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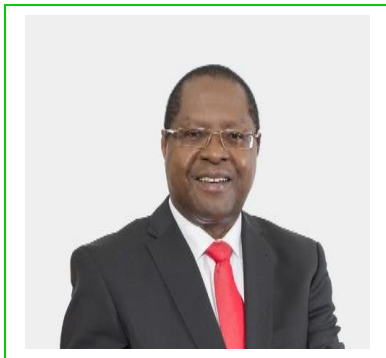
SPEAKERS PROFILES FOR THE 13TH REGIONAL BDS CONFERENCE

21st Nov -23rd Nov 2018 -PRIDEINN PARADISE-MOMBASA

CONFERENCE GUESTS

H.E. MARTIN NYAGA WAMBORA

Governor - Embu County



Martin Wambora is the current and first Governor of Embu County. Previously, he was the MP for Runyenjes Consistency from 2003 to 2007 where during his tenure the constituency was Ranked Number One (1) in Kenya for Best Utilization of CDF Funds

Prior to his political career, he served as the Chairman of the Board of Kenya Airports Authority and led to its winning of the two most prestigious international airport industry awards in 2011. He also served as a District Officer (DO) between 1976-1984, Personal Assistant to Provincial Commissioner in Rift Valley

Province, Senior Assistant Secretary – Ministry of Finance, as a Management Analyst (consultant), Directorate of Personnel Management – Office of the President, Deputy Director of Budget, Ministry of Finance and Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Office of the President and in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. While in the Ministry of Commerce, he represented the GOK of a Founder Board of Trustee for the Micro Enterprises Support Programme Trust (MESPT).

He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Hartford (USA), Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management and Rural Development from the University of Connecticut (USA) and Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Makerere University.

H.E. NDIRITU MURIITHI

Governor -Laikipia County



Hon. Ndiritu Muriithi is a seasoned economist and financial markets expert with over 24 years' experience in leadership and management within diverse settings in Kenya, South Africa, Canada and Australia. An accomplished practitioner in the African financial markets, he has spearheaded numerous financial markets strengthening initiatives across African Countries covering establishment of credit sharing and scoring institutions, improved bond market function, expansion of mortgage markets, and even growth of women-owned enterprises. He was primarily involved in the design and implementation of these programs and contributed

substantively to the development of financial markets that provide required services to many nations.

Beyond his work in financial markets, he has previously served as an Assistant Minister for Industrialization for five (5) years and drove reforms to improve the environment for doing business and improving incentives to promote investments. He was also involved in the development of policy and law related to finance and economics such as legislation governing establishment of credit bureau, interest rates, taxation and other fiscal measures. Specifically, he contributed to legislative frameworks for banking and small businesses including successfully advocating for amendments to the Banking Act in 2006, to allow for credit reporting, a key pillar in improving access to finance; resolving an impasse in the passing of the Finance Bill 2011/2012, dropping of the legislation for fixing interest rates, and introducing the Kenya Bankers' Reference Rate for use in loan pricing; as well as promoting and championing the passing of the SME Act which resulted in a comprehensive and coherent framework to promote small enterprise development in Kenya. This demonstrated mastery of the economic and financial matters, especially within the Kenyan context, has earned him the recognition as a well-respected and regular contributor to magazines, journals, and TV programs on various topical economic issues.

He also led **peace caravans** across 32 districts that substantially reduced conflicts between communities in *Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo, Tana River* and *Migori* among other Counties for the period between 2009 and 2012. For these efforts and other accomplishments during his term, the Governor was profiled at the Open Innovation Africa Summit 2012 as a leader inspiring a new mindset among constituents through vision casting, community service, and team building. His commitment to community service and volunteer work goes beyond his public service and he continues today to mentor young business owners through the **Ujuzi na Biashara Trust** as well as inspire numerous others through his patronage of educational institutions.

He holds a bachelor's degree of Business Administration in Economics and Finance as well as a Master of Project Management.

Topic: Unlocking barriers to agro-business and agro-processing

H.E JOHN M. MWANIKI

Deputy Governor - Laikipia County



The Deputy Governor, John M. Mwaniki holds an MBA and BCom degrees from University of Nairobi, SMLP from Strathmore Business School and Certified PRINCE II Project Manager.

