled to as many as 30 countries each year promoting peace and leading conferences and missions in Kosovo, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen, among other countries. Through his travels, Mr Beasley has developed close personal relationships with leaders in many nations, including heads of state and members of national parliaments.

Mr Beasley received his bachelor's degree from Clemson University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of South Carolina and taught at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. He was first elected to public office at the age of 21 as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. He is married and is the father of four children.



Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Cameroon

A Cameroonian national, Martin Chungong made double history by becoming the first-ever African and the first non-European to be elected as IPU Secretary General in the Organization's 126-year history. With more than three decades of experience and knowledge of parliaments at national and international level, Mr Chungong has dedicated his professional life to promoting and building democracy world-wide. Following a 14-year career span with the Cameroonian Parliament, Mr Chungong has already spent more than 20 distinguished years at IPU. Prior to being elected as the eighth IPU Secretary General, he was the Organization's Deputy Secretary General and Director of Programmes. Through his work on developing programmes to help parliaments become more transparent, accountable, representative and effective democratic institutions, he has become a leader in his field.

As Chair of the Management Committee on Accountability of the OECD Governance Network, Mr Chungong has further contributed to establishing governance benchmarks to strengthen democracy. He has also built an impressive portfolio in the promotion of dialogue and conflict resolution, issues that remain at the heart of IPU's global work. His focus on particularly helping countries emerge from conflict or in transition has been widely acknowledged by the IPU membership and partners globally.

Since 2012, Mr Chungong has made a push to strengthen parliamentary engagement on sustainable development and accountability through his role as Parliamentary Representative on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. He is also leading IPU's work to dramatically reduce maternal and child mortality rates through effective legislation and its implementation and ensuring governments' accountability to international commitments in this area.

An awardee of the Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade, Ordre de la Francophonie, and a linguist by training, Mr Chungong holds degrees from both the University of Yaoundé and the University of Ottawa. With mother-tongue English and French, he also speaks Spanish. He is married to Stella Chungong, a medical doctor. They have two children.



Aliko Dangote, Chairman and CEO of Dangote Group

Nigeria

Aliko Dangote is a Nigerian business magnate, investor, and owner of the Dangote Group, a multitrillionaire conglomerate with many of its operations in Benin, Ghana, Nigeria, and Togo.

Dangote started his career in Lagos shortly after his academic pursuit. He obtained a loan of US\$2,500 from his grandfather and promised to pay back within three years after his business must have break-even. He is now ranked by Forbes magazine as the 100th-richest person in the world and the richest in Africa and peaked on the list as the 23rd-richest person in the world in 2014.

The Aliko Dangote Foundation (ADF) is the Philanthropic endeavor of Aliko Dangote, which main objective is to reduce the number of lives lost to malnutrition and disease. Combating Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in children, is at the core of the foundation's programming, using investments in health, education, and economic empowerment to help lift people out of poverty.



Annette Dixon, Vice President for Human Development of the World Bank

New Zealand

Annette Dixon is the Vice President for Human Development at the World Bank Group, overseeing the Global Practices for education; health, nutrition, and population; gender; and social protection and jobs. She was previously the Bank's Vice President for the South Asia Region. In managing the World Bank's engagement in South Asia to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity, Annette led relations with eight countries, including India—the institution's biggest client. She also oversaw lending operations and trust-funded projects worth more than USD10 billion a year.

Before joining the region, Annette was Director, Strategic Planning in the Budget, Performance Review and Strategic Planning Vice Presidency and Country Director to Central Asia, then South East Asia. She joined the Bank in 1999 and worked as Sector Director to Human Development in the ECA region.

Annette is a long-standing champion on gender issues. In South Asia, she has set a target to deliver 100 percent gender-informed projects and interventions, going beyond the global corporate requirements. Under her leadership, the regional priority for South Asia is to support countries to improve women's labour force participation.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Annette Dixon worked for the Government of New Zealand as Chief Executive of the Ministry of Youth Affairs. She also served as General Manager, Sector Policy; Deputy Director-General in the Ministry of Health; Director of Health Policy, Department of the Prime Minister; and Manager Policy Division, Ministry of Women's Affairs.

