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## **Appointment of the President of IFAD**

Governing Council — Thirty-Second Session  
Rome, 18-19 February

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For: **Information**

## **Note to Governors**

This document is submitted for the information of the Governing Council.

To make the best use of time available at Governing Council sessions, Governors are invited to contact the following focal point with any technical questions about this document before the session:

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## Appointment of the President of IFAD

1. Under article 6.8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the President of the Fund shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further term. The current President of IFAD, Mr Lennart Båge, was appointed at the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council, on 22 February 2001; he was reappointed for a further four-year term at the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council, on 16 February 2005.
2. The Secretary of IFAD sent out a call for nominations to all Member States on 12 September 2008, informing the Governing Council Bureau thereof. Section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD (the By-laws) stipulates that all nominations for the office of President shall be submitted no less than 60 days before the opening of the session at which the appointment of the President is to be decided. The deadline for receipt of nominations therefore expired on Saturday, 20 December 2008.
3. IFAD has received six nominations for the position of President of IFAD:
  - Mr Mirza Qamar **Beg** is the official candidate nominated by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
  - Mr Joachim von **Braun** is the official candidate nominated by the Federal Republic of Germany;
  - Mr Amadou Boubacar **Cissé** is the official candidate nominated by the Republic of Niger;
  - Mr Haim **Divon** is the official candidate nominated by the State of Israel;
  - Mr Kanayo F. **Nwanze** is the official candidate nominated by the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and
  - Mr Phrang Kupar Melville **Roy** is the official candidate nominated by the Republic of India.
4. The letters of nomination and curricula vitae submitted by these Governments for their candidates are attached as annex I.
5. Section 6.2 of the By-laws also requires the President to communicate timely nominations to all Members and the Bureau of the Governing Council no less than 40 days prior to the session of the Governing Council (i.e. at the latest by 9 January 2009). On 22 December 2008, the President communicated the letters of nomination and the curricula vitae of the candidates for appointment to the position of President to all Member States and to the Bureau of the Governing Council (see annex II).
6. In accordance with article 6.8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the Governing Council shall appoint the President by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes. Such appointment is governed by rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council and voting shall be held by secret ballot as per rule 38.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council. Rule 41 specifies:
  - “1. The appointment of the President shall be considered by the Governing Council at a private meeting, and voting shall be in accordance with Rule 38.1.
  2. The Governing Council shall appoint the President by at least two-thirds of the total number of votes. In the case of more than one nominee, if no nominee receives the required number of votes on the first ballot, a second

ballot shall be taken in which the nominee who received the fewest votes shall not participate. This procedure shall be repeated until one nominee receives at least two-thirds of the total number of votes or the Council decides that such balloting be discontinued and decision be taken on another date. Each Governor casting the votes of the Member he represents shall cast them in favour of a single person.”

7. In accordance with article 6.2(c)(vi) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and section 6.1 of the By-laws, the remuneration of the President is established by the Governing Council. Document GC 32/L.10 submitted to the present session of the Governing Council contains the report of the Emoluments Committee, which reviewed the overall emoluments and other conditions of employment of the President of IFAD. That document will be discussed before the voting is held.





**SYED NAVEED QAMAR**  
Minister for Finance, Revenue,  
Economic Affairs & Statistics

ISLAMABAD

September 15, 2008

**SUBJECT: - ELECTION OF PRESIDENT IFAD**

Dear Mr. *Ciocca*,

Your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 on the subject refers. The Government of Pakistan is pleased to nominate Ambassador Mirza Qamar Beg as its candidate for the office of President, IFAD.

2. Ambassador Beg has a distinguished record of public service. He has served as the Secretary to the Government of Pakistan for Commerce and Ambassador of Pakistan to Italy and Rome based UN agencies. He has also served as President of Executive Board of the World Food Programme (2006). He was elected as the Vice Chairperson of G77 and China (Rome Chapter). His experience as a member of the IFAD Board (2004-2007) has given him useful insight into IFAD's potential and capacities as well as challenges which need to be addressed. His CV is attached.

3. The Government of Pakistan is confident that Ambassador Beg has the necessary attributes to lead IFAD and meet the aspirations of the member states.

With regards,

  
(Syed Naveed Qamar)

Mr. Paolo Ciocca  
Secretary  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)  
Rome

## MIRZA QAMAR BEG



Mirza Qamar Beg is currently a Visiting Fellow at Cambridge University (Wolfson College), UK, working on poverty and development issues. He also serves as an independent Director on the Board of AH Bank, on the Audit Committee of WFP, and is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of ASIACARE (a healthcare organisation).

A public servant of long standing, his skills, demonstrated at the highest levels, encompass visioning, leading and managing, and partnering and consensus building in a multicultural environment. He has extensive experience of resource mobilisation and development having led the designing, funding and execution of poverty alleviation and rural development strategies in two of the least developed of Pakistan's four provinces, in partnership with IFIs, bilateral donors, the UN system, NGOs and community organizations. He has a strong track record of reform and change management. He has actively participated in IFAD's recent reform process.

### Career

**Ambassador** to Italy and Permanent Representative to FAO. Awarded 'Grande Ufficiale, Stella Della Solidarita Italiana'.

**Commerce Secretary** of Pakistan. Besides formulating trade, commercial, and insurance policies and implementation strategies, oversaw resource management of one of Pakistan's largest Ministries, placing particular emphasis on personnel skill-upgradation and motivation. Developed Pakistan's negotiating strategy with trading partners and at the WTO.

**Chief Secretary** to the Government of Balochistan. Administrative head of the Province responsible for executive, financial and development functions.

**Chairman and CEO**, Pakistan Steel. Managed the largest industrial enterprise in Pakistan, bringing about a strategic shift in organizational behaviour.

**Additional Chief Secretary (Development)**, Governments of Sindh and Balochistan. Responsible for all development in the two least developed provinces.

- Led the setting up of Balochistan Rural Development programme with particular focus on women-in-development and environmental sustainability.
- In both the provinces led the World Bank assisted multibillion dollar Social Action Programme for Pakistan (rural health, education, drinking water, sanitation) that required major policy and institutional reforms.

**Economic Counsellor**, Pakistan Embassy, Paris. Responsible for all trade and bilateral economic relationship with France and Ireland. Extensive dealings with OECD.

**Several mid career appointments** including Managing Director Republic Motors, Director General Food, Joint Secretary Prime Minister's Office and Divisional Commissioner.

**Started career as a District Officer**, responsible for law and order, revenue and development administration at the sub-divisional and district level.

### Multilateral Experience

Permanent Representative to FAO  
 President, WFP Executive Board  
 Director, IFAD Executive Board  
 Vice Chair of G-77 and China (Rome Chapter)  
 Chaired Joint Meetings of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WFP (2005 and 2006)  
 Advised the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who was Co-Chair of the Secretary General's High Level Panel on System-Wide Coherence.  
 Member Audit Committee of WFP  
 Negotiated with IMF, World Bank, and Asian Development Bank. Aid to Pakistan Consortium (Paris Club) and at WTO

### Personal Information

**Nationality:** Pakistan

**Date of Birth:** 6 December 1944

**Education & Trg** MA (Panjab University, Pakistan),  
 Post-Grad Diploma (Development Studies), Cambridge  
 Public Policy (Harvard),  
 Advanced Management (Pittsburgh)

**Marital Status:** Married with two daughters

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BONN, 25.11.2008

Dear Mr Ciocca,

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the government of the Federal Republic of Germany nominates Professor Joachim von Braun as a candidate for the office of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Professor von Braun combines internationally acknowledged expertise on all aspects of rural development with wide-ranging management experience, as he has proven in his current position of Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The government of the Federal Republic of Germany believes that these qualities, combined with his considerable personal renown, make him ideally suited to the task of skilfully continuing and consolidating IFAD's programme of internal reform, further strengthening its work on its core mandate of fighting rural poverty, and acting as a strong public representative of the organisation.