He is a Technology and Financial Markets expert with over twenty years' experience in developing policy and solutions for the capital markets industry. He has a vast experience in general management, strategic planning as well as project management, which he gained from implementing financial markets solutions in the Central Bank of South Sudan, Central Bank of Kenya, Central Bank of Seychelles, Nairobi Securities Exchange, Capital Markets Authority, Rwanda Capital Markets and SADC Inter-connectivity among others.

He is the current Chairman of Council of Deputy Governor's in Kenya.

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RICHARD MULI

**Regional Agricultural Trade & BDS Manager - Global Communities
BDCG Chairperson**

Richard is the Regional Agricultural Trade & BDS Manager with the USDA funded Agribusiness Investment for Market Stimulation (AIMS) implemented by Global Communities.

He has a wealth of experience spanning over 20 years in agribusiness, both in private sector and managing institutional donor programs such as USDA, USAID, DFID, foundations among others. He is also recognized throughout his career for being a visionary Agribusiness leader who leverages in-depth knowledge of markets and the production landscapes to significantly increase revenue and operational efficiency.



Richard holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Entrepreneurship, a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture and currently pursuing a second masters' degree in Leadership. He is the current chairman of Business development donor coordination group (BDCG), a membership organization of development organization in the capacity building space and he is also an active member of Society of crops & agribusiness advisors (SOCAA).

JACQUELINE CHEPKOECH

**Senior Programme Manager -Equity Group Foundation
BDCG Vice Chairperson**

Jacqueline Chepkoech is an agribusiness enterprise development practitioner with more than 10 years' experience in designing and implementation of economic development projects in dairy, horticulture and financial access.

She is currently working with Equity Group Foundation (EGF) as a Senior Program Manager heading the implementation of agriculture projects in the Foundation. Prior to that, she managed and implemented agribusiness programs in dairy and horticulture with Technoserve.

Jacqueline holds a degree in Business administration and Management from Egerton University and a Masters' in Business Administration (MBA- Strategic Management) from Catholic University of Easter Africa.



CHARLES NYAWADE

**Acting Chief Executive Officer – MESPT
BDCG Secretariat**

Mr. Nyawade is a financial expert with over 12 years' experience in Grants Accounting, Microfinance and Audit roles.



He is currently the acting CEO of MESPT and also the Head of Finance and Administration. He previously served MESPT at different capacities for 8 years.

He is currently pursuing an MBA (Finance Option) at JKUAT and holds a BSC degree from Egerton University.

Nyawade is a CPA (K) & CISA holder and a Certified Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist.

CONFERENCE FACILITATORS

PETER MBIYU

Lead BDS Conference facilitator

Mbiyu is a development professional with experience in project management, Small and Medium Enterprises development, Agribusiness, Financial Inclusion, value-chain development, Impact Investment, impact measurement, and knowledge management and learning. He has worked extensively with SMEs in multiple sectors (agribusiness, micro-finance, water and sanitation and energy) in the East African region and most recently with the Market Assistance Programme (MAP) investment and policy work that focuses on capacity development for SMEs and creating an enabling business environment.



He has experience in research, facilitation and training both locally and international and has trained in business strategy, knowledge management and impact measurement.

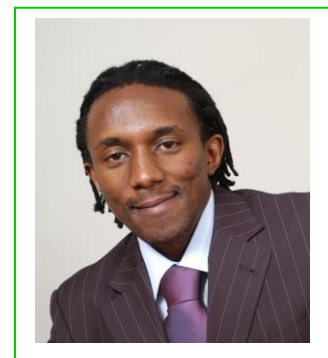
He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Statistics and a Master of Economics and Finance from Kenyatta University and Post-graduate Diploma in project management from Radboud University, the Netherlands.

JAMES G. MWAI

Business Development and Sustainability Consultant

Currently supporting INGOs and business supply chains to achieve their sustainability mandates towards the achievement of the SDGs through inclusive, transparent and collaborative initiatives.

