

Alex Twinomugisha

Regional Director, Africa, GeSCI, Kenya

Alex Twinomugisha has extensive experience planning, designing, implementing and managing ICTs for Education and Development initiatives. He is currently the General Manager for the Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative (GeSCI) based in Nairobi, Kenya. In this role, he oversees GeSCI's programme development and operations. Prior to this he was the ICT in Education Specialist for GeSCI providing strategic advice to governments in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Prior to working with GeSCI, he was responsible for setting up and managing the online and satellite video eLearning infrastructure for the African Virtual University project in over 15 African countries. He has also consulted for various international development agencies.

Alice Kaudia

Environment Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MEMR), Kenya

Alice Kaudia is Environment Secretary at the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources Kenya. She graduated from the University of Nairobi, followed by a PhD in Forestry Extension and Development by the University of East Anglia, UK, 1996.

Ms. Kaudia has served in senior leadership and management positions in government, Civil Society Organizations, International Environment Conservation Organizations, Forestry Research Institution and the private sector.

Dr. Kaudia has served as a consultant for various organizations including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, CARE International (Kenya and Somalia) and the European Union through Development Researchers Network of Italy. She has published in the areas of agro forestry, gender and forestry, forestry extension and technology transfer.

Álvaro de Oliveira

President, European Network of Living Labs, Belgium

Álvaro de Oliveira received his Ph.D. & M. Sc. from the University College London where he developed his 10 years of academic experience. He's a Scholar at Aalto University, involved in open innovation policies and methodologies, including Living Labs.

He spent 6 years managing a large American ICT engineering and manufacturing company in the areas of telecommunications, computers and electronic products and systems. He has created 20 companies addressing different domains of ICT technologies and applications. His own company performs ICT research and systems engineering and carries out European, national and regional development and innovation strategy studies. He has published 125 scientific papers and delivered hundreds of presentations at international conferences.

He is the Chair of the ENoLL Council and the President of the Association, and responsible for the International Relations, Innovation Policy and Energy and Environment domains of the European Network of Living Labs.

Amer A. Mardam-Bey

Executive Vice President, Siraj Capital, USA

Amer A. Mardam-Bey is Executive Vice President for Business Development & Project Management. With 22 plus year success driving benchmark-setting growth and expansion for globally focused organizations, Amer has held a number of executive management positions in mature, start-up and turnaround corporate environments, delivering aggressive revenue growth and increased shareholder value. Amer has held a number of senior executive positions with e.g. Harris Corporation, AppTek and AEGIS. He has also managed several international projects in Germany, Cuba, Moscow, Haiti, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Most recently he was the Senior Program Director for Harris Corporation, on the Iraqi Media Network, a \$120 Million Television, Radio and Newspaper network centre.

Amer holds a BA, in Management and Public Policy from New England College, MBA in Finance and International Marketing from The Kogod College of Business Administration, The American University, Washington D.C.

André Nöel Chaker

Director, New Business Development, Veikkaus Oy, Finland

André is the director of new business development at the Finnish National Lottery Veikkaus. He and his team are responsible for the assessment and development of new business opportunities for the national lottery. Prior to joining the lottery, André held several management positions in the fields of international entertainment and technology. He has published books worldwide in the fields of law, entertainment and mobile technology. He has been a consultant for Nokia in the fields of mobile media and marketing. He has been the main moderator for the Mobile Monday Helsinki and Global events since 2005.

Antti Peltomäki

Director-General of the Directorate-General for Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), Belgium

Mr. Antti Peltomäki is Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General for Information Society and Media (DG INFSO) since October 2007.

He is responsible for Coordination of issues related to the Digital Agenda for Europe and in particular of policies on electronic communication, Media and Internet. He represents the Commission in international summits related to information society policies.

Mr. Peltomäki has also worked as Head of the Commission's representation in Helsinki in 2006 – 2007.

Prior to joining the Commission in 2006, Mr Peltomäki worked for almost ten years in the office of the Prime Minister of Finland, initially as State Under-Secretary, then State Secretary for EU affairs. A lawyer by training, Mr. Peltomäki began his career as a coordinator of international research and training courses at the Helsinki University of Technology.

Antti Vilpponen

CEO, ArcticStartup, Finland

An experienced entrepreneur with a solid history of getting companies started and growing them. Strengths include productization/finding working business models, working towards product market fit and managing of organisations to achieve their early goals.

Has worked in the past with a social gaming startup, Apaja, as a Sales Director. Left Apaja to found a digital consultancy with 9 other industry professionals. In 2007 also started ArcticStartup as a personal project that has now grown to be the largest online media and community site promoting growth entrepreneurship in Northern Europe. ArcticStartup was registered as a company in 2009.

Currently works as the CEO of ArcticStartup. Vilpponen is also an avid supporter of entrepreneurship.

Brooke Partridge*President and CEO, Vital Wave Consulting, Inc., USA*

Brooke Partridge is CEO and founder of Vital Wave Consulting. Ms. Partridge has led the company's development of innovative methods of research and analysis that enable the game-changing strategies needed for successful growth in emerging markets.

For over 20 years Ms. Partridge has been a leader in emerging-market and emerging-technology businesses.

Previously, she was the Business Director of the Emerging Market Solutions Organization at HP.

Ms. Partridge has lived and worked in several developing economies, including Perú, Chile and México, and spent extended periods of time in India, Africa and Western Europe. She lectured in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Stanford University and holds a Master's of Pacific International Affairs from UC San Diego, as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and International Relations from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

C S Jadhav

Director of Marketing for Nandan Biomatrix Limited, India

Mr. C S Jadhav is an MBA with diploma in Communication and Journalism and MA in Public Personnel Management with over 15 years of experience in the field of Advertising, Public Relations, Product Management, Sales and Distribution. Currently he is handling the entire Sales and Marketing of Nutraceuticals and Biofuels Division as Director – Marketing of NANDAN BIOMATRIX LIMITED. He has been instrumental in establishing a unique franchisee model in the agri sector and is consolidating it further.

He is instrumental for winning BSE's 5th Social & Corporate Governance Awards for the year 2010, Two Awards of India's Biggest Business Awards, CNBC-TV18's "Emerging India Awards, 2009" under categories most

promising SME for FMCG, Food and Agri business and Green Business of the year, “Best Green SME Award” for the year 2009 by Business Today, CRISIL rating as “SE1A” which indicates “Highest Performance Capability and High Financial Strength

Carlos César Yammal

Regional facilitator for Latin America and the Caribbean, infoDev, the World Bank, USA

César Yammal has been working as staff and consultant for the World Bank for 10 years. He is recognized by his activities as Facilitator for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of *infoDev's* Incubator Initiative. He is also an experienced consultant in the design, implementation, coordination, supervision, and evaluation of international development projects (loans and grants) in the areas of science, technology, innovation & entrepreneurship, and TICs; covering technical and fiduciary aspects.

