

World Agricultural Forum
Past Influential Speakers and Attendees

1999

The Honorable John C. Danforth, Retired U.S. Senator
The Honorable Kit Bond, U.S. Senator
His Excellency Prof. Dr. Ir. H. Soleh Solahoddin, Minister of Agriculture for Indonesia
The Honorable Richard Gephardt, U.S. Congressman
Ike Evans, President & COO Union Pacific
John Lupiea, Director Food and Nutrition, FAO
Dr. Judit Katona-Apte, Senior Program Adviser, World Food Program, UN
Dan Dudek, Ph.D., Senior Economist, Environmental Defense Fund
Dr. Norman Borlaug, Nobel Laureate, President Sasakawa African Assn.
Robert Thompson, Ph.D. World Bank
His Excellency Prof. Dr. Ir.H. Soleh Solahuddin, Minister of Agriculture for Indonesia
Hisao Azuma – Former Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture

2001

John C. Danforth – Chairman, Advisory Board
Jacques Diouf – Director General, Food & Agriculture Organization of United Nation
Dr. Bugaran Saragih – Minister of Agriculture, Representing Meagawati Soekarnoputri, Vice President, Indonesia
Prof. Ango Abdullahi – Special Advisor to the President on Food Security, Representing President Obasanjo, Nigeria
Ismail Alaoui – Minister of Agriculture, Representing the Prime Minister, Kingdom of Morocco
Marcelo Regunaga – Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Argentina
Franz Fischler – Commissioner for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, European Union
Herbert G. Brown – Chairman
Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn – President
Mr. Gerard Viatte – Director for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, OECD, Paris
Casaba Csaki – Senior Advisor, World Bank
Carlos – Felipe Jaramillo, Ph.D., Director, Colombian Government Trade Bureau
J. Erik Fyrwald – President, Dupont Nutrition and Health
Dan Glickman – Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
George McGovern, Ambassador, UN Mission to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture, Rome, Italy
Ben Gill – President, National Farmers Union, United Kingdom
George Melloan, Deputy Editor, Wall Street Journal
Sharad Joshi – Chairman, Task Force on Agriculture, Government of India
Lyle Vanclief – Minister of Agriculture and Agri – Food, Canada
Dr. His-Huang Chen – Chairman of Council of Agriculture, Chinese Taipei
Mattie R. Sharpless – Acting Administrator of Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA

2003

Dr. Norman Borlaug – Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, President, Sasakawa African Association
Jacques Diouf – Director General Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations, represented by Charles Riemenschneider
Dr. Pedro Sanchez – Co-Chair, United Nations Task Force on Hunger, 2002 World Food

Prize Laureate

Joachim von Braun – Director General, International Food and Policy Research Institute
Mr. Adrian Measner – President & CEO, Canadian Wheat Board
Armando Paredes – President, National Agriculture Council, Mexico
Ken Roberts – Deputy Associate Administrator, Foreign Ag Service, USDA
Hon. V. Sobhanadreeswara Rao – Minister of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, India
Dr. Memed Gunawan – Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia
Hon. Kipruto Rono arap Kirwa – Minister of Agriculture, Kenya
Jaesoo Kim – Agriculture Counselor, Korea
Hon. Alvaro Enrique Quijandria Salmon – Minister of Agriculture of Peru
Siphiwe Mkhize PhD – Minister of Agriculture, Embassy of South Africa in Washington, DC
David Walker – Deputy Chief of Mission, New Zealand
Hideaki Kumazawa – Vice Agriculture Minister, Japan
Peter Baxter – Deputy Chief of Mission, Australian Embassy, US
Fons Schmid – Chairman, Global Food Safety Task Force and Vice President Food Safety, Royal Ahold, The Netherlands
Dr. Jose Zaglul – President of Earth University, Costa Rica
Margaret Kruk – Expert Presenter, UN Millennium Project
Aly Shady – Co – Founder, World Water Council, Canada
Oran Hesterman – Program Director, Food Systems and Rural Development, W. K. Kellogg Foundation
Jim Hershey – Program Director, World Initiative for Soy in Human Health WISHH
Jake Walter – Mozambique Country Director, TechnoServe
Marcelo Muniagurria – Lieutenant Governor of Santa Fe, Argentina
Hon. David Jimenez Sardon – Governor of Puna, Peru

