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Biographies of the Experts

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation: *Opening statement*



H.E. Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire, Représentant Permanent auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève, Ambassadeur auprès de la Confédération Suisse, depuis le 22 oct. 2004. 2014 : Président du G77 et la Chine à Genève. Auparavant (2003-2004) Directeur des Tchadiens de l'Etranger, Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et de l'Intégration Africaine; (2000-2003) Consul Général du Tchad à Djeddah (Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite), (1997-2000) Conseiller aux Affaires Politiques et Diplomatiques du Premier Ministre, Chef du Gouvernement; (1992-1997) Chargé d'Affaire a.i. à la Mission diplomatique du Tchad à Rome/Italie et Représentant Permanent Supplémentaire auprès des Institutions des Nations Unies ayant siège en Italie; (1991-1992) Conseiller à l'Ambassade du Tchad à Bonn (Allemagne); (1989-1991) Chef de service à la Direction générale du Protocole d'Etat de la Présidence de la République; (1987-1989) Chef de Section, Chargé des Institutions du système des Nations Unies, Direction des Relations économiques Internationales, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération. 1987 : - Master of Laws (L.L.M), Université d'Etat d'Azerbaïdjan, Faculté de Droit international - Certificat d'enseignant de la langue russe

Role: *Moderator*



Samuel K. Gayi is Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD, in Geneva. Samuel Gayi started at UNCTAD in 1994 as an Economic Affairs Officer in the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed Countries. He is currently Head, Special Unit on Commodities. He holds a Ph.D. in Development Economics from the University of Manchester and has taught in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. He was also the Principal Planning Economist/Acting Manager, Strategic Planning Division, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Samuel has researched and published on a range of development issues of relevance to the least developed countries and Africa, including, Trade Diversification, Financial Sector Reforms, Domestic Financial Resource Mobilization, WTO/trade issues, Structural Adjustment and Poverty Reduction, and Trade Performance and Commodity Dependence.

Presentation: *Latest trends in the commodity markets*



Mr. Yilmaz Akyüz Dr Yılmaz Akyüz was the Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies at UNCTAD when he retired in August 2003. He was the principal author and head of the team preparing the Trade and Development Report, and UNCTAD coordinator of research support to the Group-of-24 on International Monetary and Financial Issues. He directed research on various aspects of trade, finance, investment and development and taught at various universities in Turkey and Europe before joining UNCTAD in 1984 and after his retirement, and published extensively in macroeconomics, finance, growth and development. He is the second holder of the Tun Ismail Ali International Chair in Monetary and Financial Economics at the University of Malaya, established by Bank Negara. He is now Chief Economist of the South Centre, an Intergovernmental Think Tank of the Developing Countries, based in Geneva.

Presentation: *Comments on the evolution of commodity prices and implications for macroeconomic stability*



Dr. Abhishek Deshpande is the Chief Energy Analyst at Natixis and leads the oil and oil products and natural gas research in the commodities research team at Natixis, providing price forecasts and strategies based on fundamental research and analysis of global oil & gas markets. Abhishek has a doctorate in Chemical Engineering from Cambridge University and holds Chartered status with the Institute of Engineers and Energy Institute, UK. While pursuing his degree, he spent time working for Indian Oil Corporation Limited. Abhishek has an extensive media coverage and has appeared on BBC, CNN, CNBC, and Bloomberg. He has presented his work at leading Oil and Gas conferences. He has also published articles in energy journals such as *Petroleum Economics*. In January 2016 he was ranked as one of the leading forecasters of oil prices by Bloomberg quarterly rankings.

Presentation: *Oil price trends, forecasts and their implications for developing economy*



Mr. Boubaker Ben-Belhasen is Director of the Trade and Markets Division at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He holds a Ph.D. and a Master of Science in agricultural economics and an M.A. in economics. His areas of specialization include commodity markets, price and policy analysis, projections and food security issues. Boubaker is also the Secretary of FAO's Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP). He leads the preparation of a number of FAO high profile publications, including *Food Outlook*, *Crop Prospects and Food Situation*, the *OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook* and *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO)*.

