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WELCOME REMARKS

MICHAELA TOLD

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Michaela Told is currently Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Prior to moving into academia, she worked for more than 10 years with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at local, regional and international levels in all continents, most recently heading the Principles and Values Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva. She was also involved in negotiations and policy-making within the statutory bodies of the RCRC Movement. Earlier in her career, she worked with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of Development

Cooperation and later served as Secretary General of an international women's human rights NGO based in Geneva. In her current position as Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute she is responsible for the successful implementation of all activities of the Centre. She also serves as Deputy Director of the Centre and as such leads and sets the strategic orientation of the Centre, together with the Centre's Director. In her research and teaching she focuses on global health diplomacy, national global health strategies and health governance, among others, she directs a number of executive courses in global health diplomacy worldwide. She holds a MSW (School of Social Work, Vienna), a MCom (Development Economics, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna), and a MA in Development Studies (Women & Development, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague), as well as a PhD (School of Law and Social Sciences, University of East London, UK).

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

GERDA VERBURG

Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement



Gerda Verburg from the Netherlands was appointed the Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement by the UN Secretary-General in August 2016. She has extensive and broad experience from the fields of politics and international cooperation. Following her appointment as Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands in 2007, she was in 2008 elected as Chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 17). From 2011, she served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture in Rome (FAO, WFP and IFAD). In 2013, she was elected as Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security

(CFS), and in 2014 she was appointed as Chair of the Agenda Council for Food and Nutrition of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

MODERATOR OF THE PANEL

LAWRENCE HADDAD

Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)



Lawrence Haddad became the Executive Director of GAIN in October 2016. Prior to this, he was Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in the Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division. He acted as the founding co-chair of the Global Nutrition Report from 2014 to 2016. From 2004-2014, he was the Director of the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex (IDS). Before joining IDS, he was a Division Director at the International Food Policy Research Centre (IFPRI) and a Lecturer in Development Economics at the University of Warwick, UK. He is an economist and his main research interests are at the intersection of poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition.

PANEL DISCUSSION

REINOUT VOS

Ambassador, Deputy Head of Mission, Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of Political Affairs, Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Geneva



Ambassador Dr. Reinout Vos became the Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Geneva, in 2012. From 2009 to 2012, he was Director of the Office of the Secretary-General of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Deputy Director Economic and Ecological Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2009. A career diplomat, Vos was Counsellor for Economic Affairs for Netherlands Embassy in Berlin and Deputy Head of the Economic Department for Netherlands Embassy in Cairo. He was also the Deputy Head of External European Policy of Department for European Integration, and the Deputy Head of Southern Africa of the Department for African and Middle Eastern Affairs of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Before joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Dr. Reinout Vos was Lecturer for the University of Utrecht and Researcher for the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research.

KATIA SANTOS DIAS

Country Director, Mozambique, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)



Katia joined GAIN Mozambique as Country Director in September 2015. She is a trained nutritionist and food engineer and has worked extensively in the design and delivery of Nutrition, Food Safety, Quality, Health and Environment projects in Portugal, Mozambique and most recently in Sudan. She has 10 years' experience in the private sector and 5 years in the development sector. Prior to joining GAIN, Katia worked for the UN World Food Program (WFP) where she focused on the development of a micronutrient strategy through a home production and fortification project in Sudan.

CLOSING REMARKS

GUILLAUME TAYLOR

Co-founder & Managing Partner, Quadia; Member, GAIN Board of Directors



Guillaume Taylor is Co-founder & Managing Partner of Quadia, a sustainable investment management company based in Geneva. He has over 25 years of finance and investment experience, of which over 15 years in sustainable development.

Since 2000, Guillaume's activities have been concentrated on responsible investing. He has travelled extensively in emerging markets, focusing on impact investing in many of these regions. In the context of sustainable finance, Guillaume was a board member for 10 years of ECLOF International, one of the oldest microfinance institutions in the world, present in 20 countries with over 500 employees. He was also the treasurer of la Fondation International du Banc d'Arguin (FIBA), a major conservation foundation focusing on the West African coastal region. Guillaume is also a co-founder of Sustainable Finance Geneva, an association which aims to promote responsibility and sustainability in the finance sector.

Since 2009, Guillaume has been an independent member of the sustainability advisory council of Firmenich. Guillaume is a member of the Steering Committee of WWF International's Campaign for a Living Planet. He is also an investment committee member of BACoMaB, a UK based nature conservation trust fund. He is also a board member of the Geneva Agape Foundation and a Trustee of the Spirit of the Wild Trust, a South African nature conservation trust which is part of the Bergplaas Nature Reserve and a Treasurer of Pro Valat, a Swiss nature conservation foundation. Guillaume is an investor with Go-Beyond, a leading European business angel network actively supporting start-up venture with a sustainability focus.