Until 2017 he was the Director Policy, Research and Advocacy the Fairtrade Africa (FTA) Secretariat in Nairobi, responsible for advocacy, research, monitoring evaluation and learning, social compliance and communication work supporting over 400-member organization across 33 countries on the African continent. Fairtrade Africa is a



member of Fairtrade International the world's leading ethical trading label. He was also previously the Director of Programmes at Fairtrade Africa for 5 years providing overall technical leadership to projects that provided social, environmental and economic impact for Fairtrade certified organizations in Africa. In these roles he represented Africa in high level panels and forums including speaking at the UK Parliament House of Commons, UNCTAD 14 and the European Union Parliament among others.

James has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Cranfield University, School of Management, UK and is a qualified Certified Public Accountant. He is also an alumni of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership (UK) among other qualifications. Before joining Fairtrade, James worked for 2 years as a Competitiveness Consultant supporting governments, private sector and development organizations in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Mozambique. Assignments included projects funded by USAID, European Union and UNDP. He also developed a Public Private Partnerships paper for the United Nations Economic Commission – Africa, and a Clusters Information Paper for the Competitiveness Investment Climate (Ministry of Finance) Uganda.

Prior to that, for 6 years James worked as the Country Sector Leader for Economic Development at SNV- (Netherlands Development Organization) in Uganda leading in-country teams working to secure access to markets through M4P value chain development , impact investment practice and was the knowledge management co-lead on adoption and use of the using the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) standard across the East and Southern Africa region.

James spent the early part of his career in consultancy and organization development delivering finance, strategy, performance management and leadership development assignments across Africa for KPMG TSL (a subsidiary of KPMG Kenya) and TACK International (previously a division of PriceWaterhouse in Kenya).

MARY MUNENE

Chief Officer in the Department of Finance and Economic Planning - Embu County

Ms. Mary Mercy Munene is an Economist with more than 30 years in Value Chain Development, Business Development and Entrepreneurship in the cereals, pulses, horticulture and dairy sectors throughout Kenya. She has vast experience in implementing Value Chain-Oriented Programs, utilizing a business development facilitative approach to successfully link entrepreneurs to markets.



She has utilized her vast experiences in market systems development, business enabling environment expansion, farmer organization development and business development service provision to effectively engage all players along the Value Chains. She is also a gender expert and a member of Gender and Climate Change working group. She has served in Kenya Industrial Estate- Industrial development, TechnoServe Inc, DFID, ABD, DANIDA, Land O' Lakes, New KCC, FAO, served as a Vice Chair BDCG, Economic Advisor to the County Government of Embu, Chief Officer Agriculture and Cooperative Development among other organizations. She has a passion for making a positive difference in people's lives.

KAREN SMITH

Private Sector Development Consultant

Karen has over ten years' experience in the field which is built on her prior business and consultancy work in other fields. She spent six and a half years in Malawi and is now based in London where she specializes in inclusive business and market systems approaches. She is currently and embedded consultant on the DFID-funded Business Innovation Facility project which includes working in the high value agriculture and tea markets in Kenya.



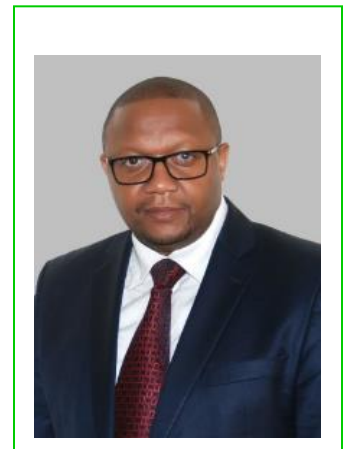
As well as her consulting work, Karen leads a SAAS company, Smallholders, which offers a mobile app and web-based platform to capture and manage data on smallholder / out grower programmes. The system is customized to client needs and can deliver product traceability, monitoring and evaluation data and analytics and field worker management, as well as many other features. As an innovative inclusive business, the vision for Smallholders is to build collaborative solutions to improve efficiencies and data-driven decision-making for clients as well as agronomic information and support to small holder beneficiaries.

