

## International Forum on Food Security Coordination

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### PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

#### SPEAKERS

##### **Ertharin Cousin**

Executive Director  
United Nations World Food Programme



Ertharin Cousin brings more than twenty-five years of national and international non-profit, government, and corporate leadership experience focusing on hunger, food, and resilience strategies. Cousin guides the World Food Programme in meeting urgent food needs while championing longer-term solutions to food insecurity and hunger. As the leader of the world's largest humanitarian organization with approximately 13,500 staff serving over 90 million beneficiaries in more than 70 countries across the world, she is an exceptional advocate for improving the lives of hungry people worldwide, and travels extensively to raise awareness of food insecurity and chronic malnutrition. In 2009, Cousin was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, and head of the U.S. Mission to the U.N. Agencies in Rome. During her nearly three years as the chief U.S. diplomatic voice for famine relief and hunger solutions, Cousin helped guide U.S. and international policy around some of the most devastating and life-threatening situations in the world. She advocated for aid strategies that integrate a transition from relief to development, including following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and for country-led sustainable agriculture programmes, particularly in the aftermath of the 2010 flooding in Pakistan and in response to the 2011 drought in the Horn of Africa. Cousin is a native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Georgia School of Law. She is a published author and accomplished speaker on food insecurity and chronic malnutrition. She is based in Rome, Italy.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Robynne Anderson**

President, Emerging Ag Inc.



Robynne Anderson is an international expert in agricultural and food policies. Her engagement reaches throughout the value chain providing support in issues management and strategic development to a broad range of clients from farmers to food processors, research institutions to governments. Robynne often represents organizations at the United Nations, bringing the voice of agriculture in multi-governmental processes. She distinguished herself in establishing the first Private Sector Mechanism representing agribusinesses at the UN Committee on World Food Security. She also coordinated global activities for the International Year of Pulses on behalf of the Global Pulse Confederation. Prior to founding Emerging Ag in 2010, Robynne established and ran for almost 20 years Issues Ink, a leading publishing company specializing in magazines on Canadian and American agriculture. In addition to her role at Emerging ag, Robynne is involved in her family's seed farm in Dugald, Manitoba, Canada and a founder of the Manyinga school project, a non-profit organization that supports orphans to learn agricultural skills through schools.

### **Roberto Barbieri**

Director General, Oxfam Italia



Roberto Barbieri, MSc in Economics, has twenty years of professional experience in development. He has worked with UNICEF in Central America as Education and Child Rights Officer. He had various experiences with Italian consulting firms working on international development issues. He also spent four years coordinating the Secretariat of social and educational services of six municipalities in Tuscany, before joining the Italian NGO Ucodep in 2002. He has been the Programme Director at Ucodep for six years, following the affiliation process to Oxfam International. He became Oxfam Italy's Executive Director in 2012. He also teaches Project Cycle Management at the University of Florence, in the Faculty of Economics.

**Diana Battaglia**, Director, UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization



Diana Battaglia has held political and leadership roles as Member of the Italian Parliament and as Advisor in economic and institutional affairs for a wide range of Italian and European companies and institutions. Since 2004, she has been serving as Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy. In addition, she provided leadership to and set up and consolidated a prestigious network of governmental, business and academic institutions, and companies that steered the Office to construct a 360 degree dialogue on and around UNIDO priorities. Her management and determination were instrumental besides being crucial for the Office to successfully overcome budget constraints and allowed the smooth running of activities. She holds a diploma from IFAF Finance School and an MA in Political Sciences from University of Padua.

## **Federica Barbaro**

Managing Director, PB Tankers



Federica Barbaro has been a director of Pietro Barbaro SpA since 2001, and in 2005 she became Managing Director of PB Tankers SpA, the shipping division of the Pietro Barbaro Group with headquarters in Rome. In 2006, Barbaro Group set up its Russian subsidiary Prime Shipping OOO, creating a modern company managing 25 oil tankers; in September 2015 it was sold in joint venture to Rosneft and Sberbank Investments and Pietro Barbaro. Federica Barbaro is a member of the Board of the Italian Shipowners' Association. She is vice president of Fondazione GOCA (Gallery of Contemporary Art) and of Fondazione Pietro Barbaro in Palermo. From 1994 to 2001 she served as Director of Finaval SpA and Interporto di Rivalta Scrivia SpA. She graduated from L.U.I.S.S. University in Rome with BA in Political Sciences in 1993.