Born in New Zealand, Annette holds a Master of Public Policy. She was also awarded the Harkness Fellowship in Health Policy and Management at the George Washington University in 1994-1995.



Daniel Kablan Duncan, Vice-President of Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire

Born in Ouellé on June 30, 1943, Daniel Kablan Duncan is married with one child.

He holds a degree in Business Engineering from the University of Nancy, a diploma in International Business Engineering and a diploma from the British and Spanish consular chambers.

He began his career as a senior official in 1970 as the Deputy Director of Interventions and External Economic Relations at the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Three years later, he was hired by the IMF as a "Special Appointee."

In 1974, he joined the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) as the head of the research department at the Abidjan office, then Deputy National Director, and Director General of the National Social Insurance Fund [Caisse Nationale de Prévoyance Sociale].

His career as a government official began in July 1990 when he was appointed Minister of Economy and Finance under President Félix Houphouët-Boigny.

He went on to occupy several ministerial positions, including serving as Prime Minister from December 1993 to December 1999 under Henri Konan Bédié, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs in June 2011, and Prime Minister once again from November 2012 to January 2017.

On January 10, 2017, Daniel Kablan Duncan was appointed Vice President of the Republic by President Alassane Ouattara. He is the first to occupy this position created by the Constitution of November 8, 2016 establishing the Third Republic.



Chris Elias, President, Global Development of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

USA

Dr. Chris Elias is the president of the Global Development Division, where he leads the foundation's efforts in a diverse range of program areas aimed at finding creative new ways to ensure solutions and products get into the hands of people in poor countries who need them most. Focusing on areas with the potential for high-impact, sustainable solutions that can reach hundreds of millions of people, Chris oversees Global Development's portfolio in Emergency Response; Family Planning; Maternal, Newborn & Child Health; Nutrition; Polio Eradication; and Vaccine Delivery. A common theme of these programs is innovative and integrated delivery, including an emphasis on strengthening of primary health care systems.

Chris's professional background is in public health and medicine. Prior to joining the Gates Foundation in February 2012, he worked in various positions and countries for international nonprofit organizations, most recently serving as the president and CEO of PATH, an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of people around the world by advancing technologies, strengthening systems, and encouraging healthy behaviors.

Chris holds an MD from Creighton University, having completed postgraduate training in internal medicine at the University of California San Francisco, and an MPH from the University of Washington, where he was a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine.



Shenggen Fan, Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

China

Shenggen Fan has been director general of IFPRI since 2009. He joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He led IFPRI's program on public investment before becoming the director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division in 2005.

He is one of the Champions of Target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, dedicated to inspiring ambition, mobilizing action, and accelerating progress toward cutting global food loss and waste. He serves as an advisor to many national governments (including China and Viet Nam) on agriculture, food security and nutrition.

In 2017, Dr. Fan received the 2017 Fudan Management Excellence Award. The award is referred to in China as the "Nobel Prize for Management." This highly prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of management.

In 2014, Dr. Fan received the Hunger Hero Award from the World Food Programme in recognition of his commitment to and leadership in fighting hunger worldwide.

Dr. Fan received a PhD in applied economics from the University of Minnesota and bachelor and master degrees from Nanjing Agricultural University in China.



Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF and Chair of the SUN Movement Lead Group

USA

Henrietta Fore became UNICEF's seventh Executive Director on 1 January 2018. She has worked to champion economic development, education, health, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in a public service, private sector and non-profit leadership career that spans more than four decades.

From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Fore served as the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Director of United States Foreign Assistance. The first woman to serve in these roles, she was responsible for managing USD39.5 billion of U.S. foreign assistance annually, including support to peoples and countries recovering from disaster and building their futures economically, politically and socially.