Professor von Braun would be pleased to be given an opportunity to present his vision for the International Fund for Agricultural Development to the member countries prior to the election.

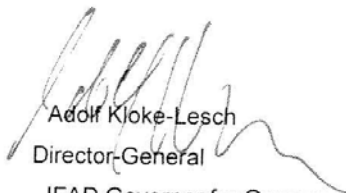


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for Economic Cooperation  
and Development

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Please find enclosed the candidate's CV.

Yours sincerely,



Adolf Kioke-Lesch  
Director-General  
IFAD Governor for Germany

### Dr Joachim von Braun [CURRICULUM VITAE 2008]



*Joachim von Braun has strong leadership credentials, based on his longstanding experience as a sound administrator of high-profile development organizations and programmes. He has successfully built and led organizations with global reach, is a trusted voice and advisor to the highest policy-making instances on matters of food, agriculture and economic development. He is currently Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the world's premier international organization on food and agricultural policy research with about 280 staff. IFPRI has its headquarters in Washington, DC, and maintains offices and partnerships in many developing countries. Dr von Braun is a German citizen.*

Dr von Braun's goals, experiences and leadership skills can be illustrated as follows:

- As a **development leader with ample practical experience**, Dr von Braun combines global and local-level action. His leadership in food and agriculture development, trade policy, public investment and poverty reduction are internationally recognized. Over the past three decades, he has built a strong record of designing and leading innovative large-scale programmes with numerous projects on the ground, including a programme on pro-poor transformation of small-farm agriculture (12 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America) and a programme for innovation in microfinance (in 10 countries). He has also studied the impact of rural employment programmes (in China, India, and Africa), worked to overcome digital divides for the rural poor (in 11 countries), and promoted policies and programmes for food security and famine prevention (in East Africa). He has extensive experience of working in West and East Africa, Egypt, Central America, Bangladesh and China.
- Joachim von Braun is **an innovative builder of institutions and a successful change manager**. As Director General of IFPRI since 2002, Dr von Braun has guided and overseen the Institute's efforts to provide sustainable solutions for reducing poverty, improving food security, and development. IFPRI—an independent international organization governed by a Board of Trustees—is not only an academic institute, but has a practical impact with operations in more than 40 developing countries. The Institute's agenda addresses all aspects of policy and strategy along the food value chain, from resource management (including water and climate issues) and production to nutrition and health. Under Joachim von Braun's leadership, IFPRI has

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more than doubled its staff and budget over the past six years. The Institute has some 280 staff members, operates with a network of about 400 partners around the world, and is financed by approximately 60 investors (countries and foundations). Dr von Braun has driven change in the Institute's **business model and management** for increased effectiveness in five ways: 1) *decentralization* (moving from 3 to now about 80 staff based with local or regional organizations; new IFPRI offices in New Delhi, Dakar, Kampala, Abuja, Accra and Beijing since 2004; a whole division relocated to Addis Ababa); 2) *strategic innovation* (broader leadership and management structure, addition of two new divisions – one on development strategy and one on capacity strengthening); 3) reforming *recruitment and performance review systems* for research staff (leading to a greater focus on results and a more diverse and gender-balanced research team); 4) establishment of new *internal audit and control* mechanisms; 5) establishment of *joint venture programmes* with their own boards, management and effective control mechanisms (examples are the US\$ 80 million "HarvestPlus" programme; and in Africa the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) to back up CAADP/NEPAD.

Before coming to IFPRI, Dr von Braun was Director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF Bonn) in Germany. As Director he built the Center up from scratch over a period of five years with a team of colleagues to establish a well-respected organization with about 40 professional staff and 120 doctoral students in development studies.

As a **manager**, von Braun is a team player, who excels in identifying co-leaders and inspiring them to perform outstandingly well through culturally sensitive, respectful coaching. He connects bold innovations with sound business- and financial-risk assessments. He has taken part in business school leadership training courses. His respect for a diversity of voices and continuous interaction with NGOs, academia, and the media is part of his approach.

- Joachim von Braun is a **leader in the agricultural development profession**. As president and executive board member of the International Association of Agricultural Economists for 12 years he led and effectively managed this organization of about 2000 members in more than 80 countries, and expanded its reach in the emerging economies.

In his role as Director General of IFPRI, which is part of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) – a research-for-development organization of about 8000 professionals operating in more than 100 countries – von Braun plays a key role for strengthening cooperation. He chairs a "platform on agriculture and health" of about 20 international organizations, and is the CGIAR's representative on cooperation with the private sector. He also serves on the boards

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of a number of international organizations, and is a member of several science academies.

- Von Braun's **intellectual leadership** makes an important contribution to international agenda-setting in food, agriculture and development. Recent examples include the dialogues and conferences he organized under IFPRI's "2020 Vision Initiative". The conference on "Food and Nutrition Security for all in Africa" drew heads of state and some 500 experts to Kampala, Uganda, in 2004 and helped strengthen the food and agriculture strategies of African countries and organizations (AU, NEPAD, COMESA, ECOWAS, CORAF, ASARECA). The conference on "Taking Action for the Poor and Hungry" held in Beijing, China, in 2007 involved 400 global knowledge leaders and policymakers and put the poorest people, especially those living on less than 50 cents a day, on the policy agenda. Von Braun serves as a **trusted advisor** to developing country governments and international organizations. Joachim von Braun has been a leading **international voice** in the present food price crisis (2007-08), providing early alerts and shaping national and international responses. He is often cited in the international media (BBC, CNN, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, etc.), and frequently addresses global and national forums.

**Further information see the website:** <http://www.ifpri.org/srstaff/vonbrauni.asp>.



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Tabulated CURRICULUM VITAE  
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German citizen, born July 10, 1950  
 Married to Dr. Barbara von Braun, 3 daughters

**Education**

1975 Dipl. Ing. Agriculture, University of Bonn, Germany (equivalent to M.Sc. Agricultural Economics)

1978 Doctoral Degree (Agricultural Economics), University of Göttingen, Germany

**Employment**

Sept. 2002 – present Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Sept. 1997 – Sept. 2002 Director, Center for Development Research (ZEF); and Head of Department of 'Economics and Technological Change' of the Center; University of Bonn, Germany

Apr. 1993 – Sept. 1997 Professor, Food Economics, Food Policy, and World Food Issues; and Director, Institute for Food Economics and Consumer Analysis, University of Kiel, Germany

Apr. 1990 – Mar. 1993 Program Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

1984 – 1990 Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

1982 – 1983 Associate Professor, Institute of Agricultural Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany

1981 – 1982 Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (in Egypt)

1979 – 1980 Visiting Fellow, Institute of National Planning, Cairo, Egypt

1975 – 1980 Research Associate, Faculty of Agriculture, Institute of Agricultural Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany

1970 – 1974 Farm worker in Germany, Turkey, France (part-time)

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**Selected Functions in Advisory Councils/Boards**

- “Hunger Task Force” of the Millennium Development Project of the United Nations — Member [2003–2005]
- Agenda Council on Food Security of the World Economic Forum (Davos Forum) [from 2008] and participant in Davos Forum various years since 2002
- International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) — President [2000–2003]; Vice-President for Program [1994–1997]; Executive Committee Member [1994–2006]
- International Advisory Board of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) — Member [from 2007]
- International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) — Member [from 2007]
- G8-Digital Opportunity Task Force (DOT Force) for preparation of G8 action plan to bridge the digital divide — Member [2000–2001]

**Selected Honors and Awards**

- Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for contributions to agricultural development and food policy for developing countries [2006]
- Academy of Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Economics, Engineering, and Natural Sciences Chapter) — Member [elected in 1999]
- Honorary Doctoral Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim, Germany [2005]
- Elected Fellow of the German Economics Association [1996]

**Languages:** English (fluent); German (fluent); French (limited working knowledge)

**Work Experiences in Emerging Economies**

*Countries in which von Braun lived or with more than 3 months of work experiences in the country:* Egypt, The Gambia, Guatemala, Rwanda, Sudan, Ethiopia, China, Bangladesh;  
Extensive work and cooperation experience in other 22 emerging economies.

