



**FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: ROLES,  
COMPLEMENTARITY WITH OTHERS STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERSHIPS INSTITUTIONALIZATION**

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**Mamadou Cissokho**, is the Honorary President of *Farmers and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa* (ROPPA) and the *National platform of Nigerian farmers' organisations* (PFPN). Mamadou Cissokho is an unusual farmers' leader. His life is intimately linked with the Senegalese associative movement for which he played an important role. He is also the first president of the National Fund for Agricultural and Agro-food Research (*FNRAA- Fond national de recherche agricole et agroalimentaire*) of Senegal.

**Kati Partanen** is substitute Principal Lecturer in Savonia University of Applied Sciences in Iisalmi, Finland, where she is working e.g. in project *Training of Agricultural Advisors* in Kosovo. She is also farmer and a member of board in *Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners* (MTK) of Finland. In 2008-2010 she was President of Young Farmers' Committee in *International Federation of Agricultural Producers* (IFAP).

**Cheikh Oumar Ba** is a Senegalese social anthropologist and is the former director of the ISRA (*Senegalese Agricultural Research Institute*) desk for macro-economic analyses from 2001 to 2004. He worked as member of the Scientific Committee of *Observatory of World Agriculture* (OAM) and as founding member of the CREPOS, the *Center for research on social politics in Senegal*. He is currently the executive secretary of the IPAR, *Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale*, an institution which supports reflection, dialogue and proposals for cooperative agriculture and rural policies in Senegal and West Africa. The IPAR was initiated by specialists in agriculture and rural areas which offer a support for the farmer's organizations and which were interested in creating permanent spaces for forward strategic thinking. This initiative was formalized in 2005 by four public (DAPS and ISRA) and private (CNCR and ENDA GRAF) institutions.

**Annick Sezibera**, doctor by training, decided to renounce to practice her profession and to engage to the Burundian peasant movement. In 2000, she contributed to the creation of the CAPAD, the *Confederation of farmer's associations for development* in Burundi (in French *Confédération des Associations de Producteurs Agricoles pour le Développement*) an umbrella farmers' organization which now counts over 150 000 members. She was president of the CAPAD for several years, and she is currently the executive secretary.

**Djibo Bagna**, Nigerian farmer, is the president of the *National platform of Nigerian farmers' organisations* (PFPN). From this position, he was elected in May 2010 as the head of the network *Farmers and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa* (ROPPA). The ROPPA includes different organizations from 12 countries in West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo). Djibo is also member of the CORAF/WECARD board, the *West and Central African Council for Agriculture Research and Development*.



**Jacques Morineau**, French farmer located in Vendée, is the president of the RAD, le *Réseau Agriculture Durable* (in English, the “Sustainable Agriculture Network”). The RAD is a network of approximately 3000 farmers in the West of France engaged in self-efficient and land-related agriculture. These farmers, critical to the dominant agricultural models, are looking for new ways of farming with low levels of inputs. The RAD represents the link between those pioneer farmers and ensures their knowledge’s capitalization and dissemination.

**Mariana Wongtschowski** is a Brazilian agronomist, with a MSc on Rural Development Sociology from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. She has recently joined the *Royal Tropical Institute* (KIT), where she is an advisor on sustainable economic development and focuses on coaching, distilling lessons from and document experiences about partnerships for agricultural innovation. Before joining KIT, she has worked for the *ETC Foundation*, in the Netherland, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and for a number of researches for development projects with rural community development and natural resources management back in her home country.

**Ann Waters-Bayer** is an agricultural sociologist with *ETC Foundation*, a Dutch NGO. She specialises in socio-institutional aspects of research and development, especially innovation processes that enhance local capacities to adapt to change. After working in Nigeria with the International Livestock Centre for Africa and in postgraduate training in Germany, she joined ETC in 1989. She is in the International Support Team for PROLINNOVA (*PROMoting Local INNOVAtion in agriculture and natural resource management*), a community of practice in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and is team member in two EU-funded projects: JOLISAA (*Joint Learning in Innovation Systems in African Agriculture*) and INSARD (*Including Smallholders in Agricultural Research for Development*).

**Giel Ton** studied agricultural economics in Wageningen University. Since 2006, he works in the *Agricultural Economics Research Institute LEI*. He undertakes research on smallholders in value chains and farmers' organisations. He combines his work on impact evaluation methodologies of complex change processes with empirical research on innovation grants, sector policies and certification initiatives. He links research with the advocacy efforts of farmer organizations and coordinates the global ESFIM programme, *Empowering Smallholder Farmers in Markets* ([ww.esfim.org](http://www.esfim.org)). Before joining LEI, he worked for 15 year in Latin America (Nicaragua and Bolivia) in support of farmer organizations.

**Nicoliene Oudwater** has worked in the field of sustainable livelihoods, agricultural development and the management of natural resources, in its institutional, socio-economic and political arenas. She is the unit manager of *ETC AgriCulture*, and involved in various programmes and assignments around Agricultural Research and Development and food security. Before joining ETC in 2008, she worked with *Concern Worldwide* (INGO) as a Livelihoods Advisor based in Bangladesh, as a Gender and Biodiversity Programme Officer at FAO working on gender, agro-biodiversity and food security and at the *Natural Resources Institute* (NRI, UK) as a researcher in various DFID and EU funded international multidisciplinary natural resource management projects with a strong poverty and gender focus and with a local NGO in Zambia. Nicoliene has working experience in Asia (India, Bangladesh) and in a number of African countries including Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**Henri Rouillé d'Orfeuille** is an agricultural engineer with a PhD in economics. He worked for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the *World Bank* and the *French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development* (CIRAD). Henry had a very active position in civil society as president of the *Coordination SUD*, a French platform of NGOs, but also as head of various NGOs and foundations. Currently, he is working on endogenous knowledge with the *Fondation de France*, the *Fondation pour la nature et l'homme*, as well as with the FACTS initiative (*Field Actions Science*) which aim to enhance, capitalize and disseminate the knowledge resources produced by field actions and foster their take up by all in routine actions.

**Marygoretti Kamau** is a Kenyan agronomist and has recently diversified into the field of Environmental Sciences where she is currently pursuing her MA in Environmental Planning and Management at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. She is currently working for *Eastern Africa Farmers Federation* (EAFF) as the Knowledge Management Officer, where among her duties is to develop, analyse and generate pertinent agricultural information to the members of the organization as well as partners. Within the PAEPARD program, Marygoretti is the focal point and is the "brains behind the wheel" in ensuring that the African stakeholders are effectively engaging in the programme under the "work package 2" framework. Previously she worked in a consultancy firm dealing with issues revolving around disaster management, agriculture as well as climate change issues.

**Elisabteh Atangana**, farmer by profession, was elected in October 2010 in Malawi, the first President of the *Platform of the Pan-African Farmers' Organisations* (PAFO). Her involvement in community life, including the creation and animation of development associations, professional organizations and farmers began in 1979. Since 1998 she has been involved in the establishment of the National Peasant Movement through the National Coordination of Peasant Organizations of Cameroon (CNOP-CAM) and in the process of creating the PROPAC (sub-regional *Platform of Peasant Organizations of Central Africa*) in 2005. She is currently the president of the PROPAC.

**Thierry Helmer** is Project manager on Information system and **Joël Sor** is Head of Information System (CIO) at the *French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development* (CIRAD). Both are involved in PAEPARD project, Thierry as project manager and Joël as co-leader, in the "work package 3: *information and communication*", that aims to develop a communication strategy for African and European stakeholders to access timely to relevant information and to actively share knowledge on ARD partnership opportunities and best practices.

