

**Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows
at UC Davis 2001-2002**

Mr. Kefa Gondo
Chargé d'Études au Cabinet du Ministre
Ministry of Commerce, Côte d'Ivoire



In the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Gondo is building upon his educational and professional experience to establish a commodities market review and commodity risk management program. Côte d'Ivoire is the third largest economy in Sub-Saharan Africa with cocoa and coffee the main agricultural commodities. Mr. Gondo's interests are in commodity price risk management instruments and agricultural commodity warehousing systems in the U.S. and Africa.

Mr. Katoyishi Kabongo
Agricultural Economist Assistant
Food Security and Nutrition Project
Ministry of Agriculture
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo



Mr. Kabongo conducts macro- and micro-economic oriented agricultural studies for the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Kabongo is directly involved with issues of national concern particularly regarding Food Security and nutrition information systems (Early Warning System) of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Ms. Esther Elisafisha Meela
Senior Agricultural Research Officer
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



As a researcher in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Ms. Meela is involved in helping achieve the Tanzania government's goals of raising agricultural productivity, improving food security, and maintaining environmental protection. Ms. Meela's interest is agricultural development with particular emphasis in sustainable agriculture, organic vegetable production (science and practice), and postharvest handling and postharvest technology of vegetable crops.

Mr. Ambrish Gunvantrai Mehta
Nodal Officer
NGO Environment Action Fund
Gujarat, India



As Nodal Officer, Mr. Mehta is responsible for the implementation of the NGO Environment Action Fund. The fund supports the initiatives of NGOs and CBOs for mitigation of environmental problems as part of the overall strategy of decentralizing environmental management in India. Among his accomplishments is the proposal for the community-based mangrove regeneration and management project on the coastline of Gujarat. Mr. Mehta's interests are environmental economics and market-based solutions to environmental problems.

Mr. Aibek Moldogaziev
Treaty-Legal Department of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Kyrgyzstan



With his experience and expertise in international law, Mr. Moldogaziev is involved in water resource issues in the Kyrgyz Republic, Central Asia. He is the leader of the Bi-lateral Cooperation Division of the Treaty-Legal Department that is a participant in the establishment of Kyrgystan's national water strategy. Mr. Moldogaziev's research is in international and U.S. domestic law and regulating water resource management policy. He is interested in the activity of the Department of State's legal services.

Mr. David Puewoh Pingpoh
Socio-Economics Researcher
Institute of Agricultural Research
Ministry of Scientific Research
Yaounde, Cameroon

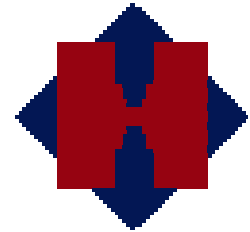


Mr. Pingpoh is an agricultural economist/researcher working at the Institute of Agricultural Research for Development in Cameroon. His research focuses on the improvement of farmers' production/productivity, income, nutrition and health. Mr. Pingpoh's interests are agricultural development and technology transfer, agricultural business, production and management, technology evaluation, agricultural project planning, field survey techniques, professional training in U.S. farms, and research institutes and universities.

Mr. Daniel Jorge Somma
Physical Planner – Principal Officer
National Parks Administration
Buenos Aires, Argentina



Mr. Somma's major area of research and activity is the ecological analysis of landscape to support a participative process of sustainable, regional development, and nature conservation. He focuses on the Yungas Region, the highest biodiversity area of Argentina. In addition to his work on the Yungas research/conservation project, he is interested in sustainable ecological networks in setting reserves, buffer zones and connecting zone. He also works on integrating rural development areas in a regional context, environmental studies, physical planning and nature conservation, and parks.



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Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service in both the public and private sectors. Applications are made through the U.S. Embassy 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 panels of experts, and awards are made by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

In the last 23 years, nearly 3,000 professionals representing more than 120 countries have participated in the Humphrey Program. This year, 147 Humphrey Fellows are spending the academic year, in groups of seven to 15, at 13 universities across the United States. UC Davis hosted the Humphrey Program from 1986 until 1996; the program has now returned with the seven Humphrey Fellows of the class of 2001-2002. The UC Davis Humphrey Fellows will concentrate on agricultural development, and law and economics. In addition to the individual course-work, 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 and professional development and leadership.

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.

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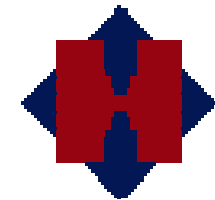
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