

Biodata of the speakers

Ms. Oluwaseyi Alalade

Ms. Oluwaseyi Alalade was born in Kaduna State but from Oyo state which is the west of Nigeria. From 2007 till 2011, she studied for her B.Sc Biochemistry at the Bowen University. Iwo, Osun State. From 2013 till to date she is a M.Sc student in Biotechnology at Wageningen University. From 2012 till 2013, she was Youth President at the Baptist Chapel. Kaduna State, Nigeria. In October 2014, she and 3 other colleagues were the winners of the NWO – Wotro Battle of ideas. The winning idea was 'Establishing a trade by barter network with dried fruits and vegetables'



Ewout Frankema

Prof. dr. Ewout Frankema holds the chair in Rural and Environmental History at Wageningen University. He obtained his PhD from the University of Groningen (2008). His research focuses on the quantitative and comparative economic history of developing regions during the modern era. His professional interests include the long run development of economic and social inequality, global comparisons of economic growth and living standards, colonial state formation and the role of public finances and human capital in former European colonies. Frankema is currently working on the NWO VIDI project 'Is poverty destiny? Exploring long term changes in African living standards in global perspective.'

Boudewijn van Elzakker

Boudewijn van Elzakker works since 25 years in the global organic and fair trade sector. He has also worked with the Rainforest Alliance, UTZ Certified and some other ISEAL members. His main activity is setting up supply chains and developing sustainable agriculture practices, mostly with groups of smallholder farmers. He helped to develop the organic conformity assessment, from standard-setting to accreditation and import regulations. With his background in tropical agriculture and crop protection, he manages a department of 20 people at the organic research and advisory organization 'Louis Bolk Institute'.

Henri Wientjes

Mr Henri Wientjes is a tropical agriculturist / businessman with a long working experience in Sub-Saharan Africa. He is active in several fields of commerce, including the importation and distribution of fertilizers and other agricultural inputs. He is a Board Member of Yara Ghana, Executive Chairman of Wenco, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of African Tiger Holdings Limited, and former owner of Volta River Estate Ltd. specialised in fair-trade bananas.

Piet Heemskerk

Ir Piet Heemskerk is a food technologist graduated at WUR. Since 2009 he is acting director of the Africa Agribusiness Academy. AAA is a Dutch private initiative to develop African SME entrepreneurs in Agribusiness, with the aim to improve food security in Africa. For many years Mr Heemskerk has worked with Heineken, in management development, quality assurance and quality control positions, including Africa, the America's and Europe. Mr Heemskerk is a Wageningen Ambassador.