**Selected Books (publications see <http://www.ifpri.org/srstaff/vonbraunj.asp>)**

- von Braun, J., Díaz-Bonilla, E.. 2008. *Globalization of food and agriculture and the poor*. New Delhi, India: Oxford University Press.
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- Zeller, M., G. Schrieder, J. von Braun, and F. Heidhues. 1997. *Rural Finance for Food Security for the Poor: Implications for Research and Policy*. Food Policy Review 4. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- von Braun, J., and E. Kennedy (eds.). 1994. *Agricultural commercialization, economic development, and nutrition*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Republic of the Niger

Niamey, 3 November 2008

Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation  
Directorate for the United Nations and  
International Organizations

The Minister

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To: The Secretary of the  
International Fund for  
Agricultural Development  
(IFAD)  
Rome

Subject: Candidacy announced by the Niger for the Presidency of IFAD

Mr Secretary,

I am honoured to inform you that the Government of the Niger has decided to present Mr AMADOU ABOUBACAR CISSE as a candidate for the position of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), for which elections will be held in February 2009.

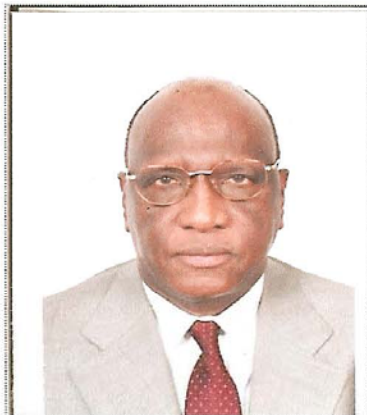
Please find attached the curriculum vitae of the candidate, which has been translated into three languages: English, French and Arabic.

I thank you for your steadfast collaboration, Mr Secretary, and offer you the assurances of my high consideration.

Attachment: 1 CV in three languages

Ms AICHATOU MINDAOUDOU  
[Signature and ministerial stamp]

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**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**AMADOU BOUBACAR CISSE**

**Personal Details**

Date and Place of Birth: June 29, 1948 in Niamey  
 Civil Status: Married and has 5 children  
 Nationality: Niger  
 e-mail: amadcisse@gmail.com

**Education**

- Ph D. in Civil Engineering from "*Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées de Paris*" - France
- Master's degree in Economics, France
- Mathématiques Supérieures, Mathématiques spéciales in France (Elite Preparatory Diploma for France distinguished "Grandes Ecoles")
- Baccalauréat (High School Diploma) in Niger

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- A public servant with recognized skills at highest levels (Prime Minister, Senior Minister of Finance, Vice President in charge of Operations of a large Multilateral institution).
- Recognized commitment to reform, development assistance and to improve its efficiency and its visibility.
- A strong international leadership, corporate governance and broad experience in development and excellent inter-personal and decision making skills.
- In-depth knowledge of rural poverty issue in Asia and Africa.
- Recognized skills in resource mobilization in relation with combating poverty and attainment of the MDGs.
- Excellent communication and negotiations skills.
- In-depth ability to understand cultural diversity.
- Wide experience in institutional reorganization and reform, ability to promote team work and to motivate staff and capacity to work under heavy pressure.
- Fluent in English and French.

### **Professional Career**

#### **January 2002 to Present:**

Vice President of the Islamic Development Bank in charge of Operations In charge of the entire activity of the Bank to support the economic and social development of its 56 member countries in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Responsibilities include the definition of the strategies, proposing and implementing the development assistance program (\$US 2.2 billion per year) at regional and national level, cooperation and partnership with regional and international development institutions, resource mobilization for poverty alleviation. Participation in several high level working groups/Fora such as UN Steering Group for the MDGs in Africa., World Bank/IMF Development Committee etc. Cooperation with the UN Specialized Agencies such as IFAD, FAO, WTO, UNDP, UNESCO; other Multilateral Institutions: Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, etc., China, India, Japan development institutions.

### **Landmark Achievement**

Played a key role in the conceptualization and establishment of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development aiming at combating poverty and contributed to the resource mobilization for the Fund..

Initiated and supervised the preparation of IsDB response to the Global Food Crisis which culminated in the Jeddah declaration issued by The Board of Governors of IDB earmarking US\$ 1.5 Billion to support Agriculture and Food security in the IsDB Least Developed Member Countries.

Lead the efforts which resulted in the Preparation of IsDB Special Programme for the Development of Africa with a target of US\$ 12 Billion over 5 years in which IsDB will put US\$ 4 billion while the rest will be mobilized from other donors .

Played a leading role in the successful transformation of the Islamic Development Bank, resulting in significant enhancement of its operational focus, doubling its lending volume and tripling its income within five years.

**Institutional Development:** This contributed to repositioning the institution by tackling a number of strategic and developmental issues and by forging effective partnerships with member countries as well as development partners, including the private sector.

**October 1983 – August 1996**

**World Bank Group:**

- Mainly in Africa Region and IFC in various capacities among which:
- Lead Specialist in the Infrastructure sector
- Director of the Transport Program for the Sub-Saharan Africa
- Principal Country Macroeconomist
- Country Operations Director for Chad and Central African Republic

**Landmark Achievement**

Played a key role in shaping infrastructure lending policy to Africa, especially in the transport sector, in his capacity as Director of the Sub-Saharan Africa Transport Programme and as Country Operations Director by putting in place the first ever structural Adjustment Program in Chad in 1994 – 1995. Leading role in shaping Country Assistance Strategy in many African countries.

**1999 – 2001**

Resumption of a career at the World Bank Group as Senior Adviser to the Executive Vice President before being appointed Vice President, Operations at the Islamic Development Bank in November 2001.

**1996 – 1998**

**Government of Niger**

- Senior Minister in Charge of Finance, Planning, Economic Reforms and Privatization
- Prime Minister of Niger

**Landmark Achievement**

Leading the Government successfully through a major reform program, conducted major negotiations with Paris Club which enabled Niger to regain trust of major donors (European Union, International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, etc.). Organization of parliamentary elections and successful implementation of peace agreement with rebel movements.

**1975 – 1982:**

- Director General of Public Works of Niger
- Executive Secretary of the Railway Extension Benin – Niger
- Infrastructure Adviser to the President of Niger

**Key Experience****• Strong institutional Skills**

Involvement for more than 3 decades in policy development, institutional development and resource mobilization. During the last ten years, heavy focus on international development cooperation particularly on:

- Poverty reduction
- Rural development, growth and women empowerment
- Capacity building
- Science and technology
- Economic fora

**• Strong Operational Skills**

- Management and supervision of development programs
- Chairmanship of the IsDB Operations Committee of the Board of Executive Directors
- Chairman of the Poverty Reduction Group of the IsDB from 2004 to present.
- Governor of the World Bank and IMF (1996 – 1997).

**Awards**

- Commander of the National Order of Merit of Burkina Faso
- Commander of the National Order of Merit of the Republic of Niger
- Officer of the National Order of Chad





Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jerusalem, 17 December 2008

Dear Dott. Paolo Ciocca,

In the name of the Government of Israel, I hereby nominate Ambassador Haim Divon as Israel's candidate for the office of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

As the Head of Israel's National Agency for International Development, MASHAV/The Center for International Cooperation, Ambassador Divon is an expert of the highest caliber in that field and he is responsible for designing and implementing Israel's international cooperation policy and programs.

Ambassador Haim Divon, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has had a long and distinguished career in Israel's Foreign Service.

In addition to heading MASHAV for almost 10 years, he has served as Israel's Ambassador to Canada and to Ethiopia, headed Israel's mission in Sri Lanka, and served as Deputy Head of Mission in Mumbai, India. He successfully combines vast diplomatic experience with development issues in both the field and at headquarter leadership levels, working with developed and developing countries, as well as with the UN and International Agencies.

