

# SPEAKER PROFILES



**ADVIT NATH**  
**Director and Controller**  
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Advit Nath is a Canadian national and the Controller and Director at IFAD, the \$10 billion in assets UN International Fund for Agricultural Development which is also an international financial institution. With 24+ years of progressive leadership experience in international finance and development, he has worked in 5 continents in the private sector (KPMG), government (Canada and Australia), academia (Carleton University, Canada, Bocconi, UNINT & LUISS Universities, Italy) and in/with international organisations (UNDP, UNFPA, IFAD / UNESCO).

He holds a Masters degree in Human Rights Law (LL.M), is a Canadian Chartered Accountant (CA), Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), and has post-graduate education in Development Law and International Dispute Resolution from the University of London (UCL and Queen Mary).

He volunteered as Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the fourth largest Credit Union in New York State (\$4.7 billion in assets), guest lectures at various Universities (Bocconi, Rome UNINT, LUISS, Coursera, European Academy of Law), regularly speaks about Blockchain technology for development, and publishes articles for the Journal of Law and Rural Development as an advocate for human rights.



**H  L  NE PAPPER**  
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H  l  ne Papper is the Director of the IFAD Global Communications and Advocacy Division, which is responsible for IFAD's global internal and external communication strategies and operations. The Communication Division is comprised of two groups: field communication and content development (graphic design, writing and publication, and field communication), and strategic communication (media, broadcast and outreach; web and social media; campaigns; internal communication and public disclosure).

Before joining IFAD, H  l  ne was the Director of the United Nations Information Center for Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela based in Bogot  . She is a conflict and post-conflict strategist and leader with extensive experience in the field of diplomacy, advocacy and communications. She previously worked in peacekeeping missions for the United Nations in Mali, Sudan, South Sudan and Haiti, where she developed radio stations to support electoral and peace implementation processes, ensuring protected spaces for women and youth to have a recognized voice in the changing landscapes of their countries. She also supported the African Development Bank in their transition from Tunisia to C  te d'Ivoire headquarters. H  l  ne has led strong advocacy programmes in the fields of gender, climate, environment, social inclusion, education aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda.

H  l  ne holds a Master of Advanced Studies in Literature and Civilization from the Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris, France and two Bachelor's degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science from Syracuse University in New York.