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- Brave Ndisale, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Security and Nutrition, FAO
  - Brave Ndisale is the Strategic Programme Leader for Hunger Eradication, Food Security and Nutrition at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) based in Rome. Prior to this post, she was Deputy Director, Social Policies and Rural Institutions at FAO. She previously served as Malawi's Ambassador to Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Switzerland, The Principality of Monaco, and as Permanent Representative to the European Union, the Rome Based UN Agencies, WTO, UNESCO and the International Criminal Court. She also held senior positions in other international organizations, including the African Union Commission.
- Jaime Andres Gnecco, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations
  - Diplomatic career member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia since 2004 when he joined as Third Secretary. Over the last 13 years, he has combined several positions in the Colombian MOFA and abroad as Viceconsul in the Colombian General Consulate in Paris, and Consul in the Colombian Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Since last February, he was appointed Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the UN. Mr. Gnecco holds a degree in Government and International Relations from the University Externado de Colombia (Bogota) and a Master in Politics and International Relations from University Externado, Columbia University and Sciences Po Paris.
- Eugenio Diaz-Bonilla, Head of IFPRI's Latin America and Caribbean Program LAC Programme, IFPRI
  - Dr. Eugenio Diaz-Bonilla joined IFPRI as a visiting Senior Research Fellow in 2012. He received a PhD. in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, as well as an M.A. in Economics and an M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Diaz-Bonilla has more than 30 years of professional experience working on development and poverty issues, including grass-roots work, academic activities, consulting work, and positions of institutional leadership in international organizations and governments. He has resided and worked for extended periods in different countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and has acted as consultant and staff member with several international organizations: United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), Organization of American States (OAS), and World Bank. He has extensive experience as advisor and consultant to governments in different developing countries on macroeconomic and trade policies, poverty alleviation, and food security programs and extensive involvement in project preparation, financing, and implementation in developing countries, mainly on agricultural and rural development operations. He has led diplomatic and negotiating activities as a senior diplomat for Argentina, focusing on agricultural trade issues in bilateral, regional, and multilateral negotiations. Dr. Diaz-Bonilla served as a member of the Board of Executive Directors of the IADB for

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almost nine years, as well as occupying leadership positions as Chairman and Vice Chairman of several Board Committees responsible for the governance of the Bank.

- Francesco Branca, Director of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO
  - \*Francesco Branca graduated in Medicine and Surgery and specialized in Diabetology and Metabolic Diseases at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Roma. He obtained a PhD in Nutrition at Aberdeen University. He has been a Senior Scientist at the Italian Food and Nutrition research Institute where he was responsible for the design and implementation of several studies on the effects of food and nutrients on human health at the different stages of the life cycle and for the design, management and evaluation of public health nutrition programmes. He has been President of the Federation of the European Nutrition Societies in 2003-2007. Currently, he is the Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development in the World Health Organization, Geneva.
- Elizabeth Buckingham, Nutrition and Gender Advisor, Office of Global Food Security, United States Department of State
  - Elizabeth Buckingham is the Nutrition and Gender Advisor in the Secretary's Office of Global Food Security at the U.S. Department of State. She is responsible for overseeing nutrition and gender integration in the U.S. government's food security policies and programs including the U.S. Global Food Security Strategy, the 1,000 Days Partnership and the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement. Ms. Buckingham is also responsible for the State Department's engagement on food security and nutrition in the G20, APEC, the UN General Assembly, the Committee on World Food Security, and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Last year she was the Special Advisor for Habitat III, supporting the U.S. Ambassador to the UN conference on sustainable urban development. Ms. Buckingham has a background in public health and social work and before coming to the government spent many years working in the nonprofit social services sector as a counselor for children and youth.
- Bonnie McClafferty, Head of Food Systems and Nutrition, GAIN
  - \*Bonnie has over 20 years experience working in the nexus between agriculture, nutrition and food security. She currently Directs the Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition where GAIN is evaluating opportunities to improve the nutritional density of foods along the value chain and mitigate losses of nutrients as foods move from farm to consumer. Bonnie is the leader and architect of GAIN's Marketplace for Nutritious Foods. Her work takes place in Africa and Asia. Bonnie has extensive technical experience and has built a \$12 million annual program budget to build market-based opportunities for nutritious foods as well as conduct research that establishes the evidence base the agricultural development can have a demonstrable impact on nutrition through diverse and affordable diets.

