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Panel Discussion: Transforming Rural Economies

Biographies of the Speakers

Mr. Dogo SECK

Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Senegal

Il est par ailleurs: Membre Titulaire de l'Académie des Sciences et Techniques du Sénégal (section des sciences agricoles); Président du Comité Scientifique et Technique de l'Institut de Technologie Alimentaire de Dakar; et Membre du Conseil d'Administration de l'Association Royale des Ingénieurs de Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech-Université de Liège et Président de la Section sénégalaise.

Dr SECK a eu à occuper diverses fonctions aux niveau national et sous régional: Administrateur général du Centre régional de Recherches en Écotoxicologie et Sécurité Environnementale au Sénégal; Président de la Commission nationale de gestion des produits chimiques du Sénégal; Directeur du Centre d'Etudes Régional pour l'Amélioration de l'Adaptation à la Sécheresse; Conseiller Scientifique du Fonds National de Recherches agricoles et Agro- Alimentaires; Directeur du Centre National de la Recherche Agronomique de Bambey; Chercheur, Coordonnateurs de programmes et Directeur de centres de recherche à l'Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles.

Dogo SECK est l'auteur et co-auteur d'une centaine de publications scientifiques et communications. Il est ingénieur agronome et docteur en sciences agronomiques de la faculté de Gembloux (Belgique).

Dr. Kako NUBUKPO

Former Minister of Long term Strategy and Public Policy Evaluation of Togo.

He is also a member of the Global Economic Governance Programme of the University of Oxford (UK) and Princeton University (USA)

He is former Executive Director of CADERDT, a Togolese Think Tank founded by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) based in Lomé (Togo).

Formerly Head of Economic Analysis and Research Division at the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and formerly Head of the Department of Post-graduate Studies and Research in the Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Lomé in Togo. He has a PHD from the University of Lyon (France).

He has worked at the Head Office of the West African States Central Bank (BCEAO) in Dakar, Senegal, and has held senior position at the Institute of Sahel in Bamako, Mali, and at the School of Management in Lyon, France. He is also a Research Fellow at The Agricultural Research Centre of International Development (CIRAD). His publications cover a range of issues related to central banking and finance in West Africa, and the economics of cotton industry in that region, among others.

Prof. Alexandros (or Alexander) SARRIS

Professor in the department of economics, University of Athens, Greece

Between 2003 and August 2010 he was Director of the Trade and Markets Division, of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

He holds a PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, and has also held a faculty appointment at the University of California at Berkeley, USA, from 1976 to 1982.

He has authored or co-authored more than 15 books and monographs, and more than 70 journal and book articles on various issues of international trade and development.

He has advised extensively many UN organizations, the World Bank, the European Commission, and other national and international agencies, and has field research and policy advice experience in over 20 countries.

Prof. Jean-Louis ARCAND,

Professor of Economics in the Department of International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva

Concomitantly, he run IHEID's PhD program in Development Economics. His other affiliations include being a Senior Fellow at the Fondation pour les études et recherches sur le développement international (FERDI), and a Founding Fellow of the European Development Research Network (EUDN).. He is.

His research deals with the microeconomics of development, with a current focus on impact evaluations of social programs in West Africa and the Maghreb.

He is currently involved in multi-year evaluations in a dozen countries, with the topics being investigated ranging from capacity-building in rural producer organizations to foster food security, to Community-Driven Development (CDD).