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*Climate Smart Agriculture: Unlocking the potential of Innovation  
and Climate Risk Insurance for Smallhold farmers in Africa*

## Speakers



H.E. Ban Ki-moon

President of the Assembly and Chair  
of the Council of the Global Green  
Growth Institute (GGGI)

On February 20, 2018, Mr. Ban Ki-moon was elected as the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). His leadership enables the Institute to help its Members to successfully adopt the green growth model of development, which is in line with the work he spearheaded at the United Nations.

In addition to leading GGGI, Mr. Ban serves as the Chair of Korea's National Council on Climate and Air Quality since April 2019 and Chair of the Boao Forum for Asia since April 2018. Along with the former President of Austria Mr. Heinz Fischer, he serves as Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens in Vienna, Austria since January 2018. Mr. Ban is the Chairman of the International Olympic Committee Ethics Commission since September 2017, and he is the Distinguished Chair Professor and Honorary Chairman at the Institute of Global Engagement and Empowerment at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Ban also serves as Deputy Chair of The Elders since 2017, an independent group of global leaders established by President Nelson Mandela.

Prior to the current appointments above, Mr. Ban served two consecutive terms as the Eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) from 2007 to 2016, during which time he worked to build bridges, to give voice to the world's most vulnerable and marginalized people, and to bring transparency and effectiveness to the UN. He successfully initiated global action to combat climate change that culminated in the adoption and rapid entry into force the landmark Paris Climate Change Agreement in 2016. He worked closely with member states to shape the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to establish UN Women, the latter of which advances global gender equality and women's empowerment. He also led major efforts to strengthen UN peace operations, protect human rights, improve humanitarian assistance, prevent violent extremism and revitalize disarmament activities.

Prior to leading the UN, Mr. Ban was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. His 37-year career as a diplomat included postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C., and Vienna, as well as key responsibilities for a variety of portfolios, including as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, the Chief National Security Advisor to the President, the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Deputy Minister for Policy Planning, and the Director-General for American Affairs. Mr. Ban contributed significantly to issues relating to inter-Korea relations and WMD proliferation by serving as Vice Chair of the South–North Joint Nuclear Control Commission and Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization.

Mr. Ban holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Seoul National University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Dr. Harold Roy-Macauley

Director-General, Africa Rice

Dr. Harold Roy Macauley is a Director-general of Africa Rice.

Mr. Linus Mofor

Expert on Energy and Climate, UNECA

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Dr. Omar Diouf

GGGI Africa Lead Climate-Smart  
Agriculture & Energy Nexus

Dr Omar Diouf joined GGGI on May 3rd, 2021. He is Senegalese, with background research experience on Plant Ecophysiology with CERAAS, a regional West African Center specialized in research on drought adaptation. After this research experience he worked as Science Coordinator and Team Leader in the Millennium Villages Project of Potou c/o UNDP in Senegal. He was providing overall scientific coordination and management oversight of the implementation of Millennium Development Goals. He also worked as Scientific Coordinator & Deputy Director of CARBAP, a regional Center for Central Africa in Cameroon. He was providing input for defining the global strategy of the regional research center in terms of scientific organization, deliveries and fundraising along the plantain and banana value chains. He joined back after the Millennium Villages Project as Regional Operations Manager for Millennium Promise, West and Central Africa. Lastly before joining GGGI Burkina Faso as Regional Lead Africa, CSA & Rural Energy, he was leading a USAID-funded nutrition sensitive agriculture project in Mali with World Vegetable Center.

Having worked in both West Africa and Central Africa he has extended experience in integrated agricultural research for development, community/institution development, food security/poverty reduction and other cross-cutting sectors like education/health/nutrition/WASH/rural energy & infrastructures.



Mr. Shiferaw Tafesse Gobena

GGGI Senior Program Officer,  
Sustainable Land Use and Agriculture  
Program

Shiferaw Tafesse Gobena is a Senior Program Officer for Sustainable Land Use and Agriculture Program in the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Ethiopia office. In this role, Shiferaw is responsible for coordinating and facilitating the development and implementation of sustainable land use and climate-smart agriculture projects.

Shiferaw has over 15 years of working experience in agricultural research and development, including crop disease management, seed systems, integrated soil fertility management, gender mainstreaming, agricultural extension and agribusiness development. He holds a PhD in Crop Protection and Innovation Systems from Wageningen University and Research, the Netherlands.

Hope to achieve at #GGGWeek2021:

Shiferaw hopes to network and share knowledge on climate-smart agriculture during the GGGW2021.

