



System Management Board

Short Form Biographies of the Nine Voting Member Bios

Purpose

This document provides, in alphabetical order by surname, a short form biography of the two independent persons, and seven Center Board Members or Directors General, appointed by the Centers as voting members of the System Management Board pursuant to Article 5.6 and Article 7.2 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, as follows:

Independent members

1. Catherine Bertini
2. Eugene Terry

Center Board members or Directors General

3. Shenggen Fan (Director General of IFPRI)
4. Martin Kropff (Director General of CIMMYT)
5. Gordon McNeil (AfricaRice Board of Trustees)
6. Bushra Naz-Malik (ICRAF Board of Trustees)
7. Jimmy Smith (Director General of ILRI)
8. Margret Thalwitz (ICARDA Chair of the Board of Trustees)
9. Ann Tutwiler (Director General of Bioversity)

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Independent members

1. Catherine Bertini

A US national, is currently Professor of Public Administration and International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University where she teaches graduate courses in international relations and leadership as a professor of practice.

Catherine was the driving force behind the reform of the World Food Programme (WFP), where she was the Chief Executive for 10 years. In 1992 she was the Executive Director of WFP, recommended by President Bush, and re-appointed supported by President Clinton. Following this, she was appointed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan as Under Secretary General for Management, responsible for the UN's human, financial, physical resources and security of staff worldwide. In 2003, she was named 2003 World Food Prize Laureate for her leadership "transforming WFP into the largest and most responsive humanitarian organization in the world." With her World Food Prize, she created the Catherine Bertini Trust Fund for Girls Education at WFP/USA, supporting programs to increase the numbers and longevity of girls in school.

She is currently a Distinguished Fellow, Chicago Council of Global Affairs, where she earlier served as co-chair of its Global Agricultural Development Initiative (GADI) and chair of its Girls in Rural Economies project. For two years, she was Senior Fellow, Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For four years, Catherine chaired the UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition. She was also twice the Secretary General's envoy: for drought in the Horn of Africa and for humanitarian needs in Gaza and the West Bank. She also served on the Audit Advisory Committee for UN Women. As Assistant Secretary, Food and Consumer Services, US Department of Agriculture, she initiated state-wide implementation of electronic benefit transfer programs for aid delivery; by 2004, all states converted to this system.

In 2005, Catherine returned to the private sector upon her election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tupperware Brands Corporation. For nine years, she advised USAID as a presidential appointee (Presidents Bush and Obama) to the Board of International Food and Agricultural Development. Catherine was decorated by the Republic of Italy with its Order of Merit and recognized by the Republic of Ireland with its Certificate of Irish Heritage. The Times of London listed her as one of the world's most powerful women. Twelve universities in four countries awarded her honorary degrees; she has received numerous national and international awards.

Catherine earned a bachelor-of-arts degree from the University at Albany.

2. Eugene Terry

A Sierra Leonean national, has held leadership positions in agricultural institutional management, universities, international agricultural research institutes and international development agencies. From 1987-1996, he was Director General of WARDA (now AfricaRice) where he led the development of the US \$12 million research center in Bouake and a world-class rice research program at that center that produced the versatile and highly productive NERICA (New Rice for Africa) rice varieties.

From 1984-1987 he was Director, International Programs and Training at IITA where he managed special projects with funding totalling USD 11.2 million amounting to 34% of total of IITA's funding at the time. From 1997-2002 he joined the World Bank as an Advisor to the Agricultural Research and Extension Group-ESDAR, and also as a Crops Advisor in the Rural Development Department. He was the past Board Chair of ICRAF and was previously on the boards of IWMI, AVRDC and Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA).

Currently he is Chair of the Advisory Panel of the Bioscience East and Central Africa and a member of the Independent Steering Committee (ISC) CGIAR – Roots Tubers and Bananas. He is also currently the Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI), and Chair of the Steering and Advisory Committee (SAC) of the project –Virus Resistant Cassava for Africa (VIRCA). His accumulated professional experience in agricultural research, research management, and technology generation and dissemination spans a period of thirty-seven years. Eugene is currently Senior Technical Advisor, New Markets Lab a Washington DC-based organization working on removing barriers to investments in African agriculture. In 2002 was appointed the founding Director of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF), charged with the establishment of a public/private sector partnership organization for agricultural technology transfer.

