Ms Annette Kolff | Director, International Programmes, HELVETAS

Annette Kolff oversees the implementation of Helvetas’ country programmes abroad and co-leads the department of International Programmes. Annette has 30 years of experience in development cooperation with several positions and assignments in Africa and Asia. She holds a Master’s degree in tropical agriculture, with specialisation in extension and training and natural resource management. She has a long experience in working in partnerships with local authorities, Civil Society organisations and line ministries.

Ms Aminata Mbengue Ndiaye | Minister of Livestock of the Republic of Senegal

Ms Aminata Mbengue Ndiaye leads since 2012 the Ministry of Livestock of Senegal. In her position, she has developed projects and good practices in the areas of animal health, crop and forage reserves, the fight against cattle theft, pastoral code, participatory approach and intensification of animal husbandry, among others. She has been renewed in her position in September 2013.

Ms Ethel Sibanda | Principal Consultant Itad

Ethel has a wide experience and deep understanding of M&E including performance management and capturing impact at both local and global levels, project development and management. Over many years she has gained excellent writing and data analysis skills, thought leadership through research and innovative approaches in M&E of policy and advocacy interventions, strong project and team management skills with outstanding record of project delivery. Between 2004 and 2010, Ethel worked as M&E Officer, and subsequently Deputy Head of the M&E department of FAO in Zimbabwe, and more recently as M&E advisor to the HIV/Aids Alliance before joining Itad.

Mr Oscar A. Garcia | Director, Independent Office of Evaluation, IFAD

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Mr Bernard Woods | Director, Results Management and Aid Effectiveness Division; Strategy, Policy and Review Department, Asian Development Bank

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