Earlier in her career at USAID, Ms. Fore was appointed Assistant Administrator for Asia and Assistant Administrator for Private Enterprise (1989-1993). She served on the Boards of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. In 2009, she received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award the Secretary of State can bestow.



Sophie Healy-Thow, Youth Leader

Ireland

Sophie is a young Irish woman who is passionate about creating awareness about food security, particularly amongst young people.

She is a 2017/2018 Quercus Active Citizenship Scholar, studying International Development and Food Policy at University College Cork. She is a Google Science Fair and European Young Scientist 2014 winner. In 2015, she was selected as a Global Youth Leader by the United Nations at the Global Goals Mobilising Generation Zero Hunger Conference in New York. In 2014 Sophie was named as one of Time magazine's Top 25 most influential teens. In 2015 she was appointed Ambassador by the ISPC for their Youth Shield Award Anti Bullying Campaign. She is a 2017 UNleash talent and recently participated in the first ever UNleash symposium in Denmark.

Sophie is a Board Trustee of Action Aid UK and a Youth Ambassador at ONE Campaign. She is co-owner and co-founder of Agrikua, an online social enterprise aimed at helping women in agriculture in developing countries. She is a regular speaker and panelist at international conferences and events and has presented programmes and written articles on education, science and food security.

She is an excellent and inspiring communicator with strong leadership skills and a self-motivator with a drive and ambition to succeed.



Jakaya Kikwete, former President of Tanzania

Tanzania

Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete was the fourth President of Tanzania, in office from 2005 to 2015. Prior to his election as President, he was the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1995 to 2005 under his predecessor, Benjamin Mkapa. He has also served as the Chairperson of the African Union in 2008–2009 and the Chairman of the Southern African Development Community Troika on Peace, Defense and Security in 2012–2013.

As a party cadre, Kikwete moved from one position to another in the party ranks and from one location to another in the service of the party. In 1988, he was appointed to join the central government. In 1994, at 44, he became one of the youngest finance ministers in the history of The United Republic of Tanzania. In December 1995, he became Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, being appointed by President Benjamin William Mkapa of the third phase government. He held this post for ten years, until he was elected President of the United Republic of Tanzania in December 2005, hence becoming the country's longest serving foreign minister.

During his tenure in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tanzania played a significant role in bringing about peace in the Great Lakes region, particularly in The Democratic Republic of Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Kikwete was also deeply involved in the process of rebuilding regional integration in East Africa. Specifically, several times, he was involved in a delicate process of establishing a customs union between the three countries of the East African Community (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania), where, for quite some time, he was a Chairman of the East Africa Community's Council of Ministers.

On 31st January 2016, The Chairperson of the AU Commission, Dr Nkosazana Zuma, appointed Jakaya Kikwete the AU High Representative in Libya. Following the crisis in Libya, Kikwete's role is to lead the AU's efforts on achieving peace and stability in Libya.



Shinichi Kitaoka, President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Japan

Mr Shinichi Kitaoka is President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Before assuming the present post, he was President of the International University of Japan.

Mr Kitaoka's career includes Professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) (2012-), Professor of Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, the University of Tokyo (1997-2004, 2006-2012), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations (2004-2006), Professor of College of Law and Politics, Rikkyo University (1985-1997).

Mr Kitaoka's specialty is modern Japanese politics and diplomacy. He obtained his B.A. (1971) and his Ph.D. (1976) both from the University of Tokyo. He is Emeritus Professor of the University of Tokyo.

He has numerous books and articles in Japanese and English including A Political History of Modern Japan: Foreign Relations and Domestic Politics (Tokyo: Yuhikaku, 2011), Political Dynamics of the United Nations: Where Does Japan Stand? (Tokyo: Chuokoron-Shinsha, 2007) and Japan as a Global Player (Tokyo: NTT Publishing, 2010).

