



*Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April*

***Session I. Opening Comments***

**Mr. Kanayo Nwanze**

*Vice President, IFAD*

Mr. Nwanze has been serving as Vice President of IFAD since March 2007. He has devoted his working life to agricultural research and development as the principal route to reducing poverty and improving livelihoods in poor African communities. Before joining IFAD, he spent more than 25 years working with research centres members of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), during which time he gained extensive field experience in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. He held the position of Director General of The Africa Rice Center (WARDA), which he managed to transform from a sub-regionally-focused centre into an Africa-wide institution. Throughout his career he has promoted strong partnerships and working relationships with national agricultural research systems.

***Session II. Risks and Rewards for Small Scale Producers***

**Mr. Richard Burge**

*Director, Kimberley Burge*

Mr. Burge is the Director of Kimberley Burge, a UK-based company providing professional advice and expertise through innovative business-based approaches to address the problems of climate change and promote investment in technology and activity that mitigates the effects of greenhouse gases and other ecosystem impacts. He has extensive working experience in 55 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, including prolonged periods in Sub-Saharan Africa and Sri Lanka. He reads Zoology at the University of Durham. Previously, he joined the British Council, working in Nigeria on the UK Government Aid Programme in rural areas, and later on he was appointed as Head of African and Middle East development operations, running 150 projects in 21 countries. He has just been re-appointed by the UK Government as a Commissioner for Rural Communities.

**Mr. Abiodun Olaniyi**

*President, Centre for Jatropha Promotions & Biofuels-Jakolgate International*

Abiodun Olaniyi is a development expert with a background in sustainable development, ICT, renewable energy, market development, entrepreneurship and leadership. He is one of the pioneers in the promotion of jatropha and biofuel crops in West Africa. Mr. Olaniyi is a member of a number of local and international professional organizations working on renewable energy in many countries, including Austria, USA, UK, and Nigeria. He is the founder and President of the Centre for Jatropha Promotions & Biofuels -Jakolgate International, a non-profit organisation based in Lagos, Nigeria. It consists of a group of consultants, environmentalists, agriculturists, food scientists, agronomists, engineers, and project developers. Its main objectives are the promotion of jatropha and biofuels/energy crops for sustainable development in Nigeria and other African countries. He is currently working with a group of experts to study the prospective use of bioenergy in Nigeria.



**Dr. Janet Hawkes**

*Strategic Partner, RPM Ecosystems*

Dr. Hawkes, serves as Strategic Partner for RPM Ecosystems LLC and is also the Chief Scientist for the company. Formerly, she was Director of the Cornell Educational Resources Program at Cornell University, and Principal Investigator on a variety of national and international environmental and agricultural programs. She worked in international development and tropical agriculture in the South Pacific, Asia (India, Philippines, and China), Africa, and the Caribbean. She authored research and instructional resources on a variety of agricultural and environmental topics from energy to tropical agroforestry and sustainable agriculture. She currently serves on the Advisory Board for the FAO's "The Growing Connections" Program, on the Cornell University Theory Center Advisory Board, and on the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture Board of Directors, among others.

**Dr. Andreas Renner**

*Director Development Investments, GEXSI- The Global Exchange for Social Investment*

Dr. Renner is a founder and managing partner of GEXSI. He has built up GEXSI's Development Investment Unit. Having brokered pilot investment deals in social enterprises in Ecuador, Bolivia and Madagascar, he now manages a deal flow pipeline comprising about 20 projects in three continents. Andreas Renner leads the GEXSI biofuel team and has consulted several international clients in setting-up jatropha schemes. Before joining GEXSI, Dr. Renner was Senior Consultant at an international consultancy specializing in international corporate social responsibility and environmental mediation. Dr. Renner holds a Ph.D. in Economics and has published various articles and books on market-based approaches to sustainable development.

***Session III. Country Perspectives: Food and Fuel Development***

**Mr. Christopher Hansen**

*Deputy Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA)*

Mr. Hansen is currently Deputy Director General of IICA. He has been involved in the financial and entrepreneurial sector for over 25 years, mainly in Latin America and Africa. He has extensive experience in the development of small and medium-sized enterprises through projects of the World Bank's International Finance Corporation, the Foundation for Sustainable Development in Latin America (FUNDES) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), among others. At IICA, he served as Assistant Deputy Director General, as Director of Relations with Strategic Partners in Washington D.C., and as Director of Regional Operations and Integration for the Northern Region. He also served as Acting Representative at the IICA Office in Mexico.