Presentation: *Agricultural commodity markets, trade and food security*

The presentation discusses the trends in food commodity markets and expected developments over the next years. It also reviews how the structure and patterns of agricultural trade differs by commodity and by region. The presentation also shows the complex relationship between trade and food security and how trade can be conducive to improved food security and better nutrition outcomes.



Dr. Jean-Marc Anga, Executive Director, International Cocoa Organization, London, UK. A national from Côte d'Ivoire in West Africa, Dr. Jean-Marc Anga has over twenty-six years' experience in agricultural commodity development, more than twenty of which have been acquired in the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO). In consequence, Dr. Anga has become a world expert on cocoa, a commodity that plays a vital role in the economies of several countries, particularly for poverty alleviation in rural communities. Over the years, he has developed a substantial knowledge and understanding of developing countries' socio-economic affairs coupled

with a keen global perspective on sustainable commodity development. Dr. Anga was appointed Executive Director of the International Cocoa Organization in September 2012, following a series of fast promotions within the Organization. He can be credited with considerably raising the profile of ICCO, in particular through a series of high profile economic studies, seminars, workshops, media engagements and, in particular, through the globally acclaimed World Cocoa Conference (WCC) which is held every two years and gathers key stakeholders representing the entire cocoa value chain. Dr. Anga holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Science from Imperial College (University of London) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Westminster University, also in London.



Mr. H.D. Hemaratne is a Consultant of the Colombo Tea Traders Association (CTTA) which is affiliated to the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) since 1894 as private sector apex body of the Sri Lanka Tea Industry. The Growers, Producers, Brokers and Exporters are members of the Association. Before joined the CTTA, he was served as the Director General (CEO), the Tea Commissioner and the Commissioner of Tea Exports of the Sri Lanka Tea Board which is the state sector apex body of the national tea industry. Altogether Mr. Hemaratne counted over forty (40) years of experience in tea sector in various positions in the Government and the private sector institutions. All such institutions, his specialized area were monitoring and regulate the tea industry and tea trade through tea related laws and regulations focusing the quality related aspects. Mr. Hemaratne is a holder of Business Administration Special degree from the University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka in 1978 and Post Graduate Diploma in International Affairs from Bandaranaiyake Centre for International Studies (BCIS), Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1983. He was represented number of local and international forums during the period he served in the Sri Lanka Tea Board. Currently he is a member of the Board of Directors of



the Sri Lanka Tea Board and Committee member of the Consultative Committee on Research of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka.

Presentation: *The role of the Sri Lankan tea producers in tea value chain*

A brief introduction of Sri Lankan Tea Industry with special reference to producer sector. Role of each producer members in the value chain. Role of the government and special features of the current tea value chain. Regulatory involvement for the value chain.

Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Development Partnership and Policy Advisor a.i., Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Role: Moderator



Mr. Yves Jégourel, Maître de conférences HDR, Université de Bordeaux, France. Dr Yves Jégourel is associate professor in finance at the University of Bordeaux (France), senior fellow at the OCP Policy Center (Morocco) and deputy director of Cyclope (France). Y. Jégourel conducts research in commodity economics and financial risk management. His most recent research examines the link between the volatility of the futures market, exchange rate uncertainty and the export of cereals. He is also the head of a master program focused on banking, finance and international trading both at the University of Bordeaux and at Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam). Dr. Jégourel has authored several books in the field of finance, including a work studying financial derivatives. He holds a PhD from the University of Bordeaux, and is a former auditor with the Institute of Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN).

