



ALLIANCE FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN AFRICA

FORMER BOARD (STEERING COMMITTEE)



Bernard Guri, Chairperson Bernard is a development practitioner who has contributed tremendously to developing the concept of endogenous development and has developed tools for revitalizing and promoting indigenous knowledge and institutions in community development. Bernard Guri is a Ghanaian and holds an MSc in Development Studies (Politics of Alternative Development Strategies) as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Policy and Project Planning from the Institute of Development Studies in The Hague. He also holds a Bsc degree in Agricultural Science from the School of Agriculture in the University of Cape Coast as well as a Diploma in Education in the same University. Bernard Guri is currently a doctoral student at the Institute for Development Studies in the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.



Vuningoma Faustin, Secretary was born on 25th June 1964. He is Rwandan by nationality and married with five children. He obtained his first degree in social sciences, majoring in administrative sciences from Kigali Independent University in Rwanda and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Maastricht School of Management in The Netherlands, majoring in project management. He possesses vast experience working with both the public and private sectors. He is well conversant with strategic planning, organizational development, human resources management team building and project management.



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Hakim Ballinaire, Treasurer Hakim Ballinaire has a diploma in Public Administration. He is a treasurer of AFSA and the Secretary General for Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers' Forum (ESAFF).



Mariann Bassey Mariann Bassey Orovwuje is a Program Manager in the foremost Nigerian advocacy non-governmental organization, Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FoEN). ERA is the Nigerian chapter of Friends of the Earth International - a network of 76 national grassroots groups, campaigning to protect the environment and to create sustainable societies. Mariann is also the Coordinator of Friends of the Earth Africa's Food Sovereignty Campaign. In addition she is on Friends of the international (FoEI) Steering Committee of the Food Sovereignty Program. In 2009 she was the representative of FoEI Food Sovereignty Program in FoEI's Program Integration Team (PIT). An eleven people team, put together to integrate FoEI's programs, from regional perspectives to a global vision; from thematic specificities to a holistic approach of mobilization, resistance, and transformation towards building sustainable societies. Mariann is a Lawyer, as well as an environmental, human and food rights advocate. She has demonstrated ability and drive to provide leadership while at the same time being a great team player. She started out as activist for Students' Rights at the University and she was eventually elected the Attorney- General of the Students' Union Government.



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Elisabeth Mpofu is the current General Coordinator of La Via Campesina's ICC. She is a founding member of Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers Forum (ZIMSOFF) and Eastern Southern Smallholder Farmers' Forum (ESAFF), organizations which promote sustainable farming practices. She chairs ZIMSOFF and is a vice-Chairperson of ESAFF. In the 80s and 90s, she worked for the AZTREC, later became its chairperson. She is an organic farmer and activist and who works tirelessly for the betterment of smallholder farmers.



Elfrieda Pschorn has a Masters' degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Cape Town and has been involved in the environmental justice movement since 1990. Elfrieda has been a trustee and the vice-chair of the Board of Trustees of the African Biodiversity Network (ABN) since its formalization in 2002 until 2013. She is representing ABN on the Steering Group of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa. Over the past 20+ years, Elfrieda has worked with several environmental justice NGOs in South Africa including ABN partner Biowatch, which she helped to set up in 1999. While at Biowatch she was also one of the founders of SAFeAGE, South Africa's anti-GMO campaign network. She then worked for GRAIN from 2005 to the end of 2010 and was responsible for research and supporting GRAIN's partners in anglophone Africa. Elfrieda was closely involved with the establishment of the Mupo Foundation in Venda, South Africa and served as a director since 2007. She is currently coordinating an initiative on Seeds and Knowledge in Southern Africa.



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Alangeh Romanus Che His royal highness, Chief Alangeh Romanus Che was a small scale farmer, a traditional ruler in the kingdom of Bambui – north west region of Cameroon. A Cameroonian by nationality, he had over 23 years work experience in the development field especially in cooperative organisation and administration with a special focus in the farmers’ organisations constituency. He was the first vice president of the national consultation forum of farmers’ organisations in Cameroon (cnop-cam). He was also Administrative Councilor of the regional platform of farmers’ organisations in central Africa (PROPAC), Member of the CAADP regional team for the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Continental chairman of the non-state actors coordination task team of CAADP program of the AU and NEPAD Member of the international steering group of the civil society network of the scale up nutrition movement, program of the UN. Cheif Alngeh Romanus Che passed away in July 11, 2015.