

## **Biographies**

### ***Official Opening Ceremony***

#### **AKINWUMI ADESINA**

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina is the 8th elected President of the African Development Bank Group, appointed in 2015. He is a distinguished development economist and agricultural development expert with 25 years of international experience. Adesina served as Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development from 2011 to 2015. He was previously Vice-President (Policy and Partnerships) of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He was also Associate Director (Food Security) at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, where he worked for a decade (1998-2008) in senior leadership positions, including as Regional Office Director and Representative for Southern Africa. Adesina was Principal Economist and Social Science Research Coordinator for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Principal Economist and Coordinator of the West Africa Rice Economics Task Force at the West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA) and an Assistant Principal Economist at the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). From 2008 to 2010, Adesina was the President of the African Association of Agricultural Economists. Adesina earned a first-class honours Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ife, Nigeria and a PhD in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University in the United States, where he won the Outstanding PhD Thesis Award for his research work. He also won the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Post-Doctoral Fellowship in 1988.

#### **ABDALLA HAMDOCK**

Abdalla Hamdock is the Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Dr. Abdalla Hamdok is a policy analyst and economist with over twenty five years of experience in addressing development challenges in Africa at the national, sub- regional and continent-wide levels. He most recently served as the Director of the Governance and Public Administration Division, UNECA (2009 – 2011). Dr. Hamdock was also the director of NEPAD and Regional Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) 2008 – 2009, and the Regional Director for Africa and the Middle East, International IDEA (2003-2008). From 2001 to 2003 he served as the Senior Governance Expert/Coordinator of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Dr. Hamdock was also acting Director of the Development Policy Management Division, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. From 1997 to 2001, Dr. Hamdock served as the Principal Policy Economist, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. During 1995 to 1997, he was Chief Technical Advisor, International Labour Organization/Southern Africa Multidisciplinary Advisory Team (ILO/SAMAT), and UNDP, Harare, Zimbabwe. From 1993 to 1995 he was Principal Consultant, Head of Public Sector Group (PSG) and a member of the Management Committee of Deloitte & Touche Management Consultants, Zimbabwe. From 1981 – 1987, he was a senior official with the government of Sudan

(Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning).

#### ABDOULAYE MAR DIEYE

Abdoulaye Mar Dieye is Assistant Administrator and Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa by the United Nations Secretary-General since 2013. He was previously Chief of Staff and Director of UNDP's Executive Office. Until 2009, Mr. Dieye was Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Arab States. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Dieye served as Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) followed by appointments as UN Resident Coordinator, UN Designated Official for Security, Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in the country. Prior to joining the UN System, Mr. Dieye worked with the Government of Senegal, as Chief of the General Planning Division (1976-1982) and Inspector General (1982-1984) in the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation. Mr. Dieye graduated from the École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Économique (ENSAE-CESD) of the Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques (INSEE) in France.

#### *Round-Table: The way forward to transforming Africa's agriculture*

#### WOLE FAMUREWA

Wole Famurewa is the Markets Editor for West Africa at CNBC Africa. He is responsible for supervising the channels editorial content in West Africa. Wole joined CNBC Africa in 2010 as a business news presenter on the channel. He is also the presenter of CNBC Africa's daily markets review programme Closing Bell West Africa (airs weekdays on CNBC Africa) and the host of Mind Your Own Business, a weekly radio programme that showcases Nigeria's leading young entrepreneurs. Prior to this, he worked at FSDH Securities, Lead Capital, Afrinvest and PHB Asset Management and was the head of investment research at all these organizations. Wole earned a bachelor's degree in Finance at the University of Lagos. In 2011, he produced Eye on Nigeria's Capital Market. His reporting earned him the 2012 Citi Journalistic Excellence Award. In 2014, he was selected as one of 3 judges to select the Citi Journalistic Excellence Award Winner for the year 2014.