Topic: Leveraging E-Commerce to help smallholders access markets, inputs and information - Malawi Case Study

ERIC NAIVASHA

General Manager, Energy & Environment at Equity Group Foundation -Kenya

Eric oversaw the development and digitization of the EcoMoto loan product, an innovative financing facility for customers to acquire clean energy products such as cleaner cookstoves, solar home systems & LPG. He is also spearheading the establishment of a distribution network for renewable energy products leveraging on Equity Bank's agents, multi-product distributors and manufacturers/suppliers' networks covering nearly all the counties in Kenya. Mr. Naivasha also leads the Renewable and Energy Efficiency (RE&EE) portfolio at commercial and household levels.



With experience in banking, RE&EE, Training & Consultancy, Mr. Naivasha has a unique blend of expertise that allows design of innovative financial products for renewable energy in general. Before joining Equity in 2016, Naivasha worked in other senior positions including the Royal Dutch Philips as the BOP Venture Manager for Africa, Managing Director at K-Rep Advisory Services in Kenya, Managing Director at Centre for Microenterprise Development (CMD) in Nigeria, Investment Director for Africa at Catalyst Microfinance Investors (CMI) and Regional Director for MYC4 A/S.

Mr. Naivasha holds Master of Science degree in Economics from University of Zimbabwe, a BA in Economics from Moi University Kenya and numerous short courses in finance.

JOSEPH MUTUA

Director Market Systems Development in the USAID-Kenya

Joseph works with USAID - Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems (KCDMS) activity is an agribusiness specialist with particular interest in supporting growth of agri-business programs using market-driven, business- oriented approaches.

He has extensive experience in ag. value chains and has been involved in facilitating adoption and scaling up of innovative models in agricultural value chains using the Market System Facilitation (MSF) approach. Joseph holds a MSc. in Plant Ecology and Physiology from The University of Nairobi and B.Ed. (Science) in Botany and Zoology from Kenyatta University.



JUDITH ODONGO

M&E, Collaboration Learning and Adaptation Director

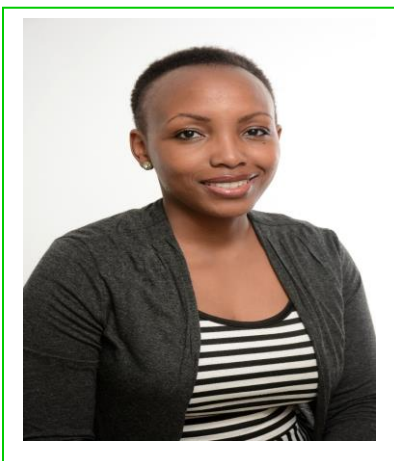
Judy's current assignment is on the 5-year USAID Feed the Future - Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems activity (KCDMS). KCDMS is implemented by RTI International as the Lead partner supported by FIPS, EAMDA, Open Capital, Busara Centre, Making Cents International and ILRI.

She has invaluable experience in Market Systems facilitation and MEL for Market Systems having Led and or worked with teams to develop and implement MEL systems for Market Systems Projects including the current USAID's KCDMS and DFID's Markets Assistance Program.



ANNRITA NJIRU

Technical Assistance Manager - Lundin Foundation



AnnRita has over 10 years' experience working in higher education, consulting and business coaching. Her experience includes lecturing, research, training, coaching, consulting and strategy development for small and medium enterprises. She has previously been instrumental in organizing the global social venture business plan competition (GSVC) including mentoring for the same has worked as a growth catalyst for one of the leading regional accelerators, based in Nairobi where her role spanned recruitment and strategy development support for businesses in Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Zambia.

At Lundin Foundation, she is working for the Turkana Catalyst Initiative program (TCI), a business accelerator and financing program tailored to enable the growth of high potential businesses operating within or from Turkana County. Her role involves coaching and facilitating training workshops, strategy development support and matching entrepreneurs with relevant linkages including coaches,

suppliers, customers and service providers. with the objective of making them investor ready. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a double major in accounting and marketing and a Master of Commerce in Sustainability reporting from Strathmore University, Kenya. She is also an alumnus of the Leadership Excellence and Africa's development program (LEAD) from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and Impact Business Leaders (IBL), a social enterprise and impact investing careers program.