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- Lin Zhanxi, Chief Scientist of National Engineering Research Centre of Juncao Technology, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China
  - Prof. Lin Zhanxi, the inventor of JUNCAO Technology, and a veteran of 45 years in leading the scientific study and projects implementation, is now the Chief Scientist and Executive Deputy Director of China National Engineering Research Center of JUNCAO Technology at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU). He is also leader of the Chinese expert teams for government economic-aid or cooperation projects in Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Rwanda, Lesotho, Fiji, Eritrea, Thailand, and Malaysia, totaling 8 developing countries, in dissemination and promotion of JUNCAO Industry for mushroom production, forage production, and ecological management. He won numerous awards due to long-term efforts and outstanding contributions, such as the titles of ( one of ) “The 10 Most Advanced Champions in China's Poverty Alleviation”, and the “ Hero for Ecological Protection ” by the Chinese government.
- Esther Penunia, Secretary General, Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development
  - Ms. Ma. Estrella “Esther” Penunia is Secretary General of the Asian Farmers’ Association or AFA, a regional alliance of national farmers organizations in Asia. Established in 2002, AFA is currently composed of twenty national FOs in sixteen countries, representing around 13 million small scale men and women farmers, fishers and indigenous peoples. AFA believes that investments in empowering farmers organizations and in strengthening their cooperatives are investments in unleashing the potentials of millions of family farmers in the work of ending hunger and poverty in the world. Esther was appointed FAO Special Ambassador for the 2014 International Year of Family Farming. As a social development worker, Esther spent more than three decades of professional years in the field of rural development, working with the famers, fishers and indigenous peoples’ sectors in various capacities as community organizer, participatory action researcher, trainer, gender advocate, consultant, campaigns coordinator, NGO executive/manager and networker. She and her husband are currently working in partnership with a farming family in developing a 2-hectare upland farm through sustainable, integrated, diversified, organic practices.
- Clayton Campanhola, Strategic Programme Leader, Sustainable Agriculture, FAO
  - Clayton Campanhola has a degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, a PhD in Entomology from Texas A&M University, USA, and a post Doctorate in Economic Development and Environment from the University of Campinas, Brazil. He was President of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa), where he also was a researcher for 20 years. He led the Brazilian Agency for Industrial Development for five years. Campanhola joined FAO five years ago. He served as Director of the Plant Production and Protection Division and is now the Strategic Programmer Leader for Sustainable Agriculture.

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- Mohamed Ait Kadi, Président, Conseil Général du Développement Agricole, Morocco
  - Mr. Mohamed Ait-Kadi is president of the General Council of Agricultural Development, a high-level policy think tank at the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Forestry of Morocco. He serves as well as Professor at the Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine Hassan II (IAV) in Rabat, Morocco. He is author of numerous publications on rural development, irrigation, and water management. He received a Ph.D. in irrigation engineering from Utah State University in the USA and a doctorate in agronomy from the IAV in Morocco.
- Patrick Caron, Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD), Chairperson of the High-level Panel of Experts, CFS
  - Patrick CARON holds doctorate in veterinary sciences and PhD in development geography. His works relate to the role of territories in rural change and to the multifunctionality of agriculture and landscapes. He joined CIRAD, a French public tropical agricultural research institute in 1988 and has been General Director for research and strategy from 2010 to 2016. He has been involved in many international research and expertise initiatives. He has been appointed as the Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in November 2015.
- Joan Carling, Advisor on SDGs, Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education- Tebtebba Foundation
  - Ms Joan Carling is Secretary General of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact, serving as representative and spokesperson for AIPP's 47 member-organizations from 14 countries. She is an indigenous activist from the Cordillera, Philippines, working from grassroots to international levels for over 20 years. Her expertise includes human rights, collective rights of indigenous peoples in relation to development and free prior and informed consent (FPIC), environment, and climate change. The UN Economic and Social Council appointed her as expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on indigenous issues (UNPFii) for 2014-16. She holds a Bachelor degree on Social Sciences from the University of Philippines.
- Gina Kennedy, Senior Scientist, Bioversity International
  - \*Gina leads a research programme to understand the role of agricultural biodiversity in improved nutrition and health and serves as the Bioversity International focal point for the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health. She develops, leads and manages nutrition research activities and projects on the use of agricultural biodiversity, particularly in the context of smallholder farmers in developing countries. Her activities also include research design, implementation and analysis of primary research questions related to the role of agricultural biodiversity, nutrition and sustainable diets. She also identifies and pursues opportunities for funding and provides technical assistance to other CGIAR Research Program leaders working on the diet diversity and diet quality cross-cutting Intermediate Development Objective. Prior to joining Bioversity Gina worked for the