## **Mohamed Benaissa**

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Kingdom of Morocco



Mohamed Benaissa is former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, having served from 1999-2007. Prior to that, Minister Benaissa was Ambassador of Morocco to the United States from 1993-1999, and Minister of Culture from 1985-1992. He has also been Mayor of Assilah, his home town. He joined the UN as an Information Officer in New York and Addis Ababa from 1965-1967. He joined the FAO as Regional Information Advisor for Africa and Communication Advisor from 1967-1973. He became FOA Director of the Information Division from 1974-1976. Despite his dense political activities, Minister Benaissa never lost sight of his vision, maintaining the belief that social and cultural development were intrinsically interdependent. Driven by the strength and clarity of his vision, in 1978 he founded the Assilah Forum Foundation, a non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to social and economic development through cultural and art exchange. Minister Benaissa's efforts have been recognized by many prestigious awards and decorations worldwide. In 1988 he was the Laureate of the Aga Khan Award for Islamic Architecture for the rehabilitation of Assilah. And in 2003, he was the Laureate of the Foundation of Arab Thought (Cultural Man of the Year), a title he also earned when he was awarded the Laureate of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award. In 2008, he received a Honorary Doctorate Cause in Law and Public Services from the University of Minnesota. He is currently an active member of several national, regional, and international organizations and an active international consultant in development, communications and international relations.

## **Emma Bonino**

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy



Emma Bonino served as the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs between 2013 and 2014. From 2008 to 2013 she served as Vice-Chair of the Italian Senate. She has been Minister for International Trade and European Affairs. First elected to the Italian Chamber of Deputies in 1976, she has served either in the Italian or in the European Parliament continuously since then, except when she was European Commissioner, between 1994 and 1999. During this period she confronted man-made crises, including the Balkans and the Great Lakes region. She is a member of the Board of Trustees at the International Crisis Group (ICG). She is also co-chair of the council of Foreign Relations (ECFR) and an active Member of the Transnational Radical Party.

## **Adolfo Brizzi**

Director of Policy and Technical Advisory Division, IFAD



Adolfo Brizzi is currently the Director of the Policy and Technical Advisory Division (PTA) in IFAD. PTA is the repository of the technical expertise in IFAD and in that capacity he provides oversight of the technical support to country programs, country policy dialogue and the pursuit of strategic and global partnership initiatives. Before joining IFAD in early 2012 he worked for 22 years in the World Bank in various Managerial and technical positions in the Agriculture and Rural Development sector. He has been involved in a range of advisory and investment-related activities covering agriculture, natural resources management, rural livelihoods, community driven development, rural finance, water and irrigation, forestry, bio-diversity and land issues. His experience spans over Africa, Latin America and Asia. The last position he held was of Country Manager for Madagascar and before that he was the Sector Manager for agriculture and rural development for the South Asia Region. Before the Bank he worked 8 years with FAO, mostly in Africa. He holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Gembloux, Belgium, and a Master's Degree on Environmental Sciences from the Fondation Universitaire Luxembourgeoise of Arlon, Belgium.

## **Dominique Burgeon**

Director, Emergency and Rehabilitation Division, FAO



Dominique Burgeon has over 20 years of professional experience with FAO in various functions in the field and in headquarters. In July 2011, he was appointed as FAO Representative in Bangladesh, overseeing one of the largest country programmes of the Organization, putting in practice the concepts of disaster risk management for food and nutrition security. In November 2012, he was appointed Director of FAO's Emergency and Rehabilitation Division. Mr. Burgeon also leads the FAO Corporate work on increasing the resilience of agriculture-based livelihoods to threats and crises.

### **Giampaolo Cantini**

Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy



Giampaolo Cantini, Director General of Italian Development Cooperation since 2013, began his career at the General Directorate for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. He specialized in International Relations at the University of Florence and his posts included Commercial Secretary at the Italian Embassy in Addis Ababa as well as First Counselor at the Italian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. From 1994 to 1996 he was assigned to the General Secretariat of the President of the Italian Republic and following that he was promoted to First Counselor at the Italian Embassy in Washington D.C. Later he was Italian Ambassador in Algeria and Consul General in Jerusalem.

