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## BIO

Ambassador Philip Idro is a Ugandan, and a graduate of economics from Makerere University, Kampala. He is the Director of Upland Rice Millers Ltd set up in 2006. Over the last 30 years Amb. Idro has been handling top policy and strategy in the Public, Private sector and for Civic Society at national, regional and Global level. He was Chairman of Moyo District Council, 1989-1993, Commissioner National Electoral Commission, 1995-96, Director General Internal Security 1996-1999 and Ambassador to China, 1999-2005 where he was architect of the current China – Africa relationship charter FOCAC, 1999, and also founder member of China Africa Think Tank 2011. Idro served Rockefeller Foundation as Advisor to its “China in Africa” program, 2008-2011, and is member of high-level people to people cultural dialogue to develop a vision on China-Africa cooperation in conservation of wild life and wild lands hosted by The Aspen Institute and African Wild Life Foundation, 2014 to date. He was member of AfricaRice Transformation Committee, 2011-2016; Member of SARD-Strategic Crops committee of AfDB 2014-2016; Director, Eastern Africa Grain Council 2013-2016; member of “Striga Control Task Force Project” run by AATF, 2010 - 2016 and Member of National Rice Steering Committee Uganda, 2013 to date. He was on the Presidential Investors Round Table, Uganda, 2013 to 2017, and is on a high-level private sector forums for the domestication of Malabo Declarations among others to design a continental framework for promoting agribusiness in Africa, and for the Partnership for Aflatoxins Control in Africa (PACA) run by African Union from 2014 to date. In 2017, he became Chairman of the National Aflatoxins Stakeholders Forum, the Rice Millers Council and WWF Uganda. He has been strong with African Union engagements in Malabo Agreement by participating in several platforms in domesticating the Malabo declaration by Heads of state by contributing to themes like Uganda, Domesticating Malabo. He was at top policy and strategy development in Public and Private Organizations at national, regional or global levels examining African ecological uniqueness with past and current societal constructs and their capabilities in managing local resources sustainably and profitably for all markets. He is bent towards continuous improvement of current competences, and urges the public sector to consciously enable private sector increase their efficiencies in production and services so as to increase sales and revenue streams.