Eugene holds a BSc in Agriculture (1964) and an MSc in Plant Pathology (1966) from McGill University in Montreal, and a PhD (1970) in Plant Pathology from the University of Illinois, Urban-Champaign.

Center Board members or Directors General

3. Shenggen Fan

A Chinese national, has been Director General of IFPRI since 2009. He joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor agricultural development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He led IFPRI's program on public investment before becoming the director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division during 2005 – 2009. He was the chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food and Nutrition Security from 2012 to 2014, and is currently vice Chairman of the Council.

As the Director General of IFPRI, he oversaw an institutional budget of \$155 million in 2015.

He serves as one of the Champions of Target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, dedicated to accelerating progress toward cutting global food loss and waste. In 2014, he received the WFP's Hunger Hero Award, from UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, in recognition of his commitment to and leadership in fighting hunger worldwide. Shenggen also worked as a research economist at the University of Arkansas and Class one Scientist at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Shenggen received a PhD in applied economics from the University of Minnesota and bachelor's and master's degrees from Nanjing Agricultural University in China.

4. Martin Kropff

A Dutch national, is currently Director General of CIMMYT. Most of his career has been focused on R4D in the breath of CGIAR's mission (agriculture and nature conservation). For two years he was on the CGIAR Consortium Board, where he has worked to improve cohesion and develop a new CGIAR strategy. From 1990 to 1995 he was the systems agronomist at IRRI, where he led an interdisciplinary program on the introduction of systems analysis and simulation in rice production research. Upon his return to the Netherlands in 1995, he served successively as full Professor of Crop and Weed Ecology, Scientific Director of the University's C.T. de Wit Graduate School for Production Ecology and Resource Conservation and Director General of the Plant Sciences Group. He was previously the Rector of Wageningen University that developed in his 10 years' tenure into the highest rated agricultural university on World rankings by modernizing its scientific quality management, management functions, financial structures, and resource mobilization strategy.

Martin obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in biology at Utrecht University and a Ph.D. in agricultural and environmental sciences at Wageningen University, both cum laude.

5. Gordon MacNeil

A Canadian national, is currently on the Board of AfricaRice. Gordon has over 40 years' experience in the international development sector. His areas of expertise include organizational leadership; strategic and resource planning; financial and project management; and institutional evaluation. From 1971-74, he was a CUSO volunteer/ teacher in the West Indies and in 1975 joined the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), based both in Ottawa and Senegal. At IDRC he had increasingly senior managerial assignments culminating as Deputy Director of the Social Sciences Division. In 1988 he joined the CGIAR as the Director of Finance and Administration of WARDA (now AfricaRice), and in 1992 was Senior Financial Officer at the CGIAR Secretariat World Bank, responsible for CGIAR system financial management initiatives.

In 1998, he moved to the Philippines as IRRI Finance Director and in 2002 returned briefly to the Bank, before transferring to the International Service for National Agriculture Research (ISNAR) in The Hague, to help coordinate the legal closure of the Institute and the program merger with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). He then became the interim resource director of ILRI in Nairobi.

From March 2011 to March 2013 he was the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in the CGIAR Consortium Office. From 2008-2010, he was a member of CIAT board (Chair in 2008-2009), and is currently on the Board of Directors of CATIE in Costa Rica, AVRDC in Taiwan, as well as the AfricaRice Board. For the last ten years, he has participated as a faculty member in CGIAR Board Orientation Programs providing fiduciary responsibility and training to new Board members and DGs. Since 2005, he has been President of the XCG International Consulting Group, Inc.

Gordon has a BSc (Concordia), a Diploma in Development Studies (Univ. of Ottawa), and an MBA (Univ. of Western Ontario).

6. Bushra Naz-Malik

A national from Pakistan, is currently on the Board of ICRAF and is Chair of Audit and Risk Committee. Bushra is a renowned business and governance expert with a background in finance and audit and an understanding of governance and management of international organizations as well as leadership in the area of gender. She serves as a member and current Chair of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee of the Governing Board of the International Labour Organization (ILO). She is also a Director of MHM Consulting a management service provider firm serving public and private sector enterprises specializing in governance and business process re-engineering.