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Nutrition Division of FAO on food-based indicators for use in food and nutrition security programs, nutrition assessment and nutrient requirements. She also managed a research project studying the impact of food security interventions combined with nutrition education on use of locally available foods to improve nutrient intakes, micronutrient status and growth of young children. Prior to working for FAO, she worked for GIZ in Guinea, West Africa and the public health system in the Republic of Kiribati.

- Delmah Ndhlovu, Secretary General, Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers' Forum
  - Farmer from Zimbabwe and member of the Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers Forum. This organization is not an NGO but a registered community based movement of small holder farmers organizing themselves to articulate their problems share their success stories and evaluate their failures. Delmah is a member of the Dromoland group and Chair of the western region with its 5000 members. Recently, Delmah was tasked by the National executive committee to the secretary general.
- Charlotte Hebebrand, Director-General, International Fertilizers Association (IFA)
  - Ms Charlotte Hebebrand serves as the Director General of the International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA) since January 2013. In this capacity, she leads IFA's efforts to promote the efficient and responsible production, distribution and use of plant nutrients in support of global food security and sustainable development. Prior to joining IFA, Ms Hebebrand served as Chief Executive of the Washington DC based International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) from February 2006 until July 2012. She led the efforts of IPC members - a diverse mix of distinguished international agricultural trade experts from around the world - to promote a more open, equitable and sustainable global food system. Ms Hebebrand has also worked with the European Commission, serving as Special Advisor on international development, trade, agriculture and food safety issues in its Washington delegation, and with the Brookings Institution's Foreign Policy Division. She holds a B.A. from Georgetown University and a M.A. in International Relations and Economics from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. Ms Hebebrand is presently serving as a member of DuPont's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Productivity and Innovation for the 21st century, and as a member of the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council.
- Robert Townsend, Adviser, World Bank
  - Professor Townsend began his work as a theorist working on general equilibrium models, contract theory, and mechanism design. He is known for his seminal work on costly state verification, the revelation principle, optimal multi-period contracts, the decentralization of economies with private information, models of money with spatially separated agents, and forecasting the forecasts of others. Townsend's recent work focuses on analyzing the role and contributions of financial systems on

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developing economies by studying applied dynamic general equilibrium models and contract theory.

- Natasha Hayward, Deputy Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
  - Natasha Hayward joined the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) as Deputy Program Manager in 2015, after four years in the World Bank's Indonesia office. Natasha leads GAFSP's work on M&E and Operations focusing on program delivery and results measurement. Since joining the World Bank in 2003, she has worked on rural development issues in both Africa and Asia. Prior to the Bank, she worked for the UK's DFID and a number of NGOs, including overseas assignments in Vietnam, India and Malawi. She has a PhD in Development Studies from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.
- Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Policy and Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA
  - \*Shantanu presently heads the policy and analysis branch in the Sustainable Development Division within the UN's Department for Economic and Social Affairs. He is a micro-economist with interests in poverty, health and sustainability. A particular area of focus in his current position is enhancing the impact of science, technology and innovation in advancing sustainable development. Prior to this, he led the research unit of UNDP's Human Development Report through two report cycles, preceded by a stint as head of UNDP's global MDG policy work. In that position, he worked with national planning, finance and sector ministries in many countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Some of his most interesting experiences during this period were in Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Ghana, Togo and Yemen. Shantanu began his career with the Indian Government in various areas of development policy planning, implementation and finance. He earned a PhD in Economics from Princeton University in 2006, and also holds advanced degrees in Public Policy and Physics.
- Chhaya Bhavsar, Coordinator, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India
  - Responsible for supervising the community based organization called "Sukhi Mahila SEWA Mandal", with 65,000 tribal women members. The women members practice agriculture and Animal Husbandry. Main responsibilities cover a range of interventions to increase the social and economic development of the members and to help the committee members become self-reliant both economically and materially. In response to the members' demands, helped to organize 300 saving and credit groups, and provided technical training on Agriculture and Animal husbandry, including inputs like certified seeds, vermicompost, and tools & equipment, as well as market linkages along with agro advisory services. Chhaya makes sure that the leaders and members of this organization transition toward self-sustainability while we offer "hand holding" support. As a result, for over 6 years now, this members-based organization have achieved 100% economic sustainability

