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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late senator and vice president, a long-time advocate of international cooperation and understanding. The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe, and Eurasia to the United States for one year of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experience.

Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service in both the public and private sectors. Applications are made in the applicant's country where the first-level screenings are conducted. Fellows are nominated by the United States Embassy or Fulbright Commission, based on their potential for leadership. Final selection is made in the U.S. by a panel of experts and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

Since 1979, close to 4,274 professionals representing more than 157 countries have participated in the Humphrey Program. This year, 220 Humphrey Fellows from 94 different countries are spending the academic year at 18 universities across the United States. UC Davis hosted the Humphrey Program from 1986 until 1996, and again since 2001. The UC Davis Humphrey Fellows will concentrate on agricultural development, environmental science and economic development. In addition to the individual coursework, research, and co-curricular activities, a series of seminars on topics of mutual interest to the participants is offered to the Fellows, providing an opportunity to share new perspectives with U.S. colleagues and specialists. With the assistance of UC Davis faculty mentors, the Fellows undertake individualized programs of academic coursework, professional development and leadership skills.

The Fellows also travel throughout the U.S. to visit public and private agencies related to their professional fields, attend meetings, and network with colleagues.

By providing these future leaders with a shared experience of U.S. society and culture and of current U.S. approaches to the fields in which they work, the Humphrey Program provides a basis for lasting ties between the citizens of the U.S. and their counterparts in other countries. The Humphrey Program fosters the exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding. The U.S. joins developing countries in a significant partnership through this program.

University Outreach and International Programs

Established in 1998, the Vice-Provost Office of University Outreach and International Programs (UOIP) provides campus leadership and coordination for two increasingly important academic program areas: continuing and life-long learning, and international research and educational activities. The mission of UOIP is to facilitate, coordinate, stimulate and provide leadership for the UC Davis faculty, students, and staff to pursue educational outreach and international programs and activities. The office has primary responsibility for all international institutional cooperative agreements and official international visits, Services for International Students and Scholars (in conjunction with the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs), the Summer Sessions and University Extension International Programs. It also works collaboratively with many other international programs on campus such as the Education Abroad Center, Internships and Career Center, and the colleges' international programs. University Outreach and International Programs, International Programs Office of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and University Extension, jointly administer the Humphrey Fellowship Program.

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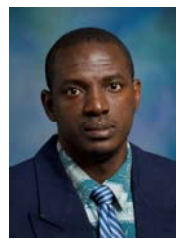
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Mr. Wilbens Cesaire

Academic Dean
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Mr. Cesaire completed a B.S. in Forest Engineering from ISA University, Dominican Republic. He received his first Master's degree in Agricultural Diversification from the UNPHU University in the Dominican Republic and his second one in Environmental Economics from Los Andes/Maryland University. In his current position he develops agriculture policy proposals for rural communities, acts as a representative for agricultural extension, and teaches economics, forestry, agroforestry and statistics. He volunteers with the Organization for the Promotion of Agriculture in Haiti (OPA). During his Humphrey year he plans to do extension and farm visits to learn more about sustainable agriculture and production with a focus on international trade and development.

Mr. Lee Wakalala Hantembe

District Water Officer
Ministry of Energy and Water Development
Livingstone, Zambia



Mr. Hantembe is a University of Zambia graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences. In his current position he coordinates projects and activities related to water resource management and development. He previously worked for the Ministry of

Agriculture and Cooperatives where he was actively involved in promoting gender responsive agricultural extension services. During his fellowship year Mr. Hantembe wants to pursue training in GIS and water resource modeling.

Dr. Myo Aung Kyaw

Secretary General
Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders Association
Yangon, Myanmar



Dr. Kyaw is currently responsible for training demonstrations for rice production technologies and post harvest technology aimed at reducing losses to improve the quality of rice. He collaborates with the International Rice Research Institute and Nong Lam University of Vietnam, conducting research on the development of low cost, simple design flat bed paddy dryers for the farmers and rice millers, helping to solve crop losses during harvesting in the wet season. During his Humphrey year he will study project management, post harvest technology, extension strategies and international marketing of rice to help enable Myanmar to regain its status as a major rice exporting country.

Ms. Seeng Manne

Principal Agriculture Scientific Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
Gaborone, Botswana

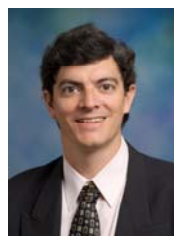


Ms. Manne holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Botswana. She currently works in the Division of Agricultural Marketing as the Head of Crop Marketing. She is responsible for the coordination

of commodity pricing, distribution, promotion, research and communication of marketing strategies that drive the agricultural business. As a Humphrey Fellow, Ms. Manne intends to explore marketing of agricultural products and project management to assist producers and handlers of farm products with resolving marketing problems.

Mr. Fernando Monti

Agricultural Engineer
Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries
Buenos Aires, Argentina



Mr. Monti holds a Master's degree in Governmental Economics. In his current position with the Department of Agricultural Estimation he is involved with research on the use of remote sensing techniques for estimating crop

planting and production. Since 2009, he has been working on this topic at the Ministry headquarters in Buenos Aires. He is currently pursuing specialization in this area during his Humphrey year at UC Davis.