2004

Jason Clay – Vice President, World Wildlife Fund, US
Eduardo Perez Chief Negotiator for WTO, Mexico
Jean Paul Pinard – Director, Agribusiness, International Finance Corporation IFC
Ing. Agr. Miguel Santiago Campos – Secretary of Agriculture, Argentina
Carlos Gustavo Cano – Minister of Agriculture, Columbia
Bob Stallman – President, American Farm Bureau, US
Judith Symonds – Senior Advisor, World Food Programme
Ray Offenheiser – President, OXFAM America
Eva Clayton – Assistant Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization, UN
Frank Tugwell – President and CEO Winrock International

2005

Ruth Oniang'o – Executive Director, Rural Outreach Program, Kenya
Felipe Manteiga – Managing Director, Agricultural Programs, Millennium Challenge Corporation
Hans Johr – Corporate Head of Agriculture, Nestle
Carl Hausmann – President & CEO, Bunge North America
Philip Kiriro – President, East Africa Farmers Federation
Jean-Marc Trarieux – Agricultural Attache , Delegation of the European Commission
Mohamed Ait-Kadi – President of the General Council of Agricultural development, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Forestry Morocco
Reid Detchon – Executive Director, Energy Future Coalition

Mike Eckhart – President, American Council for Renewable Energy
Israel Klabin – President, Brazilian Foundation for Sustainable Development
Rick Tolman – CEO, National Corn Growers Association
Stephen Censky – CEO, American Soybean Association
Felipe Manteiga – Head of Agriculture, Millennium Challenge Account
Istvan Feher – Deputy Secretary of State, Hungary
Deborah Perkins – Executive Director, Food and Agribusiness Research, Rabobank
Jim Thompson – Global Development Alliance Secretariat, USAID
Paul Carothers – Vice-President, Public Affairs, Kraft Foods
Rob Horsch – Vice-President Monsanto Company
Ken Roberts – Associate Administrator FAS, USDA

2007

Robert W. Lane – Chairman and CEO, Deere & Company
Hon. DR. Rajashekara Reddy – Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA
Rt. Hon. John Gummer – Former Minister of Ag, UK
Carl Hausmann – President and CEO, Bunge North America, Inc
Hon. Minister Hilary Onek – Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industries, and Fisheries, Republic of Uganda
Marcos Jank – President of the Brazilian Institute for International Trade Negotiations ICONE, Brazil
Rick Greubel – Group Vice President and International President, Tyson Food Inc
Brett Begemann – Executive Vice President, Monsanto Company
Lutz Goedde – Senior Director, Market Access, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Andrew Bennett – CEO, Syngenta Foundation, UK
Hon. Dr. George Chaponda – Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Republic of Malawi
Christopher Delgado – Strategy & Policy Adviser, Agriculture & Rural Development, World Bank
Michael de Groot – Executive Director, Rabobank Foundation. The Netherlands
Mariann Fischer Boel – Commissioner for Agricultural and Rural Development, European Economic Union
Raghuveera Reddy – Hon Minister for Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, India
James Spellman – United Nations Foundation
Barclay Forrest – ODE, Director, D1 Oils, UK
Thomas Dorr – Under Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. Paul Thompson – W.K. Kellogg Chair in Agricultural, Food and Community Ethics, Michigan State University
Hon. Minister Hilary Onek – Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industries, and Fisheries, Republic of Uganda Need for Transforming Rural Areas to Productivity
Dr. Joyce Cacho – Director, Agribusiness Initiatives, The Corporate Council on Africa
Pamela Anderson – Director General, International Potato Center, Peru
Julie Howard – Executive Director, Partnership to End Hunger in Africa
Richard Foster – Vice President-Programs, W.H. Kellogg Foundation
Adama Gaye – Group Head Corporate Affairs, Government and Investor Relations, Ecobank, Togo Africa
Mr. Joseph U. Ayalogu, Amb – Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nigeria to Switzerland, Berne
Mike Johanns – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
Mohamed Ait Kadi – President of the General Council of Agricultural Development, Morocco