**Prof. William Kyamuhangire**

*Associate Professor, Department of Food and Technology, Makerere University*

William Kyamuhangire is an Associate Professor of Food Science and Technology and he is a Fellow of the Matsumae International Foundation. He is a former Director of the Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute, Kabanyolo. He holds a Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from the Agricultural University of Norway and he has published widely on improving traditional food processing technologies and food engineering. He was granted the Presidential Science Award 2005 for his outstanding research and applications in the field of Food Science and Technology. He teaches courses in Food Engineering, Food Processing and Preservation, Oil and Fats Technology and Product Development at graduate and



undergraduate levels. Currently, he is conducting research and implementing projects in adding value to locally available foods by developing processing technologies and products. To this end he has been awarded two patents for technologies he has developed. He is also an Associate Editor of the Uganda Journal of Agricultural Sciences.

**Mr. Heinz-Peter Mang**

*Bioenergy Adviser and Manager, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Beijing University of Science and Technology*

Heinz-Peter Mang has worked for 28 years on projects involving bioenergy technologies, waste and wastewater treatment and reuse, and ecological sanitation. Since 2004 he has been contracted as integrated resident expert in China by the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, and since 2008 by the University of Science and Technology Beijing - supported by the German Government – he has been working for sustainable sanitation, and modern biofuel and biogas knowledge transfer to China. From 1982, Mr. Mang advised institutions in China, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cuba, Bolivia - through the German Agency for Technical Cooperation and FAO - on the planning, construction and monitoring of biogas and sanitation systems. For the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and China's Ministry of Agriculture, he conducted feasibility studies focused on small- and large-scale biogas plant loans, and for German and Chinese agencies he conducted annual state-of-art assessment studies on China's biofuel and biomass energy policy development. Heinz-Peter Mang is a renowned guest-lecturer on bioenergy in several Universities in Bolivia, Burundi, Belgium, Norway, Germany, Singapore and China. He is co-founder of the German Biogas Association and co-founder and Vice-Chairman of the German Society for Sustainable Biogas and Bioenergy Utilisation.

***Session IV. Roundtable on Financing Jatropha Development***

**Mr. Dilip Gokhale**

*Head of Bio-fuel Development, Syngenta India*

Mr. Gokhale holds degrees in Economics and Business and attended several senior management programs including the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University Chicago and Columbia University. He is a member of the Board of Management of the School of Business, Asian Institute of Technology, in Bangkok. Since 1969, Mr. Gokhale has worked in various fields, including development banking, pharmaceuticals, seeds, crop protection and general management. He has been with Syngenta and its previous companies for the past 28 years and has held various positions in the company such as Head of the India Seeds Operations, Global Head Field Crops based in Basel (Switzerland) and Regional Head of Seeds based in Bangkok. At present, he is Head of Bio-fuel Development. Mr. Gokhale has been a member of the Global Seeds Management / Leadership Team of Syngenta for eight years and was member of the company's Boards in Japan, China, Korea, India and Thailand.

**Mr. Antonio Tomás Parsons**

*Director, Agricultural Adviser, Manager and Producer, Cazenave and Associates*

Mr. Parsons is an Engineer specialised in Agricultural Production and is currently Director, Agricultural Adviser, Manager and Producer, of Cazenave and Associates, a company providing management and consulting in Agriculture, Agro-industry and Environment. He is also Executive Director of Plant.a.Bio Comercio e Importação Ltda., a company dedicated to Jatropha Curcas development in Brazil, and Adviser of Patagonia Bioenergia (an Argentine Biodiesel Company) on Jatropha plantations and development in Argentina and Paraguay. He carried out studies on Jatropha and biodiesel, in India(2005) and in Brazil (2006-



2008). Mr. Parsons also has extensive experience in agricultural development, irrigation systems, agricultural insurance and risk analysis, authoring various papers. He was also the Executive Secretary of the Argentine National FAO Committee and the Argentine representative in the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute of Agriculture Cooperation (IICA).

**Ms. Judy Siegel**

*President, Energy and Security Group*

As President of the Energy and Security Group, Judy Siegel brings 30 years of experience in renewable energy financing, policy and technology. She has worked in over 60 countries worldwide and has extensive experience in developing and implementing renewable energy projects in rural settings. She has served as President of the US Export Council for Renewable Energy (representing over 1600 industry members), Deputy Director of the World Bank Asia Alternative Energy Program, and Managing Director of the Winrock International Clean Energy Group. Ms. Siegel has a BA in Economics and MS in Public Administration.

