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Agriculture in Transition Strategies for EcoFair Investment in the Agricultural Sector

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Short Biographies

Reinhild Benning, Agricultural Expert, Friends of the Earth Germany (BUND), Berlin

Reinhild Benning grew up at a farm with calves, chickens and pigs at the Münsterland. At age 14 she became involved with an agricultural policy research group established by rural youth. She studied German, philosophy and social sciences in Cologne, but decided after graduation to gain a foot in agriculture. After three years of training in organic farming, she worked at a women's collective farm near Berlin. After voluntary work in different associations she became member of BUND in 2003.

Christine Chemnitz, Programme Director, International Agricultural Trade, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Dr. Christine Chemnitz is Programme Director on International Agricultural Trade at the Heinrich Böll Foundation since 2007. She deals with design options for ecological and equitable agriculture. Christine Chemnitz studied Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen and Berlin and received her PhD at the Humboldt University of Berlin on the impact of European food quality standards on small farmers. As part of their studies and the promotion Christine Chemnitz spend longer research periods in Ecuador, Madagascar and Morocco.

Filhor de Maria Zelaya, Women's Cooperative COMUCAP, Honduras

Filhor de Maria Zelaya works for the Honduran women's cooperative COMUCAP. Since 2004 the organisation sells coffee to the international fair trade market, 30% of the coffee is sold roasted and ground to the national market. For the local market COMUCAP also produces honey, bananas, oranges, vegetables, blackberry and orange wine, organic fertilizers, etc. Other products for export are aloe vera products. All products are entirely organic. The core of the work of COMUCAP is women's rights / empowerment and generation of income for women.

Antje Edler, Coordinator, Fair Trade Forum, Berlin

Antje Edler is a graduate researcher for Latin America. Since 2004 she accompanies the establishment and development of Fair Trade Forum. This network of Fair Trade in Germany provides an exchange platform for organizations and actors of fair trade and provides background information on fair trading. Since 2012 Antje Edler is the director of the Fair Trade Forum. An important focus for her is the political work.

Thomas Fatheuer, Freelance Consultant, Berlin

Thomas Fatheuer studied Social Sciences and Classical Philology in Münster, Germany. From 1992 to 2010 he lived and worked in Brazil. From 2000 to 2003, he worked for the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) in the field of preservation of tropical forests, providing consultancy to the Ministry of Environment in Brazil. From 2003 to 2010 he was director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Brazil. Fatheuer has published several texts on the Brazilian model for development, the preservation of the tropical forest, and the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries. Since 2011, he has been working as a consultant and author in Berlin.

Jochen Flasbarth, President, Federal Environment Agency, Berlin

Jochen Flasbarth was born in Duisburg, Germany, and has a degree in economics (Diplom-Volkswirt). Since September 2009, he has been the President of the Federal Environment Agency, the national environmental authority in Germany. Before that, he headed the Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources Directorate at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. From 1994 to 2003 he served as president of the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU). Since the mid-1980s he has performed various volunteer duties at a number of environmental organizations.

Kathrin Fochtmann, Project Manager, German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn

Since 2011 Kathrin Fochtmann works as consultant for the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) GmbH. Since April 2012 she coordinates the "German Initiative for Agribusiness and Food Security in Emerging and Developing Economies" (GIAF) at GIZ. Under the patronage of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, companies in the agricultural sector have joined forces within GIAF in order to implement projects reinforcing agricultural production and added value in the sense of a sustainable agriculture. Prior to this, Kathrin Fochtmann worked for the German Development Service (DED), InWEnt and ILO, especially in Central America. She studied International Relations and Intercultural Studies in Halle on the river Saale, Havana and Dresden.

Lili Fuhr, Head of International Climate Policy Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Lili Fuhr is heading the Ecology and Sustainable Development Department of the Heinrich Böll Foundation's head office in Berlin. She focuses on International Climate and Resource Politics. Lili studied Geography, Political Science, Sociology and African Studies.

Susanne Gura, Freelance Agricultural Policy Consultant, Bonn

Dr. Susanne Gura analyzes the agricultural aspects of the international biodiversity and climate policy, in regard to the environmental and socio-damaging effects of corporations in food production. Her fields of action are UN negotiations, events, media and the internet. She is trained in nutrition science with economic and development

policy priorities. Ms. Gura has worked for many years in national and international organizations including international agricultural research.

She is currently freelancing for civil society organizations, and besides active as a board member of the Association for the Preservation of Crop Diversity (<http://www.nutzpflanzenvielfalt.de/>) and the umbrella organization of crop and livestock diversity (<http://kulturpflanzen-nutztiervielfalt.org/>).

