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Intervenants


The theme of their talk was "Science, Technology, and Innovation Capacity-Building Partnerships for Sustainable Development : Opportunities for the Global S&T Community."

Biographies

As Science and Technology Program Coordinator for the World Bank, Alfred Watkins is responsible for developing and helping to implement the World Bank's global S&T capacity building program. He organized a Global Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation Capacity Building that convened in Washington, D.C. in 2007 and is managing an S&T capacity building program in Rwanda that will serve as a pilot for capacity building in other African countries. Prior to assuming this assignment, Mr. Watkins helped to develop the World Bank's S&T program in the former Soviet Union and produced S&T policy notes and project proposals in Kazakhstan, Latvia, and Russia. Mr. Watkins also led the World Bank team that designed and implemented an innovative World Bank non-commercial risk guarantee package for the Sea Launch Commercial Space Launch project in Russia and Ukraine.

Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Watkins was an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. In addition, he served as an economic advisor to several Members of Congress.

Anne-Claire Hervy is the Chief Operating Officer of the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative. The Initiative was launched in July 2007 by a number of U.S. and African organizations and was led by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) to advocate for increased U.S. engagement in African high education capacity building and to facilitate deeper and more effective collaboration between African and U.S. institutions of high education in priority areas for development (science and technology, agriculture, environment and natural resources, engineering, business, health, education and teacher training).

Ms. Hervy is also a Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow with the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, a research and advocacy organization founded in 2000 to building consensus and mobilize support for strategic, long-term investments in African agricultural and rural development. The Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship is a two-year leadership development program focused on bridging the gap between field and policy work. Prior to this, Ms. Hervy was Communications Manager for a DC-based nonprofit community development organization called Manna, Inc., and Program Director at the Center for Peace Building International. She holds an MS in International History from the London School of Economics and an MA in International Relations from American University’s School of International Service.