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Juan Lucas Restrepo is the Director General of the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture. A Colombian and French national, Restrepo has worked in the agricultural domain for the past 25 years. He has significant experience in policy, value chains, markets and in leading agricultural research. He has supported the work of CGIAR through the various governance roles he held over the years in the Committee of Genetic Resources, Oversight and Executive Committees, and as the representative of the Colombian Government on the CIAT Board of Directors as an *ex-officio* member. Among other positions, Restrepo has served as the Vice Minister of the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Chief Commercial Officer of the Colombian Federation of Coffee Growers, and for the last eight years as the Executive Director of AGROSAVIA. In 2017, Restrepo led a government effort in Colombia that resulted in a National Agricultural Innovation System. He holds a degree in civil engineering from Universidad de los Andes in Colombia, and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University in the USA.

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Ms. Anita Bhatia serves as the Assistant Secretary-General and UN Women's Deputy Executive Director since August 2019. Before joining UN Women, Ms. Bhatia has had a distinguished career at the World Bank Group, serving in various senior leadership and management positions, both at Headquarters and in the field. She brings extensive experience in the area of international development, strategy, resource mobilization, strategic partnerships and organizational change management. In various positions, she led teams to deliver significant resources for scaled-up impact, including at the country level, and to craft innovative partnerships to advance development agendas and has made significant contributions to the evolving discourse on development finance. She has led diverse teams, including as Global Head of Knowledge Management, Head of Business Process Improvement and Head of Change Management. In addition to Latin America, she has worked in Africa, Europe, Central Asia and South and East Asia. Ms. Bhatia holds a BA in History from Calcutta University, an MA in Political Science from Yale University and a Juris Doctor in Law from Georgetown University.

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Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo, Deputy Director-General of Climate and Natural Resources at FAO, is an economist and politician from Cape Verde. A leading expert in global development issues, she has worked in public service for over thirty years. Semedo promotes an integrated, inclusive approach, resulting in greater cross-sectoral engagement and stronger strategic partnerships, better positioning FAO in its role to promote a transition to sustainable food and agriculture systems. As part of the FAO Core Leadership Team, Semedo works to develop impactful initiatives such as the FAO Green Cities Action Programme. Before taking up her current duties in 2013, Semedo gained valuable experience and insight in

Africa, first as FAO Representative in Niger, then as Deputy Regional Representative for Africa and Sub-regional Coordinator for West Africa. Prior to her international career, she worked as an economist for the Cabo Verde Ministry of Planning and Cooperation before becoming Secretary of State for Fisheries, then in 1993 Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Rural Affairs – the first-ever woman Minister in her country. After serving as Minister for Tourism, Transportation and Marine Affairs from 1995-1998, she became Member of Parliament, a position she held until 2003.

JYOTSNA PURI

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Jyotsna Puri (or Jo) is the Director of the Environment, Climate Gender, Youth, Nutrition and Social Inclusion Division (ECG) at IFAD. She leads the team that is responsible for evidence-informed advice on programme designs and implementation, contributing to resource mobilization, and supporting IFAD's global remit in providing state-of-the-art policy advice related to these topics. ECG is also responsible for ensuring that IFAD's programmes build in social, environmental and climate safeguards while ensuring that IFAD's investments generate benefits in these areas.

Puri has worked previously at the Green Climate Fund, 3ie, UNEP, the World Bank and UNDP. She is also adjunct associate professor at Columbia University, New York where she was also a research scientist.

She has published in many academic journals and written for newspapers and provided advice as a board member to several development organizations.

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NANCY J. ABURTO

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Nancy J. Aburto is Deputy Director of the Food and Nutrition Division at FAO. Before joining FAO in 2019, she worked as an Adjunct Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory, and at the World Food Programme, where she was Chief in Nutrition, and, previously, a Nutrition Advisor. She also held positions at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as at the World Health Organization. Aburto holds a Ph.D. in Nutrition and Health Science from Emory University.

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Nathaniel Peterson is the Vice-President for Partnerships at the Busara Centre for Behavioral Economics where he built and manages the agriculture and rural resilience portfolio. His primary interests are in perceptions of risk, trust, and how farmers understand and navigate the complex information ecosystems that surround them. Some of Peterson's largest projects are in agriculture insurance strategy, agriculture platform improvement, and climate risk mitigation. In addition to this work, Peterson is a Regional Behavioural Specialist at the Food & Agriculture Organization and advises agritech and market systems startups in Kenya and Nigeria. Peterson completed his PhD in Behavioural Decision Research at Carnegie Mellon in 2015 and moved in Nairobi in 2017. In his spare time, he cycles, farms, invests in Kenyan SMEs, and serves on a few social enterprise boards.

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Ndaya Beltchika is IFAD's Lead Technical Specialist - Gender, Targeting and Social Inclusion. Previously, Beltchika was Country Director in the West and Central Africa Division where she led the development of country strategies and provided oversight and coordinated programmes of loans and grants of Benin, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Prior to joining IFAD in 2010, Beltchika worked for over 25 years in private sector development, policy dialogue, rural development and rural finance. Earlier positions included Principal at ES&S Consulting, providing business strategy advice to small and medium private institutions; Senior Financial Analyst in corporate finance; advisor to the CFO and President of Institutional Sales at Fidelity Investments; and economist at Associates

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Martin Prowse is an Evaluation Specialist in the Independent Evaluation Unit of the GCF. Prowse is applying his 15 years of work experience in international development to support the IEU's workstreams on impact evaluation (LORTA), evidence reviews and behavioural science. He has published widely and is an editor of the European Journal of Development Research. Prowse holds a PhD from the University of Manchester.

DOMINIK ZILLER

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Dominik Ziller is Vice-President of IFAD. He gives strategic direction to the institution, and promotes corporate approaches and solutions. He has direct oversight of the budget, quality assurance and ethics offices. Prior to joining IFAD, Ziller was Director General for International Development Cooperation for International Development Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. His responsibilities included the European Union's development cooperation, United Nations, World Bank Group, regional development banks, OECD, development processes of the G7 and the G20, the World Trade Organization and topics of financing for development and effectiveness/ transparency. During Germany's G20 Presidency, Ziller chaired the Development Working Group. Previously, he held various senior positions at the BMZ, including head of the Directorate for Asia and head of the Budget Division. Between 2011 and 2013, he worked for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), where he was a member of the Executive Management Committee. He holds a Law Degree from the Ludwig Maximilian Universität München and Practical Law Degree from the Federal German State of Bavaria.

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Gladys H. Morales is Senior Innovation Adviser at the Change Delivery and Innovation Unit at IFAD. She has led the digital transformation of Government and UN agencies' projects in Latin America, Asia and Europe. She is also familiar with the startup eco-system having worked in a management position for a digital advertising startup while she was living in Indonesia and founding her own startup in Italy. She is Regional Ambassador, Italy, of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC). Before joining IFAD, Morales was an Advisor at the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) where she led the design of digital platforms and established partnerships and knowledge networks for the Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth (GPIG) Portal. She is a graduate from the Executive Programme on Digital Business Leadership at Columbia Business

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