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BIODATA OF THE SPEAKERS

Mary Adzanyo – Director Private Sector Development, African Cashew initiative

Mary Adzanyo, is a Food Scientist by training and currently Director Private Sector Development at the African Cashew Initiative (ACi) where she lead ACi's objective of increasing the competitiveness of cashew processing in Africa. She has over 15 years' experience in value chain development including fruits, vegetables, shea, fish, macademia and cashew. Adzanyo has extensive experience with international marketing, food quality, food safety, supply chain development and sustainability. She enjoys linking up value chain actors to market to ensure sustainable business relationships. Prior to joining the African Cashew initiative – www.africancashewinitiative.org – she has worked with Koninklijke Ahold NV – www.ahold.com – as Trade Development Manager responsible for the conceptual design and implementation of Ahold's program in West Africa and USAID. Adzanyo was a board member of the Blue Skies Foundation in Ghana. Since 2013, Mary is a Gestalt practitioner in organizational and institutional development graduated from the OSD-Center of Ghana in collaboration with Gestalt Organization & Systems Development Integrative Study Centre – Ohio, USA.

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>).

Carlos Cortes Zea – Expert, Mexico

Mr. Cortés Zea's research focuses on the revitalization of South-South Cooperation since the 2000s. His work examines the impact these changes have on the Mexican international cooperation system. Particularly, he studies formulation and practices of Mexican cooperation programs in Central America and the Caribbean. As an expert of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), he was part of the team in charge of the substantive agenda of the 1st High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation in 2014. He also advised on Mexico's position in international negotiations of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Mr. Cortés Zea's investigation aims to propose a renewed approach to analyze the new configuration of international development cooperation.

Jean-Cyril Dagallier – Research & Strategy Directorate, CIRAD

Jean-Cyril Dagallier, is a Senior Researcher at CIRAD (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development) is the head of the Coordination Unit of the Sugar Research Programme of the ACP group of states since 2009. He is an agronomist, specialist of rice and sugar cane crops, with a specific background on economy and mechanization issues (technical, economical, organisation and policy aspects). He coordinated several R & D programs and participated in the development of regional agricultural policies in different linguistic and cultural contexts, mainly in Africa, in the Indian Ocean and in the Caribbean and for private, national and international organisations (CIRAD - MAE - SEOM - WB – UNIDO – EU – ACP group of States).

Jean-Jacques Gabas – Senior Researcher, CIRAD

Jean-Jacques Gabas is Senior Researcher at CIRAD (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development) in the Actors, Resources and Territories in Development (ART-DEV) unit. A trained economist, he is a lecturer at the University Paris Sud (Paris XI) since 1982 and teaches the master programme CIAHPD (International Cooperation, Humanitarian Action and Development Policy) at Sciences Po Paris and Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne since 1999. He is honorary president of the GIS-GEMDEV (Group for the Study of Globalization and Development, a network of over fifty researchers training teams mainly in Ile-de-France). After technical assistant in Ivory Coast at the Ministry of Planning between 1976 and 1978, he carried out many missions for the OECD / Club du Sahel in West Africa and Central. He has published numerous books and articles on cooperation policies and co-directed several issues of journals. His current research focuses on the analysis of emerging players, notably with a focus on China and Brazil in sub-Saharan African countries with the Agricultural Technical Centre (CTA) and the French Development Agency (AFD). He also works on changes in the financing of agricultural policies in sub-Saharan Africa following the Addis Ababa summit in July 2015.

Dr. Patrick I. Gomes –Secretary General, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)

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.

Vincent Martin – FAO representative, Senegal

Dr Vincent Martin is the FAO representative in Senegal. He has over 20 years of experience in agricultural and livestock development as well as research in the area of emerging infectious diseases in Africa and Asia. He joined the Food Agriculture Organization, Rome Headquarters in 1998, where he held various positions of increasing responsibilities at the Headquarters and in the field. In China, he established and coordinated the Emergency Center for the control of Transboundary Diseases, strengthening the collaboration with and capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture in the area of surveillance and response to infectious disease emergencies. In Senegal, he represents the Organization and manages the FAO portfolio in the area of sustainable agriculture development, food security and nutrition, fisheries, livestock health and production and response to emergency situations. He also manages a multidisciplinary team of food security, resilience and crisis management experts to respond to

humanitarian crisis covering West Africa and the Sahel. Dr Martin graduated from the National School of Toulouse in 1992, France; studied veterinary public health at the French National School of Veterinary Services (ENSV), Paris. He started his career in 1994 as a research scientist in Zimbabwe at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, with the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD). He also has several post-graduate degrees and diplomas in statistics applied to medicine and medical biology (University Pierre et Marie Curie – Paris VI), holds a Master of Science in livestock production in tropical regions delivered by the National Institute of Agronomy (INA-PG), the National Veterinary School of Maisons-Alfort and Museum of Natural history of Paris and a PhD in biology engineering and agriculture science from the Free University of Brussels.

