

The Role of South-South Cooperation in Agricultural Development in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges

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BIOGRAPHIES OF CHAIRS, SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSANTS

OPENING SESSION

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Minister Marco Farani has been the Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) since October 2008. Minister Farani joined the Brazilian Foreign Service in 1980, after studies in Communications at the Federal University of Brasília, and has served on the staffs of the President, Vice President, and President of the Senate. His postings abroad include the Mission to the United Nations in New York and the Embassies in Tokyo and Beijing. At the Chancellery, he has worked, among other units, in the Cultural Department. Before becoming the Head of ABC, Minister Farani took a four-year leave from the Foreign Ministry to work in the private sector.

Tom Owiyo is a Senior Agriculture and Climate Specialist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. He is a Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Information Science from Cornell University and holds a Master of Science, Soil and Land Management from Sokoine University of Agriculture. He has worked at the African Development Bank and the World Bank.

Daniel Bradley is UK Department for International Development (DFID) First Secretary for Climate and Development in Brazil. Mr. Bradley leads DFID's partnership support to Brazil on south-south initiatives in areas of climate change, agriculture and food security. He holds a PhD in livelihood adaptation in Africa, from Leeds University, UK.

Lídia Cabral, Research Associate at the Overseas Development Institute and member of the Future Agricultures Consortium, is an economist and social scientist with 10+ years of experience working on international development issues. She has worked as civil servant, independent consultant and researcher across countries in Africa and Latin America. Her work has focused on governance, pro-poor policy, public financial management, aid delivery, development effectiveness, and agricultural policy and policy processes. Her current research focuses on Brazil as an international development player and the political economy of agricultural policy in Africa.

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Dr. Arilson da Silva Favareto has been a Researcher at the Brazilian Centre for Analysis and Planning (Cebap) since 2004, and a Professor at the Federal University of ABC Region (Universidade Federal do ABC) in Brazil since 2006. He has also collaborated with the Socioenvironmental Economics Centre at the University of São Paulo (Núcleo de Economia Socioambiental – USP) and with the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability (Citizenship DRC, coordinated by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom). Over the last twenty years he has carried out research and consultancy and advisory work on rural development, territorial development, social participation, environmental and social aspects of markets and regional development, conflicts and institutions of territorial development. His most recent work has focused on the social structures of the biofuels market in Brazil, and on comparative analysis of the dynamics, conflicts and institutions of rural transformation in Brazilian and other Latin American countries.



Ministro Milton Rondó, a career diplomat, is the Coordinator-General of International Actions in the Fight Against Hunger in the Ministry of External Relations. In that position since 2003, he reports directly to the Secretary-General of External Relations and oversees Brazilian foreign policy for food security, rural development and nutrition, including humanitarian action. In so doing, and as a member of the National Council of Food Security and Nutrition (CONSEA), Mr. Rondó articulates actions and policies with several government ministries, agencies and forums, including the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Rural Development, the Ministry of Agriculture, and others, aside from the Foreign Ministry's own Brazilian Agency for Cooperation (ABC). In the year of 2010, Minister Milton Rondó was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) which provides the Secretary-General with periodic policy guidance and expert advice on the use and impact of the Fund through the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

André Nepomuceno Dusi is the Structural Projects Coordinator of the International Relations Secretariat of Embrapa. An agronomist by training, he has a PhD in Plant Virology from the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands. André has been a researcher at Embrapa since June, 1987 developing research on the epidemiology of viral diseases in vegetables and on biosafety issues with genetically modified plants. He took up his current post in June 2010, since when he has been overseeing the development of Embrapa's structural projects, as well as the development and implementation of Embrapa's international financing projects.

Francesco Maria Pierri is the Head of the International and Commercial Promotion Advisory of Brazil's Ministry of Agrarian Development (MDA). He is also associate researcher of the African Institute for Agrarian Studies (AIAS). He has previously worked as international consultant at the MDA where he has extensively written on international processes of rural development and agrarian reform. Recent publications include *Brazil's Cooperation for Agriculture Development and Food Security in Africa: Assessing the Technology, Finance, and Knowledge platforms* (Zed Books, forthcoming) and *I volti della riforma agraria. Fotoreportage* (In Pensiero, forthcoming). He holds a degree in Political Sciences obtained at the University of Rome 1 La Sapienza and a PhD in History and Theory of Economic Development obtained at LUISS Guido Carli, Rome.

