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Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda is the Chief Executive Officer and Head of Mission of the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN). She works with governments, farmers, private sector and researchers and is currently coordinating food security policy research and advocacy initiatives aimed at making Africa a food-secure continent. She is an animal scientist by training and a practicing commercial beef cattle farmer. She has been at the forefront of the global agriculture, food security and climate change policy agenda. She received her BSc degree at the University of Alexandria in Egypt, and her MSc and PhD at the University of Reading in the UK.

Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda has over 20 years of trans-disciplinary experience in rural development, public sector reforms and private sector management. Although trained as an animal scientist, Dr Sibanda is now an authoritative leader for agriculture, with profound understanding of organizational development issues, governance and development policy processes.

Since 2004, she has held the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Africa Region FANRPAN. Under Lindiwe's leadership, FANRPAN has been transformed from a small sub-regional network to a global player in the food security agenda giving voice to Africa's position on the Green Revolution, Climate Change and CAADP. Dr. Sibanda is coordinating agricultural policy research and advocacy programs in 17 African countries.

In 2009 she led the "No Agriculture, No Deal" global campaign and mobilised African civil society organisations to push for the inclusion of agriculture in the United Nations Framework for Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) Copenhagen negotiations.

In August 2010 she was co-opted into the Guardian Global Development advisory panel as one of the world's most influential thinkers and provocative new voices.

In 2011, Dr Sibanda was nominated to serve on the independent science panel of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research of the Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security Programme (CCAFS), aimed at driving new research on the interactions between climate change, agriculture, natural resource management and food security, and to create unique possibilities in the search for cutting-edge solutions to climate change and food-security problems. She also serves on the Independent Science Panel for Water, Land and Ecosystems. She serves on the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Advisory Group and the Montpellier Panel and has published numerous policy materials in international media, journal articles and book chapters.

In 2012, Dr Sibanda was appointed Board Chair of the world's leading livestock organisation, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

Dr Sibanda received the Yara 2013 Prize in recognition of her effective entrepreneurial work which has spread knowledge that has inspired smallholder farmers and youth and has enabled change in the African agricultural sector.