#### ERIC MASKIN

Eric Maskin is Adams University Professor at Harvard. He received the 2007 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics (with L. Hurwicz and R. Myerson) for laying the foundations of mechanism design theory. He also has made contributions to game theory, contract theory, social choice theory, political economy, and other areas of economics. He received his A.B. and Ph.D from Harvard and was a postdoctoral fellow at Jesus College, Cambridge University. He was a faculty member at MIT from 1977-1984, Harvard from 1985-2000, and the Institute for Advanced Study from 2000-2011. He rejoined the Harvard faculty in 2012.

***High Level Plenary Session 1: Reflections and Perspectives on achieving an inclusive agro-allied industrialization in Africa***

**EVELYN OHANWUSI**

Evelyn Ohanwusi is the Interim Head, Youth in Agribusiness Office. Evelyn previously worked with the Marketing and Partnership arm of the IYA, which she joined in 2013. She holds a BSc in Quantity and Surveying from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria. Evelyn joined IYA after her National Youth Service Corp Program at the Facilities Management Services Unit of IITA-Ibadan.

**H.E. Mr. GODWIN EMEFIELE**

H.E. Mr. Godwin Emeziele is the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria. Before he became the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, a position he held since June 2014, Godwin Emeziele served as the Chief Executive Officer and Group Managing Director of Zenith Bank (Nigeria) Plc. Before he ventured into the Banking sector, Godwin Emeziele was a lecturer of Finance and Insurance at the University of Nigeria Nsukka, and University of Port Harcourt, respectively. He also served as Director of ACCION Microfinance Bank Limited and has more than 18 year experience in Banking. Godwin Emeziele studied Banking and Finance at the University of Nigeria Nsukka, and obtained a Bachelors Degree (B.Sc) (2nd Class Upper Division) in June 1984, and in October 1986, he obtained Masters Degree (MBA) in Finance, winning the Best Graduating Student Award. He later engaged in Executive studies at Stanford University, Harvard University (2004) and Wharton School of Business (2005).

**IGBEKELE AJIBEFUN**

Igbekele Amos Ajibefun is a Professor of Agricultural economics, former Rector of Rufus Giwa Polytechnic and incumbent Vice chancellor of Adekunle Ajasin University. He joined the services of Federal University of Technology, Akure in 1993 as assistant lecturer and was appointed as Professor on October 2009. He is a Member of European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC), International Association for Agricultural Economists (IAAE), African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Network, Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE), Nigerian Economic Society, Nigerian Participatory Rural Appraisal Network (NIPRANET) and Conference of Heads of Polytechnics in Nigeria.

**FREDERICK MUSIIWA MAKAMURE SHAVA**

H.E. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava was elected President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2016. He is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations in New York. Until his appointment in 2014, he was Ambassador to China since 2007. From 2003 to 2004, Ambassador Shava was a consultant on Zimbabwe's Parliamentary reform. As an elected official, he was Minister of State for Political Affairs in 1987 and Minister of Labour, Manpower Planning and Development from 1981 to 1986. Mr. Shava holds a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master of Philosophy from Royal Holloway College; a Master of Science in nematology from Imperial College; and a Bachelor of Science in biology from University of Zimbabwe.

#### ADA OSAKWE

Ada Osakwe is the Chief Executive of Agrolay Ventures, an investment firm dedicated to growing the agricultural and food sector in Africa. From November 2012 to May 2015, Osakwe served as the Senior Investment Adviser to Akinwumi Adesina, Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. Amongst various initiatives, Osakwe led the development and launch of the US \$100 million Fund for Agricultural Financing in Nigeria (FAFIN), an innovative private equity fund dedicated to investing in small and medium agribusiness companies in Nigeria. Prior to this role, Ada was a Vice President at Kuramo Capital, a New York-based private equity fund that invests in high-growth opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa. Ada spent nearly four years at the African Development Bank (AfDB) where she joined as the youngest professional to be hired in the institution. She started her career as an Analyst in the Debt Capital Markets team of BNP Paribas investment bank, London. Ada received her MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University where she was awarded a Merit-based Scholarship, the Dean's Distinguished Service Award and the Kellogg Leadership Award, the highest student honour given for outstanding leadership. She holds an MSc in Economics and Finance from the University of Warwick, U.K. and a BSc in Economics (First Class Honours) from the University of Hull, U.K. In 2014, Ada was selected to the Archbishop Tutu Leadership Fellowship Program. At the age of 26, she was named one of the 'Top 40 Under 40 Nigerian Female Professionals' by the Nigeria Professional Network (NiPro).