Mr. Yammal has been supervising infoDev Grants for enterprise incubators and institutions related to entrepreneurship in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, México, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Currently, he is promoting the Latin America and Caribbean Incubators and Technoparks Network (RedLAC); and the Latin American Network of National Associations of Incubators and Technoparks (RELAPI).

Chahbani Bellachheb

Manager, Chahtech SA, Tunisia

Chahbani Bellachheb graduated from Sorbonne University (Paris). In 1992, He obtained a Ph.D. in Agriculture Sciences at the University of Gent (Belgium). From 1983 to 2008 he is senior teacher researcher (in Arid Regions Institute-Tunisia), specialized in Water and soil conservation (irrigation, water harvesting, erosion).

Mr CHAHBANI is holder of 8 national (4) and international (4) water prizes and Awards. He is also the inventor of the “buried diffuser for underground irrigation of trees, vegetables and ornamental species in containers. This invention is patented at the international level (PCT Patent). Since 2009 he is manager of “Chahtech SA” company, a small Tunisian innovative enterprise manufacturing and commercializing the different models of this invention.

Cory Belden

Research Analyst, USA

Cory Belden is a part-time research analyst with the GII at Virginia Tech. Since September 2010, Cory has been working on an EU-funded project that examines the effects of non-tariff measures on international agri-food trade. Cory also works as a consultant in the Agriculture and Rural Development division of the World Bank. Her work there currently focuses on how information communication technologies can be used to improve the rural agriculture sector in developing countries.

Cory graduated from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 2010 with an MA in International Policy Studies, and also recently published an IFPRI discussion paper that explores the relationships between customary and state actors in Ghana.

Eduardo Da Costa

President, 2000ideias, Brazil

Dr. Da Costa currently is the President of 2000ideias, an international consulting company based in Rio.

Previously, he was head the Innovation Unit of FINEP, the Brazilian Innovation Agency, where he coordinates programs for the development of SMEs through grants, loans and VC money. Before joining FINEP, he was the founder and chairman of an international consulting and training company i-Cubo.

The company specializes in electronic government and novel Internet applications, and is located in Belmont, MA (U.S.) and São Paulo (Brazil). As a visiting scholar at Harvard/PIRP, in Cambridge, MA (U.S.) Dr. Da Costa wrote *Global E-commerce Strategies for Small Businesses* (MIT Press, June 2001). He lectures in Brazil and internationally (in the past three years in the U.S., China, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Switzerland) about e-commerce, e-government and the development of small businesses. Dr. da Costa holds a Ph.D. in Electronics from Southampton University in the U.K.

Eija Pehu

Professor, Agriculture and Rural Development Department, The World Bank , USA

Professor Eija Pehu joined the Agriculture and Rural Development Department of the World Bank in 2000 as Advisor on Science, Technology and Innovation. She leads the Department's program on sustainable agriculture with special focus on agricultural research and innovation.

Prior to joining the WB she led the Center of Excellence in Applied Biotechnology in the University of Helsinki focusing on resistance traits in crop plants. She was also the Head of the Agronomy Department at the University of Helsinki and co-founder and science director of two biotechnology start-up companies in Helsinki Science Park.

For six years she served on the Board of the International Potato Center (CIP). Professor Pehu earned her Ph.D. in Horticulture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and M.Sc. from the Department of Crop Production at the University of Helsinki.

Elie Habib

Lebanon Country Manager, Abraaj Capital - Riyadh Enterprise Development, Lebanon

Mr. Habib is Lebanon country manager of Riyadh Enterprise Development (RED). He is currently a board member of Cradlepoint, US. In 2006, Mr. Habib co-founded a VC-backed startup, Vusion, in the US and served as its CEO until its acquisition in '09.

Prior to that, Mr. Habib held senior positions within Nokia, most recently serving as SVP and GM of the Mobile Connectivity business unit. Mr. Habib has also held executive positions at Ramp Networks (acquired by Nokia in 2001) and Bay Networks (acquired by Nortel Networks).

Mr. Habib holds a M.S. in Computer Science from France and the US.

Ellen Olafsen

Operations Officer, infoDev, USA

Ellen is responsible for several infoDev activities in the area of ICT-enabled private sector development, including scaling up the Incubator Initiative, supervising business incubator projects, and managing 6 regional networks on business incubation in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Before joining infoDev, Ellen was a consultant to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), working on grassroots business development and social entrepreneurship. Ellen has worked as product and partnership manager for other organizations in the public and private sector, and has experience in designing and managing both global and country-level information and technology (IT) projects (Angola, Morocco and Tanzania). Ellen has an MBA in International Finance and an MA in International Affairs focused on Sub-Saharan Africa.

Erik Hersman

Co-founder, Ushahidi, Kenya

Raised in Kenya and Sudan, Erik Hersman is a technologist and blogger who lives in Nairobi. He is a co-founder of Ushahidi, a free and open source platform for crowdsourcing information and visualizing data. He is the founder of AfriGadget, a multi-author site that showcases stories of African inventions and ingenuity, and an African technology blogger at WhiteAfrican.com.

His current project is the iHub, Nairobi's Innovation Hub for the technology community, bringing together entrepreneurs, hackers, designers and the investment community.

Erik is a TED Senior Fellow, a PopTech Fellow and speaker and an organizer for Maker Faire Africa. You can find him on Twitter at @WhiteAfrican.

Esko Aho

Executive Vice President, Corporate Relations and Responsibility, Nokia Corporation, Finland

Esko Aho heads Nokia's government and public affairs function, and oversees the company's global policies and activities regarding sustainable development and social responsibility. He has been a member of the Nokia Leadership Team since 2009, and was appointed to his current position in 2008. He reports to the CEO. Mr. Aho holds a Master's degree in Social Science from the University of Helsinki.

Fadi Ghandour

Board Member, Abraaj Capital, Founder Aramex, Founder Maktoob, UAE

Fadi Ghandour is the Founder and CEO of Aramex International, one of the leading logistics and transportation companies in the Middle East and South Asia, and the first company from the Arab world to go public on the NASDAQ stock exchange and now company trades on the Dubai Financial Market.

Fadi is a Founding Partner of Maktoob.com; the world's largest Arab On-Line community recently acquired by Yahoo!; is a member of the Board of Abraaj Capital, is a Founding Board Member of Endeavor Jordan and serves on the Advisory Board of the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business at the American University of Beirut. Between 2003-2005, he was the Middle East and North Africa Area Chairman of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO). Fadi is passionate about social entrepreneurship. He is the founder of Ruwwad for Development, a regional private sector-led community empowerment initiative that helps disadvantaged communities overcome marginalization through youth activism, civic engagement, and education.

Fernando Walter Lolo

Portfolio Manager,

infoDev's Access to Markets and Finance program, USA

Fernando is co-managing the infoDev's Access to Markets and Finance program (A2MF). He has 15+ years of experience in Investment and Portfolio Management, Private Equity/ Venture Capital Funds transaction cycles, Financial Engineering, Quantitative Finance, and Fund Management. He has held different positions at the World Bank Group during the past 9+ years, and, before that, in the corporate sector in Argentina.

