

**Dr. Severine Assenga**

Head of Department of Agriculture and Livestock Development  
Ilala Municipal Council  
Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania



Dr. Assenga graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and a Masters in Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM) from Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania and a second Masters in International Animal Health from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has been working with the Ilala Municipal Council in Tanzania for the past 21 years with the primary responsibility of supervising, coordinating and promoting agriculture and livestock activities. He also coordinates programs implemented by stakeholders within the municipal council. He is skilled in the field of animal disease control, particularly in trans-boundary animal diseases and zoonotic infections. Currently, he is engaged in the development of urban agriculture and livestock management for food security and income generation in developing cities in sub-Saharan countries. During his Humphrey year, he will focus on urban agricultural development and learn more about the concept of "one world, one health".

**Mr. Jose Alfred Cantos**

Project Manager  
World Wildlife Fund  
Makati City, Philippines



Mr. Cantos holds a Masters degree in Development Economics from the University of the Philippines, Diliman with major concentrations in environment and sustainable development. He has extensive experience in trans-boundary marine and fisheries conservation focused on co-management through regional policy development and spatial management spanning the waters of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. His previous trainings include GIS and remote sensing technology from the European Space Agency and climate policy development and monitoring from UNESCO. Mr. Cantos currently works as Project Manager for the World Wildlife Fund conducting climate risk assessment using economic modeling aimed at identifying how climate change affects different sectors. During his time in the Humphrey Program, he hopes to gain a deeper understanding of environmental issues across all the boundaries: social, economic, and political in order to move sustainable development forward in his country. Specifically, Mr. Cantos plans to pursue academic training in quantitative methods of climate assessment, improve his leadership and management skills, and expand access to networks for project development.

**Mr. Oris Chansa**

Process Engineer  
Lafarge Cement  
Ndola, Zambia



Mr. Chansa holds a Bachelor of Mineral Sciences in Metallurgy and a Masters of Science in Chemical Engineering. He has industrial experience in copper and cobalt mining and the cement industry. Mr. Chansa is a full member of the Engineering Institution of Zambia and the Institution for Chemical Engineers. His continuous professional development experience includes participation in a process plant commissioning at Leeds University. He has undertaken several projects both in industrial and university settings ranging from design to plant improvement projects. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Chansa hopes to pursue his interests in engineering through scientific research and laboratory work.

**Dr. Danilo A. Ga-as**

Director  
Office for Resource Generation  
Caraga State University  
Butuan City, Philippines



Dr. Ga-as graduated with a Ph.D. in Horticulture from Central Mindanao University, Musuan, Bukidnon,

Philippines. He has researched the comparative effects of organic supplementation with conventional fertilization on tomatoes, varietal selection and field adaptation of various horticultural crops. He has completed evaluation of different crop production technologies under different pedo-ecological zones. Dr. Ga-as was Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources of Caraga State University for three years before becoming Director of the Office for Resource Generation. Dr. Ga-as oversees various income generation activities at serving to augment the institution's financial capacity. He comes to UC Davis as a Humphrey Fellow for capacity building on project development, proposal packaging and establishing linkages.

**Mr. Thang Za Lian**

Regional Program Manager  
Save the Children  
Yangon, Myanmar



Mr. Lian holds a Masters of Science in Regional and Rural Development from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok and a Bachelors degree in Physics from the University of Mandalay, Myanmar. He has been working for Save the Children as a Regional Program Manager with responsibility of overseeing regional program operations including projects and supervising and coaching regional and area teams. Prior to that, Mr. Lian managed a project on food security and livelihoods in the area. He also played an integral role following the cyclone that hit Myanmar in 2010 working with the Cyclone Nargis Emergency response team, where he served as a Nutrition Manager and managed to save the lives of almost 1400 malnourished children and 500 malnourished pregnant and lactating women.

