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Bono: Lead singer of Irish rock band U2, activist and co-founder of advocacy and campaigning organisation ONE

Bono first became involved in the fight against extreme poverty and disease in developing countries after being asked to join the Drop the Debt Jubilee 2000 movement. In 2002 he co-founded ONE (originally called DATA), which now has 2 million members around the world. He is also the co-founder of Product (RED), a business that partners with global brands to support the Global Fund to Fight Aids, TB and Malaria through the sale of (RED) products.

Bono regularly lobbies the heads of G8 nations on effective aid, corruption and trade reform and was part of a worldwide movement that resulted in the 2005 G8 promise to double aid to Africa. More recently, Bono and ONE, together with the Publish What You Pay coalition, successfully campaigned for US legislation requiring greater transparency in the oil, gas and mining industries. Bono and ONE are now seeking to establish similar legislation across Europe.

Bono received the Legion D'Honneur in 2003, was TIME Magazine's Person of the Year for 2005 (along with Bill and Melinda Gates), and accepted an honorary British knighthood in 2007. He and his family live in Dublin.

Ha-Joon Chang: Reader, University of Cambridge

Ha-Joon teaches economics at the University of Cambridge. In addition to numerous journal articles and book chapters, he has published 13 authored books (four co-authored) and nine
edited books. His main works include The Political Economy of Industrial Policy, Kicking Away the Ladder, Bad Samaritans, and 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism. He is the winner of the 2003 Gunnar Myrdal prize and the 2005 Wassily Leontief prize.

Paul Collier, CBE: Professor of economics and director for the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford

Paul Collier, CBE is a professor of economics and director for the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford.

From 1998-2003 he was the director of the development research group of the World Bank. He is the author of three books: The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It, published in 2007; Wars, Guns and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places, published in March 2009; and his most recent book, entitled The Plundered Planet: How to Reconcile Prosperity With Nature, which was published in May 2010. His research covers the causes and consequences of civil war, the effects of aid and the problems of democracy in low-income and natural-resources rich societies.

Dr Alison Evans: Director, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Alison Evans is an economist with expertise in poverty, public policy, institutional change and international development assistance. She became ODI director in May 2009. Alison began her career teaching and researching development economics at the University of Sussex.

Her practical policy experience stems from six years at the World Bank between 1994 and 2000 and work as an independent consultant between 2000 and 2005 with a specific focus on poverty reduction strategies, budgetary processes, aid modalities and aid effectiveness, plus evaluation. Alison joined ODI in 2006 as a director of programmes for poverty and public policy. She has a BA in economics from the University of Sussex, an MPhil in economics and politics of development from Cambridge University and a PhD from the Institute of Development Studies.
Jayati Ghosh: Professor of economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, school of social sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Jayati Ghosh is professor of economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, school of social sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She was born in 1955 and educated at Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the University of Cambridge, England where she obtained her PhD in 1983.

Since 2002 she has been the executive secretary of International Development Economics Associates, an international network of heterodox development economists. She is also a founding trustee of the Economic Research Foundation in New Delhi and is involved in managing several public information websites, including macroscan.org

She is co-recipient of the International Labour Organisation's 2010 Decent Work Research Prize.

Dr Teguest Guerma: Director general, Amref

Dr Guerma is an Ethiopian national who has worked in public health for 26 years. For 21 of them, she was with the World Health Organisation (WHO). Until her appointment to Amref in June 2010, Dr Guerma worked as associate director of the WHO's HIV/Aids department in Geneva, as the WHO representative to the UN in the US and Botswana, and as Africa regional adviser on HIV/Aids and STI. She has also worked for the WHO in Nepal.

Teguest started her career as a medical practitioner in Burundi in the mid-1980s and holds a medical degree with postgraduate degrees in infectious diseases and bacteriology virology.

Dr Saleemul Huq: Senior fellow (Climate Change Group), International Institute for Environment and Development

Dr Saleemul Huq joined the International Institute for Environment and Development in London as director of the climate change programme in 2001. His interests are in the connections between climate change (both mitigation as well as adaptation) and sustainable development,
from the perspective of the developing countries (with special emphasis on the least-developed countries).

He has published numerous articles in scientific and popular journals, was a lead author of the chapter on adaptation and sustainable development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and was one of the co-ordinating lead authors of Inter-relationships Between Adaptation and Mitigation in the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report, published in 2007.