Presentation: tbc



Dr. Karamo NM Sonko (B.A. (SWAZILAND), M.PHIL. (CAMBRIDGE), PH.D (DENVER) is President and CEO of Jula Consultancy FZE (Sharjah, UAE); Chairman and Founder of Heeno International (Banjul, The Gambia); Chairman of Sunatar Energies (Rabat, Morocco); Executive Vice President of Sand Metals Inc. (Vancouver, Canada); and Special Advisor to the Lundin Foundation (Vancouver, Canada). He was: Vice President and Deputy Director-General of Tasiast Mauritania Ltd., a subsidiary of Red Back Mining Inc. (a Lundin Group, and now Kinross, subsidiary); Economist, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.; Executive Secretary, African Business Round Table, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and Johannesburg, South Africa; Associate Expert, the Organization for African Unity (now African Union), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Post-Doctoral Fellow and Economics Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Adjunct Professor, Daniels Business School, University of Denver, Colorado; Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado at Denver, Colorado; Adjunct Professor, School of Professional Studies, Regis University, Denver, Colorado; Visiting Scientist, Department of Political Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; and Lecteur, Department of Foreign Languages: Administration and Business, University of Paris VIII, France. He has served as advisor to numerous international organizations and multinational companies, with regard to various aspects of business in Africa. He has written and published extensively on Africa in the form of books, papers in academic journals and articles in international magazines.

Presentation: *Gold in the African economy: the case of artisanal mining in the Sudan*

Africa has played a leading role in the global production of gold for millennia. With a very attractive geology for gold and the pressures of the loss of oil revenues since the independence of South Sudan, North Sudan is now witnessing a 'revolution' in artisanal mining the rapidity of which the world has perhaps never seen before. This presentation looks at artisanal mining in the Sudanese economy, its vital role, the challenges and recommendations for policy makers.



Prof. Ke Tang, Ke Tang is a Professor in the Institute of Economics, School of Social Science, Tsinghua University, where he teaches courses in finance and econometrics. He received his B.A. in Engineering from Tsinghua University in 2000, Master of Financial Engineering from University of California, Berkley in 2004, and his Ph.D. in Finance from Cambridge University in 2008. His research has covered such topics as: commodity markets, Chinese stock markets and continuous-time asset pricing models. His works and views have



been presented in various conferences held by institutions such as UNCTAD, OECD and FAO etc. He currently serves as the managing editor of *Quantitative Finance*.

Presentation: *Debt Burden and Commodity Prices*. You see that mining firms keep borrowing money, and face strong credit risk, this simultaneously happen with large drop of mine commodities. My presentation focuses on the credit risks and dropping commodity prices



Mr. Robert Fig joined the LME in 2011 and is Head of Physical Market Sales. He comes with 30 years' experience in the commodity markets. From post-graduate studies in South Africa, he moved into mining and agricultural commodity research, then into a base metal marketing capacity at a number of institutions, most notably Scotia Capital. In 2004 working for Mittal Steel and later ArcelorMittal, he set up, centralised and ran their commodity risk management operation. Robert has been consulted by various global, regional and academic institutions on commodity risk management. He now adds the LME to a most interesting career.

Presentation: *How Developing Nations can efficiently use the commodity markets to manage their risk* (recent trends and new challenges faced in the minerals, ores and metal markets but with a skew towards developing nations)



Dr. Babafemi O. Oyewole is the Founder and Managing Director, Energy Synergy Partners, a consultancy firm focusing on business development, capacity building, market intelligence and analysis, research, information and advisory services for the energy, oil and gas sector. From 2009 to 2016, he served as the Executive Director/CEO APPA Fund for Technical Cooperation, established by the African Petroleum Producers' Association (APPA) to finance projects and studies in the oil, gas and energy sectors. An international professional with over 25 years' experience in banking and finance, international management, consulting and academics. He served as General Manager/Division Head at the Banque Internationale du Benin, Cotonou, Benin Republic, Deputy CEO at West African Bankers Association, Sierra Leone and Senior Economist at the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank Limited (now Bank of Industry). He is a member of the Board of Directors of Supreme Microfinance Limited, Lagos, Nigeria and the African Petroleum Institute, Cairo, Egypt. He obtained his BSc and MSc in Economics from the Universities of Ilorin and Lagos respectively, PhD (Development Finance) from the University of Bradford, U.K. as a Chevening Scholar and MBA (Technology, Marketing and Business Strategy). Dr. Oyewole attended professional training at the Universities of Manchester and Leeds, UK; J.F. Kennedy School, Harvard University, Boston, USA; Deutsche Bank Training School, Frankfurt, Germany, International Energy Agency, Paris, France and Lagos Business School, Pan African University, Lagos, Nigeria. He is bilingual (English and French) with multicultural, leadership, team playing, strategic thinking and networking skills. Dr. Oyewole is a regular speaker at international conferences and enjoys reading, research, travelling and networking. He is married with two children.