EBENEZER THUMI GITHUTHA
Head of Programmes – MESPT

Thumi has vast experience in the development sector especially among smallholder farmers and Micro enterprises in East Africa.

Previously, Mr. Thumi worked at Farm Concern International (FCI) where he rose the ranks to the Country Team Leader directing Programs and Operations at FCI, Kenya. Preceding this, he had successfully directed FCI's multiple impact-oriented programs in Tanzania. Other development assignments were Head of Credit and Business Development with Navigators Kenya. His development career work started off at World Vision Kenya where his last assignment was Branch Manager on rural development along the Kenyan Coastal Region.



He holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Management from the University of Nairobi and Business Management degree from Moi University.

Mathews Chirasha Wanjala
CECM - Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative development
Bungoma County

Mathews is the current County Executive Committee Member (CECM) or County Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperatives for Bungoma County. Before joining the County Government in 2017, Mathews worked for East Africa Trade and Investment Hub as the Regional Value Chains Development Specialist, with special focus on supporting the development and implementation of regional agricultural value chains in Dairy, Livestock, Horticulture, Apparels, Leather, Cereals etc. as well as cross border agricultural Trade. Before this, Mathews worked at SNV Netherlands as the National Project Manager for BMGF funded School Feeding and Food Security.

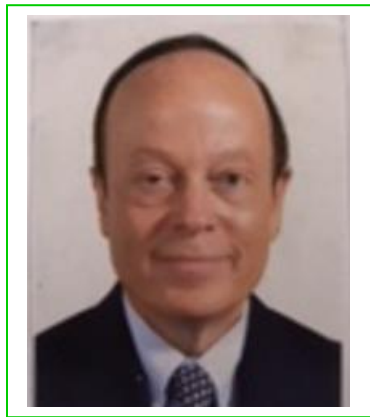


Over the years, Mathews has designed, implemented and managed donor funded projects and programmes across different value chains in Kenya and the region. He has also implemented projects on green growth and renewable energy (with special focus on sustainable energy solutions) as well as climate smart agricultural practices (minimum tillage, crop rotation, irrigated farming, green house production systems, sustainable land use etc.) Mathews was recently a panellist during the FAO organised Climate Smart Agriculture conference at Safari Park in Nairobi.

Based on this background, and especially with experiences in both and public sector, Mathews comes with unique skills, knowledge and experiences that will enrich the discussion, especially from the County Governments perspective, given that agriculture is heavily devolved.

Mathews holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Management (Finance and Banking option) from Egerton University and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Nairobi. Mathews is currently pursuing an MSC in Project Planning and Management from the University of Nairobi. He has also been trained locally and abroad on a wide range of subjects such as Agribusiness Marketing and Planning, M4P, PMSD, Participatory Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA), Agricultural Value Chains Development and Analysis, Agriculture Marketing and Systems Development, Climate Smart Agriculture etc. and has been part of the BDS journey from the First Conference.

MR. DVORIN RICK



A seasoned capital markets and financial services professional, having worked as an executive at Securities and Derivatives Exchanges in the USA, UK and The Netherlands. He has worked as an international economic growth senior consultant since 1994, working and living in 22 countries, working for and with donor organizations of USAID, World Bank/IFC, and Asian Development Bank.

During this time, Mr. Dvorin has worked as Team Leader, Country Director, and Deputy and Chief of Party of over 15 projects, and developed bond markets in East and West Africa, introduced leasing as well as warehouse receipt financing systems to West Africa and Sri Lanka, developed the government bond and equity markets, and other exchanges in Central Europe, East and South Asia, and throughout Africa, and assisted in the disbursement of financing and the development of financial instruments throughout Africa, Eastern and Central Europe, Central and South Asia.

