Delivering as One: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals with and for rural women and girls
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Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

BIOGRAPHIES OF GUEST SPEAKERS

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| ![Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka](image.jpg) | Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka is United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women. She was sworn into office on 19 August 2013 and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this position, having devoted her career to issues of human rights, equality and social justice. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka has worked in government and civil society, and with the private sector, and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid in her home country of South Africa.

From 2005 to 2008, she served as Deputy President of South Africa, overseeing programmes to combat poverty and bring the advantages of a growing economy to the poor, with a particular focus on women. Prior to this, she served as Minister of Minerals and Energy from 1999 to 2005 and Deputy Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry from 1996 to 1999. She was a Member of Parliament from 1994 to 1996 as part of South Africa’s first democratic government.

Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka began her career as a teacher and gained international experience as a coordinator at the World YWCA in Geneva, where she established a global programme for young women. She is the founder of the Umlambo Foundation, which supports leadership and education. A longtime champion of women’s rights, she is affiliated with several organizations devoted to education, women’s empowerment and gender equality.

She has completed her PhD on education and technology at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom. |
**Dr. Subandi Sardjoko** is Deputy Minister responsible for Human and Societal Development and cultural Affairs in the Republic of Indonesia’s Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas). Dr. Sardjoko’s Ministry oversees the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Indonesia.

Dr. Sardjoko also serves as Government Focal Person for the SUN Movement Indonesia since 2015. He is responsible for planning and budgeting national development, in the areas of health, nutrition, child protection, women’s empowerment, education, research and technology, religion, family planning, sport and culture. He works closely with all local government to align the national development planning and also coordinate monitoring and evaluation of all programs implemented with all ministries and other agencies on a regular basis.

Dr. Sardjoko holds a doctorate in Agriculture Economics from the Graduate School of Agriculture at Kyoto University in Japan.

**Cornelia Richter** is Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. She gives strategic direction to the institution and promotes corporate approaches and solutions. She has direct oversight of the budget, quality assurance and ethics offices.

Before joining IFAD, Richter was Managing Director at GIZ, the German development agency. She brings extensive experience acquired in different fields of international cooperation through assignments such as Advisor for Planning and Research and Multilateral Institutions at the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation, Macroeconomic Advisor in Africa, and several managerial positions at GIZ, including Director General for Asia and the Pacific, and Director General for Global and Sectoral Issues.

Cornelia Richter holds a degree in economics and social science from the University of Göttingen. She completed postgraduate studies in systemic management at the University of St Gallen, Switzerland, and in organizational development at Columbia University in the United States. She is a member of several advisory boards, including the German Asia-Pacific Business Association, the Latin American Association for German Companies, the German Development Institute, the European Interuniversity Association, the Foundation for Peace and Development and the NGO Child Aid.

**Joan Carling**, indigenous activist from the Cordillera (Philippines) working on indigenous issues at all levels for more than 20 years. (2008-2016). Ms Carling has been appointed by the UN Economic and Social Council as an indigenous expert of UNPFII (2014 – 2016), former Secretary General of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), and member of the Advisory Council of the Cordillera Peoples Alliance.
| **Currently Joan is the convener of Indigenous Peoples’ Major Group for Sustainable Development**
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<th>She serves as a Member of the Steering Committee of the Indigenous Peoples Forum at IFAD.</th>
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<td><strong>Rodrigo Gouveia</strong> is the Director of Policy for the International Co-operative Alliance since January 2014. Previously he was Secretary-General of Euro Coop, the European Community of Consumer Cooperatives (2006-2013) and has been working for the co-operative movement since 1997. He holds a degree in Law from the University of Lisbon, Portugal, and Post-graduate degrees in Consumer Law and in Public Economic Regulation both from the University of Coimbra. He also worked as a Lawyer and as a Lecturer for the Higher School for Business Sciences in Setúbal, Portugal. In his capacity as Director of Policy at the International Co-operative Alliance, he is responsible for the advocacy and representation of the co-operative movement towards global institutions such as the G20, the UN and its agencies.</td>
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<td><strong>Lot Dzonzi</strong> is the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations. He has been in this position since 6 April 2015. Prior to his service at the Permanent Mission, Mr. Dzonzi served for Malawi’s Police Force over a 28-year career in which he held several senior position. His last assignment with the Malawi Police Force was that of Inspector General. Mr. Dzonzi has completed his graduate studies in Business Administration at the Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute /Maastricht Institute of Management and also holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Malawi. Outside of work, he is an author, motivational speaker and personal development trainer.</td>
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