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Mr. Rajesh Behal is a Principal Investment Officer in the Agribusiness Department, and focuses on global equity investments and debt financing. He has led several IFC equity investments in agribusiness private equity funds, primary production and food processing companies and beverage companies in East Asia, Latin America and Africa. He has also led several debt financings for companies in the food, beverage and farming sector. He has spent 8 years working with IFC and has previously worked with a food and beverage conglomerate in South East Asia and as a Fund Manager in an emerging markets investment fund. He holds an MBA from Stanford University Business School.

Luca Chinotti - Oxfam

Policy Advisor on food security and climate change at the Oxfam's office in Rome, Luca Chinotti works on policy issues related with public investments for agriculture and food security and the need to improve aid quantity and quality to achieve the Millennium Development Goal on hunger. He worked on several international processes such as the G8, the set up of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program and the Committee on World Food Security reform. He contributed to a number of Oxfam policy papers such as *Bridging the Divide. The Reform of Global Food Security Governance* (2009) and *Halving Hunger: Still Possible? Building a rescue package to set the MDGs back on track* (2010). He worked on several issues related with agriculture and food security, notably international trade issues. He holds a Master of Arts equivalent in Political Science of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland and a Master of Advanced Studies equivalent on globalization studies of the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland.

Sir Gordon Conway - Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London

Sir Gordon Conway trained in agricultural ecology, attending the universities of Bangor, Cambridge, West Indies (Trinidad) and California (Davis). In the 1960's he was a pioneer of sustainable agriculture developing integrated pest management programs for the State of Sabah in Malaysia. He joined Imperial College in 1970 setting up the Centre for Environmental Technology in 1976. In the 1970s and 1980s he lived and worked extensively in Asia and the Middle East, for the Ford Foundation, World Bank and USAID.

He directed the Sustainable Agriculture Programme at IIED and then became representative of the Ford Foundation in New Delhi. Subsequently he became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex and Chair of IDS. From 1998-2004 he was President of the Rockefeller Foundation and from 2004- June 2009 Chief Scientific Adviser to DFID and President of the Royal Geographical Society. He is a KCMG, Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Hon Fell RAEng and FRS. He holds five honorary degrees and fellowships. He is the author of '*The Doubly Green Revolution: Food for all in the 21st Century*' Penguin and Cornell.

Sean de Cleene - Global Business Development & Public Affairs, YARA

Sean de Cleene is vice president, Africa Programs for Yara International ASA. He is a co-founder and director of the African Institute of Corporate Citizenship (AICC). He has also founded a number of other companies and organisations working in the area of sustainability and emerging market development. He was the lead facilitator and co-chair of the South African NEPAD African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) corporate governance consultative review process on behalf of the South African government. He is currently the acting chair of the Malawi Sustainable Agri-Business Initiative - a public private partnership engaging the full spectrum of the agriculture sector. He is the elected chair of the Malawi Business Action Against Corruption, and a member of the African management committee of BAAC, a G8 endorsed African initiative to build public-private partnerships in order to combat corruption. He is a senior advisor to the UNEP Finance Initiative Africa Taskforce and was also a member of the initial Johannesburg Stock Exchange SRI Index Advisory Council. He has a BA (law) from Sydney University, an MSc (distinction) in international development practices from Oxford Brookes and is a graduate of the senior executive program at Harvard Business School.

Gregory de Paepe - OECD

Gregory De Paepe, a Belgian national, has joined the Development Centre as a policy analyst in the Europe, Middle East and Africa desk in November 2008. He has worked on one of the Centre's annual flagship publication, the African Economic Outlook (AEO), where he contributed to the statistical chapter and provided analysis for the thematic studies on 'ICT's for development' (2009) and 'Domestic Resource Mobilisation and Aid'(2010). In continuation of the 2010 thematic study, he's currently active in a pilot project initiating a policy network on 'Public investment in Infrastructure' in Africa. Prior to joining the Development Centre he has been working at the 'Spanish Mission in representation of the WTO and UNCTAD' in Geneva.. His main areas of work are development economics, international trade and public finances. Gregory holds a Master degree in International Trade at the Centre for Economic Studies in Madrid and a Master degree in Business Economics with a major in Finance at the University of Ghent, Belgium.