### **Pravin Chandrasekharan**

CEO, OpalCrest



Pravin is the CEO of OpalCrest a Data Science firm focused on the food and agribusiness industry. Prior to founding OpalCrest Pravin spent last two decades of his career focused in Agriculture and Energy Trading at various institutions including Reliance Industries, ADM, Deutsche Bank, Rabobank and most recently at Citigroup, where he headed their Agriculture Derivatives trading desk in London. Throughout his professional life, Pravin has established a broad array of strong client relationships by living and doing business across the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. He frequently contributes articles to the business press and is active as a speaker with organizations focused on agribusiness, commodities markets, data sciences, and sustainability.

Pravin is a member of the World Economic Forum's New Vision for Agriculture Transformation Leader's Network. Pravin received a Masters Degree from Harvard University, USA and a Bachelors Degree from Anna University, India.

### **Pier Sandro Cocconcelli**

Professor of Food Microbiology, Milan Catholic University



Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, is Full Professor of Food Microbiology at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and he is Rector's delegate for internationalization of the same university and Director of UCSC ExpoLAB, a multidisciplinary research centre of the UCSC, acting on the theme food security and food safety. Since 2003, he is scientific expert of the European Authority of Food Safety (EFSA) His research activities are focused on food and agricultural microbiology, bacterial molecular biology, bacterial genomics, risk analysis of food pathogenic bacteria, and on the gene exchange of antibiotic resistance and virulence determinants in the food chain. Moreover, he is coordinating specific programmes, PhD school and executive courses, on global food safety.

## **Jaleh Daie**

Managing Partner, Aurora Equity



Dr. Jaleh has held leadership positions in business, academia and government, and is in the Women in Technology Hall of Fame and recipient of US Congressional Citation. She has had the honor of serving the administrations of three Presidents and has been featured in major media (ABC, CBS, PBS, NY Times, SV Business Journal, SF Chronicle). A noted life scientist and expert in agriculture and, Jaleh has extensive board and executive experience. She has global point of view and cultural acumen shown by her extensive international engagements through work in eight countries and numerous global speeches including the Biotech Distinguished Speaker Series in South Africa. Jaleh is currently managing partner at Aurora Equity and founder/chair of AgFoodTech at the Band of Angels in Silicon Valley. Previously, she was head of science at Packard Foundation and managed a \$120 million annual budget. Jaleh started her career at Rutgers University and UW-Madison. Jaleh has served on numerous boards in the private and public arena. She has been recognized with Teksia Lifetime Achievement Award; honorary doctoral degree, Fellow of AAAS and AWIS and Scientist's "Leaders of Science."

## **Mella Frewen**

Director General, FoodDrink Europe



Mella Frewen serves as Director General of FoodDrinkEurope, representing Europe's largest manufacturing industry. Mella Frewen's previous positions include Director for Government Affairs EMEA at Monsanto, dealing with agricultural biotechnology, conventional agriculture, seeds and agri-chemistry, and Director, International Relations for Cerestar, then Europe's biggest starch producer. She has represented the food industry in the EU Commission's Advisory Committee on Arable Crops, the Committee on Renewable Energy, the Commission's Advisory Committee on Non-Food and Textile crops. She is currently member of the EU Commission's High Level Steering Board for the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability and TTIP Advisory group. She is Vice President of the Advisory Group for Responsible Business Conduct along Agricultural Supply Chains at OECD and is Co-chair of the Supply Chain Initiative (SCI) for fair business practices across the food chain. She has a Master of Science degree from the National University of Ireland.

## **Laura Frigenti**

Director - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Laura Frigenti was appointed Director of the newly established Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in January 2016. Before then she spent over 20 years in the USA where she held various positions at the World Bank and in other public organizations. She joined the World Bank in 1994 and she held several technical and senior manager positions, including Country Director for Central America and the Andean Countries, Director of Strategy and Operations for both Latin America and Caribbean and Africa, Chief of Staff to the President and Director of the President's Office. During her career, Laura Frigenti designed some of the Bank's most innovative programs, and was deeply involved in organizational reforms. After leaving the World Bank in 2014, Laura Frigenti was Vice President for the Global Development Practice at InterAction the largest umbrella organization of US NGOs where she dealt extensively with issues related to public/private partnership, transparency and accountability, and private funding for development. She brings in-depth knowledge and expertise of Africa, Central Asia, Europe and Latin America region, with direct experience in leading the dialogue with political and business leaders in over 30 countries. Before joining the World Bank, she worked at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General for Development Cooperation; the Istituto per la Cooperazione Economica (ICEPS) where she led the think tank's effort around international development; the UN Economic Commission for Latin America & Caribbean in Chile and the Istituto di Studi Italo Africani. Laura holds a master in History and International Affairs from the University of Rome, la Sapienza.