**Dr. Prabhu Pingali**

*Head, Agricultural Policy and Statistics Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

Prabhu Pingali is currently Head of the Agricultural Policy and Statistics Division at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He was the Director of the Agricultural and Development Economics Division of FAO. Dr. Pingali was also the President and Vice-President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) as well as the Chairman of the program committee for the 24th International Conference of Agricultural Economists. Dr. Pingali has over twenty-five years of experience in assessing the extent and impact of technical change in developing country agriculture in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He was Director of the Economics Program at CIMMYT, Mexico. Prior to joining CIMMYT, he worked at the International Rice Research Institute at Los Baños, Philippines, as an Agricultural Economist, and prior to that at the World Bank's Agriculture and Rural Development Department, as an economist. He was a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University, Food Research Institute, and an Affiliate Professor at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños. Prabhu Pingali has authored six books and over ninety referred journal articles and book chapters on technological change, productivity growth and resource management issues in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He has received several international awards for his work. He earned a Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University.

**Dr. Marco Ferroni**

*Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation*

Marco Ferroni has extensive management and operational experience in government and multilateral institutions. Before joining Syngenta Foundation, he was Manager of the Sustainable Development Department of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington D.C. until July 2007. He has designed, negotiated and implemented many operational programs in developing and middle-income countries. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Ferroni was the IDB's principal evaluation officer in the Bank's independent Office of Evaluation and Oversight.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Ferroni was a Senior Adviser to the World Bank's Vice Presidency for Resource Mobilization and Co-financing, a member of the Boards of Executive Directors of the IDB and the Inter-American Investment Corporation representing European constituencies, and an Economist, Program Manager and division Chief at the Ministries of Public Economy and Foreign Affairs in Switzerland. Marco Ferroni holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University. He has worked in Latin



America and Africa and has published and lectured frequently on foreign aid, debt and development finance, international public goods, social protection and the Millennium Development Goals, and sustainability challenges in open economies in the context of globalization.

### ***Session V. Policies and Programs for Jatropha Development for the Rural Poor***

#### **Prof. Daniel De La Torre Ugarte**

*Associate Professor and Associate Director, Agricultural Policy and Analysis Center, University of Tennessee*

Professor Ugarte is Associate Director of the University of Tennessee's Agricultural Policy Analysis Center and Research Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics. He conducts integrated economic, environmental, and policy analysis. He developed the first stochastic multi-regional agricultural sector model for policy analysis (POLYSYS). This is used by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service and Oak Ridge National Laboratory to conduct policy and economic analysis. He has provided expert advice to the USDA Chief Economist, the Senate Agricultural Committee, and numerous public and private initiatives regarding the economic impacts of energy crop production on the agricultural sector. Professor Ugarte holds a Ph.D. and MS in Agricultural Economics.

#### **Ms. Annie Sugrue**

*Coordinator, Citizens United for Renewable Energy and Sustainability (CURES)*

Ms. Sugrue began her career as a scientist working as a biotechnologist after she achieved an honour degree in Genetics and Molecular Biology from Trinity College Dublin and a Master Degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. This scientific focus made for a logical transition into the field of development and environment and her training has assisted her in her current passion and work in bioenergy. Annie has spent the last 20 years working within the development sector in South Africa, mostly within the NGO sector. She is currently working in the NGO "Cures" and completing her D. Phil in Bioenergy at the University of Johannesburg, with a focus on developing a bioenergy programme suitable to the rural poor. She has been involved in the bioenergy debates both globally and regionally within Africa. She is also assisting the international Round Table on Sustainable Biofuels, an international forum aiming to develop standards around social issues such as food security, human and labour rights, land and water rights, consultation and local economic development.

#### **Ms. Edna de Cássia Carmélio**

*Bio-fuel Adviser, Brazil*

Ms de Cássia Carmélio holds an MS Degree in Food Engineering. She is currently a consultant working on biofuels with the Ministry of Agrarian Development, Brazil. She supports the Federal Government in the design of the biodiesel programme. She also has extensive experience in production chains, especially of food and agricultural industries, small and medium businesses as well as in energy projects for remote communities.