Saidi Mkomwa – Executive Secretary, African Conservation Tillage Network, Kenya

Saidi Mkomwa is a Conservation Agriculture advocate in Africa with over 30 years' experience in rural agriculture training, research and development. He is the Executive Director of the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT); a pan-African organization promoting through networking and partnerships, the adaptation and adoption of Conservation Agriculture (CA) since 2008. Saidi is a founder member of the animal traction network for Eastern and Southern Africa; a member of the International Steering Committee on CA which organizes the World Congresses; a professional registered practicing engineer; and sits in the COMESA Joint Technical Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources. Saidi's research and development interests include empowerment of smallholder farmers with entrepreneurial skills and environmental friendly technologies for food security and wealth creation based on utilization of land resources endowment. Saidi holds an MSc in agricultural engineering from the University of Guelph Canada and a BSc in engineering from the University of Dar es salaam. Before joining ACT, Saidi worked with Ministry of Agriculture in Tanzania as an Agricultural Engineering Researcher and Tutor; with international agric organisations; and as an agricultural equipment manufacturing entrepreneur.

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.

Jérémy Rubel – Senior Consultant, Gannibal Consulting, France

For more than ten years Jeremy Rubel has been working on Africa-China-Europe cooperation. He began his carrier in 2003 in Shanghai with the Telecom giant Alcatel, and worked there for five years, focusing on the international business development of ASB, a joint venture with a Chinese state-owned enterprise. He targeted China's ExIm Bank financed projects in emerging countries and cooperation with Japanese and Korean EPCs. In 2009 Mr Rubel became employed in London by a British "boutique EPC" and project development company, specialising in West and Central Africa for various sectors (Energy, Transport, Security). Jeremy Rubel headed the business intelligence and development roles in the company and lead it successfully to win projects with Chinese State-owned enterprises (SOEs). A French citizen with an initial background in econometrics and finance, he holds a EMBA degree from the China Europe International Business School and graduated within its African program in Accra in 2013. For the past two years Rubel has been working as a freelance business consultant, and founder of Gannibal Consulting.

Erich Schaitza – Expert, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMPRAPA), Brazil

Erich Schaitza has been a researcher for Embrapa in the last 26 years, with experience in small-scale farming, research-extension integration and management of multi-institutional programs of soil, water and biodiversity conservation. From 2012 to April 2015, he was the coordinator of Embrapa Africa, with headquarters in Accra, Ghana. As such, he has travelled extensively and visited 20 countries in the continent, both visiting agriculture and discussing opportunities of cooperation. Past and current professional experiences give him a privileged view of parallels and differences between Africa and Brazil. Currently, he is studying Renewable Energy Systems Technology at University of Loughborough.

Paul Thangata – Senior Consultant, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Nairobi, Kenya

Paul Thangata has over 25 years of professional experience related to the management of agricultural R&D, agricultural economic growth and private sector development including privatization, entrepreneurship and innovation, especially in developing countries. Paul has a plant breeding, agronomy and ecology/climate change R&D background. He has consulted for FAO, UNDP, DFID, World Bank, FARA, and CIAT. Paul has previously worked for DAI, IFPRI, SADC Secretariat, ICRAF, ICRISAT and the Malawi Government. He is a Malawi national and holds a Ph.D. with a concentration in Food and Resource Economics (College of Interdisciplinary Ecology) from the University of Florida, Gainesville, USA, and MSc. in Rural Development from Edinburgh University, Scotland.

Denghua Zhang – Researcher, Australian National University

Denghua Zhang became a PhD candidate at SSGM, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at the Australian National University in January 2014. He had a decade long career as a civil servant in China before coming to ANU to pursue a higher degree. He worked in the Pacific region for five years including in the Kingdom of Tonga and New Zealand respectively. He is strongly interested in the area of foreign aid and development cooperation. Currently, he is doing his PhD research on Chinese foreign aid to the Asia-Pacific region, focusing on Chinese trilateral aid cooperation in particular. He has just completed his fieldwork on Chinese trilateral aid cooperation in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Australia, Samoa, Timor-Leste, Cambodia and China. He has published on Chinese foreign aid and trilateral aid cooperation and has been invited to present at conferences in Australia, Samoa, Timor-Leste, Cambodia and Thailand.