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**Ms. Jacobeth Barno**

Commercial Regional Manager Africa,  
Pula Advisors

Green growth achievements in your career or of your organization:

- Designing and distributing innovative insurance and digital products to over 4.9 smallholder farmers in Africa, India and Latin America
- Build resilience for the over 4.9 million smallholder farmers we have served with insurance
- Creating job opportunities to thousands of youths in the rural who carry out loss assessment through crop cuts experiments
- Supporting smallholder farmers to enhance conservation Agriculture
- Bridging information gap for the rural clients by educating them on best practices through SMS, IVR, USSD and WhatsApp
- Insuring the solar pay go farmers to ensure that after unproductive season because of perils, farmers are still able to pay for their solar gadgets

Hope to achieve at #GGGWeek2021:

Developing partnership and achieve funding opportunities

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**Mr. Aliou Babou**

Agronomist and General Manager of  
EDEC Company

Green growth achievements in your career or of your organization:

- Landscape approach as a team Leader (Elaborate Strategic Plan and Operational Plan to improve Natural Resources Management of Medina Yoro Foulah area)
- Lead Program Manager of resilient farming system for improved rainfed productivity in Senegal
- Design and implement drip irrigation system project with solar-energy source
- Facilitator for Conservation Agriculture extension program
- Participation to an "Intensive Training Workshop in Environmental Compliance and Environmentally Sound Design and Management in Project Implementation"
- Participation to the « Conservation Agriculture Conference for Smallholders in Asia and Africa held at Bangladesh Agricultural University - Mymensingh

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Mr. Tom Bosschaert

Director, Except Integrated Sustainability

Tom founded Except in 1999 with a mission to find systemic solutions for our societal challenges by combining science, business, design, and communication. In the past decades, Tom has developed over 700 pioneering projects for cities, buildings, business, policy, and industry. As director and designer, he's driven Except's bio-based architectural and urban designs, such as the Merredin Algae plant, Shanghai vertical agriculture tower systems, Salesforce Park in San Francisco, ReGen Villages in Oosterwold, Almere, and the urban redevelopment of large and small cities around the world. In 2016, he launched the concept of Catalytic buildings. He spearheads developments ranging from software for supply chain optimization to sustainable agriculture systems such as Polydome. In 2021, he and Except developed the concept of the world-first self-sustaining city named Orchid City. Tom also developed the Symbiosis in Development (SiD) methodology that lies at the core of Except's operations.

Social media links:

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#### Ex. Mr. Salifou Ouedraogo

Ministre de l'Agriculture,  
Aménagements Hydroagricoles et de la  
Mécanisation, Minister of Agriculture,  
Burkina Faso

Mr. Salifou Ouedraogo is Minister of agriculture in Burkina Faso.



Dr. Robert B. Zougmore

Africa Program Leader, CCAFS,  
ICRISAT, West and Central Africa  
Office, Bamako Mali

Dr Robert Zougmore is a citizen of Burkina Faso. Since 2010, he is the Africa Program leader of the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), based at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Bamako, Mali. He is by training an agronomist and soil scientist with a PhD in Production Ecology & Resources Conservation from the University of Wageningen, The Netherlands. His areas of expertise include Agronomy and soil science, Land degradation and development, Climate change adaptation & mitigation, Integrated Water and Nutrient Management, Agroecology, Climate-smart policies and institutions.

As the Africa Program Leader for CCAFS, he is defining and overseeing strategic directions for CCAFS research in the region and therefore, coordinating actions that lead to coherent implementation of the regional activities from the participating CGIAR Centres and other regional and national partners. One of his major tasks is to Communicating regional research outputs and strategy through innovative means in order to project a highly professional image for CCAFS and the CGIAR. Under his leadership, CCAFS action research was conducted at all levels, from the climate-smart villages to district and national level science-policy platforms, and to the regional climate-smart agriculture (CSA) alliances, in a way to generate scientific information that inform top-down and bottom-up decision-making processes on climate change, agriculture and food security. By doing so, Robert achieved outstanding development outcomes such as: (1) the widespread dissemination of climate information services to 7.4 million people in Senegal, (2) the mainstreaming of CCAFS climate-smart village approach to promote climate-smart agricultural technologies and practices within 60 communes in Niger, (3) the use of CCAFS science to inform the development of major national and regional agricultural policies (e.g. Development of a national CSA action plan for Ghana, development of a rural sector plan for Burkina Faso, development of a CSA implementation framework and of a CSA alliance for ECOWAS).

Robert is also teaching as part-time Lecturer at Cape Coast, Niamey and Bobo-Dioulasso Universities, Aghrymet, and the Katibougou Polytechnic Institute in Mali. He has also been the Secretary General of the Africa Soil Science Society. Robert has published widely with more than 50 papers and book chapters on soil erosion, integrated soil, water and nutrient management options and their economic benefits, and climate-smart agriculture.

Mr.Vamsi Duraibabu

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## About GGGI

Founded to support and promote the mainstreaming of green growth, GGGI programs and projects target economic growth that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. Headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea, GGGI has 40 members with operations in over 35 countries.

