



## **Donal Brown**

### **Associate Vice-President of the Programme Management Department, IFAD**

Development veteran and former head of UK's Ebola Task Force joins IFAD as Associate Vice-President Rome, 15 June 2018 – Donal Brown of the United Kingdom has joined the International Fund

for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as Associate Vice-President of the Programme Management Department.

In his role at IFAD, Brown is responsible for developing and managing the operations that the Fund supports through its loans and grants. In addition, he oversees the Programme of work of the department, which is undertaken by five regional divisions and the Operational Policy and Results Division.

Brown previously worked at the United Kingdom's Department for International Development in a number of senior positions both in HQ and in a range of countries, most recently as the Africa Director, managing 550 staff across the continent. In 2014-2015, he led UK's Ebola Task Force in Sierra Leone and was awarded Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his efforts to control the crisis.

Until the outbreak of Ebola in May 2014, Sierra Leone, a country of 7 million people on the West African seaboard, had one of the highest economic growth rates in the world. IFAD, a specialized agency of the United Nations, supported the government in its fight against the Ebola outbreak and during the aftermath. As the largest and most active donor in the country's agricultural sector, IFAD continues to contribute to Sierra Leone's recovery, in particular to establish food security which is vital to health.

Brown brings to IFAD more than 25 years of international experience from across Africa, Middle East, Asia and Latin America. He holds a Master's degree in Tropical Animal Health and Production from the University of Edinburgh, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Leadership and Management from the University of Warwick and a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Bristol, as well as an Honorary Doctorate in Social Justice from the University of Winchester.



**Dina Saleh**

**Director of the Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, Programme Management Department, IFAD**

Ms. Dina Saleh is the Sub-Regional Director of IFAD's Middle East and North Africa Hub in Cairo and has been recently appointed as Director ad interim in IFAD's Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, from 1 July 2020. Ms. Saleh has over 20 years international experience in development projects and programs in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia. She also served as the Regional Portfolio Adviser for the Near East, North Africa and Europe Division and previously, as the Supervision Support Officer.

Prior to joining IFAD in 2007, Ms. Saleh worked at the United Nations Office for Project Services in Nairobi, Tunis and Rome and with private sector companies. She holds an MSc from the University of London in Development Finance and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from United States International University.



**Fabrizio Felloni**

**Interim Officer-in-Charge, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD**

Fabrizio Felloni is the Deputy Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation within the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He develops operational policies and methodologies to enhance the independence and effectiveness of the independent evaluation function. He conducts corporate level evaluations. He ensures high-quality professional work by creating an enabling environment for and coaching of IOE staff, and setting quality standards for IOE outputs.

He was Lead Evaluation Officer at IFAD from 2010 to 2016. He was an Evaluation Specialist at the United Nations Development Programme from 2008 to 2010 where he prepared their first methodology for country-level evaluations. He has worked on international development evaluations since 2000, leading and participating in corporate-level evaluations, country programme as well as project-level evaluations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

He holds a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University (USA) and a master-equivalent degree in Social and Economic Sciences from Bocconi University (Italy). He has been the author and co-author of ten articles published in peer-reviewed journals.



## **Naoufel Telahigue**

### **Head of the Near East, North Africa and Europe Division Rome-based Hub, and Country Director for Morocco and Armenia**

Naoufel Telahigue is currently the Head of the NEN Rome-based Hub and the Country Director for Morocco and Armenia portfolios. He manages the Morocco ICO (based in Rabat). His role is the overall management and oversight of IFAD's programme of work covering strategic, operational and managerial responsibilities.

Telahigue manages the portfolio in terms of strategic engagement, partnership building and policy issues as well as in terms of operational matters including the design of portfolios and their strategic alignments, project implementation and supervision. He represents IFAD in Donors coordination meetings and UNCTs.

He has 18 years of experience on rural and agricultural development, natural resource management and climate change issues in North Africa, Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa.

He has technical qualifications in the fields of rangeland rehabilitation, soil and water management, desertification control and climate change issues and has expertise in GIS/Remote Sensing technologies. He has worked on a variety of development issues including social inclusion, migration and refugees issues. He has solid and diversified experience in project management and rural development. He worked in more than 50 countries across west, North Africa, the horn of Africa and the Middle East region.

Telahigue has an engineering degree from the Agronomic Institute of Tunisia (INAT) and an MSc. in International Rural Development/Natural Resource Management with focus on arid and semi-arid ecosystems from the Royal Agriculture University (UK).



## **Kouessi Maximin Kodjo**

### **Lead Evaluation Officer, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD**

Kouessi Maximin Kodjo is a lead evaluation officer at IOE. Before joining IFAD, Max Kodjo served as monitoring and evaluation expert of

the Technical Cooperation Programme of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna (Austria). Prior to this, he served as Monitoring and Evaluation Component Manager for the FAO - National Programme of Food Security (NPFS) in Abuja (Nigeria), and as senior advisor in research and evaluation at the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), African Regional Office, in Nairobi (Kenya). He lectured at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Abomey Calavi, Benin. Max Kodjo started his career as agricultural economist at the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development in Benin.

He has more than 25 years working experience in the fields of rural development, planning, monitoring and evaluation of projects and programmes, and holds a PhD in Development Planning and Evaluation obtained at the University Humboldt of Berlin (Germany), an MA in Agricultural Economics, and a BA in Agriculture and Horticulture obtained in Benin.