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Dr. Ousmane Badiane is the Africa Director for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). In this role, he coordinates IFPRI's work program in the areas of food policy research, capacity strengthening, and policy communications in Africa. He is also in charge of IFPRI's partnerships with African institutions dealing with the above areas. Dr. Badiane, a national of Senegal, was Lead Specialist for Food and Agricultural Policy for the Africa Region at the World Bank from January 1998 to August 2008. He previously worked at IFPRI as Senior Research Fellow from 1989 to 1997, when he led the institute's work on market reforms and development. While at IFPRI, he taught, as adjunct professor, at Johns Hopkins' School of Advance International Studies from 1993 to 2003. Dr. Badiane received a Masters Degree and PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Kiel in Germany.

Hans Balyamujura – Co-Founder and CEO of ZED Group Limited

Hans is a South African citizen and holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics (Marketing Tea for Uganda's Smallholder Sector) obtained from the University of the Free State and a Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Pretoria having obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Makerere University, Uganda.

Hans is currently CEO of ZED Group Limited. He is an Entrepreneur and consultant in African agriculture with a special interest in smallholder value chain related investments and the development of the missing middle in the smallholder operations and finance. Until recently, Hans was General Manager: Absa AgriBusiness – Africa which he joined in June 2008. Prior to Absa, Hans was the General Manager: Agriculture at TSB Sugar managing 12,500 ha of sugar cane under irrigation.

Achille Bassilekin – ACP Secretariat

Achille Bassilekin III is Assistant Secretary General in charge of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade. As a career diplomat, Mr Bassilekin III joined the Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Cameroon in 1993 as Desk Officer in the United Nations and Multilateral Cooperation Department and was appointed Service Head in the Department of Asian Affairs in 1997. Prior to his appointment, he was Deputy-Head of the Permanent Delegation of the ACP Secretariat Office in Geneva (2008-2010). His work is focused on multilateral trade, commodities, agricultural development, environment and climate change as well as trade related issues such as customs cooperation and market access. He also coordinates activities with the ACP Geneva Office. Mr. Bassilekin graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Yaoundé. He is a graduate of the International Relations Institute of Cameroon, from where he earned Master's degree as well as a Doctorate in international relations. He also holds a Master's in International Trade from the International Studies Institute at Complutense University in Madrid. A respected international trade specialist, he is the author of several articles and research papers. Before joining the ACP Secretariat, Mr. Bassilekin was working with the UNDP, UNECA and civil society organisations.

Martin Bwalya – Head of the NEPAD/CAADP

Mr. Martin Bwalya, now, Head of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in the NEPAD Agency trained as farm machinery design and management Specialist worked many years in the field on development and design of farm machinery with a focus on animal and tractor drawn zero tillage equipment.

Moving into international development work, Mr Bwalya worked with the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT) at the Harare, Zimbabwe and Nairobi, Kenya offices as Executive Secretary. This involved promotion and coordinating networking and knowledge management across Africa in support of efforts to scale-up sustainable land and water management, in general, and conservation agriculture, in particular.

Mr. Bwalya joined the NEPAD Agency in 2007 as Senior Land and Water Management Specialist and NEPAD focal point for the TerrAfrica Partnership. Work and responsibilities has included coordination functions as well as technical backstopping to country and regional programmes and initiatives on sustainable land and water management and related aspects including climate change. Has participated in the AUC-ECA-AfDP process to development the Land Policy Guidelines and work on numerous land and land use related think pieces and programme level undertakings.

Michael Hailu – CTA

Michael Hailu, an Ethiopian national, is the 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.

H.E. Mary M. Muchada – Ambassador of Zimbabwe

Her Excellency Mrs. Mary Margaret Muchada is a distinguished civil servant and diplomat. She has held several high level posts in the civil service since she began her working career in the early 1980s. She was appointed Zimbabwe's Ambassador to Italy and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Organisations in Rome from 2000 to 2010 where she served in various capacities including Chair of the Africa Group; Chair of the G77; Member of the IFAD Governing Council; Member of the WFP Executive Board; and Africa's Representative on the Committee on the Reform of the FAO and contributed significantly in the shaping of several resolutions and declarations adopted by FAO to improve food security. In appreciation for her immense contribution in strengthening the food and agricultural sector in Italy during her tour of duty, Ambassador Muchada was decorated with the Grand Officer of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity by H.E. President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy.