He received many honours and awards including the Medal with Purple Ribbon for his academic achievements in 2011. For more information, go to:

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/president/profile.html>



Karina Gould, Minister of International Development, Government of Canada

Canada

The Honourable Karina Gould was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Burlington in 2015.

A graduate of McGill University and the University of Oxford, Minister Gould is passionate about public service and international development. Before her election as the Member of Parliament for Burlington, she worked as a trade and investment specialist for the Mexican Trade Commission in Toronto, a consultant for the Migration and Development Program at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C., and spent a year volunteering at an orphanage in Mexico.

Minister Gould has deep roots in her hometown of Burlington, Ontario, and is an active member of the community and an advocate for women's issues and affordable housing. She has volunteered with and actively supports the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club, the Burlington chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women, the Mississauga Furniture Bank, Halton Women's Place, and other local organizations.

Minister Gould lives in Burlington with her husband Alberto and son Oliver.

With the birth of Oliver, Minister Gould became the first federal cabinet minister to have a baby while holding office. She is passionate about breaking down barriers for women, youth, and underrepresented groups.

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Monica Katebe Musonda, Founder and CEO of Java Foods

Zambia

After working in Nigeria and seeing the potential impact that convenient and nutritious foods could have on Zambia's burgeoning young and fairly urban population, Monica returned to Zambia in 2012 to establish Java Foods. Monica manages the day to day operations of the business and is also responsible for the strategy and capital raising.

By way of background, Monica is a dual qualified English solicitor and Zambian advocate with over 16 years post qualification experience. She begun her legal career working for the Attorney General of Zambia. She then went on to work in private practice for Clifford Chance (London) and Edward Nathan (Johannesburg – where she rose to the rank of partner). She then worked for International Finance Corporation (Washington D.C.) and for Dangote Group (Lagos) as Director Legal and Corporate Affairs and was later promoted to General Counsel. Monica was the project lead responsible for the Group's \$400m investment into Zambia to build the country's largest integrated cement plant, due to be completed early 2015. Her experience working with one of Africa's most successful entrepreneurs gave her the impetus to start her own business and in 2012, she moved back to Zambia and set up Java Foods.

Monica currently serves as non-executive director on the Boards of Zambia Sugar Plc, African Life Assurance (subsidiary of Sanlam), Dangote Industries Zambia Limited and sits on the Microsoft4Afrika Advisory Council. She is the immediate past chairperson of Kwacha Pension Trust Fund, Zambia's largest single employer pension fund. She has also sat on the board of Bank of Zambia (2011-2014). She is a 2013 Young Global Leader (World Economic Forum) and Archbishop Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow. Forbes Magazine and Africa Investor named her as one of the leading Young Power Women in Business in Africa in 2013 and 2014 respectively. She sincerely believes that in order to develop our continent, we all must participate and build capacity and so in her spare time, she speaks to the Zambian youth about entrepreneurship and business development.



David Nabarro, Strategic Director of 4SD

UK

Dr David Nabarro has served as Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition and Coordinator of the Scale up Nutrition Movement. He also served as Senior UN System Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza. He was Coordinator of the UN system's High-Level Task Force on the Food Security Crisis for five years, beginning in 2009.

Previously he served at WHO headquarters in Geneva as the director of the WHO Department for Health Action in Crisis, Executive Director in the office of former WHO Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland and Director of WHO's Roll Back Malaria Department.

In his early career he worked on child health and nutrition programmes for Save the Children in Iraq, South Asia and East Africa; taught for six years at the London and Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine; and served as Chief Health and Population Adviser to the British Government's Overseas Development Administration and as Director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development (DFID). A physician who studied at Oxford and London Universities, Dr Nabarro holds a Masters' degree in reproductive endocrinology and public health.