#### ***Plenary Session 2: Building a Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture in Africa [AfDB]***

#### CELESTIN MONGA

Celestin Monga has been the Chief Economist and Vice-President of Economic Governance & Knowledge Management at African Development Bank since July 2016. Mr. Monga served as Managing Director at The United Nations Industrial Development Organization since November 2014. He has worked effectively with African Government leaders, international and other corporate entities to design and implement practical and realistic policy reforms. He has served as Senior Economic Advisor (Director-level) to the World Bank Senior Vice President and Chief Economist. He was also the Senior Advisor (Director-level) for structural transformation in the

offices of the Vice President for Africa and Senior Vice President and Chief Economist. He is a world-renowned economist and acclaimed author, scholar and innovator. He was named as one of Africa's top five economists by Jeune Afrique weekly news magazine in 2012. He has published cutting-edge analytical and policy-oriented economic work with some of the world's most renowned economists, including Nobel Prize winners in economics, amongst other leading economists. Mr. Monga graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Sorbonne in Paris, was a Mason Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, followed by additional graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management, and completed his PhD in France at the University of Pau, France.

#### CHRISTOPHER BARRETT

Chris Barrett is the Deputy Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Business, Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management, and an International Professor of Agriculture, all at the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, as well as a Professor in the Department of Economics and a Fellow of the David R. Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, all at Cornell University. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1998 after four years on faculty at Utah State University and earning degrees from Princeton (A.B., History, 1984), Oxford (M.S., Development Economics, 1985) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (dual Ph.D., Economics and Agricultural Economics, 1994). He has been principal investigator (PI) or co-PI on more than \$30 million in extramural research grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the National Science Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Rockefeller Foundation, USAID, and various other corporate, foundation, government agency and nongovernmental organization sponsors. He is Chair of the International Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and previously served as President of the Association of Christian Economists and on a variety of boards, and as the David J. Nolan Director of the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.

#### TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

Tim Williams is Director for Africa at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Ghana, representing the Director General and IWMI in the region and provides oversight for IWMI's research, research uptake and communication and capacity building activities conducted out of offices in Accra (covering the West Africa sub-region), Addis Ababa (covering the East Africa sub-region) and Pretoria (covering the Southern Africa sub-region). His research interests cover microeconomic analysis of land, soil nutrient and water management practices of smallholder farmers as well as analysis of the impact of macroeconomic, sectoral and trade policies on the agricultural sector. Over the last 30 years, he has worked at field level with smallholder farmers and at national level with decision makers in 12 countries in Africa, 3 states in India and 6 Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean and South Pacific. He is a Fellow of the Association of African Agricultural Economists and author of more than 50 scientific papers, book chapters and conference contributions.

## GERARDO PATAACCONI

Gerardo Patacconi is economist-statistician and private sector development expert, worked in manufacturing and banking in Italy and joined the United Nations (UNIDO) in 1987 as junior expert in Papua New Guinea. Currently is the Acting Director of UNIDO Agri-Business Development Department. In 2013 as EU candidate was shortlisted to the post of Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization (ISO). He has worked and supervised operations in over 60 countries covering agribusiness and commodity-based industry and supply chains in both food and non-food sectors. He has developed Public-Private Partnership and buyers-suppliers sustainability projects with retailers (METRO, AEON) and manufacturers (Illycoffe, Agrana, Heineken, Danon and others).