Ambassador Divon has the necessary expertise in integrated rural agricultural development in different parts of the world. I am convinced his creative initiatives in this field will be an asset to IFAD.

In view of his impressive record, we believe that Ambassador Divon is eminently qualified for the position of President of IFAD and, therefore, I am submitting herewith his candidacy.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Secretary, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tzipi Livni', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Tzipi Livni

The Honorable  
Dott. Paolo Ciocca  
Secretary of the International Fund for Agricultural Development



**Ambassador Haim Divon**

Email: [haim.divon@mfa.gov.il](mailto:haim.divon@mfa.gov.il)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Nov. 2005 - Present

**Head of Israel's National Agency for International Cooperation - MASHAV  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem**

Designing, implementing and evaluating Israel's international development assistance and humanitarian aid policy and programs

- CEO of the Society for the Transfer of Technology (Ha'Igud)
- Member of the Ministry's Directorate on policy planning
- Overseeing Ministry's ODA financial reports
- Instructing, coordinating and monitoring Israel's 90 diplomatic missions abroad on development and humanitarian aid efforts
- Preparing annual action plans for programs in Israel and abroad
- Coordinating Israel's foreign aid program with the international donor community
- Developing and maintaining close professional contacts with leading international political, development and corporate figures
- Developing partnerships with the Young America's Business Trust ( YABT ), the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank on training programs for Entrepreneurial Development - creating jobs for youngsters
- Forging links with the World Bank Institute in capacity building on Grassroots Management Training and Community Development for the benefit of Western African countries and Haiti
- Developing ties with the World Bank Institute on implementing joint programs in Africa with emphasis on agricultural development, water issues, and gender
- Enhancing joint programs with Israel's immediate neighbors- the PA, Jordan and Egypt
- Expanding Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
- Directing 30 diplomat staffers within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Managing MASHAV's extension centers with 70 professional affiliate staffers
- Coordinating hundreds of Israeli experts from relevant disciplines to implement the various development programs
- Managing and coordinating ongoing relief and humanitarian missions (Darfur, Congo, Cameroon, CAR, Kenya, Cambodia, Myanmar, China and Latin America)
- Head of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Water and Development

- Head of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the Green Revolution in Africa
- Organized the International Conference in Israel, "Israel and The African Green Revolution"
- Maintaining ties with the IFC in regarding agricultural development in Jordan

***Ambassador-at-large***

Dec. 2004 – Nov. 2005

- Managing post-tsunami operations in Thailand, India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia
- Initiating the Ministry's campaign *Israel and the Jewish World Join Hands for Meeting Development Challenges*
- Advocating policy reforms in Israel's foreign aid program in order to align with the Millennium Development Goals and aid effectiveness.

**Ottawa, Canada**

Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2004

***Ambassador of Israel to Canada***

- Developing a close working relationship with the Government of Canada
- Maintaining close professional ties with the governments of all provinces
- Overseeing policy implementation in two Consulates (Montreal, Toronto)
- Cultivating ties with business sector, academia, media, civil society, unions
- Promoting interfaith dialogues (Jewish, Christian and Muslim)
- Advancing trade
- Promoting cultural relations and public advocacy
- Advocating strategies and policy with leading think tanks

**Head of Israel's National Agency for International Cooperation - MASHAV**

Aug. 1995 – Aug. 2000

***Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs***

- Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on foreign aid and humanitarian assistance programs
- Member of the Ministry's Directorate on policy planning
- Advisor to the Minister on the MENA Economic Conference, Amman, Jordan
- Advisor to the Minister on People-to-People programs, Oslo Accord
- Coordinated on-site relief missions and operations to Turkey (earthquake); Ethiopia (famine); Afghanistan (via Tajikistan, earthquake)
- Head of Inter-Ministerial Committee on Desertification and Drought
- Developing partnerships with the Young America's Business Trust ( YABT ), the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank on training programs for Entrepreneurial Development - creating jobs for youngsters
- Initiator and signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding with the World Bank Institute

- Forging links with the World Bank Institute in capacity building on Grassroots Management Training and Community Development for the benefit of Western African countries and Haiti
- Developing and maintaining ties with the IFC regarding development programs in Jordan

**Office of the Deputy Minister, Dr. Yossi Beilin** 1994-1995

***Head of Bureau - Policy Advisor***

- Policy advisor on the Oslo Peace Process
- Coordinating peace talks with Palestinian delegations and Arab diplomats
- Maintaining ties with Arab countries having no diplomatic relations with Israel
- Coordinating the Steering Working Group established by the Oslo Agreements
- Advisor on promoting interfaith dialogues
- Preparing briefings and reports to the Israeli Cabinet and Parliament
- Member of the team initiating the concept of "Birthright"
- Instructing and coordinating Israeli missions abroad on Ministry policies

**World Jewish Affairs Division** 1993 - 1994

***Director***

- Advisor to the Minister on Israel-Diaspora relations
- Maintaining close ties with Jewish groups abroad and representatives in Israel
- Instructing missions abroad
- Leading initiatives to unite Israel and the Jewish World

***Ambassador of Israel to Ethiopia*** 1991 – 1993

- Developing relations with the new leadership
  - Forming and directing relations with Eritrea
  - Planning and coordinating the immigration of Ethiopian Jewry to Israel
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- Working with governmental agencies and civil society to ensure rights of new immigrants from Ethiopia
  - Leading development cooperation programs
  - Cultivating trade relations
  - Coordinating airlift of President Isaias for emergency medical treatment in Israel

- Special Coordinator on Ethiopian Affairs*** July 1990 -- Aug. 1991
- Directing all aspects of Ethiopia - Israel relations
  - Leading the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the planning of "Operation Solomon" (the airlift of over 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel)
  - Coordinating all bilateral and multilateral diplomatic talks
  - Working with international Jewish organizations
- Embassy of Israel, Addis Ababa*** May -- July 1990
- Charges d'Affaires***
- Maintaining relations with the top leadership of Ethiopia (embassy was reopened at the height of the civil war)
  - Facilitating emigration of hundreds of Ethiopian Jews on a monthly basis
  - Providing attention to the basic needs of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who had moved from the Gondar region to Addis Ababa
  - Initiating turning the compound of the Embassy into a relief center
- Asia Division, Deputy Director*** 1989 - 1990
- Advising on policy matters regarding South Asia, Japan
  - Analyzing all relevant data
- Colombo, Sri-Lanka*** 1985 - 1989  
***Head of Mission***
- Developing close relations with the government after 14 years of the cessation of diplomatic relations and the start of the civil war
  - Initiating a wide-scale development program linked to the Mahaweli Project
  - Creating a rehabilitation program for injured Sri Lankan soldiers
  - Promoting trade relations and tourism
- Special Aide to the Director General Dr. David Kimche*** 1983-1985
- Responsible for analyzing department policies regarding Asia, Africa, economic affairs and international development cooperation
  - Coordinating and monitoring special assignments (including meetings in Beirut)

**Consulate General of Israel, Toronto** 1981 - 1983  
*Consul*

- Public Advocacy, press attache
- Promoting trade and cultural ties
- Liaising with the Jewish community
- Liaising with student movements on college campuses
- Administering consular services

**Consulate General of Israel in Bombay** 1977 - 1980  
*Deputy Head of Mission*

The Consulate served as the only Israeli mission in the sub-continent.