He holds masters and post-master degrees from Harvard, Columbia, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Universidad de Buenos Aires, and Johns Hopkins Universities. He also holds investment and financial professional licenses from CAIAA and CPCECABA Associations. He has been exposed to US, European, and Emerging Markets (LATAM), totaling USD 2+ Billion investment transactions and in AUM (Assets-Under-Management).

Folabi Esan

Partner, Adlevo Capital, Nigeria

Folabi Esan was the Founder and Managing Consultant of Catalyst TDC, a Nigeria-based consulting firm that advises clients on technology adoption issues within their companies. Prior to founding Catalyst TDC, Folabi was the Managing Director of SAP Nigeria. He successfully drove the company to profitability within three years and was instrumental in building the company up to its current position as a leading provider of enterprise software to large corporations in the region.

Folabi also managed Heureka Consulting, a marketing consulting firm providing consulting services to SME IT Companies in Nigeria. Folabi's previous experience also includes positions with Bain & Company in the US and Andersen Consulting in Nigeria. Folabi received a B. Eng. in Mechanical Engineering (First Class Division) from Ahmadu Bello University, an M.S. in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from Stanford University, and a M.Sc. in Innovation Management and Technology Policy from University of London.

Franco Papeschi

Program Manager, Service Design Expert, Web Foundation, Switzerland

Franco Joined the Web Foundation in January 2011, working on the creation and development of mobile training and innovation labs. Currently active in Kenya, Ghana, and Senegal - the labs aspire to be community catalysts, training centers and incubation hotspots for transforming ideas into start-ups able to generate useful, sustainable services to local communities.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Franco worked as User Experience manager in Vodafone Group, taking a human-centered approach to envision innovative and meaningful services. Franco has 7 years of experience leading projects on the design of web sites and applications, mobile services, IPTV, change and knowledge management systems. He has been lecturer at the Politecnico of Milan from 2004 to 2007, teaching Communication and cognitive systems.

Ganesh Kishore

Managing Director, Burrill International Group and CEO Malaysia Life Sciences Capital Fund, USA

Ganesh is Managing Director, Burrill & Company and CEO of Malaysia Life Sciences Capital Fund, and has a distinguished track record of accomplishments in biotechnology R&D and businesses.

After receiving a PhD in biochemistry from Indian Institute of Science, he received postdoctoral training in chemistry and biology and also served as a Robert A Welch Fellow at The University of Texas. He then joined Monsanto Company as a Senior Research Biochemist responsible for developing processes for the synthesis of Aspartame, the active ingredient of NUTRASWEET and EQUAL. He subsequently took leadership for developing the technology behind ROUNDUP READY and ultimately the entire agricultural technologies and biotechnology for the Monsanto Company. He was named a Distinguished Science Fellow, the highest honor bestowed upon scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the company but also the scientific field in general and, Assistant Chief Scientist of the company.

Hanna Marttinen-Deakins*Head of Industry, Software and Digital Media, Finpro, Finland*

Ms. Marttinen-Deakins has spent most of her 17 years of professional experience in Asia, in China. In addition to China she has also been stationed in numerous other countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Japan, Indonesia and Taiwan. She lives in Finland and heads Finpro's Global Software and Digital Media Team. Hanna is currently involved in Digitalizing the Rural India – Project, which is one of the many BoP sector initiatives by Finpro. She was co-creator of Finland's pilot program on Mobile Business at the Base of the Pyramid. The program creates a Framework Tool that would assist companies in understanding the mechanisms of business at the base of the pyramid and how to enable a mutually beneficial business venture for Finnish and developing world's companies. Hanna holds a Master's degree of Science (Economics) from the Åbo Akademi University.

Heikki Norta

Senior Vice President, Nokia Strategy, Corporate Development, Nokia, Finland

As Senior Vice President of Nokia Strategy, Heikki Norta is responsible for Nokia's strategy, corporate planning and market and competitive intelligence. His duties also include the company's strategy development and strategy deployment consulting services for the whole company.

Heikki joined Nokia in 1992 and over the course of his career at Nokia has held a number of strategic roles in business management, consumer insight, sales and marketing.

Heikki holds a Master of Science (Econ.) degree from Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration.

Heinz Fiedler

President, SPICE Group, Germany

Heinz Fiedler spent four years as the Deputy Director of the Technology Transfer Office of the Technical University Berlin. This resulted in starting the first German business incubator (BIG Berlin, opened 1983) which he led during the first years of operation. During this time BIG was expanded toward a technology park (1985). In 1986 Mr. Fiedler was co-founder of the German Business Incubator Association (ADT) and served ADT as Executive for more than ten years.

Since 2003 Mr. Fiedler works as consultant for infoDev in different projects, e.g. the MENA network, the Women Business Incubation Workgroup, and a new incubator in Nicaragua.

Mr. Fiedler also has been working in private sector real estate management, development, and investment for more than 16 years and for the Berlin State Ministry for Finance.

Mr. Fiedler is co-founder and elected president of the SPICE Group; established in 1991, now with members representing more than 40 countries and 25 associations.

Herman Heunis

Founder and CEO, MXit, South Africa

Herman is the founder and CEO of MXit, a new generation mobile IM/social network in that is used as a platform for communication, gaming, social involvement, m-commerce, and advertising. He has a background in software engineering and has started a number of businesses in the ICT space since 1990, focusing mainly on the mobile industry since 1994.

He is a graduate from Stellenbosch University and holds a B.Comm degree and Diploma in Datametrics from University of South Africa.

Ibrahima Wade

Permanent Secretary of the National Steering Committee of Accelerated Growth Economic Strategy of Senegal, Senegal

Career: - Permanent Secretary of the National Steering Committee of Accelerated Growth Economic Strategy of Senegal in Prime Minister Office, since August 2005

- General Secretary of the Government of Senegal, 2005 - 2001

- Head of Office in charge of multilateral cooperation and negotiation – Debt and Investment Department – Ministry of Economy and Finance- January 2001- 1997

- Head of Office in charge of cooperation with European Union - Debt and Investment Department – Ministry of Economy and Finance 1997 –1994

- Public Treasurer of Thies region 1993 – 1992

Expertise areas: Law, Economy, Public Finance, Banking, Private sector Development, International finances and International Development, International cooperation and negotiation, Management of institutional reforms.

Ilari Patrick Lindy *Senior ICT Policy Specialist (Innovation), Global Information & Communication Technologies, The World Bank Group, USA*

Mr. Ilari Patrick Lindy is a Senior ICT Policy Specialist at Global Information Communication Technologies unit at the World Bank. He works on policies and instruments related to science, technology and innovation in the context of information society development. Mr. Lindy has previously served as a Senior Advisor on information society, science, technology & innovation at the Department of Development Policy in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and Counsellor on Science, Technology & Innovation at the Embassy of Finland in South Africa. He has also worked as a Senior Expert for European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) and Project Officer at the European Commission DG Information Society. Mr. Lindy has an MA in Communications Science from Helsinki University.

