

1. Mr Máximo Torero, Chief Economist, FAO



Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) since January 2019. Prior to joining FAO, he was the World Bank Group Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay since November 2016 and before the Bank Dr. Torero led the Division of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). His major research work lies mostly in analyzing poverty, inequality, importance of geography and assets (private or public) in explaining poverty, and in policies oriented towards poverty alleviation based on the role played by infrastructure, institutions, and on how technological breakthroughs (or discontinuities) can improve the welfare of households and small farmers. His experience encompasses Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia. Dr. Torero, a national of Peru, holds a Ph.D. and a Master’s Degree in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of the Pacific, Lima, Peru.



2. Mr Jamie Morrison, Director, Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO

Dr. Jamie Morrison is Director of the Food Systems and Food Safety Division at FAO. He has more than 25 years of experience in the provision of research, capacity development and technical assistance in relation to the impact of trade and economic policy reform on food security during processes of structural transformation. Dr. Morrison has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of London, an MSc. in Agricultural Economics from Wye College, University of London and a BSc. in Agricultural Science from Massey University, New Zealand. Prior to joining FAO in 2004, he was Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics at Imperial College London.

3. Mr Julio Berdegue, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, FAO

A Mexican national, Julio Berdegué has a doctorate in social sciences from the University of Wageningen, The Netherlands, and a master’s degree in agronomy from the University of California-Davis, United States. Before assuming his position at FAO, he was principal investigator and coordinator of the Territorial Cohesion Development Working Group of the Latin American Center for Rural Development (RIMISP), where he directed research, advice to governments and capacity development programs focused on territorial inequality.





4. Ms Kate MacKenzie, Director, Mayor's Office of Food Policy, New York City

Kate MacKenzie is a leader in the food policy sector, with over two decades of experience fighting for food security and broader anti-poverty solutions in New York City and nationally. She comes to the Mayor's Office from City Harvest, New York City's largest food rescue organization feeding New Yorkers who are food-insecure, where she led the organization's strategy to define the food security program and policy agenda. MacKenzie leads the de Blasio Administration's commitment to Good Food Purchasing, focused on increasing access to healthy sustainable foods for over 238 million meals and snacks served daily by City agencies, from public schools to senior centers. She is a lead on the City's COVID-19 food response. As the Director, MacKenzie also works to deepen important partnerships with advocates, community leaders, and cross-sector partners to leverage food policy to achieve food equity and health for all New Yorkers.

5. Mr Oumar Ba, Mayor of Ndiob, Senegal and President of the "Réseau des villes vertes et ecologiques du Senegal"

After having led several local development and nature conservation NGOs, Oumar BA was elected mayor of Ndiob in 2014. He is currently President of the Supervisory Board of the Senegalese Agency for Reforestation and the Great Wall and President of the Network of Green and Ecological Cities of Senegal. He has received numerous distinctions in recognition of his commitment. Oumar BA, a former high-ranking civil servant, decided to leave the administration to become actively involved in associative movements. This will allow him, according to his vision, to be closer to the people and to implement development projects. He is a recognized actor in his country in the field of local development, having been at the head of several NGOs. He is also a nature lover and a militant of the agro-ecological approach. In order to better implement his agro-ecological vision, he is committed to the conquest of local power and will be elected mayor of the commune of Ndiob in 2014. He is currently President of the Supervisory Board of the Senegalese Agency for Reforestation and the Great Wall and President of the Network of Green and Ecological Cities of Senegal. His green vision was awarded the trophy for the best local agricultural policy by the FAO at the General Assembly held in Rome in 2018 and the prize for the best climate initiatives at the Africities 8 Summit in Marrakech in 2018 for the implementation of his project "Green and Resilient Commune". Mr BA is promoting alternative development structured around the promotion of agroecology, agroforestry and renewable energy. A committed activist for the African cause, he will participate in several world summits on climate and agro-ecological transition



6. Ms Anna Scavuzzo, Deputy Mayor, Milan Municipality

Anna Scavuzzo is the Vice Mayor of Milan and Deputy Mayor for Public Security. From 2017 she is in charge of the Milan Food Policy. Master Degree in Physics, she worked on the applied info technologies, data analytics and public administration learning tools for a leading editorial Group.

7. Mr Rabindra Sri Barua, Secretary, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC)



Mr. Rabindra Sri Barua, is the Secretary, Dhaka North City Corporation for the last three years. He has been in the Bangladesh Civil Service for 26 years. He holds a MBA degree.

8. Ms Jessica Huaman, President, Municipal Council Against Hunger, Municipality of Lima, Peru



President of the Municipal Council Against Hunger of Metropolitan Lima. Metropolitan Councilor of Lima. President of the Metropolitan Commission for the Environment, Health and Social Welfare. Nutritionist and Dietitian. With a Diploma in Public Nutrition and Healthy Eating and a Diploma in Public Policies for Youth and Social Management. Studying Master in Political Science and Government with mention in public policy and public management. Studying Master in Public Health and Global Health. Founder and President of Nutriedúcate Perú - Network of Educators in Food and Nutrition of Peru.

9. Mr. Carlos Eduardo Campo Cuello, Director of Territorial Intervention, Territorial Renewal Agency, Colombia



Professional in Industrial Engineering, Marketing Specialist, Master in Business Administration and Master in Global Business Leadership. He has experience in the private sector in business creation, strategic and competitive planning. Entrepreneur of the year in 2014 through the Julio Villazón Vaquero awards of the Valledupar Chamber of Commerce. Union leader as president of the Dairy Committee for Cesar region in Colombia. He has served in the public function as Secretary of Agriculture, Business Development and Tourism of the Department of Cesar and President of the Council of Secretaries of Agriculture of Colombia.

10. Paul Currie, Senior Professional Officer: Urban Systems ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability Africa Secretariat



Paul Currie is Manager of the Urban Systems Unit at ICLEI Africa. He is a researcher of African urban resource and service systems, with interest in connecting quantitative analysis with storytelling and visual elicitation. The research and facilitation aim to further understand urban metabolism and circular development in African contexts. With ICLEI Africa, his projects relate to themes of food systems governance, nature based solutions and food-water-energy nexus.