He completed his BSc (with honours) in 1975 from Imperial College, London, United Kingdom and his PhD in plant sciences, also from Imperial College, in 1978. He then taught at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, until 1984, when he set up (and became the first executive director) of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies in Dhaka.

When he left BCAS in 2000, it was the leading scientific research and policy institute in the country in the field of the environment and development. In 2000, he became an academic visitor at the Huxley School of Environment at Imperial College in London, where he teaches a course on global environmental policies.

Marieme Jamme, philanthropist and entrepreneur
Marieme Jamme was born in Senegal, west Africa, and is a London-based philanthropist, international speaker and social entrepreneur. She is CEO of SpotOne Global Solutions, a company that connects IT organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. She is the founder of iConscience.co.uk, a thinktank that brings together business experts to debate sustainable business, social, environmental and technological ideas in Africa. She also co-founded Africa Gathering, a platform to discuss ideas and projects for Africa. Africa Gathering events are already being held in Washington DC, Paris, London and Nairobi and are being organised for Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania.

Martin Khor: Executive director, The South Centre
Martin Khor Kok Peng is the executive director of the South Centre, which is a leading thinktank for developing countries, working on issues relating to trade, financial crises, climate change and
sustainable development from the perspective of the global south. Previously he was the director of the Third World Network (a leading NGO in developing countries) and has authored several books on development and environment issues.

He studied economics at the University of Cambridge and taught economic development courses in the Science University of Malaysia.

**Lord Malloch-Brown, vice-chairman of the World Economic Forum**

Lord Malloch-Brown was the UK government's minister for Africa, Asia and the UN between 2007-09. Prior to that he was deputy secretary-general of the UN and was in charge of the UN's development programme from 1999 to 2005. Lord Malloch-Brown was named by Time magazine as one of the world's most influential thinkers. He was appointed vice-chairman of the World Economic Forum in 2009, but is expected to leave this year.

**Richard Manning: Chairman, Institute of Development Studies**

Richard Manning is an independent consultant on international development. He is also chairman of the board of the Institute of Development Studies, vice-chairman of the board of the BBC World Service Trust and vice-chairman of the current Replenishment of the Global Fund for Aids, TB and Malaria.

Manning served in the UK department for international development and its predecessors from 1965-2003. During this period his assignments included secondment to the British High Commission, Lagos, from 1968-1970, where he was involved in the relief effort at the end of the civil conflict, to the UK Permanent Representation to the European Communities in Brussels from 1973-75, where he was in particular engaged with the negotiations of the first Lome Convention, and to the British Embassy in Washington from 1984-86, where he was also alternate executive director at the World Bank.

In addition, Manning was head of the South-East Asia Development Division of the then Overseas Development Administration from 1977-80.
After a variety of home postings, Manning served as under-secretary for Asia in ODA from 1988-93, as principal finance officer from 1993-96, and as director general from 1996-2003, in which capacity he supervised the production of the first two white papers on international development of the Labour government.

From June 2003 to January 2008, Manning was chair of the OECD’s Development Assistance Committee. He was co-chair of the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness which met in Paris in 2005 and agreed the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

**Dr Christie Peacock: Chief executive, Farm-Africa**

Dr Christie Peacock is the chief executive of the development agency FARM-Africa, which is involved in practical research and development projects in eastern Africa.

She is a professional animal scientist and carried out doctoral research in Kenya on traditional Maasai livestock production systems. She has worked for the Australian government as adviser to the Indonesian government livestock research system before running a masters course in agricultural systems at the regional post-graduate institute, the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand.

On joining FARM-Africa she ran a goat development project in Ethiopia, leading to the publication of Improving Goat Production in the Tropics. In the UK, Dr Peacock is a member of the Programme Advisory Committee of the Department for International Development’s Livestock Research Programme, the editorial board of Inside Agriculture, and a founding member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Agriculture and Food for Development and GALVmed. Dr Peacock is a Board member of the International Goat Association and on the advisory Board of Natural Resources Institute.

**TMS Ruge: Co-founder Project Diaspora**

TMS Ruge was born in Masindi, Uganda and grew up in Uganda, Kenya and the US. Capitalising on his understanding of different cultures and markets, Ruge has become a successful global social entrepreneur.
Through Project Diaspora – an organisation he co-founded in 2007 to motivate, engage and mobilise the African diaspora to take an active role in the continent's development - he runs an indigenous farmers' business (UMPG) in Masindi and advises a women's jewelry-making co-operative (Women of Kireka) in Kampala.