Role: Moderator



Mr. Xunpeng SHI, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Deputy Head of Energy Economic Division, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. Xunpeng Joined ESI in June 2014. Previously, he was the Chief Researcher for EE&C at the Brunei National Energy Researcher Institute. Until 2013, he was an energy economist in the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Before started his PhD study in 2006, Xunpeng had various management and professional positions in China's leading energy institutes and central government agencies. He has more 15 year experience in China's coal industry. Xunpeng recently has published in leading journals, such as *Energy Economics*, *Energy Policy*, *Applied Energy*, and *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*. Xunpeng is active in the China ASEAN and East Asia's energy community, and a frequently speaker on various energy issues. His current research projects include natural gas pricing transition and market liberalization in East Asia, energy market integration and connectivity, and energy efficiency. Xunpeng is an Associate Editor for *Journal of Management in Modelling*. He obtained his PhD of Economics and Master of Environmental and Resource Economics from the Australian National University, LLM in Mineral Law and Policy from University of Dundee and Bachelor in Marketing from China University of Mining and Technology.



Presentation: *Spillover effects of restricting coal consumption and its impacts on development.* Coal is a major contributor of global warming, BUT needed in many circumstances, such as rural cooking and economic growth ...



Mr. Erwan Hemery is a Senior manager in Deloitte's Risk Advisory team in Geneva with 8 years' experience. Before joining Deloitte, he has held a number of positions in both governmental and private organisations. Erwan worked for the New Zealand Electricity Commission for three years before joining leading European energy utilities.

Presentation: *Recent development in LNG markets*

Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) markets have changed substantially and rapidly over the last decade leading to the development of a "virtual pipeline" network. LNG is used today worldwide as fuel in transportation (e.g. truck, rail) as well as for power generation (e.g. industry, mining) for communities located remotely from the gas grid.



H.E. Ambassador Eloi Laourou, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Role: *Moderator*



Ms. Christina Behrendt is Senior Social Protection Policy Specialist in the Social Protection Department of the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva (Switzerland); her earlier work experience includes assignments as regional social security specialist at the ILO Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut (Lebanon), as consultant at the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and as lecturer and research fellow at the University of Konstanz. She has worked and published on various aspects of social security in both developed and developing country contexts. Having studied in

Konstanz and Edinburgh, she earned her Master degree in Politics and Public Administration and her PhD in Social Policy from the University of Konstanz (Germany).

Presentation: *The importance of universal social protection for smallholder farmers*



Mrs. Sophia Murphy has 20 years' experience as a policy analyst specializing in food security and trade. She has lived and worked in half a dozen countries, working on local, national, and multilateral policies, with both governments and civil society organizations. She is a former member of the UN Committee on World Food Security's High Level Panel of Experts and the Vice-Chair of ActionAid USA's board of directors. She has given public lectures, taught university courses, and is widely published both in the academic press as well as in the media. She has worked with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the UN-Non-Governmental Liaison Service and the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. Sophia is a PhD candidate at the Institute for Resources, Environmental and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia. Her doctoral work has been awarded a Vanier scholarship from the Canadian Government and a scholarship from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation.

Role: *Chairperson and Presenter.*

Presentation:

Ms. Sanya Reid Smith is a legal advisor and senior researcher with Third World Network (TWN). Ms. Smith is a law graduate and has a biochemistry degree, and has also studied economics. At TWN she analyses the implications of trade and investment agreements (including the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement where she attended 27 negotiating rounds as a stakeholder) on developing countries, their policies and economic sectors. She also examines the effects of World Trade Organization rules and negotiations on developing countries. She has been a speaker at numerous United Nations conferences. TWN is a grouping of organisations and individuals involved in development issues. Its international secretariat is in Malaysia.