2009

Dr. Leonard J. Guarraia - Founder & CEO, World Agricultural Forum
The Honorable Russ Carnahan United States House of Representatives (D-MO)
Rt. Honorable James B. Bolger, ONZ - Chairman, World Agricultural Forum
J.B. Penn - Chief Economist, John Deere
Carl Hausmann - President and CEO, Bunge North America
David Morgan - President, Syngenta Seeds, Inc.
Michael L. Bennett - CEO, Terra Industries and Chairman of the Board, The Fertilizer Institute
Prof. Nuhu Hatibu - CEO, The Kilimo Trust, East Africa
Thad Simons - CEO, Novus International
Hon. Bungarin Saragih - Former Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia
Nopporn Vayuchote - Executive Vice President, Betagro, Thailand
Md. Aminul Alam - Executive Director, BRAC International
Shuilin Wang - China Investment Corporation
Joseph Quinlan - Chief Market Strategist, Bank of America
James Bond - Chief Operating Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, The World Bank
Jonathan Campaigne - CEO, PRIDEAFRICA, Kenya
Esther Muthoni Muiruri - General Manager Marketing-Agri Business, Equity Bank Ltd.
Osler Desouzart - CEO, OD Consulting, Brazil
Md. Aminul Alam - Executive Director, BRAC International
N. Raghuvvera Reddy - Minister of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, India
David Lacroze - Producer and former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Argentina
Dan Rotenberg - European Commission
Bob Stallman - President, American Farm Bureau
Hope Mwesigye - Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, Republic of Uganda
David Morgan - President, Syngenta Seeds, Inc.
Gary Blumenthal - CEO, World Perspectives
Joel Velasco - Sugar Cane Industry Association, Brazil
Gawain Kripke - Director of Policy and Research, Oxfam America
Devry S. Boughner - Director, International Business Relations, Cargill
Robert Modarelli - Executive Vice President, National Center for APEC
Tjada McKenna - Program Director, The Gates Foundation
John Buchanan, Senior Director, Business Practices, Conservation International
Gerald A. Steiner - Executive Vice-President, Monsanto Corporation
Gene Kahn - Vice President of Sustainability, General Mills
Frank Day - Director, Hershey Co.
Aline O'Connor Funk - Former CEO, Channel BIO Corp
Bonnie E. Raquet - Corporate Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Cargill, Inc
Kevin Igli - Senior VP, Tyson Foods
Henk Joos - Plant Science and Agronomy Director, D1 Oils
Smt. Radha Singh - Former Secretary, Department of Agriculture, India
Lee Broughton - Director, Corporate Sustainability, Enterprise
Bill Horan - Project Coordinator, 25 X '25
Prof. Nuhu Hatibu - CEO, Kilimo Trust, East Africa
Thierry de L'Escaille - ELO, Brussels
Ismael Roig - Vice President, Planning and Business Development, ADM
Corrado Pirzio Biroli - Former Head of Cabinet, European Commission on Agriculture
Mindaugas Kuklierius - Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Lithuania
C. Boyden Gray - Former US Amb. to EU

Mikhail Orlov - Former Chairman, Black Earth Farming Ltd, Russia
Paul Collier - Professor of Economics, Oxford University; Author, The Bottom Billion
Dr. Rattan Lal - Professor of Soil Science, SENR and Director, Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, OARD/FAES, Ohio State U.
Gottlieb Basch - Chairman, European Conservation Agriculture Federation, Portugal
Joel Lipsitch - Deere & Co.
Daniel Hillel - Center for Climate Systems Research, Columbia University
Claudia Ringler - Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI,
Bernhard Kiep - Vice President and General Manager, International Irrigation Division, Valmont Industries
Carole Brookins - Former US Executive Director, The World Bank
Professor Allan Buckwell - CLA, (UK)
Frank M. Mitloehner, Ph.D. - Air Quality Extension Specialist, University of California-Davis
Frank Tugwell - President and CEO, Winrock International
Jerry Hatfield - National Soil Tilth Research Laboratory, USDA
Michael Walsh - Executive VP, Chicago Climate Exchange
Bud Philbrook - Deputy Undersecretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS), United States