## **Pietro Gennari**

Chief Statistician, Director of the Statistics Division, FAO



FAO Chief Statistician and Director of the Statistics Division Pietro Gennari is the Chief Statistician and the Director of the Statistics Division of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. In this role, he coordinates the FAO statistical system by fostering the consistency of the overall statistical programme of work and by ensuring the corporate implementation of international statistical standards and best practices. He is also the current Chair of the Committee on Agricultural Statistics of the International Statistical Institute, the Chair of the Chief Statisticians of the UN system and the co-Chair of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA). Mr Gennari has over 25 years of professional experience in the main areas of official statistics and in managing statistical programmes, both at the national and international levels. Before joining FAO, he worked for the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) and for the UN Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

**Caroline Heider**

Director-General and Senior Vice-President, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group



Caroline Heider joined the Independent Evaluation Group on October 1, 2011. She reports directly to the World Bank Group's Boards of Executive Directors through the Committee on Development Effectiveness. Caroline has more than 25 years of international experience, the majority of which in evaluation. Prior to the World Bank Group, she has worked with five multilateral organizations, including two international finance institutions (the Asian Development Bank and International Fund for Agriculture Development), a technical agency (UNIDO) and two Funds and Programmes of the UN System (UNDP and WFP). She is a life-time member of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS). She has been a member of the American Evaluation Association, the Australasian Evaluation Society and the European Evaluation Society. She served a 2-year term as vice-chair of the UN Evaluation Group.

**Maurizia Iachino**

President, Oxfam Italia



Maurizia Iachino serves as President of Oxfam Italia and Chair (International ONG) since 2012, and her advisory expertise is focused on Corporate Governance and Family Business. Since 2007, she has been Partner and Governance Practice Leader for Key2People, and in 2001, she co-founded Governance Consulting, to face challenges of corporate governance in Italy, where she acted till 2007 both as Partner and Head of Board Practice. In 2009 – 2010, she edited Ready for Board Women edition supported by PWA (Professional Women Association), and in 2014 she created "Fuori Quota," an organization of female Board Directors serving in listed companies. Previously, she worked as Senior Director at Spencer Stuart Italy, involved in their healthcare, media and telecommunications practices, and she also founded the consultancy firm Athena, for which she headed Executive Search for 10 years. She has also served on the boards of Banca d'Italia Milan, Fiera Milano Foundation, and Mentors4u, and won the "Woman Milan City" award in 2013. She holds a masters degree in psychology.



**Luis Jiménez-McInnis**

Director, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office, IFAD



Luis Jiménez-McInnis is Director of the Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He joined IFAD in February 2010 as Special Adviser to the President. Prior to this, Mr Jiménez-McInnis was First Officer in the Executive Office of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. As part of the Strategic Planning Unit, he was tasked with the Secretary-General’s climate change agenda. Working with the UN since 1999, he has also been involved in peace and security issues in Colombia and Haiti with the UN Department of Political Affairs. Before joining the UN Secretariat, Mr Jiménez-McInnis served as Policy Analyst in the Office of Development Studies in the United Nations Development Programme. Prior to his UN career, he was the Research Associate for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He holds an A.B. in Political Science and International Relations from Brown University and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, both in the United States.

**Manuela Kron,**

Corporate Affairs Director, Nestlé Group in Italy



Manuela Kron is Head of Corporate Affairs of Nestlé Group in Italy since 2007. She is in charge of Public Affairs, External Relations, Internal Communication, Corporate Social Responsibility for Nestlé in Italy, directly reporting to Leo Wencel, Market Head of Nestlé Italy and Malta. She is member of the Management Board of Nestlé Group in Italy, Nestlé Waters e Nestlé Italiana. Before joining Nestlé, she held the position of External Relation Director for Comieco/Sistema Conai, a nonprofit leading company operating in Sustainability and Environment for packaging recycling. Formerly Consumer Communication Manager (Media, Below the Line and Corporate communication) in Colgate-Palmolive.