Mr. Dvorin's latest position prior to coming to Kenya September 2018 was Chief of Party (i.e., on site country project manager) on the very successful 5-year, USAID funded "Financing Ghanaian Agriculture Project" (USAID FinGAP) which facilitated financing of almost \$170 million being disbursed to over 2500 SMEs in three agricultural value chains. FinGAP engaged with over 50 Financial Institutions as well as over 50 Business Advisory Services providers, in disbursing this \$170 million (target was \$75 million) to these SMEs, using a pay-for-performance incentive, as well as building the capacity of the FIs and BAS providers. The BAS providers identified SMEs needing financing and were in demand to work with the FIs, in that they submitted packages of documents applying for financing (debt and equity) for engaged SMEs, thus providing pipelines of deals to the FIs. The FinGAP also documented benefitting 169,000 small holder farmers through the financing of the SMEs by job and income growth, and the SHFs' families assessing better water, electricity, sanitation facilities, as well as being able to send (or return) children to schools. The project urged both SMEs and FIs to pay the BAS providers for their services and accomplishments on financing. The FinGAP assisted in setting up the sustainable Business Advisory Services Provider Association of Ghana (BASPAG) which has been operating and expanding since December 2017.

Similar activities for similar and greater expected results and impacts have been initiated in Kenya for this 5 year, USAID-funded, Feed the Future Kenya Investment Mechanism (KIM) program,

along with expected modifications and variations for the Kenyan environment and ecosystem. Assessment teams have been on the ground this past month and a half to determine the basis of KIM's engagements with BAS providers, FIs, and SMEs working along any of the links in the dairy, livestock, horticulture, and clean energy Value Chains.

Topic: Unlocking barriers to agro-business and agro-processing

EUNICE KANDIA

Trade Officer, Agribusiness Investment for Market Stimulation (AIMS) – Global Communities

Eunice works with agribusinesses and agricultural SMEs on value chain development, financial modeling, establishing business partnerships and growth and development strategies and assisting businesses with sustainable business practices and management in farming.

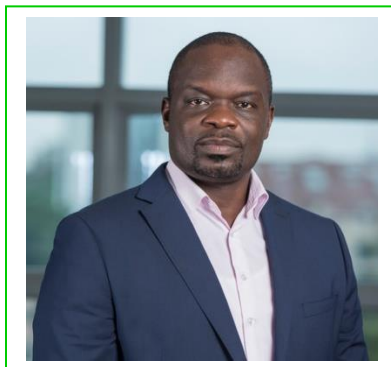
She's a graduate of Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), and has spent over 10 years working with NGOs, and private and public sectors in Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda establishing value chain partnerships – for both farmers and sector stakeholders. Previous roles included agribusiness and technical advisor, capacity building specialist; and agribusiness consultant.



She has worked with farmers and farmer groups in rolling out technologies and have gained experience in listening to what information they consider necessary towards growing their yields. She has established and developed effective working relations with stakeholders; partners, local communities, relevant government bodies and agencies, collaborators, donor agencies, etc. who can support and are profitable in promoting agriculture growth initiatives in Kenya and Tanzania. Being passionate and driven towards realizing strong agribusinesses, she has supported project development and strategic support in a wide variety of areas, including value chain development and upgrading strategies, improving access to agricultural inputs, agricultural extension, and marketing

FRED OGANA

Founder and Managing Partner



Fred Ogana is the Founder and Managing Partner of the East Africa Market Development Associates Ltd. an enterprise development-consulting firm that undertakes both short term and long-term implementation projects. He is a business development practitioner with over 20 years' experience working with small and medium sized businesses in service, manufacturing and agribusiness sectors with expertise in setting up farmer-owned rural enterprises across the Eastern Africa region.

He formally served as the Country Director of TechnoServe Inc. in Kenya prior to which he jointly founded an export and import company in partnership with a group of Prague based investors with whom they established and ran a successful flower export

business. He is a holds an Honorary Bachelor of Commerce degree in Business Management from University of South Africa, Pretoria, and a Bachelor of Arts Business Studies and Sociology, from Kenyatta University, Nairobi. He serves on several Boards of regional and global non-profit organizations and social enterprises.

STEPHEN KIARIE

Agribusiness Trade Specialist at Global Communities

Stephen Kiarie is an Agri-business specialist with a wealth of experience in the Private sector and development sectors in East Africa. His area of expertise is in Agribusiness Trade development (SME and small holder farmers), Private and Public Sector led partnerships, Program design and program management, business strategy design & Implementation.



He has served in various capacities including in senior management over the last 15 years with leading Agro-processing private sector companies and international development organizations in the Agricultural sector in East Africa.