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and the organization leaders are themselves providing assistance and skills training to other younger organizations in other states. Chhaya also provides advanced leadership training to other women-member organizations which can be registered either under the society act or the Cooperative Act in India.

- Ivonne Lobos, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam
  - Ivonne Lobos Alva is the project coordinator of the Renewable Resources and the SDGs Forum at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS). She is an environmental engineer from Guatemala and specializes on agroecology and environmental governance. Her work includes the development of strategies to address natural resource degradation in global policy, with a focus on soils and land. She actively engaged in advocating the protection of soil and land resources in the United Nations negotiation process to develop universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Prior to joining the IASS, she had over seven years of work experience with international development organisations such as the Canadian International Development Agency and the European Commission in rural development, disaster risk reduction and natural resource management projects.
- Luc Gnacadja, LoCAL Programme Board of the Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) of the UNCDF
  - Luc GNACADJA is the architect of the concept of Land Degradation Neutrality that made headway into the outcome document of the Rio+20 summit, and is now part of SDG 15's targets. He is the President of "GPS-Dev (Governance and Policies for Sustainable Development)", an organization that promotes innovations in governance to advance sustainability. He is currently the chairperson of the Strategic Council of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory, and the Special Representative of the Board of the Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility managed by UNCDF on behalf of the participating LDCs. He has previously served as Executive Secretary of the UNCCD and as Minister of Environment, Urban and Regional Development of the Republic of Benin.
- Lin Zhanxi, Chief Scientist of National Engineering Research Centre of Juncao Technology, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China
  - Prof. Lin Zhanxi, the inventor of JUNCAO Technology, and a veteran of 45 years in leading the scientific study and projects implementation, is now the Chief Scientist and Executive Deputy Director of China National Engineering Research Center of JUNCAO Technology at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU). He is also leader of the Chinese expert teams for government economic-aid or cooperation projects in Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Rwanda, Lesotho, Fiji, Eritrea, Thailand, and Malaysia, totaling 8 developing countries, in dissemination and promotion of JUNCAO Industry for mushroom production, forage production, and ecological management. He won numerous awards due to long-term efforts and outstanding contributions, such as the titles of ( one of ) "The 10 Most Advanced Champions in

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China's Poverty Alleviation", and the "Hero for Ecological Protection" by the Chinese government.

- Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development (SID)
  - Stefano Prato (Italy) is the Managing Director of the Society for International Development (SID), responsible for the overall direction and programmatic leadership of the Society and the coordination of its network of offices. He recently served as one of the Advisors to the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Eminent Personalities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda and continues to advise several institutions in the follow-up of the post-2015 process. He is an active member of the Addis Ababa CSO Coordinating Group of the CSO FfD Platform, the Africa Working Group on Post 2015, the Liaison Group of the CSO Platform on Nutrition and the Editorial Board of the Right to Food Watch, among others. His most recent areas of interest address the lack of inclusiveness and equity of Africa's growth patterns and explore the agenda for socio-economic transformation of the continent. He graduated in Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration "La Sapienza" of Rome, Italy. During his University term, he was actively engaged with AIESEC, the International Association of Students in Economics and Management, where he was elected in several positions at both national and international level. In his spare time, he pursued a second University degree in veterinary medicine and recently completed his PhD in Animal Health and Livestock Management while also enjoying a limited practice of veterinary medicine.
- Ashraf El Nour, Director of the New York Office of the International Organization for Migration, IOM
  - \*Mr El Nour began his career in 1988 at CARE International, serving as an Assistant Programme Coordinator for three years. In 1991, he went on to join IOM, first as Coordinator for Northern Iraq until 1993 and then as their Coordinator of Operations in Mozambique until 1995. Moving to the agency's headquarters in Geneva, he worked as Programmes Coordinator for Migration for Development and Technical Cooperation until 1998, when he became Regional Adviser for Africa and the Middle East until 2001. After working as Senior Recovery Adviser at the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Geneva-based Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, Mr El Nour returned to IOM as Special Assistant with the Office of the Director General from 2006 to 2007. He then served in Kenya as Regional Representative for East and Central Africa, from 2007 to 2012, and as Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa from 2013 until his current appointment. Born in Khartoum in 1963, Mr El Nour holds a master's degree in political science from Aligarh Muslim University in India.
- Hope Sadza, Vice Chancellor, Women's University of Africa, Zimbabwe
  - \*She is the Founder and Founding Vice Chancellor of the Women's University in Africa. She holds a PhD in Public administration with the University of Zimbabwe where her research was on "Critical Organisational problems of administering and



Managing Social Development in a newly-independent Public Service”: the case of Zimbabwe. She also holds a Masters degree in Public Administration with the University of Missouri, Columbia and BSc Public Administration with the same university. She holds a Primary Teachers Diploma with Waddilove Teachers’ College, Marondera in Zimbabwe. Professor Sadza’s employment record backdates to 1964 as school teacher. Post Independence she became registrar of Apprenticeship Authority in the Ministry of Manpower Planning and Development in Zimbabwe. She is one of the founding Directors of the Zimbabwe Institute of Public Administration & Management (ZIPAM). In 1987 to 1989 she was Commissioner of the Public Service Review Commission, Government of Zimbabwe. In 1988 to 1990 she was Zimbabwe Parastatals Commissioner. In 1990 to 2000 she was Public Service Commissioner in Zimbabwe.

- Seema Ghani, Zero Hunger Strategic Review Project, Afghanistan
  - Seema Ghani is an anti-corruption activist. She was born and raised in Afghanistan. Due to insecurity in her home country she then lived in the UK where she obtained a first degree in Computing and Management and Master’s degree in International Business and studied for another Master’s programme in Development Studies, she also worked for PriceWaterHouseCoopers in London for five years as a consultant and then a project manager. Since returning to Afghanistan in 2002, she has served the government as Director General of Budget in the Ministry of Finance and Deputy Minister of Ministry of Finance as well as Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs. She led the reform of the Afghan Chamber of Commerce and served as a member of its Board. She has set up a charity working with women and children in need, and is a member of several civil society Boards, including the Khorasan Charity helping vulnerable children, and the Afghan Family Guidance Association, Chair of Hand in Hand creating jobs and Afghanistan Technical Vocational Institute. Seema is currently working as a consultant with the international agencies focusing on development programmes. And her latest work is to lead the strategic review of the SDG2, Zero Hunger in Afghanistan.
- Atta-Krah is Director, Systems and Site Integration, at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
  - He assumed this position in January 2017. Prior to this, he was Executive Director of Humidtropics, a CGIAR Systems Research Program. Earlier, Dr. Atta-Krah served as Deputy Director General of Bioversity International, from 2005 to December, 2013. He holds BSc. in Agronomy from the University of Ghana (1977), and M.Sc and PhD degrees in Natural Resources Management, from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria (1984). His professional interests and expertise spans Food Security and integrated systems research aimed at livelihoods enhancement for smallholder farmers. He has several publications in technical journals and contributed to a number of books.
- Judith Hitchman

