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Namukolo Covic is the Director General's Representative to Ethiopia for the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and CGIAR Regional Director for East and Southern Africa. In addition, she is the current president of the African Nutrition Society and a co-founding member of the Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All (HDSFS). She also serves on the Lancet Commission 2.0.

Previously, Namukolo was the Senior Research Coordinator of the Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH) programme at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), covering various countries. She has also served on the leadership teams of two Action Tracks for the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS). She has worked closely with the Government of Ethiopia and other stakeholders to develop the country's food systems transformation pathway and food-based dietary guidelines. Other achievements include her work with the African Union to add dietary and nutrition indicators in the results framework of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

Namukolo has a multidisciplinary background with a Ph.D. in nutrition from North-West University in South Africa, an M.Sc. in nutrition, a Post Graduate Diploma in animal and poultry science and a bachelor's degree in crop science and extension.

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Chimimba David Phiri currently works at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as the Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and Representative to the African Union Commission (AUC) and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). He is also the main focal point for the UN Liaison Team sub-group on the 'Year of Nutrition for Africa'. With over three decades of experience, he has held various leadership positions at FAO, including the Country Representative to Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Botswana. He is committed to enhancing partnership for African regional integration to support agricultural development and positive nutrition outcomes.

David has an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from Aberystwyth University and a Ph.D. in Land Economy and Development Economics from University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.



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Abigail Perry joined the World Food Programme (WFP) as the Director of Nutrition in 2021. In that capacity, she serves on the UN-Nutrition steering committee and the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Executive Committee as one of the UN representatives.

Previously, Abigail led the nutrition policy team at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (formerly DFID) and has also held various positions with civil society organizations (Save the Children and Action Against Hunger) and academia, covering a wide span of nutrition work from programming in humanitarian settings to research and capacity development initiatives.

She holds a MSc in Public Health Nutrition from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom.



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Stanley Chitekwe is the Chief of Nutrition at the UNICEF office in Ethiopia. In this capacity, he supports the implementation of nutrition policies and programmes, focusing on both the development and humanitarian aspects. He has also led nutrition programmes over the past two decades in UNICEF offices in Eritrea, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. He also chairs the Nutrition Development Partners Forum in Ethiopia.

He has an MMed Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom and a postgraduate diploma in Epidemiology from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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Hana Bekele currently serves the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Nutrition Specialist in its regional office in Congo-Brazzaville. As part of her work, she helps 20 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa translate WHO public health and nutrition goods into implementable programs. This involves providing technical support in nutrition policy formulation, strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, essential nutrition services as well as on thematic areas, such as the prevention of childhood overweight/obesity and emergency nutrition.

She brings over two decades of experience in both the public and private sector, driving the delivery of numerous nutrition programs, operations, systems and processes. Hana has an MD from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, a Ph.D. in Nutritional Science and Master of Public Health.

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While **Boitshepo Bibi Giyose** is a Senior Nutrition Officer for Policy and Programmes in the Food and Nutrition Division at FAO, she is currently seconded to the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) as special advisor to the CEO. Her work involves promoting the integration and mainstreaming of nutrition into agriculture and related development agendas as well as a multi-sectoral approach for addressing malnutrition in all its forms. Over the course of her career, she has served on several international scientific technical and policy advisory committees/boards.

Bibi has a M.Sc. in International Nutrition from Cornell University in the United States of America and a B.Sc. in Nutrition and Dietetics. In addition, she was named Senior Policy Scholar in 2011 by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation for her exemplary work on Home-grown School Feeding.



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Gladys Mugambi is the Head of Health Promotion at the Ministry of Health in Kenya. She also serves as the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) focal point in-country as well as the co-chair of the SUN Executive Committee. Building on her experience in various aspects of nutrition, she actively promotes the engagement of multiple sectors to address malnutrition in all its forms.

Previously, she headed the Nutrition Division, providing leadership for infant and young child feeding campaigns, the development of food composition tables and dietary guidelines, and food fortification. In addition, she has worked as a nutritionist at the sub-national level. Gladys holds a master's degree in Foods and Nutrition from Kenyatta University in Kenya and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Health Systems Management.



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In 2020, **Issa Sanogo** was appointed as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Madagascar. He brings more than 25 years of development and humanitarian experience, both within and outside the United Nations. His prior UN experience was with the World Food Program (WFP), where he held several senior positions such as the Director of the Regional Center of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) in Côte d'Ivoire, Deputy Country Director (Chad and Lebanon) and Head of the Economic Analysis Unit at headquarters. He has also previously worked for the World Bank and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire.

Issa's academic background is in economics, including a Ph.D and two master's degrees from the *Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche pour le Développement International* (CERDI) at the University of Auvergne in France.



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Patricia N’Goran-Theckly is the Adviser to the President of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, focusing in the areas of nutrition, food security and early childhood development. She plays an instrumental role in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, both within her country and as a member of its Executive Committee, particularly with regard to the participating (21) Francophone countries in Africa. From 2016 to 2019, she served as the Coordinator of the Permanent Technical Secretariat of the National Nutrition Council.¹ She also brings clinical experience in general medicine and pediatrics from the early stages of her professional life.

She has a doctorate in medicine and is specialized in food and nutrition policies, pediatrics, health systems management and public health.

¹In 2019, the council became the National Council for Nutrition, Food and Early Childhood Development, positioned under the President’s Office.



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Catherine Sozi is the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ethiopia, where she leads the UN Country Team to address national needs, priorities and sustainable development challenges. She also leads and coordinates the humanitarian action in Ethiopia, with a view to ensuring that it contributes to longer-term recovery. Prior to joining the UN in 2000, she worked with governments, private sector and NGOs in England, Uganda and South Africa on health development planning and service delivery.

Catherine is a medical doctor and is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners in the United Kingdom. She holds a post-graduate Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



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Mawira Chitima joined the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in 2016. At present, he leads IFAD's work in Ethiopia, Eritrea and South Sudan. While his main area of expertise is water and rural infrastructure, he handles a range of issues in his current role, including how nutrition is integrated into the IFAD portfolio of the above three countries. Previously, he has held managerial and technical positions regarding water and rural development at various organizations and companies in Eswatini, the United Kingdom (U.K.), Zimbabwe as well as IFAD's headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Mawira has a master's degree in agricultural engineering from Crainfield University in the U.K. and a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Zimbabwe.