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BIODATA OF THE SPEAKERS

Tom Arnold – Interim SUN Movement Coordinator

Tom Arnold is Coordinator ad interim of the SUN Movement and former chairman of Ireland's Convention on the Constitution. From 2001 to 2013, he served as CEO of Concern Worldwide, one of Ireland's largest NGOs working in health, education, and emergencies. His other engagements include: Member of the Consortium Board of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research, Member of the International Food Policy Research Institute's 2020 Advisory Board, and Vice-chair of Trans Atlantic Food Aid Dialogue. Prior to joining Concern, he was Chief Economist and Assistant Secretary General with the Irish Department of Agriculture and Food.

Isolina Boto – Manager, CTA Brussels Office

Isolina Boto is the Manager of the CTA Brussels Office. Isolina has more than 20 years of experience in development. She worked for the European Commission, various ACP embassies and NGOs in areas related to food security, rural development and trade. Within CTA, she worked in various positions at headquarters, in the Netherlands, especially on co-funded technical programmes on Agriculture and Rural Development implemented at regional level. Since 2004 she heads the CTA Brussels Office, dealing with policy issues related to the ACP-EU cooperation in the field of agricultural and rural development and leads CTA policy group on regional trade. She coordinates and organizes the regular Brussels Development Briefings on topical development policy issues (<http://brusselsbriefings.net>). The office produces a daily news service on key policy areas of ACP-EU cooperation on trade, fisheries, climate change, food security and development policy (<http://brussels.cta.int>).

Patrick I. Gomes – ACP Secretary General

Dr. Patrick Ignatius Gomes of Guyana was elected the new Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) at the 100th Session of the Group's Council of Ministers, held at ACP Headquarters in Brussels on December 10, 2014. Prior to taking up his position as the Secretary General of the ACP Group, Dr. Gomes served as Guyana's Ambassador to Belgium and the European Community and as Guyana's representative to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Dr. Gomes also served as Chair of the Working Group on Future Perspectives of the ACP Group. He was the Dean of ACP Ambassadors in Brussels, and Chair of the Sub-Committee on Sugar and previously served as Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors, a decision-making body of the ACP Group. Dr. Gomes has also worked for the United Nations as a senior adviser in Human Resources Development at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has authored numerous publications in the areas of development and social policy analysis and served as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Maastricht-based think tank,

European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). Dr. Gomes will serve as Secretary General for the ACP for the period 2015 - 2020.

Lawrence Haddad – Senior Researcher, IFPRI

Dr. Lawrence Haddad is a Senior Research Fellow in the International Food Policy Research Institute's Poverty Health and Nutrition Division. He was the Director of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex from 2004 to 2014. Prior to that he was a Division Director at IFPRI and a Lecturer in Development Economics at the University of Warwick, UK. He is an economist and his main research interests are at the intersection of poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition. He is currently the co-Chair of the Global Nutrition Report's Independent Expert Group.

Michael Hailu – Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)

Michael Hailu, an Ethiopian national, is the Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) based in the Netherlands. CTA is a joint institution of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Union working under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement. Mr. Hailu has over 25 years of professional experience in agricultural research and development in Africa and Asia. Prior to joining CTA in mid-2010, he held senior leadership positions at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) based in Nairobi, Kenya and at the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Indonesia. Mr. Hailu has led the development and implementation of CTA's 2011-2015 strategic plan refocusing the Centre's work on three priority themes—supporting agricultural policies and strategies; enhancing inclusive value chains; and strengthening capacities of ARD institutions and networks in knowledge management and ICTs. He has degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and Addis Ababa University. He has also been trained in strategic leadership at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Jean-Pierre Halkin – Head of Unit DEVCO/C1, EuropeAid, European Commission