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- Judith is Irish, and is based mainly in France. She has 45 years international experience in interpersonal communication training and management, specialising in managing cultural differences within international networks of sustainable local development as well as the World Social Forum process. In recent years she has focused on working as a food sovereignty activist, and is currently president of Urgenci, the global Community Supported Agriculture network, a social movement that now represents over 1.5 million people. She has held the mandate as Consumer Constituency representative in the Civil Society Mechanism of the UN Committee for World Food Security and Nutrition. She also represents Urgenci as a Board Member of the intercontinental Social and Solidarity Economy network (RIPESS). Her contributions focus on promoting how food sovereignty and solidarity economy can provide a genuine rights-based alternative to the existing economic paradigm. The core aspects of her recent work have focused on global food policy especially within the UN system, and building bridges between food sovereignty, solidarity economy and agroecology, the key pillars of Urgenci's work.
- Dr. Sobhana (Shoba) Sivasankar
  - Shoba Sivasankar has >20 years' experience leading international agricultural programs in the public and private sectors focusing on research and development. Shoba served most recently as Director for two CGIAR Research Programs, Dryland Cereals, and Grain Legumes, until April 2017. These programs focused on R&D in 12 food crops across 37 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, endeavoring towards SDGs 1,2,3,5,12,13 and 17, with emphasis on SDG2. Before this, she worked in the seed/biotechnology industry at Dupont Pioneer. Shoba has a bachelor's degree in Agriculture, master's degrees in Agronomy and Business Administration, and a PhD in Botany (Plant Physiology).
- F. Montes, Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre
  - Manuel F. Montes, Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre, was previously Chief of Development Strategies, and Chief of Policy Analysis and Development in the UN's Financing for Development Office, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA); UNDP Regional Programme Coordinator, Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative at the Regional Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka; Programme Officer for International Economic Policy at the Ford Foundation in New York, 1999-2005; Senior Fellow and Coordinator for economics studies at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, 1989-1999; and Associate Professor of Economics at the University of The Philippines, 1981-1989. He holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University.
- Robynne Anderson
  - Robynne serves as the Director General of the Private Sector Mechanism representing agribusinesses at the UN Committee on World Food Security. She has worked to bring issues to prominence in the international policy fora, such as the

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role of women in farming, land tenure, and the importance of post-harvest losses and food waste in food security. She led the two-year long negotiations for obtaining the declaration by the UN General Assembly of the International Year of Pulses and then co-ordinated the activities for the year on behalf of the Global Pulse Confederation reaching over 1.1 billion people on social media in the year. In the context of her work on outreach to international organizations, Robynne also founded the Farming First coalition in 2007 and her company serves as the Secretariat of the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN). Robynne is a spokesperson and public speaker on international agricultural, food and nutrition issues. She spoke at the UN General Assembly, Rio+20, the UN Committee on World Food Security, the UN negotiations on the Sustainable Development Goals. She is from a family farm in Manitoba Canada.

- Molly Anderson
  - Molly Anderson is William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Food Studies at Middlebury College in Vermont, where she teaches and directs the Academic Program in Food Studies. She bridges interests and concerns of academicians and community-based food system activists and is involved in food systems planning, research and reform at the local, state, regional and international scales. She is a member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food) and was a Coordinating Lead Author on the IAASTD. She worked at Oxfam America and Tufts University, where she was founding Director of the Agriculture, Food & Environment Graduate Program.
- Jane Battersby
  - Jane Battersby is a senior researcher at the African Centre for Cities (University of Cape Town, South Africa), where she heads up the food security and food systems cluster. A geographer by training she is currently the Research Coordinator of the ESRC-funded Convening Urban Poverty project and the PI and the IDRC-Funded Nourishing Spaces project. She is the Premio Carasso Laureate 2017. Her work focuses on urban food security, food systems and the right to food. She has particular interests in the nutrition transition in Africa, linking SDGs 2&11 and food in the New Urban Agenda.
- Hope Shand, representing ETC Group
  - Hope Shand is an independent consultant specializing in agricultural biodiversity and food/agricultural development policy, and senior research associate for ETC Group, an international civil society organization based in Ottawa, Canada. Hope is former Research Director of the ETC Group. Working with both the ETC Group and the Rural Advancement Foundation International over the past 30 years, Hope has conducted extensive research and writing on the topics of agricultural biodiversity, corporate concentration and the social and economic impacts of new technologies on farming communities and marginalized peoples.