Elisa Huguency has a degree in Social Sciences from the Catholic University of Rio. She worked for two years in the regional office of ActionAid, where she was the coordinator of policies and programs. During this time, she was substantially involved in monitoring Brazilian cooperation activities with Haiti after the earthquake, working with Brazilian and Haitian civil society organizations. Currently, she is working as a policy advisor for ActionAid Brazil, where one of her priorities is to analyze and evaluate Brazilian cooperation activities with the aim of ensuring that these respect the sovereignty and rights of the peoples involved.

Langton Mukwereza has served during 18 years as a socio-economist in the Department of AGRITEX, Ministry of Agriculture, Zimbabwe. Duties performed in that Branch included farm management research and extension, preparing project reports, undertaking monitoring and evaluation studies on projects and programmes, and carrying out agricultural and food security assessments. Mr Mukwereza left AGRITEX for agricultural consultancy in 2004. Major consultancy work undertaken since include: Farm Management Expert on a farm management capacity building project for farmers and extension workers implemented by FAO and the Government of Botswana, Development of an agricultural database for Zimbabwe's agricultural sector (electronic), Future directions for resuscitating the smallholder livestock sector in Zimbabwe, and Conservation Agriculture Investment Framework for Zimbabwe.

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Leisa Perch is a development specialist with over 15 years of experience. She has worked for and with a number of development organizations including the UN, since 2004. Her experience and expertise spans a number of areas: environment, sustainable development, information for decision-making, poverty reduction, gender, HIV/AIDS, social development, human development and MDG reporting. More recently she has been working on emerging areas such as gender and climate change and poverty/environment linkages. She has spent the last 5.5 years as the Programme Manager for Poverty Reduction, Gender and HIV/AIDS in Barbados covering 10 countries across Barbados and the OECS sub-region. She has an MA in Environmental Management and a BA in International Relations. Leisa also has a strong background in M&E and indicators including indicators for Sustainable Development. She worked on climate change



issues in the Caribbean for 3+ years while working with the Organization of American States between 1999 and 2003.

Jean Marc von der Weid, Swiss-Brazilian, born in Rio. Economist with a Master degree (equivalent to) in the Sorbonne on economy of rural development. Researcher at the international economic relations study group of INRA, France. Founder of AS-PTA (1983), Brazilian NGO working with agroecological development projects for family farmers. Worked as consultant for UNDP in Guinea Bissau and for FAO in Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. Also cooperated with the English agency Action Aid in agricultural programs in Ghana and with the Ford foundation in programs in India and South Africa.

Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda has held the position of CEO of FANRPAN since 2004. She is currently coordinating policy research and advocacy programs in 16 southern African countries, all aimed at making Africa a food-secure region. Her portfolio includes policy research and advocacy work on food policies, agricultural productivity, natural resources and environment, and the impact of HIV/ Aids on agriculture and food security in southern Africa. In 2009, Dr Sibanda led the "No-Agriculture, No-Deal" global campaign and mobilized African civil society organizations to push for the inclusion of agriculture in the United Nations Framework for Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) negotiations. Lindiwe is an animal scientist by training and a practicing commercial beef cattle farmer. She received her BSc at the University of Alexandria, Egypt; her MSc and PhD at the University of Reading, UK.

Justina Inés Cima has been the national coordinator of the Movimento das Mulheres Camponesas (MMC) (rural women's movement) from 1995 to 2010. She is a leader of the Movimento de Mulheres Camponesas em Santa Catarina. Author of several papers on rural agriculture and women's rights. She's member of the Conselho Nacional dos Direitos da Mulher – CNDM (national council on women's rights).

Darana Souza is a programme officer at WFP's Centre of Excellence against Hunger. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and a Master's degree in Sustainable Development and Agriculture. Her core professional experience is with rural development and food security in various developing countries.