H.E. Patrick I. Gomes –Guyana Embassy

Ambassador Patrick Gomes of Guyana is currently Chairman of the ACP Ambassadors Consultative Group on Sugar and previously lectured in the Faculties of Agriculture and Social Sciences at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Trinidad and Tobago from 1974-1990 after which he served as Executive Director of the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) in Barbados until 2004. Ambassador Gomes has published articles on R&D Institutions in the agricultural sector, organizational structures for improved management of community-based and farmers' organizations and development policies for sustainable forestry management.

Michael Hailu - CTA

Mr. Michael Hailu, an Ethiopian national, is the new Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA). Mr. Hailu has over 25 years of professional experience working in Africa and Asia in communications and knowledge management in agriculture and related areas. Prior to joining CTA at the end of May 2010, Mr. Hailu was Director of Communications and a member of the Senior Leadership Team of the World Agroforestry Centre based in Nairobi, Kenya. From 1999-2007, Mr. Hailu lived and worked in Indonesia as Director of Information at the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). Mr. Hailu has degrees in Information Sciences and Economics from the University of Pittsburgh in the United States and Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He has also been trained in strategic leadership at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Harald Jahn -European Investment Bank

Dr. Harald Jahn is the head of division, SMEs –Agro industry and Commercial Services in the EIB's project directorate. The EIB's project directorate provides independent assessment on market, policy, technology, environment issues to the EIB lending arms and decision bodies on a sectorial basis operating on projects around the globe. The sector experts both engineers and economist are the interfaces between EU sector policies and EIB lending objectives. Mr. Jahn holds a master degree in agriculture engineering as well as in economics. He worked in the 1980s in developing and trade economics research in horticulture. He holds a PhD in horticulture economics. His working life included several years with the World Bank, international consultancies and since 20 years in the EIB, where he started as sector economist.

Julie Howard - Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa

Dr. Julie A. Howard holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Michigan State University, an M.S. in International Agricultural Development from the University of California, Davis, and a B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University. Dr. Howard also serves as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Development at Michigan State University. Since 2003, Julie Howard has served as the Executive Director of the Partnership, an independent nonprofit coalition dedicated to increasing the level and effectiveness of U.S. assistance and private investment in Africa through research, dialogue and advocacy. Julie Howard is the co-author, with Emmy Simmons, of "Improving the Effectiveness of US Assistance in Transforming the Food Security Outlook in Sub-Saharan Africa" in Jennifer Clapp and Marc Cohen (eds.), *The Global Food Crisis: Governance Challenges and Opportunities (2009)*. She is also the co-author, with Michael R. Taylor, of *Investing in Africa's Future: U.S. Agricultural Development Assistance for Sub-Saharan Africa (2005)* and with Alexander Ray Love, of *Now is the Time: A Plan to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa (2002)*.

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Marcel C. Nwalozie is a social scientist with a professional management degree, an MBA from the University of Liverpool and a Ph.D from the University of Port Harcourt in field crops physiology. He led and monitored several regional and inter-country projects and programs. Formerly an international/regional expert at the Centre for the Study of Crop Adaptation to Drought (CERAAS). Currently leading the AU/NEPAD West Africa Mission for the 15 ECOWAS countries. Marcel Nwalozie is currently the Director of NEPAD West Africa Mission. He was the Director of Programs at CORAF/WECARD for 12 years, between 1997 and August 2009.

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Randiana Rakotomala is a senior investment officer at the Private Sector Department of the AfDB. She has 14 years of experience in private sector management, marketing and finance across four continents, serving large corporations such as AIRBUS, Colgate-Palmolive and IFC. She has developed innovative financing mechanisms for the African Private Sector mainly in health and agribusiness, blending investments and donor funded technical assistance programs. Randiana holds an MBA from the Chicago Graduate School of Business.

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