Bernd Hansjürgens, Head, Department of Economics, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ Leipzig-Halle GmbH

Prof. Dr. Bernd Hansjürgens studied economics at Philipps-University Marburg. Afterwards he was research assistant at the Faculty of Economics at Philipps-University Marburg. In 1991 he received his PhD in economics and became Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics at Philipps-University Marburg. From 1995 – 1996 he was Research Fellow at the Centre for Study of Public Choice, George Mason-University, Fairfax, Va., USA and afterwards research fellow at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld. Since 1999 he is Professor for Economics, especially Environmental Economics at Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and Head of the Department Economics, Sociology and Law at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ.

Fritz Hinterberger, President, Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI), Vienna

Dr. Friedrich Hinterberger studied national economics at the Johannes-Kepler University Linz. From 1985 until 1991 he was a scientific member at the Justus-Liebig University Gießen. Since 1985 he has been teaching at universities both in Austria and abroad. In the time between 1993 and 2000 he worked as a leader of the working group Ecological Economics and Ecological Economical Policy at the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy. Since 1999 Friedrich Hinterberger is the founding President of the Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI) in Vienna. He is also an active board member of the Austrian Chapter of the Club of Rome. In his work he focuses on Ecological Economics, Scenarios for sustainable economies and societies and Quality of Life Research.

Miriam Janke, Journalist, Moderator and Trainer, Berlin

Miriam Janke works as independent journalist, facilitator and coach in Berlin. She is a cultural scientist, studied in Leipzig and Mexico (University of Leipzig and Universidad de Guadalajara) and worked as cultural journalist at a Mexican medium. She moderates conferences, panel discussions and TV and radio programs. Further she is an author, creates radio programs and teaches as coach e.g. how to moderate or to present. Her working languages are German, Spanish and English. You can find more information at www.miriam-janke.de.

Jutta Kill, Activist and Analyst – Climate and Forest Expert, Berlin

Jutta Kill, whose formal education is in forest ecology, has been involved in policy analysis, action research and campaigning on the issues of climate change, carbon markets and forests for over 12 years. Her critical analysis of carbon trading shaped climate and forests work at non-governmental organisation FERN between 2000 and 2012. Her work is guided by the believe that environmental issues also social issues and that without understanding the social dimension of a problem, finding lasting and just solutions will fail. The focus of her work currently is on

exposing why carbon trading is a dangerous distraction from tackling climate change in a just and effective way and why attempting to expand the model of carbon trading to other ecosystem functions, for example as a way to finance action to reduce deforestation through the carbon market is doomed to fail in addressing either the climate or forest and biodiversity crisis.

Johannes Kotschi, Chairman, AGRECOL, Marburg

Dr. Johannes Kotschi is agronomist, consultant and evaluator. For many years he advises national and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations in rural development. His professional interests include sustainable agriculture and organic farming in the tropics and subtropics, as well as the management of plant genetic resources in agriculture. Johannes Kotschi received his doctorate on matters of agroecology and organic farming and is a founding member of the Association AGRECOL - Association for AgriCulture and Ecology.

Benjamin Luig, Spokesperson for Agricultural and Land Policy, Misereor, Aachen

Benjamin Luig studied economic history and economics with a focus on agricultural development and philosophy in Freiburg i.B. His work focuses on international agricultural trade, the development of local and regional food markets as well as in land policy.

He worked mainly in Eastern and Southern Africa with extended stays in Mozambique and Kenya. Since 2011 Benjamin Luig is head of department for agricultural policy at Misereor. Publications (among others): "Can Food Safety be Pro-Poor? Risks, Incentives and Benefits along the Kenyan Beef Value Chain (Hg. GIZ, 2009)"; "Business Case Hungerbekämpfung. Der fragwürdige Beitrag von Agribusiness und Nahrungsmittelindustrie zur Ernährungssicherheit (Hg. Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung, 2013)".

Nora McKeon, Consultant, Writer and Lecturer on Food Systems, Peasant Farmer Movements and UN-Civil Society Relations, London

Nora McKeon studied history at Harvard and political science at the Sorbonne before joining the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. She held positions of increasing responsibility there, culminating in overall direction of the FAO's relations with civil society. She now divides her time between research, teaching and activism around food systems, peasant farmer movements and UN-civil society relations. A member of the Italian NGO Terra Nuova, she coordinates a program of exchange and advocacy with African and European small-scale farmers' organizations focused on why and how to promote sustainable family farming-based food production and local food systems. She is closely involved in the current reform of global food governance which is centered in the recently reformed Committee on World Food Security in Rome. Recent publications include: Strengthening Dialogue with People's Movements: UN experience with small farmer platforms and Indigenous Peoples (with Carol Kalafatic, UN NGLS 2009), The United Nations and Civil Society: Legitimizing Global Governance-Whose Voice? (Zed 2009), "Now's the time to make it happen: the UN's Committee on World Food Security" (in Eric Holt-Gimenez. Ed., Food Movements Unite! Food First Books, 2011) and Global Governance for World Food Security: A Scorecard Four Years After the Eruption of the "Food Crisis" (Heinrich-Böll Foundation, 2011). She is currently co-editing a special issue of Globalizations on global governance of land-grabbing and working on a book on Food Security: From Crisis to Global Governance.

