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BIODATA OF THE SPEAKERS

José Graziano da Silva – Director General, FAO

José Graziano da Silva has worked on issues of food security, rural development and agriculture for over 30 years.

Since assuming his mandate as FAO Director-General in 2012, he has spearheaded major transformational changes within the Organization. These reforms have entailed refocusing FAO's work, reinforcing its institutional capacities, strengthening partnerships with civil society, private sector and academia and boosting FAO's support for South-South Cooperation. His efforts have resulted in best value for money for the Organization and its partners.

In 2001 he led the team that designed Brazil's "Zero Hunger" (Fome Zero) programme. In 2003, he was charged with its implementation by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva who named him Special Minister of Food Security and the Fight against Hunger.

Graziano da Silva of Brazil was elected Director-General of FAO by the Organization's Conference of Member nations in June 2011. Last month, the FAO Conference has elected him for a second and last mandate of 4 years.

HE Tefera Derbew - Ethiopian Minister of Agriculture

Tefera Derbew is the Minister of Agriculture in the Government of Ethiopia, a position he has held since 2010. Prior to his current position, he was Head of the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Development. He has many years of grassroots experience in agriculture and rural development in Ethiopia. He holds Master of Sciences in Agricultural Economics from Alemaya University, Ethiopia.

Patrick I. Gomes – ACP Secretary General

Dr. Patrick Ignatius Gomes of Guyana was elected the new Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) at the 100th Session of the Group's Council of Ministers, held at ACP Headquarters in Brussels on December 10, 2014. Prior to taking up his position as the Secretary General of the ACP Group, Dr. Gomes served as Guyana's Ambassador to Belgium and the European Community and as Guyana's representative to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Dr. Gomes also served as Chair of the Working Group on Future Perspectives of the ACP Group. He was the Dean of ACP Ambassadors in Brussels, and Chair of the Sub-Committee on Sugar and previously served as Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors, a decision-

making body of the ACP Group. Dr. Gomes has also worked for the United Nations as a senior adviser in Human Resources Development at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has authored numerous publications in the areas of development and social policy analysis and served as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Maastricht-based think tank, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). Dr. Gomes will serve as Secretary General for the ACP for the period 2015 - 2020.

Michael Hailu - Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)

Michael Hailu, an Ethiopian national, is the Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) based in the Netherlands. Mr. Hailu has over 25 years of experience in agricultural research and development in Africa and Asia. Prior to joining CTA in May 2010, he held senior leadership positions at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) based in Nairobi, Kenya and at the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Indonesia. Mr. Hailu has led the development and implementation of CTA's 2011-2015 strategic plan refocusing the Centre's work on three priority themes—supporting agricultural policies and strategies; enhancing inclusive value chains; and strengthening capacities of ARD institutions and networks in knowledge management and ICTs. He has degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and Addis Ababa University. He has also been trained in strategic leadership at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Andreas Otto Christian Proksch – Director General, Africa Department, GIZ

Andreas Proksch is the Director General, Africa Department, and Member of the Executive Management Committee of GIZ. GIZ, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, is a federal enterprise based in Eschborn near Frankfurt am Main and in Bonn. The Africa Department of GIZ manages all programs and projects of GIZ in Sub-Sahara Africa with the exception of its commercial activities. The department has an overall annual turnover of over 500 million Euro and a workforce of around 4.000 (figures for 2014). Before taking up his present position, Mr. Proksch was from 2001 – 2007 Director for Policy and Strategy at GIZ in Eschborn. Before 2001, he was GIZ Country Director in Vietnam (1999 – 2001) and in Ecuador (1995 – 1999). From 1985 till 1994 he was Chief Technical Advisor for urban development in Nepal. In addition, he has extensive work experience in Asia, Latin America and Africa. He holds a diploma degree in Social Economics and a post graduate degree from the German Development Institute Bonn. Mr. Proksch is a founding member of the Learning Network for Capacity Development (LenCD) of which he was for many years the International Coordinator.

Roberto Ridolfi – Director for Sustainable Growth and Development at DG DEVCO, European Commission

Dr Roberto Ridolfi is Director of the European Commission for Sustainable Growth and Development at DG for International Cooperation and Development. Twice Ambassador/ Head of delegation to the European Union, Mr Ridolfi was first in Suva where he served from 2005 to 2007. There, he was in charge of all the relations of the European Union with 15 Pacific countries and territories. In 2010 he was appointed in Uganda by the High Representative for Foreign Policy of the EU where he served till September 2013. In between, during his duty as head of unit of Europe Aid, he managed programmes dealing with Environment and Climate Change, Food security, Human development, migration and asylum as well as the One-Billion-Euro Food Facility in 50 countries. Director R. Ridolfi joined the European Commission in 1994 and worked in several delegations of the UNION: Malawi, Namibia and Kosovo as development and economic advisor. Throughout Accession negotiations (2001-2004), he was the principal coordinator dealing with Environment and Transport in Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP). Dr Ridolfi holds an MSc in Engineering, an MBA and a PhD in A. Technology.

Pim Van Ballekom - Vice President of the European Investment Bank

Pim Van Ballekom is the Vice President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) since January 2012, where he is - amongst others - responsible for funding and treasury and financing operations in Belgium, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Turkey and countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. He is also a member of the European Investment Fund's Board of Directors. Prior to his position with the EIB, Mr. Van Ballekom held many significant roles including positions as Head of Cabinet of European Commissioner Bolkestein, Netherlands Director at both the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the EIB, Head of International Public Affairs at APG Pension Group, Financial Counsellor and Head of the Financial Section at the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands at the EU, and various positions within the Ministry of Finance in the Netherlands. Mr. Van Ballekom has both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the Faculty of Law at the University of Leiden.

Pierre van Hedel, President, Rabo Foundation

Pierre van Hedel is Managing Director of Rabobank Foundation and its sub-entities such as the Rabo Rural Fund and the Inclusive Business Fund, among others. Prior to this position which he has held since 2008, Mr van Hedel held other positions at Rabobank where he has been working for almost 36 years. These included serving as Head of the Consultancy Department Rabobank, Manager Interim Management Department, Manager Marketing & Product Development International Division, and Business Manager Poland. Mr. van Hedel is also Associate Professor at HAS Agricultural University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands. He is married and has four children.