Jamila Abass

Co-founder and CEO, Mfarm, Kenya

Jamila Abass is a passionate and adept web and mobile applications developer who holds a software engineering degree from Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Morocco. She is currently the co-founder and CEO of MFarm Ltd (K), a Kenyan start-up that empowers farmers with useful market information on their mobile phones.

Prior to starting MFarm, Jamila worked with Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI/University of Washington) as a Medical Records Systems developer. She has also served as the Business Development Manager of the Akirachix (www.akirachix.com/), an IT forum for girls. Jamila strives to empower people, especially women, with the knowledge to unleash their potential and drive growth in the East African IT sector.

Janamitra (Dev) Devan

Vice President and Head of Network, Financial and Private Sector Development

The World Bank–International Finance Corporation (IFC), USA

Devan is World Bank–IFC vice president for Financial and Private Sector Development. As leader of the network, he engages with government policy makers who shape the business environment for the private sector. He works to promote collaborative public-private dialogue and the development of a regulatory environment that fosters opportunities for entrepreneurship and job creation. Devan also provides intellectual leadership and strategic direction in the areas of financial sector diagnostics and policy advice to national financial sector regulatory and supervisory authorities to help build strong and efficient financial systems.

Previously, Devan spent 10 years at McKinsey & Company, building extensive experience in Asia and North America. He served as director for Asia at McKinsey Global Institute and before that as director of global operations for McKinsey's Strategy Practice.

Jill Sawers

infoDev Consultant on Innovation and Incubation, infoDev, The World Bank, South Africa

Dr. Jill Sawers assists infoDev with the development and implementation of business incubators in Tanzania and Mozambique, and with the development of training material for incubator managers. She runs her own consulting company in the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship development.

Her experience includes establishing and running the Maxum Business Incubator at The Innovation Hub Science Park in Pretoria, RSA; the development of the CoachLab Student Leadership Development Programme that focusses on producing young leaders for the ICT industry; and the delivery of training to incubator managers, and entrepreneurs respectively.

Jill was elected as first Chair of the Southern African Business and Technology Incubation Association. She also serves on the Panel of Experts of the East London Industrial Development Zone's Science Park. Jill holds a Bachelor of Science, a Masters in Business Leadership, and a PhD in Technology Management.

John Casey

Managing Director, Venture Mentors, USA

John is the MD of Venture Mentors, a non-profit service organization that he co-founded in 1997 with a dedicated group of serial entrepreneurs volunteering their time to mentor the next generation of entrepreneurs. As President and CEO of Sushi Software LLC, John provides technical and management consulting to software companies around the US and overseas. He has twenty years of success helping high-tech startups achieve sales, marketing, financing, and management goals. He currently advises companies on growth strategies; venture financing; international sales; strategic partnerships; and merger and acquisition (M&A) alternatives. John helped start and grow a number of companies e.g. Caucus Systems Inc, Baranof Software, Advanced Systems Group at Phoenix Systems, Coyne Kalajian Inc.

John holds a Master of Science in Information Technology from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University. He is a member of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the MIT Enterprise Forum, and the New Media Society.

Jorma Julin

Director General, Department for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finland

Jorma Julin joined the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1971. He has served most of his career in trade and economic functions in the ministry and abroad. Ambassador Julin participated in 1986- 91 in the GATT Uruguay Round in several key functions for Finland, including as the chairman of the negotiating group on audiovisual services. He has served as Finnish ambassador to Republic of Korea in 1991–96. He was Director General in charge of Department for External Economic Affairs at MFA in 1997–2000. As Permanent Representative of Finland to the OECD he served in 2001-5. He was Ambassador to Japan in 2005-9.

In his present position as the Director General of the Department for Development Policy he has the charge of the Finnish development policy and cooperation, both multilateral and bilateral aid. Julin holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Helsinki.

Judith Owigar

President, Akirachix, Kenya

Judith Owigar has been in the field of technology serving in various capacities as a developer, blogger and tech enthusiast. She has been in technology support, web development and mobile development. As the president of Akirachix she is involved in project planning, management, and reporting.

Judith first started working as an intern at the United Nations Environment Program. After completing her degree at the University of Nairobi, she worked as a Technical Support Representative for Turnkey Africa, then a programmer for Ibid Labs. She is currently working as an IT Engineer at Japan Center for Conflict Prevention while doubling up as the President of Akirachix.

Akirachix has been involved in the organization of Akirachix meet ups, Mobile Monday meet ups in Nairobi, Kenya. We have also participated in the Random Hacks of Kindness (RHOK) and Apps4Africa competitions.

Julian Webb

infoDev's Asia Pacific Region Facilitator; Managing Director CREEDA Projects Pty Ltd; Director Business Innovation and Incubation Australia Inc; Asia Pacific Incubation Network (APIN) Steering Committee Member, Australia

Webb has been a pioneer and leader in the small business development and business incubation industries since the 1980s. He ran award winning business incubators and business advisory services for many years in Australia. Now, he expresses his passion for innovation and entrepreneurship through his work with the infoDev Program, as a director of the Australian incubation industry association, by leading the international consulting team for the BADIR technology incubation program in Saudi Arabia and as an independent consultant helping incubators in many countries.

Jussi Hinkkanen

Vice President for Government Relations and Business Environment – Middle East and Africa, Nokia, South Africa
Jussi is responsible for Nokia's government and corporate relations in Middle-East and Africa. He joined Nokia in 2009 from United Nations (UN) where, in his last duty, he acted as Adviser to the Minister of Science and Technology in Mozambique.

During his years in UN he constructed and coordinated several large-scale information society projects from high speed university and research networks to national eGovernment architectures and community level citizen access centers. Before joining UN he worked in various multinational corporations where he was responsible for IT architecture and business process development ranging from product life-cycle and knowledge management to sales and supply-chain automation. He holds Master of Science in Industrial Economics with minor in Software Sciences.

Kent E. Lupberger

Global Head/Senior Manager, Telecom, Media and Technology, Global Infrastructure and Natural Resources Department International Finance Corporation, USA

Kent E. Lupberger is Global Head/Senior Manager, Telecom, Media and Technology (TMT) in the Global Infrastructure and Natural Resources Department of the IFC. The unit develops the institution's TMT strategy, undertakes global business development, and lends and invests in telecommunications, media and technology companies in the developing world. It is one of the few units in IFC which makes also growth capital investments in early stage companies. Kent has been active in the TMT sector since 1996, when he became manager of IFC Telecom Group.

Prior to joining IFC in 1988, Kent worked for Chase Manhattan Bank in Chile and the United States. He holds an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from the University of Colorado, an MBA from ESADE (Barcelona, Spain), and a Master of International Management from Thunderbird (Arizona, USA).