Mrs. Rashmi Banga is currently Advisor and Head, Trade Competitiveness Section, Commonwealth Secretariat. She has worked as an Economic Affairs Officer in UNCTAD and is a former Professor of Economics in School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University India. She was Senior Economist in the UNCTAD's India Project (2005–2010). She received her doctorate from Delhi School of Economics, specializing in development economics, international economics and econometrics. She has published extensively on various FDI and trade-related issues and authored several books, including with, inter alia, Routledge and Oxford University Press. Her current area of research is global and regional value chains. She is the lead researcher in UNCTAD's reports on regional value chains in leather, agro-processing and textiles and clothing industries in South Asia as well as in sub-Saharan Africa. She has provided training to policymakers and organized various regional consultations in South Asia, Africa and China on gainfully linking into global value chains and promoting regional value chains. She was awarded International Economic Development Research Award of 2005 by Export-Import Bank of India and has been a recipient of two Gold Medals for her research on globalization and development from Global Development Network.

Presentation: *Post-Nairobi food security policies*



Mr. Gilbert Sindjou is the Sustainability Manager at Sucafina SA in Geneva, Switzerland. He is responsible for Sucafina global Sustainability agenda to continuously create opportunity the coffee farmers and communities. Formerly Sustainability and Certification Manager at Archer Daniels Midland, Cocoa Division, in Rolle, Switzerland. Currently Board Member of the Global Coffee Platform (GCP), a truly multi-stakeholder initiative creating alignment in the Coffee sector with the ambition of having coffee as the first sustainable commodity. He has a Master of Science degree in Monetary Economics & Banking from the Douala University, and a Master of Science degree in Policy Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Presentation: *SUCAFINA: Building win-win investor-smallholder relationships*



Mr. Philippe Egger is currently adviser to Development Innovations and Networks (IRED or Innovations et Réseaux pour le Développement) a network of several hundred peasant, producer and local organisations engaged in innovative development initiatives. He is a board member of the International Guarantee Fund (FIG) guaranteeing loans of local producers' organisations. A development and employment specialist, he has worked in developing countries and at the ILO for many years. He was adviser to the ILO Director-General from 2006 to 2011. He has researched and published on employment and labour market policy issues in emerging and developing countries.

Presentation/Role: *Round Table Panelist*



Mr. Abdou Komlabigue, a citizen of Togo, is a Program Officer Markets Access at AGRA. He is in charge of the development and the support to innovative value chain approach that increase the participation of smallholder farmers in local, regional and global trade flows. This is done through the development and the management of grants but also the backstopping of partners. He manages a diversified portfolio of investments in Ghana, Burkina Faso, Mali and Nigeria. Mr. Konlabigue has more than 12 years' experience in rural finance, structured trade financing, and agricultural value chain development. He joins AGRA from International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC) where he has been the Regional Advisor on Value Chain Economics and Rural Finance. Mr. Konlabigue holds a Master's degree in Rural Economy and Sociology from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium and Engineer degree in Agronomy (Major: Agricultural Economics) from the University of Lomé's School of Agronomy.

Presentation: *Increasing productivity: lessons from AGRA*

Héctor Casanueva Ojeda, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In this first semester, he is the coordinator of GRULAC/UNCTAD. At WTO he was last year the Chair of the Council for Trade in Good and this year he is the Chair of the Committee on Trade and Environment.

Role: *Moderator*



Dr. Lahra Liberti is Head of the Natural Resources and Development Unit in the OECD Development Centre, where she is in charge of the OECD-wide Policy Dialogue on Natural Resource-based Development since 2013. From 2007-2013, she worked at the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, where she led a multi-stakeholder process to develop and pilot the OECD Council Recommendation on Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. She also contributed to the 2011 update of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. When she first joined the OECD in 2007, she served as

Adviser on International Investment Law and was responsible for the Investment Committee's work-stream on international investment agreements. She holds a doctorate in International and European Law from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and the University of Paris "Panthéon-Sorbonne". She is a qualified attorney in Italy.