Sania Nishtar, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister and Founder of Heartfile

Pakistan

Dr Sania Nishtar is the founder and President of Heartfile, which began in Pakistan in 1999 as a health information-focused non-governmental organization and evolved into a think tank on health policy issues. She is also founder of Heartfile Health Financing, a programme that uses a customized IT platform and mobile phones to protect poor patients from medical impoverishment or foregoing health care.

A cardiologist by training, she was Best Graduate of the Khyber Medical College in 1986 and holds a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of London and a PhD from King's College, London. Widely considered a thought leader on health policy, she has been a key drafter of several global health declarations.

Dr Nishtar served in Pakistan during the 2013 caretaker government as Minister for Science and Technology, Education and Trainings and Information Technology and Telecom. During her term, she was instrumental in establishing Pakistan's Ministry of Health.

Dr Nishtar is currently Co-chair of the WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity.



Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Defense and Foreign Affairs, Fiji

Fiji

Inia Seruiratu is Fiji's Minister for Agriculture, Rural & Maritime Development, and National Disaster Management. As Fiji's High-Level Climate Champion, Minister Seruiratu is responsible for advancing the Global Climate Action Agenda. In this role, he follows his French and Moroccan predecessors – Ms Laurence Tubiana, former French Ambassador for climate change, and Ms Hakima El Haite, former Minister Delegate in charge of Environment of Morocco. The Agenda lays out a roadmap aimed at enhancing partnerships and cooperative action among governments, cities, businesses, investors and citizens, to accelerate efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to facilitate support to help vulnerable nations adapt to the effects of climate change. Minister Seruiratu will build on their work by ensuring an active consultative process that seeks to engage Parties and non-state stakeholders.

As a minister in the FijiFirst Government, Mr Seruiratu has led efforts to better prepare communities and enhance their resilience to the impacts of natural disasters, which are occurring with greater intensity due to climate change. This process has become even more urgent following the devastation of Tropical Cyclone Winston, which left 44 people dead and caused more than USD2.8 billion worth of damage in Fiji. The Minister plans to use his position as Climate Champion to drive global action on this crucial issue and to explore products and models that attract private sector participation in the area of adaptation finance.

Mr Seruiratu joined the Native Land Development Corporation in 1984 before joining the Republic of Fiji Military Forces in 1987 as a Commissioned Officer.

His career in the civil service began in 2007 when he was appointed the Commissioner of Fiji's Northern Division. In 2011, he was appointed as the Permanent Secretary and soon after the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management.



Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union

Angola

Josefa Sacko became the African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture in January 2017. An Angolan national, she is a leading African agronomist. On the 23 December 2016, Josefa Sacko was nominated executive administrator on the Administrative Council of the Funds for Agriculture Development. She is special adviser to two ministers in Angola, her home country: the minister of environment, and she also serves as ambassador responsible for climate change within the ministry; and the minister of agriculture, for whom she oversees food security, eradication of hunger and poverty reduction.

A former secretary general of the Inter-African Coffee Organization (IACO), Josefa Sacko is also special adviser to the vice president of The Panafrican Woman Organization for Southern African Region. She also worked as a consultant in National Angolan Investment Agency (ANIP).

Josefa Sacko ran the Inter-African coffee organization (IACO) for 13 years in Côte d'Ivoire where she represented coffee economy of 25 Africa Coffee producing countries.



Feike Sijbesma, CEO, Royal Dutch DSM

The Netherlands

In 1987, Feike Sijbesma joined the Industrial Pharmaceuticals division of Royal Gist-brocades NV, where he was responsible for strategic planning and business development. From 1990 to 1993, he was appointed the division's Marketing & Sales Director. Thereafter (1993) he was given leadership of Savory Ingredients, later on a business unit of Gist-brocades' Food Specialties Division. In 1995, Sijbesma was made director of that division and joined the Gist-brocades' Executive Committee. Following the acquisition by DSM in 1998, he became Director of the business group DSM Food Specialties.