Kevin Braithwaite

Director and Co-founder, RootSpace

Chair, Global Ideas Competition, Cleantech Open, United Kingdom

Kevin Braithwaite is an entrepreneur focused on ventures that tackle key global challenges such as poverty, climate change, disease and international conflict. He is a director and co-founder of RootSpace, a social venture incubator in Beirut, Lebanon, that works to foster sustainable social and economic development through innovation, technology and entrepreneurship.

Kevin has founded and built multiple technology companies and advised a wide range of early stage investors, incubators, universities, multinational corporations and non-profits. For a number of years, he worked with the venture incubator at the University of Cambridge, where he mentored and supported a wide range of young entrepreneurs. Kevin is also an advisory board member for cleantech, mobile and web ventures focused on social and environmental impact in developing and emerging markets

Kirsti Kauppi

Director General, Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finland

Ms. Kauppi has been in her current position from 2009. Previously, between 2005 and 2009 she served as Ambassador of Finland to Austria and Finland's Permanent Representative in the International Organizations in

Vienna (excluding the OSCE). During her diplomatic career she has held various positions in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Finnish Embassies in Berlin, Washington, EU/Brussels and Bangkok.

Lisandro Bril

Managing Partner, Ax Ventures-Pymar Fund, Argentina

Lisandro Bril is the Managing Partner of Ax Ventures-Pymar Fund. An early stage venture capital fund focused in technology projects for innovative and high growth entrepreneurs based in Argentina, that targets and escalates toward regional/ global markets, currently screening projects in mobile applications, mHealth, internet and clean techs.

Lisandro is a pioneer VC and entrepreneurial development activist since the 90s in Argentina. As Manager of i5 (Hicks Muse company)) he invested in Amtec (now Neoris). He is a Board Member of portfolio companies Technisys (www.technisys.net - software banking) and BioScience (www.bioscience.com.ar -mHealth) Lisandro holds a BA in Economics (Cum Laude) from University of Buenos Aires and a MPA from Harvard Kennedy School.

Madan Mohan Rao

Research Director, Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), India

Dr. Madan Mohan Rao, a consultant and writer from Bangalore, is research director at the Asian Media Information and Communication centre (AMIC). He is the editor of three book series: "The Asia Pacific Internet Handbook", "The Knowledge Management Chronicles" and "AfricaDotEdu" (McGraw Hill). He is also editor-at-large of DestinationKM.com and contributor to the Poynter Institute blog on new media trends. Madan was on the international editorial board of the recently published book, "Transforming e-Knowledge."

Madan was formerly the communications director at the UN's Inter Press Service bureau in New York, and vice president at IndiaWorld Communications in Bombay. He graduated from the Indian Institute of Technology at Bombay and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, with an M.S. in computer science and a Ph.D. in communications. He is currently the director of the InfoComm Observatory at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore.

Manuel Bello

Information Systems Manager, LATU, Uruguay

Manuel Bello is founder of INGENIO, the first business incubator in Uruguay, and is a member of its Steering Committee since its creation in 2001. He currently works as a consultant in the development of new incubators in the LAC region.

Manuel Bello has been head of the Information Systems Department at LATU (Laboratorio Tecnológico del Uruguay) for more than 16 years. LATU is the country's main technological institution, focusing in quality assessment, chemical and physical testing, scientific and legal metrology, entrepreneurship promotion and IT knowledge development, among other goals.

He is one of the founding members of URUNOVA, the National Association of Incubators and Technology Parks, and member of the board of directors of Programa Emprender. He has participated actively in InfoDev's Incubator Initiative since 2003, and is a permanent contributor to the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Business Incubators, REDLAC.

Michael Reddy

Chief Executive Officer, The Furniture Technology Centre Trust, South Africa

Michael Reddy is the Chief Executive Officer of Furntech, the largest business incubator in South Africa, which focuses specifically on the furniture and wood products sector.

Michael is a founding member and the current Chairperson of The Southern African Business Technology Incubation Association (SABTIA). He is also the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Africa Incubation Network – a regional network for the African Continent.

Michael has been involved in vocational and business skills development for SMME's for the past 15 years and has been directly involved in Incubation for the past 10 years.

He is a graduate of the University of Western Cape, in Cape Town and is currently completing his dissertation on the impact of vocational skills development on the competitiveness of SMME's. 47 *Speaker Profiles*

Mikko Kosonen

President, Finnish Innovation Fund (SITRA), Finland

Mikko Kosonen is Sitra's President for the period 2008–2013. Before taking this role, he worked for Sitra as an Executive Vice President responsible for innovation operations (2007–2008). Previously, Kosonen worked for Nokia (1984–2007), most recently as SVP, Strategy and Business Infrastructure (1996–2005) and Senior Advisor (2005 – 2007). At the same time, he has also been a member of the Boards of the following, among others: Itella Corporation, Fifth Element Oy, a provider of wireless applications, Technology Academy Finland, Kesko, Kuntien Tiera Oy and Foundation for Economic Education. Mikko Kosonen completed a Doctor's thesis in Economic Sciences (International Business) at the Helsinki School of Economics in 1991. He has published several books and articles on strategic management (most recently *Fast Strategy – How Strategic Agility will help you stay ahead of the game*, 2008 and *New Deal at the Top*, Harvard Business Review 2007).

Mmbonei Muofhe

Chief Director for International Resources, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa

Mr. Mmboneni Muofhe is the Chief Director for International Resources at the Department of Science and Technology in RSA where his role is to establish Strategic International Partnerships in order to open opportunities for funding, access by South African researchers to global research facilities and strategic dialogues in order to strengthen the South African National Science System. Previously, Mr. Muofhe worked as a Manager for the Technology and Human Resources for Industry Program (THRIP), a South African Public-Private partnership program aimed at promoting the development of technologies and human capacity in the sciences, engineering and technology to support industry.

Mr. Muofhe holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Cape Town and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Pretoria. He is currently registered for a PhD in Technology Commercialization and Innovation Management at the daVinci Institute in South Africa. 48 *infoDev's 4th Global Forum on Innovation & Technology Entrepreneurship*

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Has joined Bahrain Business Incubator Center (BBIC) the subsidiary of Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) in 2007. He holds Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, from the University of Bahrain. Currently Mohammad is working as an Assistant Manager in BBIC.

Beside his contribution in running the existing incubator and its expansion, Mohammad is heavily involved in establishing new business incubators in Bahrain, where BDB and BBIC are taking this initiative with the partnership of other institutions in the kingdom. Mohammad is contributing in the design and establishment of the Bahrain University Incubator Center as well the Women incubator Center. Mohammad is actively involved in many Business Incubators and Entrepreneurship related activities in the MENA region. He is a coordinator of the Middle East and North Africa Incubators Network, SPICE member of the Science Park and Innovation Center Experts Group and a member of the Chartered Management Institute.

Murat Aktihanoglu

Managing Director, ER Accelerator, USA

Murat Aktihanoglu is the founder and managing director of ER Accelerator, an early-stage investment fund and technology incubator in New York City. Most recently he founded, obtained funding for and sold Centrl, a location-based social network in New York City. He is also the founder of Entrepreneurs Roundtable, an organization which holds monthly meetings connecting investors with promising startups through introductions and short pitches in New York City, Philadelphia, Turkey, Japan and India.