- Covering India, Pakistan and Sri Lankan affairs
- Promoting trade ties, cultural affairs and international development cooperation
- Public advocacy, press attache
- Maintaining close ties with the Jewish community

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- *Certificate of Honour* – European Marketing Research Center (2005)
- *Ministry of Foreign Affairs Member of the Outstanding Team Award* recipient for coordinating "Operation Solomon" (1991)
- *Ministry of Foreign Affairs Outstanding Employee of the Year Award* (1987)
- *Ambassador of Peace Award* (2004)- State of Israel Bonds, Canada
- *Outstanding Achievement Award in the Field of International Cooperation* (1997)  
 -Hadassah International

#### **EDUCATION**

- LLB - Hebrew University, Jerusalem Israel (1975)
  - Israeli Bar Association Member
- Languages-** Hebrew, English



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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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November 5, 2008

The Secretary  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)  
Via Paolo di Dono, 44,  
00142, Rome  
Italy

*My Dear Secretary,*

**NOMINATION OF NIGERIA'S DR. KANAYO FELIX NWANZE AS CANDIDATE  
FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)**

In line with the vacancy announcement for the office of President of the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** by the September 2008, Executive Board, I have the honour to convey the approval of the President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, GCFR for the nomination of Dr. Kanayo Felix Nwanze, the current Vice President of IFAD, as the Nigeria's candidate for the Presidency of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

2. As a founding member, Nigeria looks forward to the successful election of Dr. Nwanze.
3. I have taken the liberty of attaching the abridged and full versions of the Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Nwanze for your information and further necessary action.
4. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

  
Dr. Abba Sayyadi Ruma  
Minister

## Kanayo F. Nwanze



**Kanayo F. Nwanze, Ph.D.**

*Commander of the National Order of Merit, Cote d'Ivoire*

*Officer of the National order of Benin*

*Congressional Honour, First Africa Rice Congress, 2006*

- In-depth understanding and knowledge of the complex realities of agriculture and development in Africa
- Commitment, dedication and a passion for excellence
- Strong leadership and management skills in institutional and corporate governance, finance and resource mobilization and human resources
- Excellent understanding of cultural diversity and ability to work with people
- Communication and interpersonal skills, effective in diplomacy and advocacy
- Problem solving and decision making skills
- Ability to motivate people
- Team and partnership building
- Fluent in both English and French

Kanayo F. Nwanze is a well seasoned manager who transcends the boundaries of his scholastic training combining strategic thinking with a well articulated vision of agricultural development, strong leadership, management, and communication and interpersonal skills, with an excellent research and publications record, partnership building with both public and private sectors and thorough knowledge of current development issues and challenges. Furthermore, Mr Nwanze has, over his entire career, acquired and demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the challenges facing the developing world, in all its complexities, and translated a clear, strategic and realistic vision into practice as it relates to leadership in programs, policy, advocacy, diplomacy and other development related issues.

Mr Nwanze is currently the Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a United Nations specialized agency and an international financial institution with a mission of "enabling poor rural people to overcome poverty." Mr Nwanze has over 30 years of extensive experience devoted to the improvement of livelihoods of poor rural communities. Prior to IFAD, he held several senior positions at various Centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), during which time he served as Director-General

(1996-2006) of the Africa Rice Centre (WARDA) and contributed to research and research management in Africa and Asia. A product of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria (B.Sc., 1971) and Kansas State University, Kansas, USA (Ph.D., 1975), Mr Nwanze is a member of several scientific associations and a Board Member of a number of institutions. He has received numerous prizes and awards.

### A couple of highlights of his career

As Vice President, Mr Nwanze contributes to a revitalized Senior Management Team and the reform process undertaken by IFAD. He enhances group dynamics among Senior Managers and constitutes a vital force in the implementation of key institutional processes, particularly in the areas of Quality Assurance (QA), Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), and Knowledge Management (KM). Mr Nwanze participates and supports the development and implementation of a robust suite of strategic objectives embedded in IFAD's agriculture and rural development portfolios for strengthening the political and financial support among its member states through outreach, advocacy and engagement in the international system for achieving MDG1 while also addressing key challenges of Climate Change, bio-fuel production, and food security.

During his tenure in the CGIAR, Mr Nwanze transformed the Africa Rice Center (WARDA) from a geographically constrained institution into an Africa-wide and true international institution, with increased human, capital and financial resources capacity. He promoted NERICA rice to center stage as a flagship product of the CGIAR, which led to four international awards. A team player and builder, he forged and promoted public and private sectors partnerships within the CGIAR. As Chair of the CGIAR Center Directors Committee, he demonstrated strong leadership and negotiation skills in fostering programmatic alignments and shared services and in the establishment of the Alliance of CGIAR Centers. A scientist and researcher, he demonstrated scientific and team leadership, instituting innovative approach to group dynamics, team motivation and a transparent and interactive performance appraisal system for senior scientists in Africa and Asia, thereby setting standards for responsibilities and accountability at all staff levels.



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### Career Summary

Mr Nwanze is currently the Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a United Nations specialized agency and an international financial institution with a mission of "enabling poor rural people to overcome poverty." Mr Nwanze has over 30 years of extensive experience devoted to the improvement of livelihoods of poor rural communities. Prior to IFAD, he served as Director-General (1996-2006) of the Africa Rice Centre (WARDA) a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), and held several senior positions at the International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) from 1979-1996. He started his international career as a Post-Doctoral Researcher with the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) shortly after his Ph.D. (1975) in agricultural entomology from Kansas State University, Kansas, USA. Mr Nwanze is a member of several scientific associations and a Board Member of a number of institutions. He has received numerous prizes and awards.

### Skills & Competences

Kanayo F. Nwanze is a well seasoned manager who transcends the boundaries of his scholastic training combining strategic thinking with a well articulated vision of agricultural development, strong leadership, management and communication and interpersonal skills, with an excellent research and publications record, partnership building with both public and private sectors and thorough knowledge of current development issues and challenges. Furthermore, Mr Nwanze has, over his entire career, acquired and demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the challenges facing the developing world, in all its complexities, and translated a clear, strategic and realistic vision into practice as it relates to leadership in programs, policy, advocacy, diplomacy and other development related issues.

### Experience & Achievements

March 2007-  
Present

*Vice President  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)*

Summary of  
Duties

Deputy Chief Executive of the Fund, he provides overall executive support to the President and reporting offices; and champions key corporate processes on IFAD's change management agenda. The Vice President participates and supports the development and implementation of a robust suite of strategic objectives embedded in its agriculture and rural development portfolios for strengthening the political and financial support for IFAD among its member states through outreach, advocacy and engagement in the international



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|                         |  | <p>system for achieving MDG1 while also addressing key challenges of Climate Change and food security in the context of rising food and commodity prices and bio-fuel production.</p>   |
|                         | Major Achievements                                     | <p>Contributes to a revitalized Senior Management Team and the implementation of the reform process. He enhances group dynamics among Senior Managers.</p> <p>Constitutes a vital force in the implementation of key institutional processes, particularly in areas such as Quality Assurance (QA), Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), and Knowledge Management (KM).</p> <p>Overseeing the newly implemented QA process, the Vice President contributes to overall improvement of quality of projects submitted to the Executive Board.</p> <p>Established an array of best practices and steered the development of a corporate policy on ERM.</p> <p>Operationalized the implementation of the KM Strategy approved by the Executive Board through a broad range of participatory approaches.</p> <p>Champions the development of the Rural Poverty Report after 7 years of its first publication in 2001.</p> <p>Enhanced the institutional value of services provided by Offices of the General Counsel (OL) and, Audit and Oversight (OA).</p> <p>Improved the functional and administrative relationship with hosted entities such as the Global Mechanism (OM) of the UNCCD.</p> |
| Nov. 1996-<br>Oct. 2006 | <i>Director General<br/>Africa Rice Center (WARDA)</i> |   |
|                         | Summary of Duties                                      | <p>Chief Executive Officer with overall technical, administrative and financial leadership of an international Center of over 40 international and more than 250 regional and local staff located at Headquarters, two substations in West Africa and one in East Africa.</p>   |
|                         | Major Achievements                                     | <p>Transformed a geographically constrained institution into an Africa-wide and true international institution, with increased human, capital and financial resources capacity.</p> <p>Established a work environment that encourages excellence and provides opportunities for staff growth.</p> <p>Grew WARDA's reserves from a deficit to an excess balance within four years with increased unrestricted core support contrary to the trend in the CGIAR.</p>   |