In 2000, Sijbesma joined the Managing Board of DSM, responsible for the food and pharma activities. In 2002 and 2003 he led the acquisition of the vitamins & fine chemicals division of the Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche. In subsequent years, he led from Basel (Switzerland) the integration of this division into DSM, in addition to his other responsibilities as a member of the Managing Board. Since 2007, Feike Sijbesma is the CEO of DSM.

Feike Sijbesma has transformed DSM and its portfolio through various divestments and acquisitions. Under his leadership, DSM repositioned itself from a chemical company into a Life Sciences & Materials Sciences company, focusing on health, nutrition & materials, expressed in a new brand of which "Bright Science. Brighter Living" forms the core. Feike Sijbesma sees sustainability as both a responsibility and a business driver. Feike Sijbesma has given purpose to the company by the DSM's involvement in amongst other things malnutrition and climate change. He also considers it important for business to have more women in the top and he sees diversity as increasingly important for DSM as an innovative company. He is committed to develop science as a bases for innovation in order to create brighter lives for people today and generations to come. Feike Sijbesma is married and has two sons.



Gunhild Anker Stordalen, Founder and Executive Chair of EAT Foundation

Norway

Gunhild Anker Stordalen is a Norwegian physician, environmental advocate and public debater. She is the founder and president of EAT Foundation, the co-founder and chairman of the philanthropic Stordalen Foundation, the CEO of GreeNudge and serves on the board of several commercial and nonprofit organizations. She has been engaged in public debate on issues like climate change and public health and is a driving force in transforming the global food system.

In 2013, Gunhild Stordalen founded the EAT Initiative with the idea of transforming the global food system to ensure the growing population a healthy and nutritious diet within safe environmental limits. In 2014, together with the Stordalen Foundation and the Stockholm Resilience Center she hosted the first EAT Stockholm Food Forum. The forum which ran for two days, dealt with the connection between food, health and sustainability. Hosting 400 participants from 28 nations, it was a combination of talks, panel debates and discussions between researchers, politicians and industry. The participants included HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, who spoke via a link on the theme of 'The global food system: A sustainable future', former US President Bill Clinton, who gave the keynote speech, and Professor Hans Rosling. HRH Prince Daniel, Duke of Västergötland and HRH Mette-Marit, Crown Princess of Norway took part in a discussion from a consumer perspective on food and health. Following this, the Wellcome Trust joined Stockholm Resilience Center and the Stordalen Foundation in launching the independent EAT Foundation in March 2016. This enabled the EAT Stockholm Food Forum to become an annual event, where the brightest minds from science, politics, business and civil society come together to exchange ideas on how to shift food systems towards sustainability, health, security, and equity within the boundaries of our planet.

The EAT Foundation has grown into a global multi-stakeholder movement for transforming the world's food system. To broaden its reach and spread the message, EAT Foundation, for the first time, organized a food forum outside of Stockholm, namely in Jakarta, Indonesia, in October 2017.

Gunhild Stordalen, together with the rest of EAT Foundation, aims to stimulate interdisciplinary research by establishing collaboration across scientific disciplines that interact with food issues, to improve nutrition and food safety and tackle global health and environmental challenges including obesity and non-communicable diseases, climate change and ecosystem degradation.



Gerda Verburg, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Coordinator of the SUN Movement

The Netherlands

Since August 2016, Gerda Verburg has served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, working with the 61 country governments and 4 Indian states that lead the SUN Movement, united with UN agencies, civil society, business and donors, in a common mission to defeat malnutrition in all its forms. She was appointed by the UN Secretary-General based on her extensive experience in politics and international cooperation.

In 2008, following her appointment the previous year as Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands, Ms Verburg was elected as Chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 17). From 2011, she served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations Rome-based agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP). In 2013, she was elected as Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and in 2014 she served as Chair of the Agenda Council for Food and Nutrition of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, renewed her term as Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement for a second term, effective from August 1st 2018.



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