He is also the co-author of the book "Location-Aware Applications", published by Manning Publications in 2011. He is a board member at Turkish American Business Forum and he is the co-founder of Turkish Founders Club. He is an advisor at Standard Start, Girls In Tech and Turkish Women's International Network. Murat holds a Masters degree in Computer Science and a BS in Electrics and Electronics from Bilkent University. 49 *Speaker Profiles*

Nguyen Xuan Tai

CEO, Naiscorp Information Technology Services JSC, Vietnam

Nguyen Xuan Tai has been in the internet industry of Vietnam since its beginning, with over 10 years experience. Tai founded Naiscorp as a search engine company in 2006, he continue to work for it until now. Before it, Tai was an excellent student at HUT-Vietnam, he won many national scientific prizes for his deep research on search engine and internet. Tai has deep links in Vietnam and has great relationships with VCs, ISPs, Operators, CPs, Government, Phone manufacturers, Universities. In 2009, Tai has successfully raised a multi-million dollars fund for Naiscorp from Softbank and IDGVV. Tai belongs to the next entrepreneur generation in Vietnam, having great passion for the internet and internet start-ups.

Nicola d'Elia

Innovation Manager, GSMA Development Fund, United Kingdom

Nicola D'Elia is the mApps and Innovation Manager at the GSMA Development Fund. Nicola joined the GSMA in November 2007. Based in Uganda, he managed the rural connectivity and Green Power for Mobile initiatives. Prior to joining the GSMA, Nicola worked for Accenture within the Communication and High Technology division in Italy and Germany. While with Accenture, Nicola spent a year in Namibia working with the Ministry of Education on a business partnership with Voluntary Service Overseas. Nicola also worked with a non-profit humanitarian organisation in the Middle-East providing assistance to Iraqi IDPs. Nicola holds a MSc in Telecommunication Engineering from the University of Pisa and earned an MBA with distinction at Cambridge Judge Business School, where he was a Sainsbury Scholar. Nicola is currently a distance learning MPH student at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Oltac Unsal

Task Manager, Access to Markets & Finance, infoDev, the World Bank Group, USA

Oltac leads infoDev's Access to Markets and Finance programs that bridge the gap between technology entrepreneurs and funding sources, customers and partners globally by creating innovative financing schemes, and through north-south and south-south co-incubation and softlanding facilities while also using technology platforms for discovery, interaction and matchmaking.

Oltac has been a seed technology investor in the US and globally, a semiconductor and software entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, and was the founding advisor to the first intellectual property commercialization incubator/fund in Turkey. He also held a variety of management positions with Microsoft, Cisco Systems, Goldman Sachs and Credit Suisse before joining the WB. Oltac holds an MBA from Stanford University, BA in Economics, Politics and Philosophy from Whitman College, and pursued Intellectual Property LLM at UW Law School.

Paavo Väyrynen

Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of Finland

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Doctor of Social Science, Member of Parliament

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Minister for Foreign Affairs, from 26 April 1991 to 5 May 1993

Minister for Foreign Affairs, from 6 May 1983 to 30 April 1987

Minister deputising for the Prime Minister, from 6 May 1983 to 30 April 1987

Minister for Foreign Affairs, from 26 May 1979 to 19 February 1982

Minister for Foreign Affairs, from 15 May 1977 to 26 May 1979

Minister of Labour, from 29 September 1976 to 15 May 1977

Minister of Education, from 30 November 1975 to 29 September 1976

Party Leader, Centre Party, 1980-1990
Deputy Party Leader, Centre Party, 1972-1980
Member of Parliament, 1970-1995, 1999, 2007 to present
Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, Vice Chair, 1991, 1993–1995
Parliamentary Supervisory Council of the Bank of Finland, Member, 1975, 1982–1983, 1988–1991, 1994–1995
Parliamentary Trustees of the Bank of Finland (limited), Member, 1975, 1988–1991, 1994–1995
Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council, Member, 1972-1975
Member of European Parliament, 1995-2007
Secretary to the Prime Minister, 1970-1971
Adjunct Professor at the University of Lapland, 1996 to present
Keminmaa Municipal Council, Member 1989 to present
Helsinki City Council, 1988-1989
Pohjanranta Oy, Board, Chair 1998 to present

Paula Uimonen

Paula Uimonen, Director, The Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions (Spider), University of Art and Design Helsinki, Sweden

Dr. Paula Uimonen has 14 years of experience in ICT for Development (ICT4D). She was one of the first scholars to treat the Internet as a tool for social development and has worked extensively with ICT4D in multilateral (UNRISD, UNDP, UNHCHR, ITU) and bilateral development cooperation (SDC, Sida), as well as global policy making (WSIS). Since 2004, she has advised government agencies in Tanzania on ICT integration in the culture and education sectors.

Paula is specialized in digital anthropology, combining digital, visual and sensory research methods. Her dissertation was the first comparative, empirical study of Internet development in the developing world, based on multi-sited fieldwork in Southeast Asia. The results of her most recent research project on digital media and intercultural interaction at Taasisi ya Sanaa na Utamaduni Bagamoyo (TaSUBa), a national institute for art and culture in Tanzania, will be published by Routledge, New York 2011.

Pekka Himanen *Professor, University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland* Prof. Himanen is one of the internationally best-known researchers of the information age, whose works on the subject have been published in 20 languages from Asia to America (English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Indonesian, Russian, Ukrainian, Turkish, Portuguese, Spanish, Catalan, French, Italian, German, Dutch, Croatian, Estonian, Swedish and Finnish).

After obtaining his PhD in Philosophy as the youngest doctor ever in Finland at the age of 20 (University of Helsinki 1994), Himanen moved to carry out research first in England and then in California (Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley). The best-known publication of this research is the book *The Hacker Ethic* (Random House 2001). Himanen has also coauthored with Prof. Manuel Castells the influential book *The Information Society and the Welfare State* (Oxford University Press 2002), which has been discussed worldwide in the leading academic and political circles. Himanen is nowadays a popular lecturer around the world.

As a sign of his impact, Himanen's work has been recognized with several awards, such as the World Economic Forum's respected Global Leader for Tomorrow Award in 2003 and his selection of being one of the 200 Young Global Leaders in 2005. Himanen has also had an important role in the actual making of policy. He has advised leading global organizations and corporations. In Finland, Prof. Himanen has recently finished the preparation of a new information society strategy for the Finnish Parliament's Committee for the Future, a national innovation strategy for the Finnish Technology Industry, and a strategic vision analysis on the request of the Finnish Government (the Prime Minister and the Minister for Finance).