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| Jan. 1987 –<br>Oct. 1996 | <p><i>Principal Scientist/Project Team Leader<br/>International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</i></p>  |
| Summary of<br>Duties     | <p>Research in crop improvement and leading a team of scientists in the development and implementation of ICRISAT's new research portfolio. As leader of the institute's then largest research project [Sorghum Medium Rainfall Project (SG2)], planning, monitoring and evaluation, budgeting, staff development and representation. Acting Program Director in the absence of the head of programs.</p>   |
| Major<br>Achievements    | <p>Set performance standards and devolved responsibilities and therewith, accountability to scientists.</p> <p>Established in-depth research planning, budgeting, prioritization, and implementation processes and procedures.</p> <p>Instituted innovative approaches to group dynamics, team motivation, and a transparent and interactive performance appraisal system for senior scientists in Africa and Asia.</p> <p>Fostered public and private sectors partnerships.</p> <p>As principal sorghum entomologist (1987-1994) demonstrated scientific and team leadership abilities in research in the development of management strategies for insect pests of sorghum.</p> <p>Series of publications on the sorghum shoot fly were indicative of ability to foster multi-disciplinary team effort and motivation.</p> |

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| Jan. 1986 –<br>Dec. 1986 | <i>Sabbatical Leave from ICRISAT</i>   |
| Jan. 1986 –<br>Aug. 1986 | <i>Adjunct Professor<br/>Department of Entomology and Nematology<br/>University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida, USA</i>  |
|                          | Co-taught graduate courses in Pest Management; course interactions with International Programs of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and the Center for African Studies   |
| May 1986 –<br>June 1986  | <i>Foreign Research Associate<br/>USDA Insect Biology and Population<br/>Management Research Laboratory, Tifton, Georgia, USA</i>  |
| Oct. 1986 –<br>Dec. 1986 | <i>Senior Research Fellow<br/>Institut de Recherches Agronomiques Tropicales et des Cultures Vivres<br/>(IRAT/CIRAD)<br/>Centre de Recherches, Montpellier, France.</i>  |
| June 1981 –<br>Dec. 1985 | <i>Team Leader and Cereal Entomologist, Sahelian Center, Niamey, Niger<br/>Acting Director (Jan. – Dec. 1985), ICRISAT West Africa<br/>International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</i>  |
|                          | Overall management and administrative responsibility in coordinating ICRISAT's regional activities in West Africa for projects located in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Mali and Senegal. Duties and responsibilities included scientific leadership and coordination of multidisciplinary research teams in Niger in crop improvement, farming systems and economics, and livestock management; negotiations and representation with government and donor agencies. |
|                          | As the first out-posted scientist and Team Leader, undertook the challenge of developing 500 ha of bush land into a research infrastructure with experimental fields, laboratory and office facilities and administrative support services. From an initial four-member ICRISAT staff, the sub-center grew into an 18-member inter-center multidisciplinary group of CGIAR and non-CGIAR institutes.   |
| Aug. 1979 –<br>June 1981 | <i>Principal Cereal Entomologist<br/>ICRISAT/UNDP, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso</i>   |
|                          | Conducted research in sorghum and pearl millet crop improvement as part of a multidisciplinary team of six scientists. Backstopped ICRISAT scientists in Burkina Faso, Niger and northern Nigeria in the development of improved crop management systems. Pest surveys conducted in collaboration with national partners.  |
| Jan. 1977 –<br>June 1979 | <i>Principal Entomologist (Roots and Tubers)<br/>IITA/INERA, M'vuazi, Democratic Republic of Congo<br/>International Institute of Tropical Agriculture</i>   |
|                          | As the first out-posted field entomologist, pioneered path-breaking research on the cassava mealy bug and the green spider mite. Initiated studies on the biological control of the cassava mealy bug and made the first introductions of  |

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|                                  | exotic natural enemies into Zaire (DR Congo).  |
| Feb. 1976 –<br>Dec. 1976         | Post Doctoral Research Entomologist<br>International Institute of Tropical Agriculture   |
|                                  | Conducted field and laboratory studies on insect pests of grain legumes. Held a simultaneous appointment as Honorary Research Fellow/Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Biology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.  |
| <b>Personal Data</b>             |  |
|                                  | Date of birth: December 26, 1945<br>Citizenship: Nigeria<br>Marital status: Married  |
| <b>Education</b>                 |  |
|                                  | 1975 - Ph.D. Agricultural Entomology -Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA, 1975<br>1973 - M.Sc. Agricultural Entomology<br>Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA<br>1971 - B.Sc. (Honours) Agricultural Biology<br>University of Ibadan, Nigeria   |
| <b>Languages</b>                 |  |
|                                  | English: Fluent with excellent reading and writing skills<br>French: Spoken with very good reading and modest writing skills<br>German: Slightly spoken<br>African Languages: Ibo and Yoruba   |
| <b>Honours &amp; Awards</b>      |  |
|                                  | Officer of the National order of Benin, 2007<br>Congressional Honor, First Africa Rice Congress, 2006<br>Commander of the National Order of Merit, Cote d'Ivoire, 2001<br>Fellow, African Association of Insect Scientists, 1997<br>Ford Foundation Post-graduate scholarship, 1972-1975<br>The Shell Company "Outstanding Student Award", 1970<br>Departmental Award for "Outstanding Student", 1969<br>University of Ibadan Scholarship Award, 1969-1971 |
| <b>Professional Affiliations</b> |  |
|                                  | African Crop Science Society<br>Association of Applied Biologists<br>African Association of Insect Scientists<br>Entomological Society of Nigeria<br>Entomological Association of Southern Africa<br>Chair, Board of Directors, Africa Harvest Biotech Foundation International, Kenya<br>Advisory Board, Lumen Financial, USA   |
| <b>Publications</b>              |  |
|                                  | Over 50 refereed journal articles, 40 peer-reviewed conference papers, several books and book chapters, and numerous keynote papers and addresses<br>(Below is a selected list of publications – Detailed list available upon request)<br><b>Nwanze, K.F.</b> 2008. Need to invest in smallholder farmers and rural producers to help them take advantage of transforming rural economies. Society for International Development [SID] Annual              |

Meeting, 5 March 2008, Washington DC, USA.

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*Arif S. Khan*  
*Ambassador of India*  
*Rome*

No.Rom/Agr/2413/2/08

18 December, 2008

To

The Secretary,  
International Fund for Agricultural Development,  
Via Paolo di Dono, 44,  
Rome, Italy.

(Attn: Mr. Paolo Ciocca)

Sir,

The Government of India, in reference to your communication dated 12 September, 2008, has decided to nominate Mr. Phrang Kupar Melville Roy as India's official candidate for the post of President of IFAD, election to which are to be considered by the Governing Council at its Thirty-Second Session to be held in Rome in February, 2009.

This may please be treated as the nomination of Mr. Phrang Kupar Melville Roy as India's official candidate for the position. His Curriculum Vitae is enclosed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

[ Arif S. Khan ]  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
& Permanent Representative to  
International Fund for Agricultural Development

### CURRICULUM VITAE OF PHRANG ROY

#### PERSONAL DATA

|                   |   |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Name              | : | Roy, Phrang Kupar Melville   |
| Date of birth     | : | 18 December 1946   |
| Place of birth    | : | Shillong, India  |
| Nationality       | : | Indian   |
|                   |   |  |
| Current Residence | : | Via Riccardo Forster, 48<br>Rome-00143, Italy  |
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| TEL No.           | : | 0039-06-5042245  |
| EMail             | : | <a href="mailto:phrangroy@hotmail.com">phrangroy@hotmail.com</a><br><a href="mailto:phrangroy@gmail.com">phrangroy@gmail.com</a> |

#### OBJECTIVE

I have twenty-six years of international experience working with the rural poor in Africa and Asia, after my tenure of ten years in the rural areas of India. Today, I have experience of working for a national Government, UN Agencies and a Foundation of the United States.

