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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 panels of experts, and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board makes awards.

In the last 25 years, over 3,000 professionals representing more than 120 countries have participated in the Humphrey Program. This year, 137 Humphrey Fellows are spending the academic year, in groups of seven to 15, at 14 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, 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.

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), Education Abroad Center, the Summer Sessions and University Extension International Programs. It also works collaboratively with many other international programs on campus such as the Internships and Career Center, and the colleges' international programs. University Outreach and International Programs, International Programs of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and University Extension, jointly administer the Humphrey Fellowship Program.

Faculty Mentors for 2003 – 2004 Humphrey Fellows

Assistant Researcher Leland Glenna
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(Helda Ishaq)

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Department of Agronomy and Range Science
(Yao Nguessan)

Professor Beth Greenwood
School of Law and University Extension
(Luis Roberto Proença)

Associate Professor Joan Ogden
Department of Environmental Science and Policy
(Faliliu Seye)
Aberdeen, Scotland. Mr. Amoyaw-Osei holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science from the University of Ghana. He has received funding for guidance to convert his accumulated EIA materials into a published book. Moreover, he is responsible for ensuring that farmers, through extension and other development organizations, adopt technologies generated by research institutes. As a Humphrey Fellow, he will strengthen his capacity in rural sociology and economics to improve his skills in managing the generation of appropriate technologies for farmers and in participatory community development.

Ms. Suzan M. Al-Ajjawi Technical Coordinator Public Commission for the Protection of Marine Resources, Environment and Wildlife Kingdom of Bahrain

Ms. Al-Ajjawi has a BS in Civil Engineering. She graduated from the College of Engineering of the University of Bahrain. She currently serves as the head of the technical coordination section at the Environment and Wildlife Directorate. During her Humphrey year, Ms. Al-Ajjawi plans to develop her knowledge and expertise in the field of environmental and sustainable development. She will update herself on the latest environmental management techniques, and obtain more knowledge and exposure to the Environmental Protection Agency policies in dealing with environmental problems and issues.

Mr. Yaw Amoyaw-Osei Head, Environmental Assessment and Audit Department Environmental Protection Agency Accra, Ghana

Mr. Amoyaw-Osei has a lead responsibility to ensure that new development projects comply with Environmental Assessment Procedures and Regulations. His role as Head of Department includes: facilitating satisfactory conduct of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), reviewing EIA reports and issuing environmental approvals, and building capacity in EIA within and outside Ghana. His interests during the Humphrey year are to explore how EIA and Planning Procedures can be streamlined, with corresponding institutional and legislative frameworks to facilitate a mainstreamed EIA administration in Ghana, and also, for guidance to convert his accumulated EIA materials into a published book. Mr. Amoyaw-Osei holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Mr. Ricardo Contreras Agricultural Marketing Specialist and Export Manager of Bananilla S.A. Guayaquil, Ecuador

Mr. Contreras works as an Export Manager at a private company related to production and exportation of fresh fruits. He also works as an Agricultural Marketing Consultant with small and medium-sized producers of plantains, mangos, pineapples, hearts of palm and dried fruits. He holds a degree in International Trade and Agricultural Economics from Universidad Agraria del Ecuador, where he also teaches research. During his Humphrey year, Mr. Contreras plans to improve his skills in marketing management of fresh fruits and to develop a long-term relationship with an import company. Back in Ecuador, he plans to work on behalf of the import company and create export cooperatives with small producers oriented to the United States market.

Ms. Heida Ishaq Head of Water Planning Section Water Resources Directorate Ministry of Irrigation Damascus, Syria

Ms. Ishaq holds a Master’s degree in the Science of Hydrology from the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has been working for the Ministry of Irrigation for more than 12 years in different sections and has been involved in many different water resources planning and management projects. She is responsible for the development of plans for the directorate and preparing hydrological studies for different irrigation projects. As a Humphrey Fellow, Ms. Ishaq will focus on the use of GIS and Remote Sensing and its applications for sustainable use and management of water resources. She would also like to develop her professional networking among specialists in the field of water resources studies.

Mr. Tuncer Dincergok Coordinator / Senior Civil Engineer Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works Department of Dams and Hydroelectric Power Plants Ankara, Turkey

Mr. Dincergok holds a BS degree in Civil Engineering from Istanbul Technical University, Turkey. Since 1993, he has been working at the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works, Department of Dams and Hydroelectric Power Plants as a senior civil engineer. He is responsible for the coordination of the project staff and the preparation of expert reports on hydropower issues. During his Humphrey year, Mr. Dincergok will focus on the planning, financing, efficiency and environmental policies of renewable energy investments, with an emphasis on hydropower. He will also analyze the U.S. policy model and its applicability and potential benefits for an emerging renewable energy market in Turkey.

Mr. Yao Nguessan Chef de Service de la Banque des Données Minières Sodemi (Société pour le développement minier de la Côte d’Ivoire) Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

Mr. Nguessan holds a Master of Science degree in Geoscience from Ohio University, where he majored in Geophysics and Geomatics Data Processing. He also holds an engineering degree from ENSTP (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Travaux Publics), Côte d’Ivoire. He has worked over 15 years for Sodemi (Société pour le Développement minier de la Côte d’Ivoire) as a geophysicist and data processing manager. As Database and LAN Manager during the past eight years, he has been in charge of the Geoinformation Management Systems Project to collect, process, organize, and manage mining and geoscience data. He formerly held a position as a lecturer at ESMG (Ecole Supérieure des Mines et de la Géologie). Mr. Nguessan would like to use his Humphrey year to update his knowledge of geoscience data collection, storage and handling techniques for the implementation of a Geo Information Database Management System, and to make data available on the world wide web. He hopes to contribute to the management of sustainable natural resources in Côte d’Ivoire and in the sub-region.

Mr. Luis Roberto Proença State of São Paulo Attorney General’s Office Senior Counsel, Environmental Protection São Paulo, Brazil

Mr. Proença conducts investigations and files lawsuits for a specific environmental department for the State of São Paulo Attorney General’s Office in Brazil. His education includes a Public Administration Degree from Getulio Vargas Foundation. He also holds a Law and Masters degree from the University of São Paulo School of Law. Mr. Proença’s main goal as a Humphrey Fellow is to study U.S. Environmental Law, particularly enforcement strategies.

Mr. Fallioui Seye Electrical Engineer Power Generation Division National Electric Utility Company (SENELEC) Dakar, Senegal

Mr. Seye is an electrical engineer who graduated from Polytechique of Montreal in 1995. He obtained his degree in Energetic & Process Control from the University of Paris XII in 1996. He began his career in the Innovation & Research Department of SENELEC, the Senegalese electric utility company. Mr. Seye then joined the Power Generation Division, where he has occupied different positions in the operation and maintenance of electric power plants. Before joining the Humphrey program, he was the head of Field Services. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Seye wishes to learn about energy policy and management with an emphasis on renewable energy and environmental impacts. In addition to academic and professional courses, it is an opportunity for Mr. Seye to meet with state and federal agencies, as well as international organizations dealing with electric energy issues.