In 2010, Ambassador Muchada was appointed Zimbabwe's Ambassador to the Benelux countries and Permanent Representative to the European Union and the OPCW. She also represents her country as Alternate Governor of the Common Fund for Commodities; member of the Administrative Council of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and Member of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors. She is a holder of several educational qualifications including a Doctorate degree in Development Communications from the Gregorian Pontifical University in Italy; an Executive Master's in Protocol and Diplomacy from the ISPD Brussels in collaboration with the Camilo Jose Cela University of Spain; and a BSc in Economics from the University of Cardiff in the United Kingdom. She has authored and co-authored a number of publications, among them her Doctorate thesis entitled "Managing Information for Achieving Food Security". During her spare time.

Nana Osei-Bonsu – CEO, Private Enterprise Federation, Ghana

Nana studied at Saint Francis College in Brooklyn, in the USA for his first degree in Economics in 1977 and followed up at Fordham University Graduate Arts and Sciences with graduate studies in International

Finance. Nana has an extensive banking career in the USA starting at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, then as a Bank Examiner in the New York State Banking Department and a Supervising Analyst at the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. He worked as an Investment Accountant with the Equitable Capital Management Corporation later to become Alliance Capital, and as an Investment Officer with JP Morgan Chase. Nana also served as the Managing Partner of a private investment firm, Manoff Associates of New York. In Ghana, Nana served as one of three Technical Advisors to the Economic Management Team at the Senior Minister's Office from 2003 -2005. At the same time, he doubled as a Technical Advisor to the Minister of State for Economic Planning.

In 2005, Nana was appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer of the Venture Capital Trust Fund (VCTF) where he leveraged Government's endowment of GH¢22.4 million to partner private sector investors, including some European Equity firms, to create five Venture Capital Funds with the private partners contributing an additional GH¢40.5 million. During his four-year tenure, Nana increased Accumulated Capital of the Trust Fund by GHC 8.7million.

In June 2011, Nana was appointed as the Director-General of the Private Enterprise Foundation.

Nana has participated in several conferences on agriculture issues as a presenter panelist or moderator; the most recent ones being the 3rd Commercial Farm Summit in Accra, 2013 Grow Africa Investment Forum in South Africa, CAADP Agriculture Policy Exchange and Learning Event in Dakar, Senegal.

Ruth Rawling – Vice President of Public Affairs for Cargill Europe

Ruth Rawling was appointed Vice President of Public Affairs for Cargill Europe in 1997 and the role has become Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Europe, Middle East and Africa. In this capacity Ruth leads the team dealing with government relations, external policy issues, corporate responsibility and internal and external corporate communications in EMEA and is part of the Global Leadership team of Corporate Affairs in Cargill. Ruth is currently Chair of the Competitiveness Committee of FoodDrink EU, the European Federation of Food Manufacturers, Chair of the Agro-Food Committee of Amcham EU, the association representing European companies of American parentage and Chair of the ECPA, the European Centre for Public Affairs. Past memberships include appointment in a personal capacity to the Stakeholder Dialogue Group of DG Sanco, the Health and Consumer Affairs Directorate of the European Commission and Chair of the Food and Feed Committee in the Praesidium of Cocal, the European association representing grain and feed merchants.

Ruth lives in London but works out of Mechelen, in Belgium. Prior to joining Cargill she held various posts in the Ministry of Agriculture in London before being appointed to Sir Leon Brittan's cabinet when he was made European Commissioner and then taking up the post of First Secretary Agriculture at the UK Representation to the European Communities. Ruth is a graduate of the University of Manchester.

Bernard Rey – Deputy Head of Unit/Food security, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Bernard Rey is a doctor in Veterinary medicine by training and holds a Master of Science in Economics of Development. He started his career in the International Agricultural Research Institutions in Mexico, the Netherlands and Ethiopia. He subsequently joined the European Commission and served in the Delegations of the European Union in Nigeria, Kenya and Madagascar in charge of the EU Rural Development and Agriculture portfolios in these countries. He was the Head of Development Cooperation of the EU in Kenya until August 2012 until he was promoted to be the deputy head of unit for 'Rural Development, food security and nutrition' in DEVCO, Brussels.