A technology enthusiast, Ruge has written and spoken extensively on the need to invest in Africa’s IT and communications sector. Ruge also runs a photography and web design business. He graduated with a bachelors in communication design from the University of North Texas.

**Jeffrey D Sachs:** Director, The Earth Institute at Columbia University and professor of health policy and management at Columbia University

Jeffrey D Sachs is director of the Earth Institute, Quetelet professor of sustainable development, and Professor of health policy and management at Columbia University. He is also special advisor to UN secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon. From 2002 to 2006, he was director of the UN Millennium Project and special advisor to UN secretary-general Kofi Annan on the MDGs. Sachs is also president and co-founder of Millennium Promise Alliance, a non-profit organisation aimed at ending extreme global poverty.

He is widely considered to be the leading international economic advisor of his generation.

For more than 20 years, Prof Sachs has been at the forefront of the challenges of economic development, poverty alleviation, and enlightened globalisation, promoting policies to help all parts of the world to benefit from expanding economic opportunities and well-being.

He is also one of the leading voices for combining economic development with environmental sustainability, and as director of the Earth Institute leads large-scale efforts to promote the mitigation of human-induced climate change.

**Prof Amartya Sen: Thomas W Lamont University professor, and professor of economics and philosophy, Harvard University**

Amartya Sen is Thomas W. Lamont University Professor, and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, at Harvard University and was until recently the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Prof Amartya Sen is a nobel laureate who has served as president of the Econometric Society, the Indian Economic Association, the American Economic Association and the International Economic Association. He was formerly honorary president of Oxfam.

He studied at Presidency College in India, and at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was Lamont University professor at Harvard and previous to that he was the Drummond professor of political economy at the University of Oxford and a fellow of All Souls College (he is now a distinguished fellow of All Souls). Prior to that he was professor of economics at Delhi University and at the London School of Economics.

Prof Sen has written numerous books, including Poverty and Famines, Development as Freedom and The Idea of Justice.

He has received honorary doctorates from major universities in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. He is a fellow of the British Academy, an honorary fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, an honorary member of the Royal Irish Academy, a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the American Philosophical Society.

His awards include the Bharat Ratna (the highest honour awarded by the president of India), the Senator Giovanni Agnelli International prize in ethics, the Alan Shawn Feinstein world hunger award, the Edinburgh Medal, the Brazilian Ordem do Merito Cientifico (Grã-Cruz), the Eisenhower Medal, the George E Marshall Award and the Nobel prize in Economics.

**Dr Vandana Shiva: Environmentalist**

Dr Vandana Shiva is an environmental activist, writer and philosopher. She has written numerous articles and books. She received her PhD in philosophy from the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

**Clare Short: former international development secretary**

Clare Short was MP for Birmingham Ladywood constituency from 1983 to 2010 and secretary of state for international development in the British government from 1997 to May 2003. The Department for International Development (DfID) was a new ministry created after the 1997 general election to promote policies for sustainable development and the elimination of poverty.

Since 2006, Short has been a member of the advocacy panel of Cities Alliance, an alliance of the World Bank, UN-Habitat, local government and development partners committed to meeting the UN target to develop cities without slums.

She is a member of the advisory committee of International Lawyers for Africa and a trustee of Africa Humanitarian Action. She chairs the international advisory board of the Cranfield masters in security sector management programme.
Awards include the Wilberforce medal for her work furthering international development, human rights and democracy, and the Order of the Volta Companion, conferred by the president of Ghana in 2008 in recognition of her virtues and in appreciation of her services to the country in the field of development partnership. She also won the Channel 4 Political Book of the Year award for the 2004 publication of her book An honourable deception? New Labour, Iraq and the misuse of power.

**Rose Shuman: Founder & CEO, Open Mind Question Box**
Rose Shuman is an international development and social enterprise consultant at BrightFront Group. She is the founder and CEO of Question Box, an appropriate-technology non-profit organisation, recognised by many leading news publications around the world. Shuman has lived and worked in villages on three continents, including in Nicaragua, India, Uganda, and Honduras. She works with entities across many sectors, including technology, pharmaceuticals, media and non-profits, to create and implement successful initiatives in the developing world. Shuman holds two BA degrees and a masters in development from Brown University. She is also a TED fellow.

**Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda: Chief executive officer and head of diplomatic mission, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)**
Lindiwe Majele Sibanda has held the position of CEO of FANRPAN since 2004. She is currently coordinating policy research and advocacy programs in 14 southern African countries, all aimed at making southern Africa a food-secure region. Her portfolio includes policy research and advocacy work on food policies, agricultural productivity, natural resources and environment, and the impact of HIV/Aids on agriculture and food security in southern Africa.

In 2009 Dr Sibanda led the climate change global campaign on No Agriculture, No Deal in the UN Framework for Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) meeting in Copenhagen.

Lindiwe is an animal scientist by training and a practicing commercial beef cattle farmer, breeding Thuli and Brahman cattle. She received her BSc at the University of Alexandria, Egypt; her MSc
and PhD at the University of Reading, UK.

She is a serving trustee for two CGIAR boards CIMMYT and ILRI since 2008 and has been involved with the Farming First global campaign, advocating for a holistic approach to sustainable agricultural development since 2008.

**Dr Danny Sriskandarajah: Director, The Royal Commonwealth Society**

Dr Danny Sriskandarajah is the director of the Royal Commonwealth Society, the oldest and largest NGO in the world devoted to the Commonwealth. Before this, he spent five years at the Institute for Public Policy Research, where he was head of the institute's migration, equalities and citizenship team.

Dr Sriskandarajah is an established researcher and commentator on international migration, economic development, the political economy of conflict, and ethnic diversity. He is the author of several books and reports, and his work has appeared in academic journals such as Geography, International Migration, Oxford Development Studies, Third World Quarterly and World Economics, and has been a consultant to various international organisations.

Dr Sriskandarajah sits on the boards of several organisations, including the Baring Foundation, Ockenden International and Praxis Community Projects. He holds a first-class degree from the University of Sydney, and an MPhil and DPhil from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes scholar.

**Laura Turquet: Manager and co-author of Unifem report Progress of the World's Women**

The Progress of the World's Women is the flagship report of Unifem (now part of UN Women). The next edition of the report at the end of 2010 will focus on women's access to justice. Before Unifem, Turquet worked on women's rights policy and advocacy for ActionAid UK, an international NGO. She has also worked at the Institute of Development Studies and the Fawcett Society. She has researched and written reports on women’s representation in politics, violence against women and the millennium development goals.
Kevin Watkins: Director, Unesco, Education for All Global Monitoring Report

Kevin Watkins is director of Unesco's Education for All Global Monitoring report, which tracks progress towards the international development goals in education. From 2005 to 2008 he was director and lead author of the UNDP's Human Development reports, covering the MDGs, water and climate change.

Previously, he was head of research at Oxfam, where he wrote of series of reports on trade, education and debt underpinning Oxfam's campaigning and advocacy work. He holds a BA in politics and social science from Durham University and a doctorate from Oxford University on modern Indian history.

He is currently a senior visiting research fellow with the Global Economic Governance programme, University College, Oxford University. Dr Watkins has written extensively on a wide range of international development issues and is a regular contributor to the Guardian and other international newspapers.

Mark Weisbrot: Co-director, Center for Economic and Policy Research

Mark Weisbrot is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, in Washington, DC. He received his PhD in economics from the University of Michigan. He has written numerous research papers on economic policy, especially on Latin America and international economic policy. He is also co-author, with Dean Baker, of Social Security: The Phony Crisis.

He writes a weekly column for guardian.co.uk, and a regular column on economic and policy issues that is distributed to more than 550 newspapers by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services. He also writes a column for Brazil's largest newspaper, Folha de São Paulo.

His opinion pieces have appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and almost every major US newspaper. He appears regularly on national and local television and radio programmes. He is also president of Just Foreign Policy.

Ethan Zuckerman: Senior researcher, Berkman Center for Internet and Society

Ethan Zuckerman is a senior researcher at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. His research focuses on the internet and new media in the developing world. With Rebecca MacKinnon, he co-founded international blogging community Global Voices, which showcases news and opinions from citizen media in over 150 nations and thirty languages. In 2000, Zuckerman founded Geekcorps, a technology volunteer corps that sends IT specialists to work in the developing world.

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