Monique Mikhail, Sustainable Agriculture Policy Adviser, Oxfam, Oxford

Monique Mikhail is Sustainable Agriculture Policy Advisor at Oxfam GB and has worked on agriculture and food policy for a decade, with a focus on smallholder livelihoods, environmental sustainability, and food security. Prior to joining Oxfam, she worked for the Stockholm Environment Institute on multiple research projects including smallholder farmers' use of water resources, climate change adaptation, smallholder forestry, and biofuels. Before she joined SEI Monique worked on multiple-use water services (MUS) with International Development Enterprises in Nepal and Maharashtra, India, including use of appropriate water control technologies, linkage of smallholders to markets and use of the Learning Alliance approach for up-scaling at regional, national, and international levels. In 2006, she received a M.S. in Agriculture, Food and the Environment at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition, Science and Policy. Prior to graduate school she worked as a political advocate in Washington DC in sustainable agriculture, food safety and environmental issues. In 2000, she received a B.S. from Purdue University in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. In summer of 2008, she completed the Sustainable Environmental Management certificate course at UC Berkeley.

Sagari Ramdas, Director, Anthra, Hyderabad

Dr Sagari R Ramdas is Director and a member of Anthra, a resource group in India, founded by women, which works with peasant, pastoralist and indigenous peoples, particularly women from these communities, on environment and social justice concerns in the larger context of food sovereignty. She is currently engaged in action research with various people's alliances, looking at ways in which seemingly unrelated policies and programs that span multiple sectors (resource governance, micro-credit, climate change, GM crops, biofuels, carbon-trade, contract farming, IPR regimes, trade agreements), are undermining peoples sovereignty and autonomy over sustainable farming, and dispossessing communities from their land, livelihoods, and eco-systems, as also exploring how communities are organizing to resist and assert their rights through decentralized democratic processes of governance. A veterinary scientist by profession, she has been working in this field since the past 2 decades. She obtained her degree in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry from the College of Veterinary Science, Haryana Agriculture University, India, and a Masters in Animal Breeding and Genetics from the University of California, Davis, USA. She has published widely in peer reviewed and popular journals, on areas of her work.

Bettina Rudloff, Senior Associate, Research Division EU External Relations, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

Bettina Rudloff holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics. She was Assistant Professor at the Bonn University where she analysed consumer protection, development and trade. As researcher at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht, The Netherlands, she supported officials of the EU and third countries on trade and agricultural policy. In this context she led extensive capacity building seminars for developing countries' trade negotiators in the frame of WTO.

Recently she is Senior Associate at the German Institute for International and Security (SWP) in Berlin and works on EU's foreign land investments, trade policy and its' impact on developing countries and security aspects of food, agricultural and fishing policies and advises European and German Institutions.

Tilman Santarius, Board Member, Germanwatch e.V., Berlin

Tilman Santarius has studied sociology, anthropology and economics. From 2001-2009 he served as Senior Research Fellow at the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy in Germany, from 2009-2011 he was Head of International Climate and Energy Policy at the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Since 2007 he also serves as member of the board of the environment and development NGO Germanwatch. His main areas of work are international climate policy, trade policy, globalization, and justice. He co-authored the book "Fair Future. Limited Resources, Security, and Global Justice" (London: zed books, 2007). He also co-authored the report "Slow Trade – Sound Farming. A Multilateral Framework for Sustainable Markets in Agriculture" (Berlin/Aachen: Heinrich Böll Foundation/Misereor, 2007). Currently he works as freelance author and writes his PhD Thesis on "The Rebound Effect: can economic growth and resource use be decoupled?"

Anika Schroeder, Spokesperson for Climate Change and Development, Division Development Policy, Misereor, Aachen

Anika Schroeder is an environmental scientist focused on climate policies. After several stays in Latin America on the conservation of natural resources she works as policy officer for climate change and development at MISEREOR, the German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation. Besides capacity building of southern partners, her work focuses on a rights-based approach in policies towards adaptation and mitigation, especially in regards to the agriculture sector and REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation). She works closely together with grass roots and advocacy organisations in developing countries to ensure just solutions to climate change on the international and national level.

