

Business Symposium at UNEA 3 “Businesses #BeatPollution” Speakers

Listed in alphabetical order



Bola Adedugbe
Youth Country Representative, African Agribusiness Incubation Network (AAIN)

Adebola Adedugbe is the programme consultant at farmideas Nigeria; with a special interest in youth empowerment and advocacy in agriculture. He is a researcher and a writer. His previous and current professional research works have focused on agricultural Transformation, Livestock, Youth, Postharvest and Rural Development issues. He has intensively interacted with farmers, stakeholders, and scientists from various disciplines and cultural backgrounds. He is a member of the Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (Ypard) and coordinates the activities of the organization in Abuja and Nasarawa state in Nigeria.



Carole Kariuki
CEO, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)

Carole Kariuki holds a Degree in Economics and Sociology from the University of Nairobi and a Masters in Public Administration and International Affairs from Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA. Ms. Kariuki has a wealth of experience in leadership having worked for Barclays Bank of Kenya, Nairobi Chapel and Sagamore Institute for Public Policy Research, Indianapolis –Indiana. At Sagamore, she acted as a liaison between Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and the institute before formally joining KEPSA. Ms. Kariuki is credited for transforming KEPSA from a little-known business Institution to one of the most influential institutions in Kenya and Globally.



Eric Bureau
Head of Business Development Africa - Bayer CropScience
Country Head - Bayer East Africa

Eric Bureau has been Head of Business Development Africa in Bayer CropScience, since November 2013. From June 2015, he has been combining this function with the management of Bayer East Africa Ltd, based in Nairobi, Kenya. He started his career with Dow Chemical France and moved to Rhone-PoulencAgro in 1985, which became Aventis CropScience and finally Bayer CropScience in 2002. He is an agronomist by training and graduated from Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Agronomie de Toulouse. He is a French citizen, is married and has a son and two daughters.



Eric Solheim

Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Erik Solheim became Head of UN Environment in May 2016. Previously, he was chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, where he emphasized the role of private sector and tax in development finance. From 2005 to 2012, Solheim was Norway's Minister of the Environment and International Development, and also, from 2005 to 2007, Minister of International Development. Solheim was also the main facilitator of the peace process in Sri Lanka from 1998 to 2005, leading to the Oslo Declaration, where parties welcomed a federal state. Solheim has received several awards, including TIME's Hero of the Environment and an honorary doctorate from TERI University in Delhi, India.



João Cesar Meneghel Rando

CEO, InPev, CEO, Campo Limpo Reciclagem e Transformação de Plásticos

João Rando holds a degree in Agronomy, post-graduation in Pest Control and Rural Administration and Advanced Business Management at INSEAD – France. He has worked for the Agrochemical Industry for 38 years. João Rando also acted as Vice-President for the Board of Directors at ANDEF – Associação Nacional de Defesa Vegetal and as Director at SINDIVEG – Sindicato Nacional da Indústria de Produtos para Defesa Vegetal. Currently he is CEO of inpEV – Instituto Nacional de Processamento de Embalagens Vazias, CEO of Campo Limpo Reciclagem e Transformação de Plásticos S/A and member of the board of Enactus. He is also founder of AJUDÔ, a non-profit organization that works with young people in social vulnerability situations through sport and educational activities.



Juha Suojanen

CEO/Founder, EkoRent

Juha is an entrepreneur that is passionate about doing meaningful things for a better future. Before founding EkoRent and launching their Electric Vehicle transportation services, he worked 15 years in telecommunications industry first with Qualcomm and then with Nokia. He has two international patents related to mobile data, and is a Member of the Board at ITS Finland. In his leisure time, he enjoys travelling, snowshoeing, hiking, and spending time with his 4 grandchildren.



