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Speaker & Moderator Biographies

Dr. Mima S. Nedelcovych is the Country Director for Buchanan Renewables in Liberia. Buchanan Renewables (BR) is a Geneva based company focused on the development of renewable bio energy fuel sources in African countries for exports to the developed world, as well as the production of electricity in the supplying countries. He is responsible for the oversight of all of the activities conducted by BR in Liberia, with a particular focus on a large project in Liberia where redundant, post economic life rubber trees are being felled and chipped, creating a biomass product both for export markets (fuel, pulp and board industry) and for supplying the fuel for a 36 MW power station that is being built in the outskirts of Monrovia. The old trees being felled are systematically replaced with new young ones, thus also rejuvenating the national rubber industry.

Prior to joining BR, Dr. Nedelcovych was Managing Director of the Schaffer Global Group (SGG) a Baton Rouge, Louisiana based project development, finance and implementation firm focused on the emerging markets of Africa and the Americas. Dr. Nedelcovych, who continues to be on the SGG Board, was responsible for corporate and country clients, heading up all international financing and project development activities of the Group, spanning several continents and over 30 countries. In this capacity he is Chairman of the Board of the Markala Sugar Company in Mali.

Dr. Nedelcovych served in the Administration of President George Bush from 1989 to 1993 as the U.S. Executive Director to the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. In this position, he represented the U.S. Government and U.S. shareholder interests on the Board of Directors of the African Development Bank (AfDB). He was instrumental in formulating the "private sector initiative" at the AfDB that led to the creation of the \$200 million private sector lending window, the African Business Roundtable and the African Export-Import Bank.

Prior to being named Executive Director to the AfDB, Dr. Nedelcovych held the position of Principal at Arthur Young's International Consulting Group, specializing in privatization, trade and export promotion, investment attraction, and joint-venture formation in developing countries. In this position he dealt with all emerging markets

including Asia, Latin America and Europe. He is an expert in international finance and marketing in emerging economies, with 30 years experience living and working in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas. At the beginning of his career he also served as Peace Corps Country Director in Gabon and as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Africa at USAID.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Yale University, a Master of Arts in International Relations from George Washington University, and a Ph.D. in Comparative Political and Economic Development from Florida State University (in conjunction with Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco). He is fluent in English, French, and Serbian and is proficient in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian.

Ann Tutwiler is the Coordinator of the Global Food Security Initiative in the Office of the Secretary of USDA. Formerly, she served as Senior Advisor for International Affairs for Dr. Rajiv Shah and the Undersecretary of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics and as advisor on International Trade for the Africa Bureau's Sustainable Development group at USAID. Ms. Tutwiler has also served as Managing Director, Agricultural Markets, for the Global Development Program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, where she created the initial trade and development grant strategy within the Global Development Program and managed a portfolio of policy research and advocacy grantees spread across the United States, the European Union, South America and Africa. Prior to joining the Hewlett Foundation, she served as President and CEO of the International Food & Agriculture Trade Policy Council. Between 1992 and 2002, she was Director of Government Relations for the North American oilseed crushing and corn refining companies of Eridania Beghin-Say. Previously, Ms. Tutwiler was a policy associate at the National Center for Food and Agriculture Policy, where she published dozens of articles and edited two books on international agriculture policies. She now serves on the board of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, the International Fertilizer Development Council, and the Dean Rusk International Studies Program at Davidson College. Tutwiler received a degree in political science from Davidson College and a Masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She also holds certificates in agribusiness management from Purdue University and INSEAD. She was recently awarded the John W. Kuykendall Alumni Service Award from Davidson College in recognition of her work in agricultural trade and development.

Katrin Kuhlmann is the President of the Trade, Aid and Security Coalition (TASC), a project of GlobalWorks Foundation, and a Resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund. Ms. Kuhlmann also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University School of Law. She frequently speaks and writes on issues of international economic development and trade policy and has testified before Congress on these issues. Prior to her current positions, Ms. Kuhlmann was the Senior Vice President for Global

Trade at the Women's Edge Coalition, where she developed and led the organization's trade policy program.

From 1999 to 2005, Ms. Kuhlmann served as the Director for Eastern Europe and Eurasia in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) where she was responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. trade policy with Russia, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. She played a key role in negotiations involving Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization and successfully led an inter-agency effort to conclude a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement with the five Central Asian Republics. Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Kuhlmann practiced law at Dewey Ballantine LLP in Washington, D.C. and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP in New York, New York. Ms. Kuhlmann holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in Economics and German Studies from Creighton University. She was the recipient of a Fulbright grant to study international economics in Halle, Germany in 1992. She currently lives in Bethesda, Maryland with her husband and daughter.

Julie A. Howard holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Michigan State University, an M.S. in International Agricultural Development from the University of California, Davis, and a B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic, and has carried out research and written on agricultural technology development and transfer in Zambia, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Uganda and Somalia. Her research has examined the economic impact of agricultural research in Zambia, analyzed the impact of Sasakawa-Global 2000 improved technology packages in Mozambique and Ethiopia, traced the development of seed and fertilizer systems in Mozambique, and explored the role of farmer associations in agricultural development. Dr. Howard also serves as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Development at Michigan State University.

Since 2003, Julie Howard has served as the Executive Director of the Partnership, an independent nonprofit coalition dedicated to increasing the level and effectiveness of U.S. assistance and private investment in Africa through research, dialogue and advocacy. The Partnership focuses on strengthening agriculture and economic development in the rural areas where three-quarters of Africans live and work. Julie Howard is the co-author, with Emmy Simmons, of "Improving the Effectiveness of US Assistance in Transforming the Food Security Outlook in Sub-Saharan Africa" in Jennifer Clapp and Marc Cohen, (eds.), *The Global Food Crisis: Governance Challenges and Opportunities* (2009). She is also the co-author, with Michael R. Taylor, *Investing in Africa's Future: U.S. Agricultural Development Assistance for Sub-Saharan Africa* (2005) and with Alexander Ray Love, of *Now is the Time: A Plan to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa* (2002). She can be reached by email at jhoward@partnership-africa.org