Over the years, I have gained a proven international record of innovative leadership particularly in my ability to strategise, produce results and facilitate an inclusive, people-centred and gender-sensitive approach at the local, global and policy levels. I became IFAD's Assistant President in 2002 and was the first staff member of IFAD ever to do so. I was selected through a global search by a private sector-led headhunting exercise. While recommending my name, the International Headhunting Firm said they were deeply impressed with what they found out about me: my ability to give space to staff to be creative, my proactive promotion of cultural and gender diversity, my knowledge of rural development, inspiring and fearless leadership and my very deep commitment to the poor, the marginalised and women.

Today, I am confident that I could provide IFAD with a creative and caring leadership that is grounded in my personal commitment to poverty reduction, my intimate knowledge of IFAD and my inter-personal skills of engaging an entire organisation in the execution and management of thoughtful change.

#### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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| 1979-1980 | M.Sc (Econ) London School of Economics         |
| 1970-1972 | National Academy of Administration, India      |
| 1967      | B.Sc (Hons) Physics, Gauhati University, India |



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| <b>PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/TRAINING</b> |
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| 2004 | Performance Management for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Training, Rome   |
| 2000 | Change Management, Team Building and Strategic Leadership Workshops organised for IFAD by Anderson Consulting, Italy, Cranfield Institute of Management, UK and MODA Consulting of Washington, USA |
| 1999 | Training in Time Management, Scorecard Monitoring approach and Logical Framework Analysis in IFAD, Rome  |
| 1995 | New York, USA      Contracts Administration, Washington University   |
| 1992 | Connecticut, USA      Management Skills Programme for senior staff of UNDP   |
| 1990 | IFAD, Rome      Environmental Impact Assessment and Rapid Rural Appraisal Methods  |
| 1989 | Michigan State University, USA      Sustainable Development  |
| 1985 | World Bank      Procurement Procedures Seminar in Rome,  |
| 1974 | NIRD, India      Planning of Rural Growth Centres  |

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| <b>SUMMARY OF 34 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE</b> |
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Issues relating to the well being of the poor, women and the marginalised have always been my core areas of interest right from my student days. In 1970, I joined the *Indian Administrative Service*. During my nine years (1970-1979) with the Government of India, I deliberately requested for postings in the rural areas **specialising in agricultural extension and allied activities, defending the interests of the ordinary farmers and evolving a more consultative form of preparation of District Annual Plans**. I received several awards during this period including a national award for my organisational ability to promote a very successful campaign on public health and family planning in the rural district of Bhandara, Maharashtra, India.

In 1976, I was specially selected by the Government of Maharashtra, India to revitalise a marketing Tribal Development Corporation for the Indigenous Tribes of Maharashtra. In this capacity, I promoted a client-driven marketing approach and recruited consulting firms to develop the Corporation's management systems despite opposition from more conventional civil servants. Years later, a Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee acknowledged the wisdom of this innovation.

I joined IFAD in 1981 in the then *Technical Advisory Unit* of the Project Management Department. During this assignment I produced *IFAD's first paper on Targeting the Poorest*. In the following year I moved as one of IFAD's Project Controller in Africa Division and continued there until 1990. This tenure gave me the opportunity to promote participatory approaches, women's development and the adoption of low-cost technologies that are consistent with the resource base of the rural poor. It is indeed very gratifying to see how this pro-poor, pro-women and pro-environment approach has today become the over-arching priority of many multilateral and bilateral agencies.

In 1986, one of the Projects that I had personally identified was specially mentioned by the then *US Executive Director to IFAD as a model IFAD Project*. A year earlier, I was part of the *Technical Task Force* that developed IFAD's Special Programme for Africa to combat drought and desertification. The French Executive Director was particularly pleased with the new approach that IFAD was introducing in Agro forestry through the Special Programme that was based on a technical paper that I had produced with a team of consultants.

In 1989, I was asked to represent IFAD in the World Bank's group on **the Special Programme for Research for Africa**.

By **1989**, I realised that IFAD would, one day, need to take a greater interest in implementation and partnership management. **I joined UNDP/OPS on secondment in 1990 and I was located at Bangkok.** This assignment has helped me to build links with development networks in the Asia-Pacific region and to have a deeper understanding of Asia. It also gave me a first hand experience of knowing the intricacies of the implementation of projects and the importance of building partnership with all stakeholders.

In **1993**, I was given higher responsibilities and appointed the Coordinator of the Asia and Pacific Office in Bangkok. In my new capacity, I saw my role as a trainer of new staff, a communicator of new ideas, a watchdog on cost effectiveness and a promoter of excellence. One of the highlights of our work was the organisation of a Management Skills Training Workshop for Chief Technical Advisers of IFAD-funded projects. Participants still talk of this Workshop as one of the most useful training they have ever received.

In **1995**, UNOPS decided to decentralise its total Asia portfolio to a newly established office in Kuala Lumpur. The IFAD Programme Division and the regular UNOPS activities in Asia were merged under an Asia Office headed by a Manager.

In **1996**, the Asia Office became a full Division of UNOPS and I was designated the Division Chief. I was responsible to supervise a staff of 26 people of which 10 were internationally recruited. The Asia Office was acknowledged as the Centre of Excellence and Experimentation of UNOPS.

In 1997, I was selected by IFAD to become the new Director of the Asia and Pacific Division of IFAD - the largest and most complex Division of the Fund. Since then, the overall direction of the Division took a more strategic focus. The lending programme became more focussed with a more concrete programme on gender, indigenous peoples areas and the less favoured areas of Asia.

In February 2002, I was headhunted to become the Assistant President of the newly re-engineered External Affairs Department that supervises the work of the Policy, UN Affairs, Communications, Member Relations, Resource Mobilisation and Bilateral (Belgian Survival Fund) Divisions.

As 2003 was IFAD's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we produced a coffee table book with photographers short listed for us by the National Geographic photographers. We had a concert with a world class singer from Peru to the thrill of the staff members. We organised a Photo Exhibition at the UN Building in New York for members attending the UN General Assembly. We also produced a highly acclaimed documentary on Indigenous Peoples of North East India. The documentary was produced by Mira Nair, the well known international Film Producer from India. We were also very active in promoting the local issues for discussion at the various global conferences of the United Nations and the International Financing Institutions. The importance of cultural diversity as part of development was being very much explored during this period.

The details of the various experiences are provided below for review, if necessary.

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| <b>DETAILS OF EXPERIENCE</b> |
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| JANUARY 2007 TO DATE | Consultant and Program Lead<br>Global Bio-cultural Initiatives<br>The Christensen Fund, Palo Alto<br>California |
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On leaving IFAD, I was requested by The Christensen Fund to join them and assist them in their work on promoting their work on biological and cultural diversity. This assignment has given me opportunities to interact with leaders of Foundations in the US such as the Packard, Google and Gates Foundations. It has also developed my personal commitment and understanding of some of the major cultural and environmental issues that are being faced today and the strength of our tribal and Indian heritage and traditional knowledge systems. It has helped me to support groups such as the Institute for Ecological Restoration, Pune that has been funded to study the environmental thoughts of Vedic literature that needs more visibility for the global good.

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| JUNE 2005 TO DEC 2006 | Assistant President, Indigenous Issues |
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While targeting on the marginalized and the poorest, IFAD identified tribal populations or indigenous peoples as they are named in UN Conventions, to be amongst the most marginalized that needed its full support. This explains IFAD's consistent focus on tribal populations. In 2005, this historical emphasis on tribal populations became the attention of many UN Agencies as a result of the praise showered by many Governments. At my request, I was given this special assignment to connect with different high level committees of the UN, to provide management support to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and to link with advocacy groups of indigenous peoples, the World Bank etc. I was made the Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues. IFAD got unprecedented visibility during 2006 for its work on Indigenous Issues and for the support that was provided through my office.

