



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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ELECTION OF CFS CHAIRPERSON

I. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CFS SECRETARY (PUBLISHED ON THE FAO MEMBERS GATEWAY)

The election of the new CFS Chairperson will take place under Item VIII.a of the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the 42nd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) scheduled from 12 to 15 October 2015 in Rome.

In accordance with paragraph 4, Rule II, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, the Secretary of the CFS wishes to inform that the following nomination for the election of CFS Chairperson has been received:

Her Excellency Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Italy and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome

Pursuant to paragraph 4, Rule II, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, any nomination of candidates reaching the CFS Secretary after the deadline (12 September 2015) of 30 calendar days before the opening date of the session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at which the election of the Chairperson will take place shall not be considered as valid.



II. PRESENTATION LETTER AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF H.E. GORNASS, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN TO ITALY AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO

Deborah Fulton
Secretary, Committee on World Food Security "CFS"
FAO ROME

Dear Ms. Fulton,

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the Republic of the Sudan has decided to nominate H.E. Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Italy and Permanent Representative to FAO, for the position of the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security "CFS".

The decision to nominate Ambassador Gornass reflects the great importance that the Republic of the Sudan attaches to the Committee on World Food Security as a unique stakeholder platform for the achievement of food security and nutrition globally.

Ambassador Gornass is a senior well versed diplomat in issues relating to food security. She accumulated enough experience during her tenure of service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters as well as in her mission in Rome.

We are confident that Ambassador Gornass will lead the CFS with an effective long-term prospective, influencing the trajectory of major shifts in food security policies today in order to sustain food security in the future.

A copy of her Curriculum Vitae is hereto attached.

Prof. Ibrahim Ahmed Abdelaziz Ghandour
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
The Republic of the Sudan

Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass
Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Italy and
Permanent Representative to United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies
Rome

Graduated at the University of Khartoum, faculty of Arts. She obtained Masters Degree of Arts in 1984 and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations in 1996 at the University of Khartoum graduate college. In 1999, obtained "Diplôme Supérieur de Relations Internationales" at the International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP) Paris, France.

Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass is married and mother of two daughters. She speaks, reads, and writes Arabic, English and French.

September 1989 - February 1993: worked as Lecturer at the King Saud University, in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

1996: joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Counsellor.

1996-2000: worked in the Departments of International Organizations, African Affairs, Human Rights, Women and Children, Protocol, Consular Affairs and Environment and Natural Resources.

May 2000 - June 2007: seconded to the United Nations Headquarter in New York Department of General Assembly and Conference Management.

August 2007 - October 2011: Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan.

October, 2011: Appointed Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Italy, presented her Credentials to H.E. Giorgio Napolitano President of the Republic of Italy on 17 January, 2012.

March, 2012: Permanent Representative of Sudan to FAO, IFAD and WFP.

Since November, 2014: Chairperson of the Commission on Information and Culture of the African Ambassadors Group to the Quirinale

Since January, 2015: Chairperson of the Near East Regional Group- FAO.

- Ambassador Gornass was the Deputy Head of Delegation of Sudan that led G77 & China negotiations on Climate Change as chair of the Group throughout the year 2009 in Bonn, Barcelona, Bangkok, Tianjin and Copenhagen.
- She was Chairperson of the Sudanese Diplomatic Corps Women Association, March 2008 up to September 2011.
- Ambassador Gornass worked for the promotion of the role of women in the Peace Process in Sudan and in particular she was the initiator of the participation of women in the "Netherland initiative for the participation of women in the peace process in Sudan" in 1997.
- She participated in Conferences all over the world; in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Near East and North America.
- She gave special attention to small agricultural schemes for food security in her Country.
- She is involved with civil society associations especially in the fields of environment, women empowerment and humanitarian assistance.
- She was the chairperson of the Behaviour Enhancement Committee in Khartoum State.
- She was the initiator and editor of the "Green Bulletin" publication that was meant to increase awareness and understanding of environmental issues and the impact on agriculture, food security, health, security etc. at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.