**Nick Martell-Bundock, Corporate Responsibility Lead, EMEA, Cargill**



Nick Martell-Bundock is an advocate for sustainable business and is committed to the development of socially & environmentally responsible supply chains. He holds a BA (Honours) Degree in Business & Financial Services from the University of Gloucestershire and a Masters (MA) in Marketing from the University of Lincoln. In a 20 year career in food & agriculture, Nick has held senior supply chain & sustainability roles in FTSE100 companies across international retail, foodservice and manufacturing sectors. Between 2011 and 2015 he led the Procurement & Sustainability functions at international development agency, Oxfam. He joined Cargill in late 2015 to lead on corporate responsibility and sustainability across Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

### **Sonia Massari**

Executive Director & Food & Culture Programs Director, Gustolab Institute Center for Food and Culture



Dr. Massari is the Academic Director of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Food Studies programs in Rome and Director at GLI, Gustolab International Institute for Food Studies in Rome. In addition, she teaches at ISIA Design School ( Systemic Design M.A.), Scuola Politecnica Design (Food Design M.A.) and is a scientific consultant and senior researcher for the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition Foundation. In 2012, she won the International "Le Tecnovisionaries" Women Innovation Award, a prize which publicly recognizes women who have demonstrated an ability to combine creativity and innovation in order to improve quality of life, in particular in the area of food and nutrition, and in 2014, she won the NAFSA TLS

Knowledge Community's Innovative Research in International Education Award. In 2015, she was co-director and co-founder of the first European Conference on "Understanding Food Design 2015". She is now coordinating the ADI INDEX Food Design commission. She is a member of the Association for the study of Food and Society(ASFS) and the WE -Women for Expo Ambassador network. She is part of the editorial board of the International Journal of Food Design and Frontiers.

### **Gonçalo Matias**

Food Security Advisor to Minister Jaime Gama



Gonçalo Matias is an international lawyer and a law professor. He advised the President of Portugal on complex legal and political issues for more than 7 years. He served as Secretary of State for Administrative Modernization with the Portuguese Government. Gonçalo Matias is an invited professor at Washington University in St. Louis Law School. He is the Vice Dean at the Catolica Global School of Law where he obtained a JD, a masters and a PhD in Law. Gonçalo Matias is an expert in transnational migration law and policy. He was director at the Migration Observatory. Gonçalo Matias is a member with Minister Jaime Gama of the Aspen Food Security Strategy Group.

## **Giovanna Melandri**

President, Human Foundation Giving and Innovating



An honors graduate in Economics from the University of Rome, in 2000 she was awarded an honorary degree by the John Cabot American University in Rome, while in July 2003 she was awarded the title “Officier de la Legion d’Honneur” by the President of the French Republic, Jacques Chirac. Between 1983 and 1987 she worked for the Research Center Montedison. Between 1988 and 1994 she was head of Legambiente International Office and a member of its executive board. As member of the Italian government, under the guide of the Democratic Party from 1994 to 2012, she served as Minister for Cultural Heritage and Activities from 1998 to 2001 and Minister for Youth Policies and Sport from 2006 to 2008. On November 1st 2012 she was appointed President of the Fondazione MAXXI. She is currently the founder and chairwoman of Human Foundation, focused on venture philanthropy and social finance. She was member of the G8 Task Force for Social Investment – chaired by Sir Ronald Cohen - whose goal was to catalyze the development of the global impact investment market. In January 2016 she became President of the association Social Impact Agenda for Italy.

## **Stineke Oenema**

Executive Secretary, UN Standing Committee on Food Security & Nutrition



Stineke Oenema, is nutritionist (Wageningen University, 1993) and agricultural economist (London University, 2005). She has worked several years for FAO (Latin America and Vietnam) and UNICEF (Ghana). From 2004 until 2015 she worked with ICCO, a Dutch NGO where she was in charge of food and nutrition security policy and programme development. During this period she contributed to the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch as member of the editorial board; She chaired the European Food Security Group and; She was part of the Coordinating Committee of the Civil Society Mechanism for the CFS, facilitating participation of Western European CSO’s as well as the nutrition-working group of the CSM. In the Netherlands she has been chair of the Netherlands Working Group on Nutrition, a working group of NGO’s, Private sector actors and knowledge institutes. Early 2014 she became member of the Independent Expert group for the development of the Global Nutrition Report. In 2015 she worked at Wageningen University, the Centre for Development Innovation as nutrition expert. Since January 2016 she is coordinator of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN).