**Mr. Peter Thoenes**

*Economist, Trade and Markets Division, FAO*

Mr Thoenes graduated in 1986 from Göttingen University in Germany with a Master Degree in Agricultural Economics. Main steps in his professional career include a term with the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels, where he worked on Common Agricultural Policy matters. Subsequently, Mr Thoenes joined IFAD, where he worked primarily in the areas of project evaluation and policy planning. In 1991, he joined FAO, where he has been working over the past 15 years as Commodity Specialist in the organization's Commodities and Trade Division. In 1995, Mr Thoenes started specializing on oilseed, oil and meal markets. In 1997, he was also appointed Secretary of FAO's Intergovernmental Group on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats, and became responsible for the organization's work concerning global oilseed market issues. As commodity specialist, Mr. Thoenes' main duties and areas of expertise include (i) market analysis and intelligence work, (ii) research on agricultural and trade policy issues, (iii) commodity research and development projects, and, (iv) medium-term supply and demand projections.



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### ***Session VI. Summary of UNEP's Roundtable***

#### **Ms. Martina Otto**

*Head, Policy Unit, Energy Branch - Division of Technology, Industry & Economics, UNEP*

Martina Otto is the Head of the Policy Unit in the Energy Branch and oversees the development and implementation of UNEP's energy and transport policy related activities. She is responsible for the interagency aspects of this work and for creating synergies between different projects carried out in this unit. She manages UNEP's activities related to modern forms of bioenergy, especially biofuels. From 2004 to September 2006 Ms. Otto worked as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director in UNEP's Headquarters in Nairobi. Prior to this, she was a Programme Officer in UNEP's Energy Branch, coordinating UNEP's work in the area of Sustainable Mobility as well as two UNEP's voluntary initiatives with the private sector, the Mobility Forum and the Global and Sustainability Initiative. Before joining UNEP, she worked on 'Trade and Environment' and 'Economic Instruments in the Area of Environmental Protection' with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the European Commission and the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development. Ms. Otto is a fully qualified lawyer and holds an LL.M from London University in International Environmental Law.

### ***Session VII. Breeding***

#### **Prof. Ian Graham**

*Centre for Novel Agricultural Products, Department of Biology, University of York*

Professor Graham has been Deputy Director of the Centre for Novel Agricultural Products of the Department of Biology, at University of York since 2003. He is also Chair of Biochemical Genetics at the same Department. His research interests focus on the metabolic regulation of gene expression in higher plants and metabolic engineering of novel oils in oilcrops. He authored technical publications and is conducting a number of research projects, including *Jatropha Curcas* Development. Professor Graham holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Botany, University of Edinburgh and carried out post-doctoral research at the Department of Plant Science of Oxford University.

#### **Dr. Yan Hong**

*Director, Plant Biotechnology Group, Strategic Research Program, Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory*

Dr. Yan Hong is the Director (Plant Biotechnology) of Strategic Research Program of Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory, Singapore. Since his Ph.D. from Peking Union Medical College (now part of TsingHua University) in 1999, he has worked in the biotech industry and academic research for 18 years. His current research interest is plant biotechnology for renewable energy and fiber. He is an Associate Professor (adjunct) in Nanyang Technological University and a member of Genetic Modification Advisory Committee (GMAC), Singapore. He represents the *jatropha* research cluster in Singapore with about 20 scientists.



**Dr. R.E.E. (Raymond) Jongschaap**

*Researcher, Plant Research International, Wageningen University*

Dr. Jongschaap is teamleader of the Global Jatropha Curcas Evaluation Program at Plant Research International, part of Wageningen University and Research Centre in the Netherlands. The evaluation programme generates scientifically sound information on Jatropha Curcas by studying the genetic variability of this crop in the world and relating that to local traits that are important for the sustainable crop (oil) production at small and large scale. Dr. Jongschaap's career in tropical crop science, integrated farming systems, soil science and dynamic simulation modeling is build upon the production ecological approach of C.T. de Wit, which explains the behaviour of ecological systems at higher integration levels by studying system processes at lower levels. His research group at Plant Research International focuses on agrosystems research at different scales, from the sustainable production on plot level to (integrated) farming systems, from regional studies to global explorations, all based on the optimization of natural resources, such as water and nutrients. He is currently involved in the global debate on the production of food, feed and fuel and the potentials of bio-energy with regard to limitations set by the availability of land and natural resources.

***Session VIII. Agronomy and Improving Output and Production***

**Dr. Vibha Dhawan**

*Vice Chancellor, Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), School of Advanced Studies*

Dr. Dhawan has been involved in active research in the field of plant biotechnology for over 25 years. Her current interests are intellectual property rights, biosafety, food safety, and sustainable agriculture. She developed and executed capacity-building programmes for senior officials from state departments of environment and agriculture on issues related to biosafety and patent regulation in biotechnology. Her publications include authored books, over 36 research papers, and many articles for the non-specialist readers. Dr. Dhawan obtained her Master's and Ph.D. from Delhi University.