## GEORGE MAVROTAS

Dr. George Mavrotas (DPhil Oxford) is a leading development economist with more than 25 years of experience in international development. He is currently a Senior Research Fellow with the Development Strategy and Governance Division of the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington DC and the Program Leader of the Nigeria Strategy Support Program in the IFPRI Abuja Office where he directs IFPRI's research and capacity building program in Nigeria. Other current honorary appointments include Visiting Professor at the Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp, Senior Fellow at the Foundation for International Development Study and Research (Ferd, France) and Associate Fellow at the Centre of Regional Integration Studies of the United Nations University in Bruges. Previous appointments include Chief Economist of the Global Development Network (GDN) and Senior Fellow and Project Director at the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University (UNU-WIDER) and prior to that on the Economics Faculties of the Universities of Oxford and Manchester where he taught for many years. Dr. Mavrotas is the author and co-author of more than 120 publications including numerous papers in leading peer-reviewed journals and 9 books.

***Special Event A: Launch for the Africa Human Development Report 2016: Accelerating Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Africa (UNDP)***

## AMY JADESIMI

Dr Amy Jadesimi is the Managing Director of LADOL, an oil and gas fabrication and multi-logistics services base in Nigeria. Beyond LADOL, Amy contributes to Forbes and recently joined the 2015 Advisory Board for the UN Development Programme's "Africa Human Development Report". Amy cut her teeth at Goldman Sachs and Brait Private Equity in London, before returning to Nigeria to join LADOL's management team. Amy has a number of accolades under her belt: in 2012, she was named an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Fellow; in 2013, a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum; also in 2013, a Rising Talent by the Women's Forum for Economy

and Society; in 2014, *Forbes* included her in The 20 Youngest Power Women in Africa; and in July 2015, the Financial Times named her one of top 25 Africans To Watch. Amy holds a MBA from Stanford University, as well as a BA and BMBA from the University of Oxford.

***Plenary session 3: Fostering Agro-Allied Industrialization through Regional Value Chains [UNECA]***

**ADAM B. ELHIRAIKA**

Adam B. Elhiraika is the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He supervises and coordinates the Commission's key annual flagship publication (the Economic Report on Africa) and previously co-coordinated 5 editions of the African Economic Outlook, a joint annual publication of the African Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, OECD and ECA. Before joining the United Nations, he was a Research Economist at the Islamic Development Bank (Saudi Arabia), Associate Professor of Economics, the United Arab Emirates University, Senior Lecturer, the University of Swaziland (Swaziland) and the University of Fort Hare (South Africa), and Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Gezira (Sudan). Elhiraika has a PhD in economics from Glasgow University, UK (1991), an MA in economics from the University of Kent at Canterbury. He has published extensively in internationally refereed journals as well as monographs and books and contributed to research, policy dialogue and capacity development in Africa and Asia with special focus on issues of development macroeconomics and finance, economic governance, and structural transformation through industrialization.

**OUSMANE BADIANE**

Dr. Ousmane Badiane is the Africa Director for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). He coordinates IFPRI's work program in the areas of food policy research, capacity strengthening, and policy communications in Africa. Dr. Badiane was instrumental in developing and guiding the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). Before his current tenure at IFPRI, Dr. Badiane, a national of Senegal, was Lead Specialist for Food and Agricultural Policy for the Africa Region at the World Bank and adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. Dr. Badiane received a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Kiel in Germany. His awards include a Doctoral Degree Honoris Causa from the University of KwaZulu Natal in South Africa and induction as Distinguished Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economics. Dr. Badiane is the 2015 laureate of the African Food Prize.

**MOUSSA SECK**

Moussa is a renowned expert in the field of agricultural science and planning. He is the architect for Senegal's national policy on agriculture, and pioneered the concept of "Agropoles" in 1989. He is the Chairman of PanAAC, the Pan-African Agribusiness and Agro-industry Consortium (PanAAC), a platform to mobilize and engage the private sector involved in the African Agribusiness and Agro-industry value chain. Moussa is also the Vice President of a Panafrican Think Tank, IPS (Institute for Panafrican Strategies). He has acted as lead international consultant on agricultural policy to FAO, UNDP, World Bank, JICA, and the Swiss Government, as well as the UNECA Regional Value Chain and cluster study in Africa. He managed for 18 years, a graduate and undergraduate student exchange program with University of Minnesota, ISARA of Lyon, University of Dakar... Previously, Moussa managed the SYSPRO think-tank of ENDA, the international environmental and development organisation, for 21 years, since its formation in 1986. He graduated from the University of Minnesota *Borlaug Hall, USA* and the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (IAV) in Morocco. He was awarded the "Agronomist of the Year Prize" in Senegal during the first edition of 2013.