Jean-Pierre Halkin joined the DG Development of Commission in 1986. From 1992 to 1997, Jean-Pierre Halkin went to Côte d'Ivoire as Economic Adviser where he dealt with a broad portfolio including rural development programmes, value chains, regional trade, and access to market. He was also in charge of the coordination of a vast food security intervention mitigating the impact of the Liberian war in four countries (Liberia, Ivory Coast, Guinea, and Sierra Leone). Since then, Jean-Pierre has been working in Brussels, in the field of external relations where he took various posts including the coordination of the task force on "Drugs/Money Laundering" and management of food security interventions in Asia. In 2006, Jean-Pierre Halkin was appointed Head of the Unit in EuropeAid in charge of Food Security and Nutrition, Rural Development and Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change. Since 2011, Jean-Pierre has been in charge of the Unit in EuropeAid which is responsible for Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition. This Unit provides methodological supports on the following sectors: Food Security and Nutrition, Rural Development and Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change.

Lister Katsvairo – Regional Manager, HarvestPlus, Rwanda

Lister Katsvairo is Regional Manager for Partnership Countries/Africa at HarvestPlus. He supports introduction and scaling of biofortified nutritious crops through partnerships with national and international organizations in countries where HarvestPlus has no field presence. He previously served for four years as HarvestPlus Country Manager in Rwanda, where he facilitated the national release and dissemination of 10 varieties of high iron beans, which now are grown by approximately one-third of the country's smallholder farmers. Prior to HarvestPlus, he worked for over a decade on poverty alleviation and development with farmers in Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, and South Africa under Biomass Users Network and the Programme on Biomass Energy Conservation (ProBEC). He obtained a Master's degree from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in Environmental Consultancy and a B.Sc. Honours degree in Agriculture from the University of Zimbabwe.

John McDermott – Director CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health

Dr. John McDermott joined IFPRI in 2011 to lead the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH), led by IFPRI. Previously he was Deputy Director General and Director of Research at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Nairobi from 2003-2011. John has lived and worked in Africa for 25 years. As a researcher, John's research career has focused on public health, animal health and livestock research in developing countries, primarily Africa. He has led projects on zoonotic and emerging diseases in Asia and Africa. John has a strong background in quantitative methods (modeling, study design, statistics).

He has earned a PhD in quantitative epidemiology from the University of Guelph, a Masters Degree in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the University of California – Davis, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Guelph. During his research career, John authored or co-authored 200 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and conference papers and has advised over 30 post-graduate students, including 20 PhD graduates. He was a visiting Lecturer at the University of Nairobi and a Professor at the University of Guelph. He has also served as an advisor to FAO, WHO, OIE, and other international agencies, served as a non-executive Director of the Global Alliance for Livestock Vaccines and Medicine (GALVmed), and as a member of the advisory committee of Veterinarians without Borders in Canada.

Dr. McDermott also received the following major awards, Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) – University of Guelph (2012), Schofield Lecture, Ontario Veterinary College (2003), Medical Research Council (Canada) Fellowship, 1987-1990.

Robinah Mulenga Kwofie – Executive Director, National Food and Nutrition Commission, Zambia

Rose Ndolo – Child Nutrition and Food Security Adviser, World Vision UK

Rose Ndolo is the Senior Child Nutrition and Food Security Adviser for World Vision UK providing support to country programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America. She has more than 12 years of nutrition experience in development and emergency contexts. She has managed and provided technical support for nutrition programs across health and agriculture. Most recently, she led nutrition efforts for World Vision Kenya, where she was a key player in establishing the Scaling up Nutrition Movement and the Civil Society Alliance in the country. She served internally displaced populations and pastoralist communities working with Save the Children in Kenya. And she worked as Infant and Young Child Coordinator in Dadaab Refugee Camps in Kenya with CARE where she led the development of a Trainer's Course on Mother-to-Mother Support Group Methodology, Breastfeeding and Complementary Feeding Basics, and the IYCF Community Focused Approach. Ms. Ndolo holds a BSc in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics from Kenyatta University, Kenya and an MSc in Organizational Development from United States International University Africa.