Stephen is currently the Agribusiness Trade Specialist at Global Communities, an international development organization in charge of all SME trade development and capacity building activities in Kenya in the Agribusiness Investment for Market Stimulation (AIMS) program funded by United States department of Agriculture (USDA).

He possesses undergraduate training in Agriculture & Agribusiness and Post graduate training in Marketing and Strategic management.

JOHN W. KINAGA

Director of Programs & Partnerships in Africa - Kickstart International

John Kinaga has an MSc Rural Engineering (Cranfield University-UK) and BSC in Agricultural Engineering from University of Nairobi Kenya.

He has been with Kickstart since 1997, at first as Project Manager for a highly successful USAID funded initiative to create agricultural enterprises and jobs in rural Kenya. Since 2005 John has overseen our successful Global Institutional Partnerships Program, building it from scratch, now traveling extensively and supplying clients in over 20 African countries and elsewhere with Agricultural Water Management (AWM) solutions.



He has worked in many Africa countries with governments, NGOs partners- working with small scale farmers- and the private sector value chain to introduce small scale irrigation to improve farmer's income and livelihood. His long and successful career at Kickstart was preceded by 13 years' service with the Ministry of Agriculture working on agricultural mechanization, rural technology development, and a 2-year secondment to FAO on rural oilseed processing. John's deep knowledge of working and building relationships with Partners working with smallholder

farmers and his understanding of government protocols is invaluable in shaping Kickstart's policies for creating more impacts to smallholder farmers across Africa.

ROSEIRENE GITHIGE

Account Manager - Projects for AMSCO Development Solutions- Kenya

Roselrene joined AMSCO East Africa in 2018. She previously worked as the Head of programmes for GrowthAfrica Foundation working with SMEs in Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Zambia. She previously worked as a Senior Business Advisor for Techno Serve Kenya, under the Young Women in Enterprise program funded by NIKE Foundation. Rose Irene has a great passion for working with youth and women. She has worked under several donor-funded projects in Africa.



Rose Irene has over 15 years' experience as a program manager working with Small and Medium Enterprises from recruitment to capacity building, mentorship, coaching and linkage to access market and external investment. She has hands-on experience in; Strategy development, Resource Mobilization, Project management, Grants management, Business development, Value chain analysis & development and access for investment.

Roselrene holds a master's in business administration (Strategic Management) from the University of Nairobi and Bachelor of Education from Moi University. She also holds several certifications in Computer and Information Technologies (IT).

ELIUD NKUNJA IMAANA

SNV

Eliud has 15 years' experience providing business development support to agribusinesses in East Africa with key focus on development of sustainable and inclusive value chains. Working with other stakeholders, he has been designing and executing integrated projects that promotes enduring agricultural production and marketing. Particularly, he offers expertise on corporate governance and management; access to finance, inputs and markets; and research among others. Eliud has held various positions in private sector (Equatorial Nuts Ltd), TechnoServe (International NGO) and he is now managing a project under SNV.



He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA)-Strategic management from Kenyatta University and Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science and Post-harvest Technology from Jomo Kenyatta University. Eliud has authored a book titled 'THE EFFECTS OF COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES ON BANKS PERFORMANCE'

Topic: Promotion of value chain diversification and integrated farming can accelerate movement from subsistence farming and emergency aid to sustainable rural development for farmers in arid lands –Lessons from Dry Lands Development (DryDev) project

MARGARET NGETHA

Enterprise Development advisor - Self Help Africa (SHA)

Margaret provides technical support on agri enterprise development to projects in Kenya Uganda, Ethiopia, Zambia, Malawi and Burkina Faso. Margaret leads all the Micro Finance initiatives in the organisation. She designs and facilitates interventions aimed at contributing to increased access to financial services for small holder farmers.



Her expertise is in the areas of managing Agri enterprises, business development particularly use of remote and private BDS providers, building linkages to financial services, market facilitation targeting the BOP, women and youth participation in agriculture. Prior to working with development agencies, Margaret worked for 11 years in the private sector managing small and growing agribusinesses. For her, “It’s about supporting agri enterprises to flourish”

Topic: Productive asset building as a frontier for financial Inclusion - The Case of Saving with a productive Purpose (SWAPP) in Uganda.