#### HANAA GAMAL EL HILALY

Hanaa el Hilaly is the Former Acting Managing Director, and Director General of International Cooperation and Planning of the Social Fund for Development, Cabinet of Ministers- Egypt (for over 13 years) mandated as an autonomous organization for Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation and economic and Social Development on all fronts, and is a counterpart with International Donors for Resource Mobilization to finance development aspects. Prior to SFD, Ms El Hilaly enjoyed experience for over 25 years in International, Regional and Local Banks in the areas of Marketing, Trade Finance, Wealth Management, Operations, Internal Control, Human Resources and Corporate Communications. Currently, Ms. El Hilaly is a member of the High Level "Independent Team of Advisers" of the Sustainable Development Dialogue with the United Nations - Economic and Social Council "UN - ECOSOC". She is also Managing Director and Board member of Amwal Financial Investments - Pioneers Holding Group, and a member of the Board of trustees of: Tadamon Microfinance Foundation; Egyptian SMEs Association; Business Enterprise Support Tools (BEST) Foundation; and the Arab Foundation for Young Scientists. Ms El Hilaly won an international award for the Middle East from the International Arbitrators - Consultative Center for Arbitrators (CCA) jury and public votes in June 2016 for her achievements in development and humanitarian giving. She holds a bachelor degree in business administration from Cairo University and a master degree in public administration from the American University in Cairo. She is a speaker at international and local forums and conferences on economic and social development.

#### ARGENT CHUULA

Mr. Argent Chuula, is the Chief Executive Officer for the Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA). He joined COMESA from the African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP) Inc. South Africa where he served as AGRA-AFAP Partnership Coordinator. Prior to that, he was AGRA's Programme Officer for Fertilizer Business Development and AGRA's Country Representative-Mozambique. Mr. Chuula is also the current Board Chairman of the Food Agriculture Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) and UNDP Advisory Board member. The other positions previously held by Mr.



Chuula include: Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer-Zambia Cooperatives Federation Limited, Agribusiness Development Researcher and Advisor (GTZ Zimbabwe), Senior National Advisor (GTZ Zambia), Agri-business Development Advisor (NIRAS- Zambia). Mr. Chuula is both an Agricultural and Business Management Consultant with extensive working experience in the private, development and Public Sectors.

#### ADAMA EKBERG COULIBALY

Within the Regional Integration and Trade Division (RITD), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Adama Ekberg is currently working as Chief of the section in charge of food Security, agriculture, land issues with focus on the development and promotion of strategic regional value chains, agribusiness and agro industrial clusters across Africa. Building on more than 30 years of experience, he has led consultancy works and market outlook studies worldwide working across Europe, Asia, America and Africa developing data systems and analytical tools to assess agriculture, food security and trade policy measures and their impacts on the several strategic agricultural commodity sectors and the most vulnerable operating therein; to generate baseline numbers of strategic commodities and food markets for various policy research support and advisory agencies, global knowledge institutions and development partners such as IHS Global Insights Inc, FAO, USDA, Japan International Agricultural Council, FAO, among others. He also led the work of assessing the options to establish the African Union common market for agricultural products (AUCMAP) with outcomes and recommendations for consideration to the African ministers of Trade in Kigali (2010, 2012) which help shape the AUCMAP construction process via stepwise continent wide free trade area scenarios now under consideration. He holds degrees in agricultural economics, international trade and business administration including a PhD from the University of Missouri-Columbia (USA).