Lucy Muchoki
CEO, Pan African Agribusiness and Agroindustry Consortium
Lucy Muchoki is the Chief Executive Officer of Pan African Agribusiness and Agroindustry Consortium, PanAAC, a Private Sector organization supporting African Agribusiness. Lucy is also the coordinator of Kenya Agribusiness and Agroindustry Alliance, KAAA the national chapter of PanAAC and partner of Kenya National Chambers of Commerce-KNCCI and KEPSA (Kenya Private Sector Alliance). She is a social scientist with a master's degree in strategy and business management. She serves in various advisory councils and steering committees for various Agribusiness leadership organizations both at the regional and global level. Lucy is also an accomplished entrepreneur.



Margaret Munene
Co-Founder, Palmhouse Dairies
Margaret Munene is an entrepreneur, business leader and philanthropist with over 20 years of experience in Kenya's Dairy industry. Margaret Munene is a founding trustee of the Palmhouse Foundation, she is also an active member of Rotary International, and is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of HEART Africa – an organization dedicated to empowering the people of Africa to survive the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In 2011, Margaret received the 'Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS)' award from the President of Kenya for her service to the community. Margaret holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Nairobi and a Masters in crop protection from Bath University.



Dr. Martin Engelmann
Director General, International Paint and Printing Ink Council
Martin Engelmann is the Director General of the German Paint and Printing Ink Industry Association VdL. He is a trained lawyer and previously worked as Director for EU & Governmental Affairs at PlasticsEurope, the European Association of the Plastics Industry, in Brussels. Since that time he is engaged in international activities to reduce pollution. From 2006 to 2011 he worked as Head of office for the Director General of the German Chemical Industry Association VCI.
Martin is married and has two small children. He is attracted by the opportunity to work creatively at the interface between business and politics - at national, European and international level.



Dr. Nikhil Joshi
CEO, Sapat Group

Dr. Nikhil Joshi is a scientist and a serial entrepreneur with numerous innovation-based ventures in the US and India. He is currently the Managing Director of the Sapat Group, a diversified conglomerate with a 120-year legacy and operations in tea, pharmaceuticals and real estate. He is the founder of Lifel.org, a collaborative global platform that brings together scientists and organisational researchers to explore integrated multi-system sustainability between economics, ecosystems and social systems. Dr. Joshi has a Ph.D. from the Medical College of Virginia and is a graduate of the entrepreneurship development program at the MIT Sloan School of Management. He is an avid advocate of sustainable development.



Rob Kaplan
Managing Director, Closed Loop Partners

Rob Kaplan is co-founder and Managing Director of Closed Loop Partners, an innovative platform for impact investing, sustainability, and the circular economy. Prior to joining the Fund, Rob served as Director of Sustainability for Walmart Stores, Inc. where he was responsible for packaging, customer engagement, and integration with the consumables business. Before joining Walmart, he helped lead corporate responsibility and brand strategy for Brown-Forman Corporation, which produces and markets spirit brands. Rob received his MBA from the Haas School where he studied marketing, corporate responsibility, and social entrepreneurship. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two children.



Dr. Steven A Flynn
Senior Associate, IPIECA

Steve is a Senior Associate with IPIECA – the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues. His role is to share and promote good practices and knowledge to help the industry improve its performance.

Prior to his 3 years in this role, Steve spent 30 years with the international oil company BP. In his final role as BP's Global Head of Health Safety Security and Environment, Steve was instrumental in BP and industry's global program to capture the learning and transform the company following the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico.



William P. O'Neill, Jr.

President, International Raw Materials LTD

Tip is the CEO of International Raw Materials Ltd. He currently serves as the Convenor for the International Fertilizer Association's Working Group for UN Outreach. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the International Fertilizer Development Center and on the Board of the International Plant Nutrition Institute. He is a past Chair of the Fertilizer Industry Round Table, and has also served on the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Retailers Association, and the Board of The Fertilizer Institute, and Fertilizer Canada. He has served as a director and audit chair for OCI Resources, and Columbian Chemicals Company. Tip is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. His non-profit career has focused on educational and social service organizations. He currently serves as Board Chair for Joseph's House of Camden, a non-profit dedicated to caring for the homeless.