Ms. Carol Kyomukama Murekezi

Senior Agricultural Inspector
Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
Kampala, Uganda



Ms. Murekezi received her Bachelor's degree in Agriculture at Makerere University, Uganda and later a Master's degree in Tropical Agricultural Development at Reading University United Kingdom. She is currently working in the Department of Crop Protection in the Phytosanitary and Quarantine Inspection section where she works with a team on pest risk analysis, dealing specifically with different plants and plant product imports into Uganda. Ms. Murekezi has also been involved in setting up the National Pest List database in Uganda. During the fellowship year her goal is to become more instrumental in setting Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) regulations for the East African region.

Mr. Samson T. Ngutwa

Assistant Director of Cabinet Services
Office of the President and Cabinet
Lilongwe, Malawi



Mr. Ngutwa holds a Master's degree in Development Practice from the University of Queensland, Australia and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of Malawi. Mr. Ngutwa is responsible for facilitating Cabinet business and coordinating the implementation of government policies. He also serves as a Desk Officer for various key Cabinet Committees including Economy and Public Sector Reforms, Agriculture and Food Security and Local Government and Rural Transformation. In addition to concentrating on land use and management during his Humphrey year, he hopes to hone his communication and presentation skills, while building connections with professionals and agencies working with underserved communities.

Ms. Ana Rodríguez Lepure

Environmental Researcher
El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
Tijuana, Mexico



Ms. Rodríguez Lepure has a Master's degree in Environmental Management. Her work involves the design of environmental programs and policies for the local and federal government. In her most recent position, she was involved with projects related to bi-national waste management with funds from Cal-EPA and BECC and participated in the design of the strategic guidelines for the border region between the US and Mexico. In 2010, she received an award from the Public Administration National Institute (INAP) for her work in local governments and solid waste management.

Dr. Abdoulaye Sereme

Agronomist and Botanist
National Scientific & Technological Research Center
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso



Dr. Sereme holds a Master's degree in Agriculture and a Ph.D. in Plant Biology and Ecology. He teaches Plant Biology at Ouagadougou University. His research activities are focused on plant horticulture and micro propagation to fight against the growing desertification in Burkina Faso. This involves counting endangered, overexploited wild plant species and finding suitable techniques for their propagation through the country. In addition he is working on organic fertilizers for sustainable agriculture, to increase both poor soil fertility and the yield of organic vegetables. During his Humphrey year he would like to research molecular marker-based

(PCR/RAPD) approaches to genetic characterization of genetic diversity.

Ms. Tehut Tesfaye Sidelil

Project Manager, Management Consultant
Ethiopia Commodity Exchange
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Ms. Sidelil has a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management from the University of Cambridge, UK and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management and Information Systems: Change & Development from the University of Manchester, UK. She has a Bachelors degree in Management from Addis Ababa University. In her current position she manages projects aimed at introducing new commodities (coffee and sesame) as exchange tradable commodities. She also worked as Special Assistant to the CEO and assisted the CEO in strategy and policy formulation; planning and coordinating the activities of the Exchange. During her Humphrey fellowship year, Ms. Sidelil would like to obtain knowledge and skills that would make her proficient in project management and an effective leader.

Dr. Luz Alcarde Taposok

Professor
Director, Planning and Development Office
University of Southern Mindanao
Kabacan, North Cotabato, Philippines



Dr. Taposok has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Education from the University of the Philippines Los Banos, Laguna. She finished both a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan, North Cotabato, Philippines. As professor, she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in Extension Education. Dr. Taposok has also conducted research in agricultural education and community extension outreach programs. During her year as a Humphrey Fellow she will study rural and agricultural development, while improving her leadership and management skills.

Mr. Md. Ekram Ullah

Senior Scientific Officer
Water Resources Planning Organization
Ministry of Water Resources
Dhaka, Bangladesh



Mr. Ullah holds a Master's degree in Marine Sciences from the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh and a second Master's degree in Fisheries Management from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. He is actively involved in the macro-level water sector planning for the country. His field of interest is the environmental management of water resources, especially the management of wetland ecosystems, restoration of degraded ecosystems and implication of environmental legislations to protect the ecosystems. He also worked extensively in coastal land zoning of Bangladesh. During his Humphrey year, he will focus on the subjects of environmental science and land use and natural resources.

Mr. Hã Văn Võ

Researcher
Mekong Delta Development Research Institute
Can Tho University
Can Tho, Vietnam



Mr. Vo received a Master's degree in Agriculture Science at Can Tho University. In his research, he publishes reports on the role of integrated farming for poverty alleviation, focusing on the impacts of agricultural transition to people's livelihood and environmental sustainability in the Mekong Delta. Mr. Vo aims to develop assessment criteria to show hazard prevention potentials. His ultimate goal is to learn about and initiate educational programs to reduce both vulnerabilities and their impact in the Mekong Delta.