Pekka Jamsen

Senior Manager, Agricord, Belgium

Pekka Jamsen works as Senior Manager Monitoring and Evaluation at AgriCord in Leuven, Belgium. The AgriCord-network of agencies implements global support to about 180 farmer organizations in 60 countries. He also coordinates Finland's support to farmers' organizations through the network. Some of the projects involve ICT solutions for dairy and coffee cooperatives. Pekka has worked for 30 years with development assistance in several countries in Africa and Asia.

Pekka Sauri

Deputy Mayor of the City of Helsinki, Finland

Pekka Sauri has served as Deputy Mayor of the City of Helsinki since 2003, in charge of Public Works and Environmental Affairs. He was elected to the office as a Finnish Green League party member by Helsinki City Council, first for a seven-year term, and re-elected for another seven years in 2010.

Prior to his current office, Dr. Sauri served in various positions in mental health counseling in Finland in 1975–2003. He was Chairman of the Green League of Finland in 1991–93. He also worked as a radio journalist in 1986–2002.

Dr. Sauri's long list of positions of trust over the past 21 years, both in Finland and internationally, include chairmanship of the European Federation of Green Parties in 1994–97. Dr. Sauri holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Brunel University, London, U.K.

Pertti Ikonen

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Aid for Trade Coordinator, works as a special advisor to the Director General Jorma Julin at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Finland. His main task is to coordinate Finland's Aid for Trade Action Plan and ICT issues in development cooperation.

Between 2005 and 2010 Mr. Ikonen worked at the Finnish Embassy in Copenhagen as a Minister Counsellor. In the years 2002–2005 he acted as a Director for the NGO division in the MFA. Since 1989 he has held various positions in the Ministry and Embassies abroad. He has lived in Sweden, Denmark, Estonia and Venezuela. Mr. Ikonen has a LL.M. degree from Helsinki University and studies from Copenhagen University.

Phil Mjwara

Director General, Department of Science & Technology, South Africa

Dr. Phil Mjwara has served as the DG of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) since 2006. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Mjwara was the Group Executive: Research and Development; Strategic Human Capital Development at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). In 2001 Dr. Mjwara joined CSIR as the head of the National Laser Centre (NLC).

He has also held positions at the then Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology; at the University of Pretoria and the Universities of the Witwatersrand, South Africa and Fort Hare. He has published and presented numerous papers on physics, technology analysis and foresighting.

Dr. Mjwara has served on various advisory councils and review boards e.g. National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI). He currently serves on the Boards of Sci-Bono Discovery Centre, Centre of Excellence on Hard Materials at Witwatersrand University, Laser Research Institute of Stellenbosch University, Council of the University of Johannesburg and is also a General Secretary of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa (ASSAf).

Radu Ticiu *Executive Director, Timisoara Software Business Incubator, Romania*

Radu is the executive director of a Software Business Incubator in Timisoara (West Romania), since its 2004 inauguration. Electronic engineering studies, previous activities in youth organizations, resource centers for non-profit sector or in local economic development agencies in Timisoara Area and a job in the banking industry are the ingredients he brought to his position.

Radu is currently active in initiation and building up of local communities of startup entrepreneurs, business angels, mobile apps and agile software developers, respectively in IT clustering. A passionate social media user, Radu (@raduticiu) initiated and curates www.startupchart.ro, national chapter of Startup Charts, an emerging discovery and monitoring tool of the European technology startups system.

Rahul Patwardhan *Vice Chairman and Managing Director, IndiaCo Ventures Limited, IndiaCo Center*

India Rahul is the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of IndiaCo Ventures Limited, where he is responsible for strategically managing all investments & aligned to asset management and funding. He has over 16 years of experience in venture capital investments, general and technological product management. Rahul founded IndiaCo Ventures (P) Limited in 2001, where he setup India's first private incubator. In 2003, IndiaCo was recognized by and received a grant from the World Bank. In 2005, through IndiaCo Ventures (P) Limited, Rahul acquired a public entity, Shivaji Securities Limited, a Bombay Stock Exchange traded company, which was later,

re-named to IndiaCo Ventures Limited. Rahul has been awarded by the Indian Economic Development Association (IEDRA) for “Outstanding Contributions to National Development”.

Rani Saad

Founder and Managing Director, d.novate ventures, USA

Rani Saad is the founder and managing director of d.novate ventures. He has co-founded a VC fund for the Mideast and North Africa, advised a pan-Asia private equity firm on formation, and developed the model of a design innovation incubator in Berlin. He provides advisory on entrepreneurship and innovation to a diverse set of entities, including startups, multinational corporations, emerging market public sectors, and investment funds. Mr. Saad also co-developed Microsoft's innovation development strategy and directed Microsoft's innovation acceleration in over 70 emerging nations, across the private and public sectors. He also developed and executed strategy for new business and emerging technology at the consumer finance company, Capital One. Mr. Saad also served as Entrepreneur-in-Residence at a Silicon Valley innovation accelerator, Reactivity. Mr. Saad has an MBA from Stanford University, and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Computer, Communications, and Intelligent Transportation Engineering.

Richard Muyungi

Assistant Director of Environment, Tanzanian Vice President's Office, Tanzania

Richard Stanislaus Muyungi holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Protection and Management, with focus on climate change, from the University of Edinburgh, UK. He is the Assistant Director of Environment in the Vice President's Office of the United Republic of Tanzania and the National Climate Change Focal Point. For the past 23 years he has worked for the Government and the international community in the area of climate change at various positions.

In 2008 he was elected the first Chairman of the Global Climate Change Adaptation Fund Board established under the Kyoto Protocol. Prior to that, he served as the Chairman of the LDCs in climate change negotiations. He also served as a Member of the CDM Executive Board, and Vice Chairman of the Small Scale Working Group of that Board, responsible for capacity building for the African countries and for the review and approval of small scale methodologies and projects.

Presently he is working as a co facilitator on Mitigation negotiations towards a new climate change regime under the Bali Action Plan. He is a member of the African Climate Change lead expert group advising African Heads of States on climate change issues.

Richard Scobey

Senior Advisor to the Vice President, Africa Region, USA

Richard Scobey is the Senior Advisor to the Vice President, Africa Region, with responsibility for innovation. He previously served as Director for Regional Integration in the Africa Region, managing a portfolio of \$3 billion in regional infrastructure projects, including \$450 million in information and communication technology projects. He has worked in the World Bank for 25 years in a variety of managerial positions covering agriculture, environment, and operational services.

Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked for an investment bank in Africa, and was a fellow at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Sweden. He obtained a BA in politics, philosophy, and economics from Brown University, and a MA in management from Yale School of Organization and Management.

Riikka Rajalahti

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Riikka Rajalahti works as a Sr. Agricultural Specialist in ARD with emphasis on agricultural innovation systems (AIS). Her main task in the current role is to promote operationalization of the AIS approach in the Bank lending operations.

Her main focus for the past 14 years has been on agricultural R&D, extension systems, AIS and overall small-holder agriculture and rural enterprise development in different capacities, including the World Bank, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Catholic Relief Services, Consultancy and Academia. She has a Ph.D. in Vegetable Crops from Cornell University and M.Sc. in Crop production/Agronomy from University of Helsinki.