Shefali Sharma, Senior Advisor, Trade and Global Governance, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), India/USA

Over the last decade, Shefali's work has focused on international trade and financial institutions, and international food and agriculture policies, with a particular interest and focus on India and South Asia. She has published several reports and articles on the WTO, the Agreement on Agriculture, bilateral free trade agreements and the impacts of free trade rules on developing countries from a social justice perspective. She has worked in Delhi as the South Asia coordinator for the Bank Information Center, and also recently served as senior researcher for Third World Network in Delhi. Shefali has a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from the College of William and Mary and a master's in philosophy in development studies from the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex.

Lubos Smutka, Professor, Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Life Sciences, Prague

Dr. Ing. Lubos Smutka is currently working as Associated professor of economics, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague. His area of specialization includes: international economics, foreign trade, agrarian policy, economic policies, business economics and management, world trade with agrarian products and world agricultural economy. He has international experience in Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen (Denmark), in University of Debrecen (Hungary) and in International Centre for Land Policy Studies and Training, Taiwan. He is an author of more than 170 papers (world trade, European foreign trade, Czech foreign trade, world agricultural production and consumption, agricultural trade etc.), which were presented and

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Ute Straub, Department Head, International Agricultural Policy, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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Barbara Unmüßig, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Barbara Unmüßig has been the director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation since 2002. She is responsible for its strategy and program development for Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and for the Gunda Werner Institute for Feminism and Gender Democracy. Her work focuses on issues of globalization and international climate policy, national and international gender policy, and the promotion of democracy and conflict prevention. In 1991 and 1992, she managed the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) project office of the German environmental organizations the German League for Nature and Environment (Deutscher Naturschutzring, DNR) and Friends of the Earth Germany (Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland, BUND) in preparation for the Rio de Janeiro summit in 1992. In 1992, Barbara Unmüßig was a founding member – and until 2002 spokesperson – of the Forum on Environment and Development, a German NGO, and in 1993 the founder and until 2002 the executive chairperson of World Economy, Ecology, & Development (WEED). In 2000, she cofounded the German Institute for Human Rights (Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte, DIMR), a human rights organization, and has been on its board of trustees since 2001. From 1996 to 2001, she chaired the supervisory board of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Her numerous contributions to periodicals and books have covered international trade and finance, international environmental issues, and gender policy.

Michael Windfuhr, Deputy Director, German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin

Michael Windfuhr is a political scientist, educated at the University of Heidelberg. Since 2011, he has been the Deputy Director of the German Institute for Human Rights, the national human rights institution of Germany. For the five years prior to this, he served as Human Rights Director of Bread for the World, the development organisation of the Protestant church of Germany. Between 1988 and 2006 he worked with FIAN-International (FoodFirst Information and Action Network), an international human rights organisation that focuses on the realisation of the right to adequate food. Initially he coordinated FIAN's Latin American work concentrating on land conflicts and agrarian reform. He represented FIAN at the *United Nations* Human Rights system from 1992 onward. In the last 10 years, he has contributed to the effort to set standards for the right to food. He was actively involved in the elaboration of the "Voluntary Guidelines on the progressive implementation of the right to adequate food" adopted by the FAO Council in November 2004. He became Secretary General of FIAN in 2005. He brought his experience in international relations to the Institute of Political Science at the University of Heidelberg. From 1996 to 2000 he was also a part-time assistant to Prof. Klaus von Beyme. In addition Michael Windfuhr lectured at the Institute for more than ten years. His main fields of publication and teaching are: human rights policies, international relations theory, international economic and development policies. He has published extensively, particularly on economic, social and cultural rights as well as on trade and agricultural policies.

Hellen Jepkerich Too Yego, National Secretary, Ngoma Farmers Campaign, Kenya

Hellen Jepkerich Too-Yego is an agriculturalist by profession, with a diploma in Horticulture from Egerton University and a degree in Horticulture from Moi University. She also studied Community Organization for Development at NADA, a Catholic Institute in Nairobi. Hellen Yego has worked as an Agricultural Extension Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture from 1978-1983. From 1983 – 1989 she worked in several farms as a Farm Manager. In June 1989 she joined a Church Organisation called the Anglican Diocese of Eldoret, Christian Community Services, until 2004, where she worked as a Community Development Coordinator. She was in charge of projects at community level. While still working for the Church, she started NGOMA, a lobbying and advocacy organisation. From 2004 she started farming and engaged in small farmer's campaigns, as well as trainings on better farming technologies. Besides she is also engaged in Women Empowerment programmes and social/cultural activities to motivate girls to advance in education.



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