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- Laura Sommer
  - As a sustainable development specialist for food and agriculture, Laura joined the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture and the International, Sustainable Development and Food Systems Unit in June 2014, with an interim with a Swiss NGO on agro-biodiversity and intellectual property rights issues in 2015. Since June 2016, Laura has been working at the interface of the international follow-up and review processes and the national implementation processes on the 2030 Agenda with a thematic focus on food and agriculture. Laura's former work experience includes development and Human Rights issues with Swiss NGOs in the field of agriculture, biodiversity, intellectual property rights, sustainable land management and research assistance.
- Dr. Lin Dongmei
  - Dr. Lin Dongmei is currently the Deputy Director of China National Engineering Research Center of JUNCAO Technology, and also serves as the Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Department at Fujian Agriculture & Forestry University (FAFU). She received scientific and graduate training at National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore and Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University. She has working experiences in Singapore, South Africa, Lesotho, Rwanda and Fiji, as the project organizer, technical expert and trainer for economic-aid and international development projects of JUNCAO Technology.
- Shahzod Avazov
  - Shahzod Avazov is local consultant on planning, monitoring and evaluation of national and local development programs at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan (MEDT). His work now focuses on development and strengthening of M&E system of the national strategic documents of the Republic of Tajikistan, because mainstreaming the SDGs into the nationwide goals via M&E system offers best chance for achieve indicated strategic goals. Before coming to the MEDT, Shahzod worked in research companies and is a research member of the Institute for Economy of Agriculture TAAS, Tajikistan. He earned a master degree in transitional economy from Justus-Liebig University of Giessen, Germany.
- Eduardo ArceDiaz
  - Over twelve years of consultancy experience on project operation optimization & management, and on quantitative assessment of livestock economic, social and environmental policy issues regarding farmers' Food Security. Agricultural Trade Negotiator for the Government of Costa Rica during the Free Trade Agreements process. Academic background on Agricultural Economics (Ph.D.) and Agricultural Engineering (M.Sc.), both from Kansas State University, with expertise on Livestock Free Trade Optimization Policy Modeling. Eduardo is the Operational Manager of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock since 2016. Based in Rome, Italy.

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- Remy Sietchiping
  - Remy Sietchiping leads the Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit at UN-Habitat. He oversees the development of strategic programmes of the UN-Habitat including National Urban Policy, urban-rural linkages, metropolitan development and the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning. He has active portfolio in over 30 countries. Prior to this, Dr. Sietchiping was Project Leader of the Global Land Tool Network where he coordinated work on tool development processes particularly on access to land and tenure security, land management and planning, land information, land policy and legislation and land-based financing. He has over 20 years working experience in the UN systems, academia, private sector, public sector and NGOs in Australia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Jamaica and worldwide. Dr. Sietchiping has over 40 publications including books, peer-reviewed articles, papers in proceedings and reports. He speaks French and English. He holds a Ph.D in Geography from the University of Melbourne, Australia.
- Gigi Manicad
  - Gigi Manicad is Programme Leader for Oxfam's: "Sowing Diversity=Harvesting Security" (SD=HS), a global programme on strengthening farmers' seeds systems. She has master's degree and over 20 years' experience in development work and policy research on Agriculture and Rural Development, with focus on capacity development on biodiversity for food and nutrition security, for climate change adaptation in Asia and Africa. She has worked for both civil society organizations and international research organizations. She was Researcher/Editor for the Biotechnology and Development Monitor at the University of Amsterdam; Research Fellow at the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) on knowledge systems, engendered participatory research and capacity development; Senior Policy Adviser of the Netherlands Directorate General for International Cooperation (DGIS); and Senior Consultant for e.g. the Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO) on EU biotechnology policy research. She was a member of the Advisory Group on the European Union's Framework Programme on Food, Agriculture, Fisheries and Biotechnology; Co-Chair of the Expert Panel of the Benefit Sharing Fund of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; expert consultant for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on agricultural research for development and expert review panel of the Access to Seeds Index.
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