## **Angelo Maria Petroni**

Secretary General, Aspen Institute Italia



Angelo Maria Petroni is the Secretary-General of the Aspen Institute Italia and a full professor of logic and philosophy of science at the Sapienza University in Rome. He studied philosophy at the University of Pisa and at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium where he also earned his PhD in philosophy. He has subsequently lectured at several universities in Italy and France, so far spending most of his academic career at the University of Bologna. From 2001 to 2005, Angelo Maria Petroni was the director of Italy's government-run National School of Administration (SNA). From 2003 to 2012, he was member of the executive board of the Italian public broadcasting company, RAI. He was previously a member of the Italian Encyclopedia Institute's executive board as well. Professor Petroni belongs or has belonged to a number of organizations, foundations and journals, including *Logic and Philosophy of Science*, *Mind and Society*, *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines*, *Procesos de Mercado*, *Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi*, *Fondazione Luigi Einaudi*, *Fondazione Aurelio Peccei*, *Fondazione NovaResPublica*, *Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei*, *Fondazione per l'Innovazione tecnologica*, *Fondazione Italia-USA*, *National Center for Business Ethics*, *Loyola University*. From 1984 to 2004 he was editor-in-chief of *Biblioteca della libertà*. From 1985 to 1990 he was an editor at *Il Mulino*. From 1990 to 2002 he was a member of the editorial board of the journal *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*. Angelo Maria Petroni has also widely published on issues such as logic of scientific discovery, philosophy of physics, liberalism, federalism in Europe and public administration, and contributed to newspapers including "Il Sole 24 Ore" and "Wall Street Journal Europe."

## **Bianca Pomeranzi**

Expert - Italian Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Bianca Pomeranzi is the Senior Gender and Development advisor of the General Directorate Development Cooperation at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. In her professional carrier has served as: Director of the Italian Cooperation Office in Dakar for West Africa (2010-2011); paper editor and speaker at the European Union PrepCom for the UN Conference on "WOMEN 2000; member of the OECD/DAC Bureau of the Working Party on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (1996-1998); delegate of the Italian MoFA for the preparatory process and the 4thUN Conference on the Status on Women in Beijing (1995). As member of the Committee of the UN/Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) has recently co-edited the General Recommendation on Rural Women (2016).

## **Adele Rossetti**

Director General, WFP Italian Committee



Adele Rossetti has been Director General at WFP Italy at the World Food Programme since February 2014. She is an attorney specializing in international affairs, and has worked as attorney in Turin and Rome, Italy as well as in Washington DC. She has served as a Lecturer and Mentor for Young Professionals at George Washington University School of Law and at NYU School of Law. She is a member of the Women's' Foreign Policy Group in Washington DC, and a member of the Life Science Group at the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy. She holds a JD from La Sapienza University in Rome, and an LLM from University of Turin, School of Law with a fellowship at Villanova University in the U.S. She earned a CP in Government Affairs from the GAI at Georgetown University.

## **Pierfrancesco Sacco**

Permanent Representative for Italy to ONU



Ambassador Pierfrancesco Sacco is the Permanent Representative of the Italian Republic to the UN Agencies in Rome – Bioersivity International – IDLO, since 2 March 2015 He graduated cum laude in Law at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” in 1987 and until 1988 worked in the framework of the educational activities promoted by the Chair of Constitutional Law at the same University. He has undertaken the Legal Internship in Administrative Law. He started the diplomatic career in 1990 after coming first in the selection and from February to November of the same year he attended the vocational training at the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From November 1990 to May 1993 he was Legation Secretary at the Directorate General for Political Affairs (Secretariat and Office of the United Nations). From May 1993 to October 1997 he was Deputy Officer at the Consulate General of First Class in Sao Paulo (Brazil) before being promoted to the rank of First Secretary of Legation and becoming Consul in the same venue starting from 15 August 1994. He became the Head of the Economic and Commercial Office at the Italian Embassy in Budapest in October 1997 and Counsellor since 2 July 2000. He then moved to the Press and Information Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in May 2001 where he was in charge of the Italian press (Office I). From December 2001 to June 2002 he attended the Training Course for Counsellors at the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In November 2002 Pierfrancesco Sacco was appointed head of Office IV (European Foreign and Security Policy) of the General Directorate for European Integration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Head of the Economic - Commercial Office at the Italian Embassy in Madrid from February 2004 to July 2008, he became First Counsellor in July 2004. He was later appointed head of Office I (Planning and Budget) of the General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from July 2008 to August 2011. He has been the Head of Unit of Analysis, Programming and Historical and Diplomatic Documentation at the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy from 1 September 2011 to 28 February 2015.