Stineke Oenema – Co-chair of the working group on food security, Concord

Stineke Oenema, is nutritionist (Wageningen University, 1993) and agricultural economist (London University, 2005). Since 1993 she has worked in the area of food and nutrition security for several organizations: For UNICEF she worked in Ghana to improve household food security. When working for FAO in Vietnam and Chile, she integrated nutrition in food security programmes and also established coordination mechanisms among the several actors in the area of food and nutrition security. Currently she is working for ICCO, a Dutch NGO with regional offices in Africa, Latin America and Asia. She has been responsible for the food and nutrition security programme of ICCO and is now strategic advisor to the executive board. In addition she is chairing and facilitating several networks: the Concord European Food Security; Civil Society Mechanism for the Committee on World Food Security, and the Netherlands Working Group on Nutrition. Since early 2014 she is member of the Independent Expert group for the development of the Global Nutrition Report.

Klaus Rudischauser – Deputy Director-General Policy and Thematic Coordination, EuropeAid, EC

Klaus Rudischauser 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 Rudischauser 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 Rudischauser 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. As of 1 August 2012, he 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.

Marie Ruel – Director – Division Poverty, Health and Nutrition, IFPRI

Dr. Marie T. Ruel has been Director of IFPRI's Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division since 2004, after serving as Senior Research Fellow and Research Fellow in that division starting in 1996. Since joining IFPRI, she led the Multi-Country Program on Challenges to Urban Food and Nutrition and the Global Regional Project on Diet Quality and Diet Changes of the Poor. Prior to IFPRI, she was head of the Nutrition and Health Division at the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama/Pan American Health Organization (INCAP/PAHO) in Guatemala, where she worked and lived for 6 years. Dr. Ruel received her Ph.D. in International Nutrition from Cornell University and her Masters in Health Sciences from Laval University in Canada.

Dr. Ruel has worked for more than 25 years on policies and programs to alleviate poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition in developing countries. She has published extensively in nutrition and epidemiology journals on topics such as maternal and child nutrition, food based strategies to improve diet quality and micronutrient nutrition, urban livelihoods, food security and nutrition, and the development and validation of simple indicators to measure child feeding, care giving practices and food security. Her current research focuses on the evaluation and strengthening of a wide range of integrated, multi-sectoral development programs in the areas of agriculture, social protection and health, and at building the evidence on their role in reducing maternal and child malnutrition globally.

Dr. Ruel has served on various international expert committees, such as the National Academy of Sciences, the International Zinc in Nutrition Consultative Group, and the Micronutrient Forum. She led the development of the CGIAR research program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH), and is now a member of its Program Management Committee and leads its portfolio of research on integrated programs and policies.

Fokko Wientjes – Vice-President Corporate Sustainability & Public Private Partnerships

Fokko Wientjes is Vice-President Corporate Sustainability & Public Private Partnerships. He has developed Sustainability in DSM from corporate responsibility to be a strategic business-driver. Sustainability is now core part of the DSM strategy, as one of the four strategic growth drivers for the company. He also increased the awareness around the strategic importance of stakeholder engagement, introduced strategic stakeholder management in the company and established Public Private Partnership competences in DSM and is in that capacity the Program Director of the largest PPP of DSM, with UNWFP. He is DSM liaison with World Economic Forum and World Business Council on Sustainable Development. After joining DSM in 1988 he has held positions in HRM, Logistics, Marketing & Sales, Change Program Management and General Management. As Regional Director South America, he started DSM Engineering Plastics activities in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He was General Manager DSM Anti-Infectives in Cairo, Egypt, where he was assigned to make a turnaround in the business. He then returned to Europe to operate in Schaffhausen, Switzerland as HR director for DSM Composite Resins. Fokko has a degree in Psychology, followed by several courses in the field of Marketing, HR, Sustainability and Management at INSEAD.