#### **Special Event C:**

***Complex of the Chief Economist and Vice-President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management / Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry***

#### ABEBE SHIMELES

Abebe Shimeles is Acting Director of Development Research Division, African Development Bank. Previously Mr. Shimeles has worked for The World Bank as Senior Poverty Economist (2008-2009), UNECA as Economic Affairs Officer (2006-2007), ACTIONAID as Principal Researcher/Program Advisor, and Addis Ababa University in different capacities. His recent research interest includes labor market integration, migration issues in Africa and impact evaluation of policy interventions. Abebe Shimeles joined IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) as a Research Fellow in November 2011. He holds a PhD in economics from University of Goteborg, MSC from Delhi School of Economics and undergraduate degree in economics from Addis Ababa University.

#### CHIJI CHIEDUM OJUKWU

Chiji Chiedum Ojukwu is the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry of the African Development Bank since 2013. He holds Ph.D and Masters degrees in Development Economics and Project Planning from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom. He also holds Bachelor's degree in Agriculture (Agricultural Economics) from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. From 2011 to 2013, Chiji was Regional Director, South B, with responsibilities for policy and programming in six countries: Angola, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe and Zambia. Earlier, he was Manager, North, East and South Regions in the Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department (2007 – 2010). He also held positions of Senior, Principal and Chief Agricultural Economist from 1997 to 2007. Prior to joining the Bank in 1997, Mr. Ojukwu had worked for 16 years in various capacities under the Federal Government of Nigeria, and was last Coordinator, Programme Development and Planning, at the Federal Agricultural Coordinating Unit, Abuja. Mr. Chiji Ojukwu has taught and written many papers in the area of project analysis. He is the Chair of the informal Bank Network, Project Analysis Network (PAN). He is currently leading current Bank's efforts across the continent on "Feed Africa", one of the five priorities of the President of the African Development Bank, which aims to contribute to eliminate extreme poverty, eradicate hunger and malnutrition, turn Africa into a net exporter of agricultural products and to propel the continent to the top of the global agricultural value chains.

#### BENEDICT KANU

Benedict is Lead Agricultural Expert in the Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department (OSAN) of the African Development Bank. He is an Agricultural Economist with more than twenty years of diverse national and international experience, including in designing, managing and evaluating successful agricultural and allied investment projects and programmes in Africa. Some 19 years of such experience was gained responsibly in the service of the African Development Bank in various capacities spanning multiple countries and regions of Africa. He also held positions of Senior, then Principal Agricultural Economist, followed by Country Operations Officer from 1997 to 2009 with the Bank. Prior to joining the Bank, Benedict served the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Zimbabwe. Benedict earned a Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Sierra Leone.

#### ***Plenary session 4: Reducing inequality through inclusive agro-allied industrialization [UNDP]***

#### AYODELE ODUSOLA

Ayodele Odusola is the Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy and Analysis Team for UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA), New York. As the Chair of the Technical Committee of the corporate Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, he coordinates UNDP's technical support to these groups of countries. He manages the partnerships between UNDP and other UN agencies on issues relating to these groups

of countries. Mr. Odusola is an economist with a strong focus on macroeconomics and development economics, with a particular emphasis on Africa. He was the Economic Adviser in UNDP South Africa and played a key role in the publication of National and Provincial MDG and Human Development Reports. Previously, he was the Senior Economist in UNDP Nigeria and was responsible for facilitating the support for the preparation of local, regional and national MDGs reports. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Odusola worked with the Presidency of Nigeria. Between 1999 and 2005, he served as Head of Research and Macroeconomic Training Programme under the Presidency's Economic Management Think-Tank. He has also worked in several African countries. Mr. Odusola has lectured in many universities in Africa and has published over 50 articles in national and international journals, books as well as technical reports. Mr. Odusola holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

#### THANDIKA MKANDAWIRE

Thandika Mkandawire, Professor, London School of Economics & Political Science, LSE, United Kingdom. Professor Thandika Mkandawire is former Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and the first person to take on the new position of Chair in African Development at the London School of Economics (LSE). Prof. Mkandawire was formerly Director of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Development Research in Copenhagen and has taught at the Universities of Stockholm and Zimbabwe. He currently holds the Olof Palme Professor for Peace with the Institute for Future Studies in Stockholm. His research interest are mostly in development theory, economic policy and development and social policy in developing countries and political economy of development in Africa.

