

Programme

- 13:30 – 13:40** **Welcoming remarks**
Marc Tarabella
Carla Montesi
- 13:40 – 13:55** **Keynote address**
Pathway to the SDGs: Why food fortification matters
Lawrence Haddad
- 13:55 – 14:05** **EC investments in food fortification**
Helena Guarín
- 14:05 – 14:20** **Country perspective on food fortification**
Daniel Sila
- 14:20 – 14:40** **Q&A**
- 14:40 – 14:45** **Closing remarks**
Steve Godfrey
- 14:45 – 15:00** **Coffee and networking**

"Strengthening national capacities in food fortification"



Food Fortification: An essential development strategy

5th February 2020
European Parliament, Room 3G2
13:30 - 15:00



CARLA MONTESI

DIRECTOR, EC DIRECTORATE GENERAL, DEVCO

Carla Montesi is currently the Director at the European Commission's Directorate General for International Development and Cooperation (DEVCO). She has been responsible for the Directorate "Plant and Prosperity" since September 2018.

Before that (2014-2018) she was Director for Western and Central Africa. Prior to 2014, she was Director at the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. Initially responsible for fisheries conservation, control and structural actions for the Mediterranean and Black Sea, she has piloted maritime policy as well as fisheries and funding for the Baltic Sea, North Sea and Landlocked Member States.

Formerly a lawyer in Italy who specialised in European affairs at the College of Europe in Bruges, Mrs. Montesi's earlier career encompassed diverse responsibilities in the field of EU external policy for development and cooperation both at Headquarters and in the EU Delegations in Africa, as well as experience in the Cabinet of the EU Commissioner Emma Bonino for External Policy and Humanitarian Affairs.



LAWRENCE HADDAD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GAIN

Dr Lawrence Haddad became the Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) in October 2016. Prior to this, Lawrence was the founding co-chair and lead author of the Global Nutrition Report from 2014 to 2016. From 2004 to 2014, Lawrence was the Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), the world's leading development studies institute. Before joining IDS in 2004, he was Director of the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) from 1994 to 2004. From 2009 to 2010, he was the UK representative on the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CSF). From 2010 to 2012, he was the President of the UK and Ireland's Development Studies Association. An economist, Lawrence completed his PhD in Food Research at Stanford University in 1988.

In June 2018, the World Food Prize Foundation awarded the 2018 World Food Prize to Lawrence Haddad, and David Nabarro, former Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General. Announcing the award - Ambassador Quinn, World Food Prize President - cited the recipients for their "extraordinary intellectual and policy leadership in bringing maternal and child nutrition to the forefront of the global food security agenda and thereby significantly reducing childhood stunting".



HELENA GUARIN

HEAD OF NUTRITION SECTOR, EC DG DEVCO

Back in Brussels from her 8 years assignments to the EU Delegations in Peru and later in Nicaragua, Helena Guarin was recently appointed Head of Nutrition Sector in the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission. Helena has a wide experience in formulating and implementing projects addressing food and nutrition security as well as building resilience to climate change. In particular, she accompanied the successful EU support to fight child malnutrition in Peru through results oriented and evidence based budgetary programs.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Helena Guarin was part of the EU accession negotiation team at the Czech Ministry of Environment and later worked in the forest department of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in Geneva. Helena began her career working with an environmental NGO. She holds a MSc in landscape engineering from the Czech Agriculture University and a MSc in European Integration from the Geneva University.



DANIEL SILA

DEAN, SCHOOL OF FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, JKUAT

Professor Sila is the Dean, School of Food and Nutritional Sciences at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Kenya. He is an associate Professor at the department of Food Science and Technology, specialized in Food Processing and Engineering. He is the Programme Manager for the European Union funded Food Fortification Project between JKUAT and the Ministry of Health. He is also the Programme Coordinator for the Legume Centre of Excellence for Food and Nutrition Security, a multi-disciplinary research project on pulses that is funded by VLIR-UOS, Belgium. He was involved in the EU funded project on the evaluation of potential biomass for energy production from most food processing industries in Kenya.

He holds a PhD in Bioscience Engineering from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium and a MSc in Post-harvest and Food Preservation Engineering from the same University. Currently, he runs a number of multidisciplinary research project that focus on Food and Nutrition Security. He has over 15 years experience on University – Industry linkages. Daniel has over 45 publications in international peer review journals and won the JKUAT Chancellor's Research Merit Award for the most leveraged funds in 2017.



STEVE GODFREY

DIRECTOR, POLICY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS, GAIN

Steve joined the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition in 2012 following five years as Managing Director of the Commonwealth Business Council, where he was responsible for investment and policy work with heads of government in more than 50 countries. He has worked as an advisor to the UK Department for International Development, Canadian Foreign Minister and President of the Queen's Privy Council of Canada, and has consulted to the United Nations, World Bank, European Union and various international companies. Steve was appointed Head of the Commonwealth office in South Africa from 1993 to 1999, leading the Commonwealth technical assistance programme during the country's transition to majority rule. He later managed the private sector consultations of the Commission for Africa chaired by then UK Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Steve began his career working for development NGOs, including Oxfam and War on Want in the UK and Inter Pares in Canada. He holds an MA in Philosophy from the University of Edinburgh and is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts.

