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NEVEN MIMICA

Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission since 2014.



Dr Mimica, prior to this appointment, served Member of the European Commission responsible for Consumer Policy. He was Deputy Prime Minister for Internal, Foreign and European Policy from 2011-2013. Dr Mimica was a Deputy Speaker of Croatian Parliament and Chair of the European Integration Committee from 2008-2011. He was also Member of Croatian Parliament (Social Democratic Party) and Chair of the European Integration Committee; Minister for European Integration and Assistant Minister, then Deputy Minister of Economy; Chief

Negotiator for the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and WTO accession of Croatia between the years 1997 and 2008.

Dr Mimica has spend ten year Diplomatic service of the SFR Yugoslavia and Croatia including postings in Cairo and Ankara. He has initiate dis career in the Republic's Committee for Foreign Relations.

JOSEFA LEONEL CORREIA SACKO

Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture African Union Commission (AUC).



H.E. Is a leading African Agronomist, elected as the new Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission. Prior to that, she was a Special Adviser to two Ministers in Angola. At the Angolan Minister of Environment she also served as Ambassador responsible for Climate Change. In the Department of the Minister of Agriculture Mme Sacko oversaw Food Security, Eradication of Hunger and Poverty Reduction. As former Secretary General of the Inter African Coffee Organization (IACO) for 13 years in Cote D'Ivoire she

represented Coffee economy for 25 African Coffee producing countries. During her tenure, she successfully advocated for the empowerment of small scale coffee farmers across the continent by setting up Regional Centres of Excellence for Capacity Building of Member States, on Genetic Material Conservation, Coffee Quality Improvement and Cup Tasting Liquor in Cote d'Ivoire, Uganda, Cameroon and Zambia. Madam Sacko has been working with Regional, Global Institutional on Agriculture and many other sectors supported by World Trade Organization (WTO), African Union (AU), International Coffee



Organization (ICO), African Development Bank (AFDB), African Bank for Export and Import (AFREXIMBANK), (FAO), UNECA, NEPAD etc. The other notable cooperation/partnerships she has worked with include the Regional Economic Communities (RECS), namely, SADC, COMESA, ECOWAS and EAC, where she has actively participated to address the challenges encountered by small scale farmers in Africa, ensuring that they remain a central focus in regional and national policy making for development.

SENZENI ZOKWANA

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa since 2014.



Mr Zokwana previously served as the president of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM). He became involved in trade union activism in 1980 during the apartheid-era in South Africa at the President Steyn gold mine in the Free State. He joined the ranks of NUM in 1983, became a shaft steward in 1984 and was elected to the branch executive committee in the President Steyn Mine in 1985.

He subsequently become branch chairperson in 1987, vice regional chairperson in 1992 and regional chairperson from 1993 to 1994. He was first a shift overseer on safety matters and in 1995, he joined the NUM staff as a safety officer, after proving himself a dedicated advocate of modern mine safety techniques. He was elected as vice president in 1994, a position he held until 2000 when he was elected president. He was subsequently, re-elected for the role and held the position until 2014.

In 2005, he was elected as president of the International Chemical, Energy and Mine Workers' Federation at a special election and was re-elected in November 2011. And was also elected as Vice-President of industrial Global Union at its founding congress on June 2012.

AUGUSTINE AUGA MAEUE

Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Solomon Islands.



Elected to the National Parliament of Solomon Islands for Lau Mbaelelea Constituency on 19 November 2014.

He has previously served as Minister for Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening (2014-2015).



GILBERTO CORREIA CARVALHO SILVA

Minister of Agriculture and Environment of the Government of Cape Verde Islands



Dr. Silva has extensive experience in landscape ecology, environment, agriculture and rural development. In 2008-2012, was Councilor for Environment and Sanitation and Councilor for Environment, Sanitation and Civil Protection. It was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Water Distribution Agency - Municipal Company (ADA-EM). Prior was Member of the Consultative Commission of the Natural Reserve of Sta Luzia and Focal point of the Environmental Action Plan for Agriculture. It held the position of Director of Forestry Services at the Directorate General of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock. And coordinated several national and international project.

MANFRED ALBERTO MELGAR PADILLA

Vice-Minister for Food Security and Nutrition, Ministry of agricultura, Livestock and Food, Guatemala.



Dr Melgar Padilla , prior to this appointment, served as Deputy Director of the IV Directorate of Regional Coordination and Rural Extension–DICORER- MAGA. He was Executive Director of the IV Rural Development Directorate of Agricultural Development-Maga-Vider and Departmental Supervisor and Project Coordinator in the National Development Fund -FONADES. For more than ten years has administered and managed several businesses, such as the Finca Rabanalita , Finca Mi Casita Fincas las Flores and Finca el Canelo .

ALESSANDRA PESCE

Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Agricultural, Food, Forestry policies and Tourism (Mipaaft) in Rome, since June 2018.



Prior to this appointment, Dr Pesce served as research manager at the National Institute of Agricultural Economics (INEA), an institute that later merged into the Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA).

Mrs. Pesce has always been involved in the analysis, implementation and evaluation of agricultural economics and related policies. Additionally, was responsible for rural development, macro-economic and short-term research studies. She has author over 100 scientific, technical and informative publications.