



## Press Release

### **SNV establishes International Advisory Board**

*The Hague, 8 July 2009* - SNV today announced the formation of its new International Advisory Board. The Board's members include social, political and academic leaders from around the world. Each member has professed a keen interest in engaging with SNV to promote its mission to eliminate poverty and inequity in emerging markets worldwide.

SNV's International Advisory Board's members will share their knowledge and networks to help expand the scale and impact of SNV's work. Furthermore, the Advisory Board will increase SNV's international visibility and support its partnership-building efforts.

"I'm delighted that this group of people has acknowledged SNV's added-value in strengthening the capacities of local organisations worldwide. They will definitely inspire us with their knowledge, conviction and dedication to achieve our common goal: alleviating poverty", SNV Director, Dirk Elsen, stated.

The Advisory Board comprises the following individuals (in alphabetical order):

- Nathalie Cely Suarez, Coordinating Minister of Production, Competitiveness and Commercialisation, Ecuador
- Patrick Chabal, Professor of African History and Politics, King's College, London, UK
- Lyonchhen Jigmi Yoezer Thinley, Prime Minister of Bhutan
- Angélique Kidjo, singer, song-writer, anti-poverty activist and Grammy Award Winner
- John Agyekum Kufuor, former President of the Republic of Ghana
- Jeffrey Sachs, President and Co-Founder, Millennium Promise Alliance
- Amartya Sen, Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University, USA
- Gabriel Silva, CEO, National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia
- Ousmane Sy, Coordinator, l'Alliance pour Refonder la Gouvernance en Afrique, Mali
- Mohammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bangladesh

### **About SNV**

SNV is a Dutch social enterprise dedicated to combating poverty and inequality in emerging markets across the globe. We provide a unique blend of integrated services and solutions that are tailor-made to the specific needs of each of our clients. SNV employs more than 1,500 professional advisors in the field, dispatched through 100 offices, in five regions and more than 40 countries worldwide.

### **More information**

An overview of Advisory Board members, including biographies and photos, can be found on our website: [www.snvworld.org](http://www.snvworld.org)

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