Kojo Amanor is an Associate Professor at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana and also a member of FAC. His main research interests are on land reform and land tenure, agrifood chains and agribusiness, a political economy of forestry and forestry sector linkages with smallholder farmers, concepts of community development in different policy eras, and long term historical changes in agrarian systems and environments in Africa. His current ongoing research is on anthropogenic dark earth soils in Ghana, political economy of cereal seed policy, and changing productive relations in the pineapple sector in Ghana. He will be participating in the FAC study on Brazil, China and African Agriculture.

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Alex Shankland is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, UK. He has worked in Brazil since 1989 on a range of issues including sustainable rural livelihoods, indigenous peoples, participatory democracy and health system reform, and in Mozambique and Angola since 2000 on rural and urban poverty, climate change and democratic governance. He is a researcher with the "China and Brazil in African Agriculture" project of the Future Agricultures Consortium, and co-convenor of the IDS BRICS Initiative and of the Rising Powers in International Development research programme.

Paulo Esteves holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from IUPERJ (2003). In 2008 conducted his postdoctoral studies at Copenhagen University. Is professor of International Relations at the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, and Senior Researcher at the BRICS Policy Center. Paulo Esteves edited two books: "International Institutions: security, trade and integration" (2004 – in Portuguese) "The Convergence of Security and International Humanitarian Practice" (2010 – In Portuguese). During this period, he also published a series of articles and book chapters in the areas of international security, humanitarian protection and recently cooperation for development. At this moment, he conducts researches on BRICS and development cooperation. He was a consultant of UNDP, CNPq and CAPES on several occasions and is a member of the editorial board of journals such as International Political Sociology, Carta Internacional and Contexto Internacional. He is a founding associate of the Brazilian International Relations Association of (ABRI) and currently its



president. Paulo Esteves is also the Vice-President of the International Relations Association's Global South Caucus.

Qi Gubo is a professor and rural development researcher at the College of Humanities and Development Studies at China Agricultural University. She is also the coordinator of the Farmer-centered Research Network in China, an informal academic group focusing on participatory technology and management research. Professor Qi got her PhD in Agricultural Economics at China Agricultural University in 1996. Her main research interests are: community common resources management, rural technology and institutional innovation, gender issues in development, and international development cooperation. The field sites of her research work cover more than 20 provinces in China and several countries in Africa, e.g. Ethiopia, Zambia, and Mali. Dr Qi is also the head of Department of Development Studies providing managerial support to undergraduate program, MSc program and PhD program of development studies at China Agricultural University, which were set up in 1998 and were the initiatives on development studies in higher education in China.

Frédéric Goulet is a junior researcher at CIRAD, France. He holds an MSc in Agricultural Development and a PhD in sociology. He works on (1) technical innovation processes and innovation systems in agriculture, and (2) alternative technical practices in agriculture, and controversies around schools or trends of "sustainable" agriculture. His research fields are in France, Argentina and Brazil.

Sérgio Chichava is a Senior Researcher with the Institute for Social and Economic Research (IESE) in Mozambique. He has a PhD in Political Science from the University of Bordeaux, and has worked extensively on governance and political participation in Mozambique. His current research has focused on relations between Mozambique and "emerging powers". He has been leading a project on Mozambique-China relations since 2008, and is currently working on a study of Chinese agriculture in Mozambique.

CLOSING SESSION

Lídia Cabral (*see Opening*)

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Iara Costa Leite is a researcher at the South-South Cooperation and Policy Center (Articulação SUL). Experience with research and teaching in several institutions (UnB, IESP/UERJ, PUC-Rio, PUC-Minas etc.), focused at international development cooperation (history, theory and practice), South-South Cooperation and foreign policy. Previous work include collaboration in the Task-Team on South-South Cooperation (TT-SSC/OECD), having been responsible for one of the South-South Cooperation case studies aimed at gathering evidence for the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. Participated, as chair, moderator and panelist, in several seminars, workshops and congresses on South-South Cooperation. Author and co-author of several publications on the theme.