**Mr. Reinhard K. Henning**

*Consultant on Jatropha Curcas and other Biomass and Renewable Energy Technologies*

Mr. Henning has been working on production and use of plant oil as renewable energy as well as on biogas technology for more than 20 years, in West Africa and Germany. Since 1997 he has been working with Bagani, a consulting firm dealing with renewable energies. Among his main tasks, he is involved in carrying out feasibility studies on production and use of the Jatropha oil as well as in developing information dissemination material on this crop. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Henning worked with GTZ, both at the Headquarters and in Mali on – *inter alia* - production and use of jatropha oil as renewable energy and for income generation in rural areas. He was a scientific employee and Assistant Professor at the TUB (Technical University Berlin). He is the author of a number of publications and presentations on renewable energies, biogas and plant oil as renewable energy and is responsible for the website [www.jatropha.org](http://www.jatropha.org). Mr. Henning holds an MSc in Biology.



**Dr. Suhas P. Wani**

*Principal Scientist, ICRISAT India*

Dr. Wani is working as a Regional Theme Coordinator for Water, Soil and Agrodiversity Management for the Ecosystem Resilience at ICRISAT, Patancheru, India. He has significant experience in the area of natural resource and water management. Dr. Wani developed a new consortium approach for community watershed management, which has been scaled-up by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and in a number of countries including Thailand, Vietnam, China and India. He is good experienced in the area of biodiesel plantation and has initiated research and development models for the benefit of poor in rainfed areas. He is leading a number of projects in the area of biodiesel at ICRISAT, sponsored by GTZ (public-private partnership), USAID (Water-Energy nexus), Rain Shadow Area Development (RSAD), Government of Andhra Pradesh and the National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) of the Indian Ministry of Agriculture. Dr. Wani also developed an innovative participatory approach for rehabilitating degraded lands through biodiesel plantations and working on decentralized model of extraction and utilization of non-edible oil to meet the rural energy needs and improve the livelihoods.

***Session IX. Post-Harvest Technologies, Rural Electrification and Alternative By-Products from Jatropha***

**Dr. Jai Uppal**

*Senior Adviser, Center for Alternate Energy Research (CAER)*

Dr. Jai Uppal earned a BA and MSc in Chemical Engineering. He was also a Research Associate at University of Michigan. He has wide experience in various areas including renewable energy and biofuels. At present, Mr. Uppal is Sr. Adviser to the CAER, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies; General Secretary of Samyak Vikas Sanstha (an NGO committed to sustainable development) and adviser to a number of organizations. Earlier he was Adviser on renewable energy to Winrock International India. Currently he is focusing on biofuels, bio-energy, clean and renewable energy and environment. He has been invited to a number of meetings related to biodiesel and jatropha plantation by the Ministry of Agriculture and is also a member of the Expert Advisory Committee on alternate fuels (including biofuels) of the Ministry of Science and Technology. He was also an expert on the *Ad-hoc* Panel for formulation of standards for 10% ethanol blending with petrol for the Bureau of Indian Standards. He authored a number of technical papers and articles and lectured in various national and international seminars, conferences, workshops, on many topics including ethanol, biofuels, environment, water, hydrogen, renewable energy.

**Dr. Frederique Rosa e Abreu**

*General Coordinator of Agroenergy, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, Brazil*

Dr. Abreu is currently the General Coordinator for Agroenergy in the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply. He is also Member of the Brazilian Biodiesel Management Group and President of the Biodiesel Sectorial Chamber. Dr. Abreu authored and co-authored several technical papers concerning biofuels production and biofuels policies, published in Brazil and abroad. He is a Chemical Engineer, holding a Master and Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry, with focus on biofuels production.



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## Moderators' Profiles

### **Mr. Eric Kueneman**

*Chief, Crop and Grassland Service, FAO*

Mr. Kueneman has been serving since 2001 as Chief of FAO's Crop and Grassland Service, dealing with all aspects of crop production, plant breeding and biotechnology globally. Before that, he has covered the position of Senior Technical Advisor to the Director of the Agriculture Department of FAO, and Secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee on Agriculture (COAG). He was also Senior Officer/Leader for the Field Food Crops Group (FFCG) at FAO. Before joining FAO he was a legume breeder with the CGIAR in Africa and Latin America; he also worked as a plant breeder for a private company based in the USA. Throughout his career he has placed special emphasis on the identification of major constraints and opportunities at the crop and production-system levels, and on creating a forum for international experts to elaborate coherent strategies to address the key constraints and opportunities with the view to ensure enhanced but sustainable production systems. He has travelled extensively in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and has close working relationships with national programs, International Agricultural Research Centers and diverse development partners.