Presentation: *Maximizing the development linkages from the commodity sector through public-private collaboration* - In a scenario of declining commodity prices, the contribution that the commodity sector can make to the implementation of the SDGs calls for strengthened coordination within governments and unprecedented collaboration across governments, industry and civil society. The Framework on Public-Private Collaboration on Shared Value Creation from Extractive Projects is an operational tool offering voluntary guidance on actionable steps for harnessing non-renewable natural resources to build competitive, diversified and sustainable economies through public-private collaboration. The Framework transcends sectoral boundaries and looks at integrated approaches to build synergies and inter-linkages across sectors and different policy areas. The Framework is designed to foster coherence, sequencing and coordination on public-private partnerships that support progress towards more sustainable paths for access and usage of non-renewable resources.



Mrs. Ilaria Espa is a postdoctoral researcher at the World Trade Institute (WTI)/NCCR Trade Regulation, formerly awarded a Marie Curie fellowship from the European Commission, and a lecturer at the University of Milan. Ilaria received her PhD in international law and economics from the Department of Legal Studies of Bocconi University (summa cum laude) in 2013 and was a visiting scholar at Columbia Law School in 2012. She is the author of a monograph on Export Restrictions on Critical Minerals and Metals: Testing the Adequacy of WTO Disciplines (Cambridge University Press, 2015). She has published widely on the trade law implications of policies and policy instruments implemented at various levels of governance in the areas of climate, energy and other extractives, as

well as on the law governing the sustainable management of natural resources and trade and investment in commodities. In 2012, she received the SIDI (Italian Society of International Law) prize, awarded to a younger author for meritorious scholarship published in *Revue Internationale de Droit Économique*. Ilaria is an elected member of the Committee of the International Law Association (ILA) on the 'Role of International Law in Sustainable Natural Resources Management for Development' and a contributor to the Expert Group on 'Trade and Investment in Extractive Industries' of the ICTSD/WEF E15 Initiative.

Presentation: *Primary commodity sector and trade policies*



Mr James Lomax, Programme Officer, Agri-Food, Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Paris. James has been the Sustainable Food Systems Programme Officer in UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics based in Paris, France since 2009. A tropical agriculturalist by training and with a background in farming, before joining UNEP Mr Lomax had a varied career in the private sector in farming, food processing and export of food in Africa and Europe. In Africa, Mr. Lomax had his own business working with smallholder farmer groups to produce Cat 1 vegetables for the European market and spent many years in the field facilitating training, logistical development and overseeing the introduction and development of sustainability standards. He also was the production director of large-scale farming business in Southern Europe producing salads and watercress in both conventional and organic production systems. Mr Lomax is now the lead on sustainable agriculture and food systems in the Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch. The programme Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition seeks to mainstream sustainable consumption and production practices in the agriculture and food sector including food waste reduction and prevention through developing tools and methodologies, catalyzing public/private partnerships and sustainability activities at national and regional levels as well as on the ground.



Presentation: *tbc*



Mrs. Kusum Lata - Since 2009, I am working for UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change). Currently my focus is to support developing country Parties on matters related to response measures i.e. addressing impacts of implementation of mitigation policies. I have Masters and PhD in Microbiology from Jiwaji University and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) respectively. Starting my career in 1993, I have been a researcher for the first fourteen years of my career at TERI. Large part of the research work was in three broad areas- Biomass based cooking stoves and indoor air pollution, Biomass based gasification and rural electrification, Biogas from agricultural and industrial waste water. I have a special interest in interdisciplinary actions to support the activities and practice relevant to problems that face the poorest sections of the society. I also served the regional collaboration centre in Lome (West Africa), a collaboration between UNFCCC and BOAD (West African Development Bank) to strengthen those activities which are tailored to reduce some of the barriers and uncertainties that the CDM project developers are facing.

Presentation: Sustainability of commodity-dependent economy – in the context of UNFCCC

In this presentation I would like to present how the concept of commodity dependent economies are linked and dealt in climate change regime. The presentation shall also cover the work which has been undertaken by UNFCCC in this area and especially the opportunities and challenges ahead after the Paris Agreement.