Between 2010 and 2013, she was a Director and Chairperson of the Audit Committee at the Lahore Stock Exchange Ltd in Pakistan, and from 2007-2010 served as the Group Finance Director and member of the Board of Directors of Kohinoor Maple Leaf Group, Lahore, a consortium of publicly listed firms headquartered in Pakistan. Before that she was served as Group CFO at Nafees Group, headquartered in Lahore Pakistan with offices in USA, Sweden, Italy and Turkey from 1995 till 2007. She is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and a CA/CPA from Chartered Professional Accountants, Ontario, Canada. Bushra is committed to the cause of women and provides consultancy services to a local NGO dubbed 'All Mothers Educated Now' based in Pakistan. In 2012 she served as a member of the Commonwealth Business Women, Pakistan Steering Group.

Bushra did her MBA at Kellogg Business School in the United States and the Schulich Business School, Canada. She has an LLB degree from the Punjab College and Advanced Management Program certification from the Harvard Business School.

7. Jimmy Smith

A Canadian national of Guyanese descent, was appointed Director General of ILRI in October 2011. He has over 35 years of international development experience and has either lived or worked in all developing regions of the world.

Before joining ILRI, Jimmy worked for the World Bank (2006–2011), leading the Bank's Global Livestock Portfolio. Before that (2000–2006), he held senior positions at CIDA (the Canadian International Development Agency, now part of Global Affairs Canada), where he served as lead on agriculture and rural development, which included supporting the Agency's engagement with CGIAR, FAO, IFAD and WFP. From 1991–1999, he worked at ILRI and its predecessor, the International Livestock Centre for Africa, first as ILCA's Representative in West Africa and later as Manager of the System-wide Livestock Program of CGIAR, which included 10 CGIAR centers working at the crop-livestock interface. Since returning to CGIAR, Jimmy has served as the Centers' Representative on the Consortium Board (2014), during which time the groundwork for the CRP portfolio approach was laid and revisions to the Consortium Constitution were developed. He has previously served on both private and public boards.

Jimmy has a PhD in animal sciences from the University of Illinois and MBA qualifications with a minor in finance; he has undertaken many executive financial management courses. He is widely published, authoring more than 100 publications, including papers in refereed journals, book chapters and policy papers, and editing several proceedings.

8. Margret Thalwitz

A German national, is currently Board Chair of ICARDA. She has extensive experience gained in positions as country economist and project and sector manager at the World Bank, with a regional concentration in Africa, Eastern and South East Europe, Russia and the CIS, and South Asia. Margret was the first Director of the World Bank's Global Programs and Partnerships Department and as part of the senior management team, managed divisions and departments for over ten years; as mission leader and task manager guided project teams and lead negotiations with government officials. She completed the Harvard Executive Management Program and has managed staff of highly trained professionals. From 2004-2008 Chair of the Grant Committee at the World Bank recommending i.a the grant funding to CGIAR to the Board of Executive Directors. She was also involved in the early stages of the 2010 governance reform of the CGIAR. After leaving the Bank she became a visiting fellow at Oxford University and the German Development Institute and is currently a Senior Expert Fellow with the Centre for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Essen-Duisburg. She has been a consultant to the World Bank, Unicef and the German Government.

Margret holds an MA in Economics and a Post Graduate Diploma in Development Economics from the German Development Institute.

9. Ann Tutwiler

A US citizen, has been the Director General of Bioversity International since 2013. Ann has almost 30 years of experience in agricultural policy and development working in the public and private sectors. She was Deputy Director General, Knowledge, at FAO from 2011-2012 where she coordinated the development of cohesive Rome food agency positions on Rio+20 for FAO, with IFAD, WFP and Bioversity. As a member of senior management at FAO, she managed five technical departments including Agriculture & Consumer Protection, Natural Resources Management & Environment, Forestry, Fisheries & Aquaculture, Economic & Social Development and Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research & Extension.

From 2009-2011, she worked for the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), leading and coordinating USDA's participation in the President's 'Feed the Future' initiative and developing USDA's international research strategy. Previously, she served as Senior Advisor of International Affairs for the U.S. Agency for International Development. She created and managed the agricultural markets program at The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation from 2006 to 2009. Ann was Government Relations Director for a multinational agribusiness firm for ten years and co-founded a global think tank in agricultural trade policy.

Ann holds a master's degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from Davidson College, where she received the John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service in 2005. She holds certificates in Agribusiness from Purdue University and INSEAD.