PETER NGELI

GGEP Programme Manager - MESPT



He is currently responsible for overseeing and guiding implementation of MESPT’s green growth, enterprise development and value chain development projects across the Kenyan region. He has over 13 years’ stint managing food security and livelihoods changing projects and programs (particularly targeted to the small holder farmer) within the East Africa region.

Previously, Ngeli worked with Farm Concern International (FCI) as a Project Manager and Team leader in the implementation of a cross border program among others. He has also worked as a Regional Manager with Jaribu Credit Traders (JCT) in Uganda having worked with the same organization as a Branch Manager in Kenya.

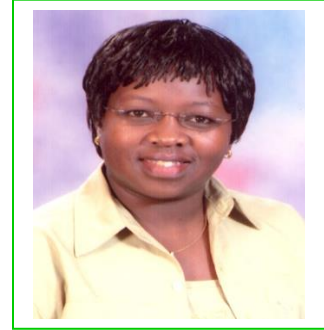
He holds a Master’s Degree in Strategic Management from the University of Nairobi and Business Management degree from Moi University.

Topic: Making the small holder system viable and sustainable -impact of climate change on smallholder farmer

MARY WAMBUI NJUGUNA

Deputy Country Director and head of Agriculture - SNV Kenya

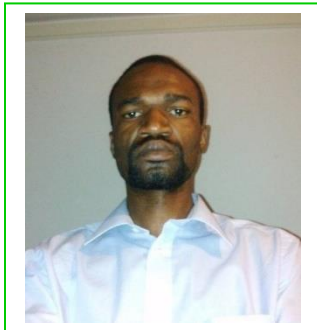
Mary is the immediate former Chair of the BDCG. She is a Development professional with more than twenty (20) years of demonstrated expertise in the management of development Programmes; design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation across sectors.



As an agriculture sector leader, Mary coordinates a portfolio of projects to strengthen agriculture value chains, dairy, and horticulture, extensive livestock in ASALs, as well as cereals and grains: that support smallholder farmers and pastoralist's communities to develop sustainable solutions to market access and value chains development, food security and environment sustainable production. As a practitioner Mary has a strong track record as a facilitator of capacity development for; public, private and none-governmental sectors; involving change management, gender mainstreaming (agricultural value chains analysis), and sector governance. Mary is a certified executive coach and holds an MSC in organizational development.

TAURAI ALBERT MUTASA

Senior Programme Officer Inclusive Markets - Christian Aid



Albert is a versatile and experienced rural development expert, with competencies in market led development (Market Systems Development, Value chain Development, Market Linkages), for achieving Secure and resilient livelihoods, food and nutritional security, enterprise development and institutional development.

The above accomplishments are stemmed from competencies and considerable experience in program cycle management, multi stakeholder facilitations, participatory approaches to development, gender and inclusion sensitive programming, and sustainability focused programming.

Mr. Mutasa has more than 15 years' experience working in rural programming. His resume points to a traceable accomplishment in several southern African countries of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia, and Cambodia, SE Asia. He has worked with biotechnology companies of Monsanto and Agribiotech; Agric marketing companies Hortico Fresh Produce and Livestock and meat advisory council; International NGOs the Swedish Cooperative Center (now We-Effect) and VSO.

He holds a Masters in Rural Development from the VHL University (Netherlands) and a bachelor's degree in agriculture from University of Zimbabwe.

ALBERTINA

Access to Finance Advisor-SNV

Albertina is the Access to Finance Advisor for DRDEV Project in SNV Kenya. She has ten years of work experience both in public and private sectors. Her current assignments include implementation of a financial inclusion program (PROFIT). For the last seven years Albertina has been working in the banking sector. Most recently she was the head of Agribusiness department at Jamii Bora Bank. She has excellent skills in engaging and negotiating for public and private partnerships in the agribusiness sector aimed at financial inclusion of smallholder farmers, identification of financial challenges hindering the progress of agribusiness value chain players and developing innovative and customized financial solution. She has a great wealth of experience in Agri-Business lending and developing financial literacy materials and facilitating financial literacy trainings.



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