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Seife is responsible for facilitating the access and adoption of agricultural knowledge and new and improved technologies to enhance productivity and income, and promote sustainable development for smallholder farmers. He has over 20 years of experience in applied research, teaching and development practice. His work focuses on agricultural innovation, science and technology policy and regulation, and institutional change.



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Roseanna Avento is a global development professional working on higher education interventions and capacity building in environmental, food and nutrition security where higher education and the business sector are linked to address community level challenges in developing countries.



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Maurice holds a PhD in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy from The Open University, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom. He has over 12 years' experience in research, capacity building, programme development and managing inter-organizational collaborative projects. He has consulted widely with national and international organizations including government departments, UN agencies, World Bank and international organizations. He has written and published journal papers, books, technical reports, and conference papers on innovation and technology policy issues. His latest book *"Learning and Innovation in Agri-Export Industries"* published in 2012 examines the role of partnerships, institutions and governance arrangements in building farmers' innovation capabilities in Kenya.



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Gerdien is an economist with 20 years of research experience in Asia and Africa. Her research focus of the past years has been on the role of markets and market institutions in food security. She will defend her PhD thesis on 'farmers, traders and a commodity exchange' in December 2014, which analyses Ethiopia's experience establishing an agricultural commodity exchange.



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Sabine was appointed professor in Business Information Systems to the Cooperative State University Baden Wuerttemberg, Germany (DHBW Heidenheim) in July 2013. She received her PhD from Dublin City University in 2011. She holds a MSc (Res) in Learning Technologies and a BA (hons) in Business Administration. She has been involved in founding SMEs in Germany and Switzerland in the IT and the regional development sector. She is involved as an international senior volunteer at Foot2Afrika, a small local NGO in community development in Moshi, Tanzania. She maintains contact with research partners in Southern and East Africa and is looking for research opportunities connecting German SME partners from DHBW Heidenheim with universities and SMEs in Africa.



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John is teaching in Science and Innovation Policy. He also is an Associate of the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), Geneva. Between 2002 and 2008 he was the Science and Technology Advisor to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and was the Executive Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) 1995 to 2002. He is a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS) since 2001 and the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) since 2013. He holds a doctorate degree in political economy of science and technology from the Department of International Relations of the University of Amsterdam. Prof. Mugabe is a Director of the Science and Innovation Policy Studies (SIPS) Corporation and chairperson of the Board of Directors of AfricaBio. He has published widely on science, technology and environmental policy in Africa. His current research focuses on the political economy of science and innovation policy-making in Africa.



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Path is Director of the Cocoa Research Centre of UWI. He is the winner of the UWI Guardian Life Premium Teaching Award (2002); Best Researcher Award (UWI Principal's Award, 2003); and the Certificate of Excellence in Research (CARDI, 2005); Most Impacting Research Project Award (2012); WIPO Innovators Award (2012), Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence (2013). Path has over 100 refereed publications and two book chapters/monographs. His research team has developed varieties of cowpea resistant to Cowpea severe mosaic virus and Cercospora Leaf Spot diseases, dwarf high yielding day neutral pigeon pea varieties and anthurium varieties resistant to bacterial leaf blight and bacterial leaf spot diseases. Professor Umaharan is currently involved in developing resistance in cocoa to black pod disease and witches' broom disease; and improving yield in hot peppers. He is also working on the establishment of an International Fine Cocoa Innovation Centre. He has supervised 16 PhD and 10 MPhil students, three of which are award-winning graduate students.