### **Mr. Jeff Tschirley**

*Chair, FAO Bioenergy Working Group*

Mr. Tschirley is responsible for technical programmes related to bio-energy, climate change, biodiversity, desertification, geospatial data and information, land cover, and global environmental change analysis. He is Chairman of several UN and FAO expert groups dealing with these issues. He was involved in the UN Summits on Environment in 1992 and 2002. He has worked in many developing countries in Asia and Africa. Prior to joining FAO, Mr. Tschirley worked in Washington DC for ten years with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the US Department of State, and the Department of Interior. He holds degrees from Colorado State University (BA) and Imperial College - London (MSc) with a major field of study in economics.

### **Ms. Melinda Kimble**

*Senior Vice President, UN Foundation*

Ms. Kimble is Senior Vice President for Programs at the UN Foundation. She oversees the program areas of health, population, the environment and peace/human rights. Ms. Kimble joined the UN Foundation in May 2000. Prior to joining the Foundation, she served as a State Department Foreign Service Officer, attaining the rank of Minister-Counselor. Ms. Kimble served in policy-level positions in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, overseeing multilateral development issues and debt policy, in the Bureau of Oceans, International Environment and Scientific Affairs (OES) and leading environmental negotiations (e.g. Climate Change Conference, Kyoto, Japan, 1997). Ms. Kimble's assignments abroad include Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt and Tunisia. She speaks French and Arabic and holds two masters degrees: Economics (University of Denver) and MPA (Harvard's Kennedy School of Government).



**Mr. Rodney Cooke**

*Director, Technical Advisory Division, IFAD*

Rodney Cooke, Director, Technical Advisory Division, IFAD, since 2000. BSc. Biochemistry, PhD. in collaboration with Pfizer International and Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Key expertise and experience in R&D management and technology transfer and training programmes; institutional appraisal, corporate planning and management of change; resource mobilisation and funding; project identification, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. From 1995 to 2000 Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA, based in The Netherlands) of the EU/ACP Lomé Convention (now Cotonou Convention). CTA has the remit to promote agricultural and rural development by building local capacity. Previously, various ODA/DFID (UK bilateral development Agency) roles - most recently as Deputy Director of Natural Resources Institute in charge of the Resource Assessment and Farming Systems Programme.

**Mr. Shantanu Mathur**

*Senior Technical Adviser and Grants Coordinator, Technical Advisory Division, IFAD*

Mr. Mathur is currently the Coordinator of the Grants Programme and is also the Senior Technical Adviser for Economic and Financial Analysis at the Technical Advisory Division, IFAD. He has worked in the area of pro-poor rural development for over 24 years - 3 of which were at FAO HQ in Rome and the other 21 years at IFAD HQ, in Rome - in various capacities including Associate Project Controller (Africa Division, IFAD), Resource-Economist and technical advisory and management roles. His educational qualifications include two Masters Degrees - in the field of Applied and Advanced Economics University of Cambridge, UK and Business Economics, University of New Delhi.

**Mr. NeBambi Lutaladio**

*Agricultural Officer, Crop and Grassland Service, FAO*

Mr. NeBambi Lutaladio, a Congolese national, is an experienced agronomist with 30 years in agricultural research, management, training and technology transfer, with special expertise in root and tuber crops in developing countries. He has a good knowledge and understanding of agricultural systems in developing countries through his long time involvement in national agricultural systems, and in regional and international networking. With a M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Nigeria's University of Ibadan, he has been associated with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) since 1976 and with the International Potato Center (CIP) since 1994. He joined FAO in 1999 as the Organization's roots and tubers specialist facilitating the implementation of the Global Cassava Development Strategy and the International Year of the Potato. He has recently been designated as the focal point for crop bioenergy in the FAO Plant Production and Protection Division.

**Mr. Jeremy Tomkinson**

*Chief Executive Officer, UK National Non Food Crop Centre*

Mr. Tomkinson has a background specialising in the chemistry of renewable materials, covering aspects from chemical intermediates to novel adhesives from natural sources. He was previously Director of the BioComposites Centre. He was appointed to commence the business of NNFCC, as CEO, in September 2003.