Ritva Koukku-Ronde

Under-Secretary of State, Development Policy and Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finland

Ritva Koukku-Ronde is Under-Secretary of State (Development policy and cooperation), Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. She is a specialist in development, UN and European issues.

After graduating with a Master's degree in history from the University of Tampere and she worked as a free lance journalist in the Netherlands. In 1985 she entered the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Attaché, Press and Cultural Section and joined the Diplomatic Service. She has held postings in Bonn, Nairobi, The Hague and Berlin. In the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, she has served, among other assignments, as Director for United Nations Development Issues, Deputy Director General for European Affairs, Director General for Development Policy and since 2009 as Under-Secretary of State for development policy and development cooperation. Ms. Koukku-Ronde has been appointed as Ambassador of Finland to the United States as of 1.9.2011.

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Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, USA

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Specifically, Bob represents:

- Public and private companies in merger and acquisition transactions;
- Issuers, investors, and underwriters in public and private financings; and
- Public and private companies with respect to corporate governance matters related to strategic transactions and special situations, as well as in ongoing corporate and securities law matters.

Rohan Samarajiva

CEO, LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka

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Samarajiva was Team Leader at the Ministry for Economic Reform, Science and Technology responsible for infrastructure reforms (2002–04) and Director General at the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (1998–99) in Sri Lanka. Samarajiva was Policy Advisor to the Ministry of Post and Telecom in Bangladesh (2006–09).

He was Visiting Professor of Economics of Infrastructures at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands (2000–03) and Associate Professor of Communication and Public Policy at the Ohio State University in the US (1987–2000).

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Sanna-Liisa Taivalmaa works as an Adviser for Agriculture and Rural Development in Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland since 2008. She holds a Master's degree in agriculture and forestry from the University of Helsinki. She has studied tropical agriculture in Universidad de Costa Rica and horticulture in Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. She has worked with wide variety of agriculture, food security, rural development and relief operation issues both at policy and field level.

Prior to joining the Ministry, she was responsible for agriculture and rural development projects' management and technical backstopping in a private consultant company. She has worked with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP).

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Grameen Foundation last year with over 11 years of ICT experience, including extensive work in the African context. From 2008-2010, Sean served as Head of Emerging Market Services, Middle East and Africa, at Nokia, where he and his team developed mobile services such as Nokia Ovi's Life Tools, aimed at supporting poor farmers and their families with mobile services in agriculture, education, and health. In addition, Sean previously served as Deputy Head of Nokia's EU office, and held the role of secretary of the EU Africa Business Forum. He is also a recent graduate of the TRIUM Global Executive MBA (NYU Stern, LSE and HEC Paris) program.

Stefan Schandera*Regional Facilitator Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Incubator Initiative, InfoDev, Germany*

Stefan Schandera is facilitating the East European Central Asian region of *infoDev*'s global network of business incubators. Since 2002, he has been living and working in various ECA countries as an innovation development expert for international organizations as well as for governments and enterprises.

Before, Stefan managed a political youth party in Germany, co-founded a public relations agency, and managed a business consulting company with focus on innovative SMEs and academic entrepreneurship. As an East German, Stefan has a special interest in innovation development in the economies in transition of the former Soviet Union. Stefan is also a research fellow at DBFZ German Biomass Research Centre. Stefan holds an MA in East European Studies from Freie Universität Berlin and a Diplom-Kaufmann (FH) from University of Applied Science in Dresden.

Stephen Rudgard

Chief Knowledge and Capacity for Development, FAO, Italy

Stephen Rudgard is the Chief of Knowledge and Capacity for Development at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome. He heads a global team which manages programmes aimed at strengthening capacities of institutions and individuals in developing countries to manage and share information and knowledge, with a major emphasis on e-learning. The team facilitates several global partnerships that provide access to agricultural information, and develops global standards for agricultural information management. He joined FAO in 2000 after ten years at CAB International (CABI) as a Director in its Information for Development Programme. He has a PhD in Plant Pathology and worked for 10 years on cocoa disease management in Latin America, before moving into agricultural information.

Steve Giddings

Regional Facilitator for Africa, infoDev, South Africa

Steve is *infoDev*'s Regional Facilitator for the Africa region and lives in South Africa. His experience includes rural development, private sector business development and numerous consultancies to government, private sector and donor organisations in innovation and entrepreneurship. He has also founded and grown two start-up companies, run an incubator, presented training programmes on incubation and marketing and has been elected as a board member of the South African Business and Technology Incubator Association for two terms. Steve has an M. Sc degree in the life sciences and an MBA in Strategic Marketing.

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Suresh Kumar started his career in Coimbatore, in a Textile Machinery Manufacturing company, after which he joined PSG-Science & Technology Entrepreneurial Park (PSG-STEP) – The Technology Business Incubator (TBI) associated with PSG College of Technology.

Over the years, he has been responsible for managing the incubation facility, handholding start-ups, managing the seed fund support system, coordinating the Outreach Centre activities for promoting innovations and identifying & executing the consulting assignments.

He handles the Secretariat of Asia Pacific Incubation Network (APIN) – an initiative supported by *infoDev*, World Bank & Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. The network has about 106 incubators as members across 19 countries. He is an Engineering Graduate and also holds an MBA.

Tim Kelly

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Dr. Tim Kelly is a Lead ICT Policy Specialist at *infoDev*, a multi-donor agency hosted by the World Bank in Washington. He is currently leading programs on Creating Sustainable Businesses for the Knowledge Economy and eTransform Africa. At *infoDev* he directs the Connect and Transform themes. He was formerly Head of the

Strategy and Policy Unit of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and previously worked with the OECD and Logica Consultancy Ltd.

Over the last 25 years, Dr. Kelly has specialised in the economics of information and communication technologies. He has written or co-authored more than 30 books on the subject including the World Bank's "Building Broadband", ITU's "Internet Reports" and "World Telecommunication Development Report" and OECD's "Communications Outlook". He has an MA (Hons) degree in geography and a PhD in industrial economics from Cambridge University.

Todor Yalamov

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Torbjörn Fredriksson

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Valerie D'Costa *Program Manager, infoDev, The World Bank Group, USA*

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Vili Lehdonvirta

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Zhu Zhenghong

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Shanghai Technology Innovation Center (STIC) is a non-profit public Institution under the direct leadership of S&T Commission of Shanghai Municipality. It was established in April 1988. STIC incubation base, as a technology achievement incubation base, is invested by Shanghai Government, and directed by STIC with the authorization

from Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality. The incubation base is approved by Ministry of Science & Technology of P.R.C. as a State-level New & High Technology Innovation Service Center and one of the bases of Shanghai International Business Incubator.

STIC devotes to the tenet of “Transfer technology achievements, incubate technology enterprises, and cultivate technology entrepreneurs”, and strives to build an excellent innovation environment to provide comprehensive services to technology enterprises and innovators for the commercialization, industrialization and internationalization of hi-tech technology achievements.