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| FEBRUARY 2002 TO 2005 | Assistant President, External Affairs Department,<br>IFAD |
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Supervised the organisation and work programme of the Policy Division, the Office of the Secretary of IFAD that is responsible for the management of IFAD's Governing bodies, the Communications Division, the Offices for UN Affairs and North America Liaison, Resource Mobilisation and the Belgian Survival Fund Unit. The main goal of the Department is to enhance the political and financial support for IFAD and its concerns. The cornerstone of my work in this new Department so far has been to ensure the following outputs:

- Organisational change is managed;
- IFAD's clients and stakeholders are informed and convinced of our development concerns;

- Communications strategy is developed and implemented;
- Partnerships are managed for coalition building and advocacy;
- IFAD's replenishment from donors is ensured;
- IFAD member states are properly serviced through more effective policy dialogues; and
- Efforts are made for more effective in-house knowledge management.

AUGUST 1997 TO FEB

2002 Director for Asia and the Pacific,  
IFAD

Responsible for the management of IFAD's loan and grants operations (design, appraisal, executive board approval and implementation). Supervises and facilitates the work of 24 staff members of the Division to ensure appropriate impact on poverty reduction, to enhance the efficiency of internal business processes, to develop substantive partnership and networks amongst like minded partners and to promote knowledge management of lessons learnt from the ground. In the last four years the following themes have been successfully and strategically initiated or promoted:

- harnessing the transformation role of women as strategic agents of change;
- promoting the blending of local knowledge and modern technology for reducing the vulnerability of the poor;
- encouraging good governance, transparency and competence;
- promoting a multi-stakeholder approach and a role for ordinary people to be decision makers on project matters that affect their lives; and
- Promoting feedback studies from the field and conducting regular impact assessment exercises.
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In 2000, I took a personal interest to ensure that the Region does acknowledge IFAD as a key and important development player for the Region. Accordingly, India, China and Indonesia significantly increased their contributions to IFAD and the Region became the main contributor from amongst the developing country members of IFAD.

JULY 1995 to JULY 1997

Division Chief, Asia Office, UNOPS, Kuala Lumpur

Responsible for establishing the objectives and priorities of the Asia Office of UNOPS; responsible for managing an Office with a delivery of US\$ 48 million of UNDP, UNDCP and bilateral assistance and the administration of IFAD loans with a current annual disbursement of US\$ 58 million. As the Division Chief, I supervise a staff of 10 international professionals, three of whom are of P-5 level (Senior Professional level) and 16 local staff. As most of the local staff has been recruited from the private sector, I have sharpened my abilities in coaching, counselling and providing a prompt feedback for fostering team work. The Team Building Workshop we organised for our staff has enabled us to form a good and cohesive team where staff is voluntarily working late hours to meet deadlines. According to the independent findings of a Management Consultant the team spirit of the Asia Office is very high.

JULY 1995 to OCT. 1996      Manager, Asia Office, UNOPS, Kuala Lumpur  
 Responsible for managing the Asia Office of UNOPS that currently executes an annual budget of US\$ 50 million of UNDP, UNDCP and bilateral assistance including executing on behalf of Governments some components of World Bank loans. The Asia Office is also responsible for the administration of IFAD loans of over US\$ 400 million with a current annual disbursement of US\$ 45 million. Responsible for the supervision of the work of 10 international professionals, three of whom are of P-5 level.

1993 to June 1995              Coordinator, IFAD Programme Division, UNDP/OPS  
 Bangkok  
 Responsible for the management of the Bangkok Office of the Division for IFAD Programme, UNDP/OPS which supervises, administers and supports about 31 of IFAD's Loans to Asia and Pacific. Personally, I supervised 8 of these IFAD Loans.

NOV. 1990 to 1992              Senior Project Management Officer, UNDP/OPS, Bangkok  
 Countries covered:              Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Laos, Vietnam, Tonga, Solomon Islands

Responsible for the loan administration and supervision of 10 IFAD Projects in addition to the execution of three UNDCP and 1 UNDP Projects. During this period, the supervision process was continually refined and several innovative operational instruments such as the use of PRAs, Beneficiary Evaluation Workshops, Research and Development Funds etc were developed for supervision purposes. A thematic approach to supervision was also adopted and new issues such as indigenous people and shifting cultivation and improving income through the gathering of non-timber forest produce were specially reviewed. Supervision funds were also used to help project and qualified Government staff to share experiences on new initiatives. These activities yielded some outstanding results.

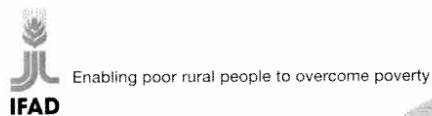
Several of the projects that were supervised by me during this period have been up-scaled by institutions such as the Governments, the World Bank, DfID, DANIDA and the Asian Development Bank. Some NGOs such as the Community Forestry International of Mark Poffenberger have picked up on some of the earlier work of IFAD to promote payment to the poor for the environmental services that they provide. It has been a truly rewarding period of my life.

1982 TO OCT. 1990            Project Controller, Africa Division  
Project Management Department, IFAD

Countries covered:            Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, The Gambia.

Permanent staff member of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Rome and responsible for the identification, preparation, appraisal and co financing arrangements of Projects designed for IFAD financing. Leader of IFAD's team for negotiating Loan Agreements. Responsible also for preparing concept, strategy and issues papers for any mission connected with the above tasks as well as working out a mission's terms-of-reference, preparing a draft table of contents of the mission's report, defending its recommendations before the management of IFAD and finalisation of the approved report. Responsible for working out consultancy contracts with several consultancy firms and individuals.





THE PRESIDENT

22 December 2008



Distinguished Governor

I have the honour to refer to article 6.8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD regarding the appointment of the President of IFAD by the Governing Council.

At its twenty-eighth session (16-17 February 2005), the Governing Council decided to reappoint me to a second and final four-year term of office as President of IFAD for a period that ends on 31 March 2009. It is therefore incumbent upon the Governing Council, at its thirty-second session, to appoint a new President of IFAD.

The procedure for the nomination of candidates for President is set out in section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD ("the By-laws"), and was communicated to you by the Secretary of IFAD on 12 September 2008. This section specifies that such nominations shall be submitted no less than 60 days before the opening of the session at which the appointment of the President is to be decided. Nominations shall be communicated to all Member States of IFAD and to the Bureau of the Governing Council no less than 40 days prior to the session of the Council.

Since the thirty-second session of the Governing Council will be held in Rome from 18 to 19 February 2009, the period of 60 days prescribed by section 6.2 of the By-laws for accepting nominations ended on 20 December 2008.

I wish to inform you that IFAD has received six nominations for the position of President of IFAD. These are, in English alphabetical order by surname:

- Mr Mirza Qamar **Beg** is the official candidate nominated by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- Mr Joachim von **Braun** is the official candidate nominated by the Federal Republic of Germany;
- Mr Amadou Boubacar **Cissé** is the official candidate nominated by the Republic of Niger;
- Mr Haim **Divon** is the official candidate nominated by the State of Israel;
- Mr Kanayo F. **Nwanze** is the official candidate nominated by the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and
- Mr Phrang Kupar Melville **Roy** is the official candidate nominated by the Republic of India.

Copies of the letters of nomination from the Governments concerned, together with the curricula vitae of the nominees, are attached. This letter and its attachment may also be viewed on IFAD's website at <http://www.ifad.org/election/index.htm>.

The Governing Council will take up the appointment of the President of IFAD under item 5 of its provisional agenda, which is being dispatched to all Governors.

Accept, Distinguished Governor, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lennart Bage  
President