

CFS HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON CONNECTING SMALLHOLDERS TO MARKETS

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Mamadou Goita, is a development socio-economist and a specialist in education and training systems from Mali, West Africa. He was the executive Secretary of the West African Peasants and Farmers Networks (ROPPA) from 2011 to 2012. He is a member of the regional co-ordinating group of the "Coalition pour la Protection du Patrimoine Génétique Africain" and the "Coalition to Protect African Genetic Heritage" which operate in West Africa. He has worked with UNICEF in Mali, the United Nations Development Programme in Togo and Burkina Faso and several NGOs, including ACORD (Regional Director for West Africa and Africa Program Manager) and OXFAM-Belgium (Regional Co-ordinator for West Africa based in Burkina Faso).

He is active in social movements such as The forum for Another Mali is possible (FORAM), West Africa Social Forum, Africa Social Forum and the World Social Forum and works with farmer organizations and their networks in West Africa. He coordinated the Polycentric World Social Forum Bamako 2006 and participated to the coordination of the World Food Sovereignty Forum which took place in Sélingué, Mali in 2007.

He is the chair of the CSO Coalition on the African Development Bank, the Diobass, Ecology and Society, an international NGO working on agro ecology and the Association Malienne pour la Sécurité et la Souveraineté Alimentaire).

He was until recently a board member of Bank Information Centre and a member of the Migrants' Rights International steering committee and currently a board member of USC Canada and ETC Group.

He is a member of the scientific boards Syndicat des Exploitants Agricoles de l'Office du Niger (SEXAGON) and the Network of African Women Economists (NAWE)

He has worked on issues like cotton, trade, extractive Industries, conflict management, governance, decentralisation and local development, migration for many years and has been involved in many economic, social or socio-economic studies, researches and evaluation processes in Africa. He teaches at the University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), at the "Applied Economic National School" Dakar, Senegal and the African Management Centre (CESAG), Dakar, Senegal, was the Director of CODESRIA 2014 Institute of Governance Director. He's also a course Director on "Natural resource management and Africa Development" of the Institute of Security Studies based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Mamadou Goita was a member of the HLPE Project Team on Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security 2013.