**Mr. Hugues Louis-Jacques**

Principal Consultant  
Consulting and Expertise Society (CONSULTEX)  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Mr. Louis Jacques obtained his Bachelors degree in Agronomy Faculty and Veterinary Medicine (FAMV) with a specialization in natural resources and environmental management. In 2005, he co-founded CONSULTEX, a private company which works in the agricultural, environmental and engineering sectors. Helped by a multi-disciplinary team of experienced professionals, he provides technical services in various fields assisting local collectivities, municipalities, public and private institutions and the central government. For the past three years, Mr. Louis Jacques has actively participated and implemented numerous successful projects in several remote areas in Haiti. After January 2010, he was engaged by the Protection Civil Office in Petit-Goâve and volunteered for the Food Security Cluster. As a Humphrey Fellow, he will focus on watershed modeling in order to address significant problems related to flood risk assessment in Haiti.

**Ms. Huguette Ngilambi Nzebi Igebe**

Technical Assistant  
Satellite Observatory of Central Africa Forest  
Kinshasa, D.R. Congo



Ms. Ngilambi received her Bachelors degree in Agronomy Sciences with a concentration in Natural Resources Management at the University of Kinshasa, D.R. Congo. She has been working at the Satellite Observatory of Central Africa Forest under the Central African Regional Program for the Environment, which is funded by USAID. She worked with a team on capacity building in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing (RS) among conservationists, dealing specifically with monitoring the Congo Basin Forest. Ms. Ngilambi has also been involved in assessing and setting up a regional satellite images database in the Congo Basin area. During her Humphrey Fellowship year, she plans to enhance her understanding of modelization and utilization of

GIS and RS methods in planning conservation according to the participatory approach. Her goal is to become more instrumental in setting (REDD) regulations for the Central African region, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Ms. Harriet Saawo**

District Natural Resources Officer  
Kalangala District Local Government  
Kalangala, Uganda



Ms. Saawo holds a Masters degree in Geo-information Science with specialization in planning and coordination of natural resources management, from the International Institute of Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) in the Netherlands. She also holds a Bachelors degree in Forestry from Makerere University in Uganda. As head of the Kalangala district Department of Natural Resources, Ms. Saawo coordinates the activities of the district forest services and the environmental, wetland and land management sectors. Additionally, she has experience working as a lecturer in a forestry college; teaching forest protection and environmental management.

**Ms. Marina Piatto**

Coordinator, Agriculture Certification Program  
IMAFLORA  
São Paulo, Brazil



Marina Piatto has a degree in Agronomic Engineering from São Paulo State University in Brazil and she holds a Masters degree in Tropical Agriculture from Bonn University in Germany with an emphasis on Organic Agriculture. Since 2005, Ms. Piatto has been working at Imaflo, a Brazilian NGO, as a Coordinator of the Agriculture Certification Program, where she is responsible for coordinating agricultural certification in Brazil and Argentina. Her work involves the certification of farms, groups of small producers and industries under international standards based on good agriculture practices, environmental conservation and human rights. Ms. Piatto represents Imaflo in international technical meetings to improve and develop certification standards systems under the Sustainable Agriculture Network, a coalition of social and environmental NGOs that link certified farmers with responsible consumers by means of the Rainforest Alliance seal. She develops training courses for lead auditors and is also involved in projects and forums setting standards for the sustainable production of coffee, tea, cattle and other tropical crops.

**Mr. Soukvilay Vilavong**

Head of Research, Development & Information  
Dongkhamxang Agriculture Technical School  
Vientiane, Laos



Mr. Vilavong holds a Masters degree in Agricultural Resources and Environmental Management from the Udon Thani Rajabhat University in Thailand. Mr. Vilavong started his career as a teacher at Dongkhamxang Agriculture Technical School (DATS). He was then promoted to head of the Livestock Department and then head of Research, Development and Information of DATS. As a manager and a teacher at DATS, Mr. Vilavong is responsible for making master plans, creating advisement media and coordinating with internal and external organizations for school development. He also continues teaching fish and frog production and breeding, forage crops, statistical procedures for agricultural research and principles of organic agriculture at DATS. Mr. Vilavong has also worked for Lao Institute for Renewable Energy (LIRE) and Lao State Fuel Company (LSFC) as a part-time bio-fuel crop researcher, a rural promoter, and a bio-fuel project coordinator. He focused on researching and promoting local farmers on the physic nut (*Jatropha curcas* L.) plantation for bio-fuel production project. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Vilavong plans to focus on Agricultural Resources and Environmental Management.