#### AKUAVI MARIE-ELISE CHRISTIANA GBEDO

Ms. Akuavi Marie-Elise Christiana Gbedo is the President of Benin Association of Jurists and Former Minister of Industry, Trade and SMEs in Benin. She holds a first degree from *Académie de Porto-Novo* in Benin and Post graduate degrees from *Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne*. She has extensive professional experience in the private and public sector in Benin. She has also led trade negotiations in the context of the African and Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Union. Her work has received the highest honors from the Government of Benin and the Government of France. She is the recipient of "*l'Ordre National du Benin au grade de Commandeur*" in 2000 and the "*grade de Chevalier de la légion d'honneur française*" in 2008.

#### MBAYA J. KANKWENDA

Professor Mbaya J. Kankwenda is currently the President of the Congolese Institute for Research in Development and Strategic Studies and Director of the Montreal ICREDESA, Canada. He is also an international consultant in the areas of governance and development policy analysis. Doctor of Economics, National University of Zaire, he is author of several studies and publications on development issues in the Congo and Africa. He is a former Professor of Economics at the

University of Kinshasa and the Higher Institute of Science and Technology Information. He served as a Director General of the Institute for Scientific Research and the Vice-Minister of National Economy and Industry. He was also Chief Economist of UNDP Africa, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator, including Burkina Faso and Nigeria, Program Coordinator for the initiatives to strengthen peace and development in the region of Central Africa and Great Lakes, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for the International Conference on the Great Lakes.

#### OLU AJAKAIYE

Professor Olu Ajakaiye is currently Executive Chairman, African Centre for Shared Development Capacity Building (ACSDCB), Ibadan – a research and training Centre for Shared Development Policy, Planning, Implementation and Impact/Outcome Assessment in Africa. He is also President, Nigeria Economic Society beginning in September, 2013 and Honourary Special Adviser to the President on the Economy/Member National Economic Management Team. Prior to this, he was Director of Research at the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Nairobi (2004-2011) and Director-General, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), Ibadan (1999-2004).

#### MOSES IKECHUKWU OBINYELUAKU

Moses Ikechukwu Obinyeluaku is the Chief Economist, International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa. He holds a PhD degree in Economics from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He is currently the Chief Economist and Manager of the Trade and Economic Analysis Division at the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa. He has also served as Director of the Medium Term Expenditure Planning Unit in the Budget Office at the National Treasury of the Ministry of Finance in South Africa. Prior to this, he was the Deputy Director of Macroeconomics in the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Treasury and lecturer in Macroeconomics and Development Economics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. Dr. Obinyeluaku has done extensive research in regional economic integration in Africa, development economics and fiscal and expenditure policy and has refereed publications in books. He has engaged in policy formulation and advisory work with, and for, many government institutions in South Africa, including the Department of Trade and Industry, Economic Development Department, National Treasury, Cooperative Governance Department, Presidency, and the province of the KwaZulu-Natal.

#### EMIME NDIHOKUBWAYO

Ms. Emime Ndiokubwayo is a Programme Officer, Policy and Advocacy with the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, AGRA where she leads Advocacy in Africa, based in Nairobi-Kenya. She holds a Master's degree in International Development studies in Governance and Development from the University of Antwerp, Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB), Belgium and a Bachelor degree in Law from the National University of Burundi. She has over 18 years' experience in strategy and development, and implementation of projects that address poverty as well as in building strategic partnerships and networks in various areas of strategic focus pertinent to Africa's Development. In this experience, she has worked at both local, national, panafrikan and international levels with ACTIONAID, ACORD and the Government of Rwanda

***Plenary session 5: Lessons on Agro-Allied Industrialization from Country Experiences [AfDB]***

**PAUL S. AMAZA**

Paul S. Amaza is Professor at the University of Jos, Nigeria. He received his medical degree from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria and a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health from the University of London. His previous experience in public health includes the regional implementation of a Global Fund malaria grant in Nigeria. Upon completion of the MPH program, he plans on pursuing a residency program in Internal Medicine and combine his medical practice with clinical research.

**XIAOBO ZHANG**

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