He is the Chair of the Executive Committee of the ALIVE Platform (African Livestock Platform) managed by the International Bureau for Animal Resources of the African Union, and represents the Commission as chair of the development partners of the AU Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program.

Klaus Rudischhauser – Deputy Director General Policy and Thematic Coordination, DG DEVCO

Klaus Rudischhauser joined the European Commission in 1989 and took up duty in the Directorate-General Environment. Subsequently he worked on assistance to the Newly Independent States and then was Head of Unit at the Directorate-General Personnel and Administration and the Directorate-General Energy and Transport where he was in charge of the Transeuropean Transport Networks.

From March 2007 to May 2011, Klaus Rudischhauser was Director at the Directorate-General Development and Relations with ACP Countries. His areas of responsibility covered amongst others: Programming of the European Development Fund (EDF), Panafrican issues, Peace and Security in Africa, Migration, Governance, Budget support and debt relief.

From June 2011 to July 2012, Klaus Rudischhauser was in charge of Directorate B *Quality and Impact of Aid* at DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid. His responsibilities included amongst others: Quality of aid; Evaluation; Inter-institutional relations; Information and Communication.

Since 22 November 2011 Mr Rudischhauser represents Commissioner Piebalgs in the UN initiative Energy for All. As of 1 August 2012 Mr Rudischhauser is Deputy Director General at DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid and oversees directorates *EU development policy, Sustainable Growth and Development, Human and Society Development* as well as the *Task-force for an enhanced dialogue with International Organisation* and three units dealing with respectively *Communication and transparency, Institutional relations, Quality and results*.

Wilson Songa – Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization & Enterprise Development, Kenya

Dr. Wilson A. Songa holds the following qualifications; a BSc. in Agriculture from the University of Nairobi; MSc. in Crop Science from Wageningen Agricultural University, Netherlands and a PhD in Plant Pathology from University of Reading, UK.

During his time as the Agricultural Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya, Dr. Songa served as the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural cooperation ACP-EU in the Netherlands from 2008-2011. He was also the Kenyan Government representative to the Board of Trustees of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) from 2007 to 2013. He is now currently the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization and Enterprise Development.

Kalilou Sylla – Executive Secretary, ROPPA, West Africa

Kalilou Sylla – Executive Secretary, ROPPA With a PhD in Agricultural Economics and of Ivorian nationality, Sylla Kalilou began his career working in the office of the Prime Minister in Ivory Coast as well as an Expert in Monitoring and Evaluation of agricultural and economic projects, while simultaneously teaching at the University of Abidjan. He successively held several teaching and senior research positions, was Head of Department of Macroeconomic Policies and Modeling, Deputy Coordinator of the Observatory of Public Opinion (EU Project) and Deputy Director of the Ivorian Center of Economic and Social Research. He then served as a technical advisor and president of the committee of agricultural policy (UEMOA-ECOWAS-NEPAD) at the Ministry of Agriculture in his country and as Expert of Agricultural Policy and Trade at the Conference of Ministers in West Africa and Central Africa (CMA/AOC) before joining ECOWAS as the Head of the Office of the Commissioner of Macroeconomic Policies. Furthermore, he is the author of around thirty articles that have been published in scientific journals and the co-author of five books on development in Africa as well as the recipient of academic honors in his country (prize for the best doctoral theses in economics in 1998 and best research project in economics in 2000). Since 1 September 2012 he has held the position of Executive Secretary for ROPPA.

Steve Wiggins – Researcher, Agricultural Development and Policy Programme, ODI

Steve Wiggins is an agricultural economist with more than 35 years of experience of teaching and research on agricultural and rural development. Formerly at the University of Reading, since 2002 he has been a research fellow at the Overseas Development Institute, London.

His interests centre on rural livelihoods, agricultural development, poverty, and food and nutrition security. He has been studying agricultural development in Africa since 1980. He currently works with colleagues in five countries as part of the Future Agricultures consortium, with a particular interest in how smallholders commercialise their production.