



## Speakers

# The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019



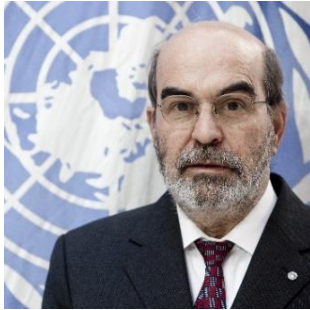
### **Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations**

Amina J. Mohammed was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations in January 2017. She served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from November 2015 to December 2016, where she steered the country's efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning, where she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Before joining the UN, Ms. Mohammed worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria, serving as Special Adviser on the Millennium Development Goals and providing advice on issues including poverty, public sector reform and sustainable development.



### **H.E. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC**

H.E. Inga Rhonda King was elected seventy-fourth President of the Economic and Social Council in 2018. Ambassador King is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations in New York. Ambassador King comes to diplomacy from the private sector and has lived and worked in several Caribbean countries, the United States of America, and China. She is a small business owner, business strategist, the author of three books, and a management accountant with more than two decades of professional experience. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and chemistry, is the immediate past chair of the Investment Promotions Agency of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Invest SVG), and a former Honorary Consul for Portugal to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.



**José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

José Graziano da Silva was elected the eighth Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 2011 and is currently serving his second term. He has contributed more than 30 years of academic, professional and political knowledge on issues related to food security and rural development. In particular, he conceived and later led the Fome Zero (Zero Hunger) program in Brazil, which greatly accelerated progress in reducing hunger. Dr Graziano da Silva joined FAO in 2006 as Assistant Director-General for Latin America and the Caribbean. He holds a degree in Agronomy and a Master's degree in Economics and Rural Sociology, both from the University of São Paulo, Brazil. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the State University of Campinas and post-doctoral degrees from the University of London and in Latin American Studies and Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz.



**David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme**

David Beasley became the fourteenth Executive Director of the World Food Programme in 2017. At WFP, he is putting to use four decades of leadership and communications skills to mobilise more financial support and public awareness for the global fight against hunger. Before coming to WFP, Mr. Beasley spent a decade working in more than 100 countries, directing projects designed to foster peace, reconciliation and economic progress. As Governor of the U.S. state of South Carolina from 1995 to 1999, Mr. Beasley guided the state during years of economic transformation, helping to reshape the state's economy into a healthy, diverse and robust market. He received his Bachelor's degree from Clemson University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of South Carolina and taught at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.



**Gilbert F. Hounbo, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development**

Gilbert F. Hounbo became the sixth President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development in 2017. Hounbo has spent more than 30 years working to improve the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people, with extensive experience in political affairs, international development, diplomacy and financial management. Prior to his appointment as IFAD President, Hounbo was the Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organization. He served as Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo from 2008 to 2012, where he introduced economic reforms and enhanced the rule of law and civil liberties. From 1996 to 2008, he



undertook a number of roles at the United Nations Development Programme including Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary-General, Africa Regional Director. Hounbo has a *Maîtrise en gestion des entreprises* from the University of Lomé, Togo, and a *Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées* in Specialised Accounting from the University of Québec, Canada.



**Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF**

Henrietta H. Fore became UNICEF's seventh Executive Director in 2018. She has worked to champion economic development, education, health, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in a career that spans more than four decades. From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Fore served as the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Director of United States Foreign Assistance. From 2005 to 2007, she served as Under Secretary of State for Management, the Chief Operating Officer for the U.S. Department of State. From 2001 to 2005, she was Director of the United States Mint.

Immediately prior to her appointment with UNICEF, Ms. Fore was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Holsman International, a manufacturing and investment company. Ms. Fore has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Wellesley College and a Master of Science in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado.



**Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization**

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected as WHO Director-General in 2017. He is globally recognised as a health scholar, researcher, and diplomat with first-hand experience in research, operations, and leadership in emergency responses to epidemics. Prior to WHO, Dr. Tedros served as Ethiopia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012–2016 and Minister of Health from 2005–2012, where he led a comprehensive reform of the country's

health system that improved access to health care for millions of people. Under his leadership, Ethiopia invested in critical health infrastructure, expanded its health workforce, and developed innovative health financing mechanisms. Dr. Tedros holds a Ph.D. in Community Health from the University of Nottingham and a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London.



**Máximo Torero, Assistant Director-General for the Economic and Social Development Department at FAO**

Máximo Torero was appointed Assistant Director-General of the Economic and Social Development Department at FAO in January 2019. Prior to joining FAO, he served at the World Bank Group as Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Before the Bank, he led the Markets, Trade and Institutions Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, D.C. He is a Professor on leave at the University of the Pacific, Peru and an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at University of Bonn, Germany. He holds a Ph.D. and a Master degree in Economics from the University of California (UCLA), Los Angeles, and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of the Pacific in Peru.



**Gabriela Frías, moderator**

Gabriela Frías is a business anchor for CNN en Español. She currently hosts Portafolio Global, one of the network's business and innovation shows. She joined the network in early 2000 as a producer and quickly was given anchoring and reporting responsibilities for CNNE and CNN International. Prior to this, she worked as a business reporter for Reforma, one of Mexico's major daily newspapers. Frías graduated with honors from Carlos Septién School of Journalism in Mexico City.