**Arun Sharma**

Chief Investment Officer, Global Financial Markets, International Finance Corporation



Arun Kumar Sharma is Chief Investment Officer at the International Finance Corporation in Washington DC. He is responsible for developing and executing new IFC initiatives in agri finance, financial technologies, affordable housing, sustainable infrastructure and climate finance. He is currently engaged in programs to support the development of commodities finance, agribusiness infrastructure, and farmer finance in Asian, African and Latin American markets. Arun has been with the IFC for 25 years and has worked in all emerging market regions in a wide range of development projects and advisory assignments. He has pioneered the use of blended finance as a mechanism to channel greater private sector and multilateral resources to development needs and the use of structured finance solutions to creatively mitigate risks in emerging market transactions. Arun holds Masters degrees from the American University in Washington DC and St. Stephen's College, New Delhi. He is a fellow of the Wharton School and an alumni of management programs at Oxford and IMD Lausanne.

**Federico Soda**

Chief of Mission and Director of IOM Coordinating Office, International Organization for Migration



Federico Soda is the Director of the IOM Coordination Office for the Mediterranean in Rome, where he is responsible for IOM activities in Italy, Malta and the Representative to the Holy See. He has extensive experience working with policy makers, think-tanks, academia and civil society on a broad range of migration issues. Before assuming this position in October 2014, he was the Head of the Labor Migration and Human Development Division at IOM headquarters from June 2010 to September 2014. In that capacity he oversaw IOM's activities in the areas of labor migration, integration and migration and development. From 2005 to June 2010, Federico worked on labor migration, migration and development, and policy at IOM's Regional Office for Southeast Asia in Bangkok, Thailand. Federico worked with IOM in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001-2005) and Myanmar (2008). Before joining IOM, he practiced labor and employment law with McCarthy Tétrault in Toronto, Canada.

**Roberta Sonnino**

Professor of Environmental Policy and Planning, Cardiff University



Roberta Sonnino is a Professor and Director of Impact and Engagement in the School of Geography and Planning (Cardiff University, UK), where she has been involved in international research on food security, urban food strategies and governance, food relocalization and public food policies. In recent years, Professor Sonnino has acted as a commentator to print and broadcast media organizations in Italy, Finland, Denmark and the UK and has advised on food policy the EU, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, the Soil Association and the City of Milan (with which she is currently collaborating on the implementation of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact). Roberta Sonnino is currently the Director of the Research Centre for Sustainable Urban and Regional Food (SURF) and of the MSc

Programme Food, Space and Society at Cardiff University.

**Kostas G. Stamoulis**

Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department, FOA



Kostas G. Stamoulis is currently the Assistant Director-General of the Economic and Social Development Department at FAO, and formerly served as Director, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Security and Nutrition. Through 2015, he led the design and provided strategic guidance of FAO's Strategic Programme on Food Security and Nutrition which cuts across several disciplines and geographical regions. Between 2008 and 2015, he was the Director of the Agricultural Development Economics Division of FAO. ESA carries out the bulk of analytical and evidence-based policy work of FAO with about 150 staff members. From 2007 to 2015, he was the Secretary of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and played a key role in the reform of the committee. Before joining FAO in 1989, he was Assistant Professor of

Agricultural Economics at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign. From 1985 to 1987, he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California at Berkeley. He has published a large number of papers, articles, books and monographs on a variety of subjects. He holds a degree in Economics from the Economics University of Athens (Greece), a master's in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia (USA) and a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

**Josefina Stubbs**

Associate Vice President Strategy and Knowledge, IFAD



She holds a PhD in Political Science and International Development from the Institute of Social Studies in Holland. She has over 25 years' experience in the areas of development and management, gained through her work at national, private, and multilateral development agencies. Prior to becoming the Associate Vice-President in the Strategy and Knowledge Department on 1st October 2014, she was Director of the Latin America and the Caribbean Division. Prior to join IFAD, Ms. Stubbs worked with the World Bank where she held various positions in the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, she worked for sixteen years in Oxfam UK and for the Dominican Republic's Ministry of Agriculture.

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