

Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana



Ms. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana joined the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as the Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations (LON), effective 1 October 2009.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Ratsifandrihamanana joined the African Union in 2007 and served as Ambassador, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations until September 2009.

From 2002-2006, she was appointed as Ambassador of Madagascar to Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Morocco, Cape Verde, the Gambia and Côte d'Ivoire, with residence in Dakar.

Ms. Ratsifandrihamanana was the Minister of Scientific Research of the Republic of Madagascar in 1997 and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, from 1998 to 2002.

From 1986-1998, she was a Permanent Teacher and Researcher at the Higher Teacher Training School (Ecole Normale Supérieure) at the University of Antananarivo and Head of the University's Centre for Studies and Research in Natural Sciences from 1993-1997.

Ms. Ratsifandrihamanana is a national of the Republic of Madagascar and holds a M.Sc. degree in Engineering with specialization in Geophysics from St. Petersburg Mining Institute, a M.Sc. degree in Geology and a M.Sc. degree in Administrative Science, Diplomacy and International Relations from Farleigh Dickinson University, USA.

Carolyn Hoover



Carolyn Hoover is the Chief Executive Officer of dotCoop (DotCooperation LLC) which operates the .coop generic top level domain (gTLD) on the Internet.

Carolyn is responsible for the development of policies, production of marketing and publicity materials as well as co-ordination of national and international contacts within the co-operative and Internet communities.

Carolyn has worked to develop coordinated marketing plans including registrars, resellers and other supporters. As part of the continuing effort to make .coop an important part of developing international cooperative identity, Carolyn has participated in international meetings that provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by cooperatives around the world.

Since only cooperatives and cooperative organizations are eligible to register a .coop name, Carolyn also works with a broad array of cooperative contacts to verify the eligibility of .coop registrants to help ensure the value of a .coop name to its registrants.

Prior to joining dotCoop, Carolyn spent over twenty years working in computer and software development focusing on government financial systems, telephone billing systems and membership and association support systems.

Gary Fowlie



Gary Fowlie has been the head of the Liaison office of the International Telecommunication Union to the United Nations since 2009. ITU is the UN specialized agency for information and communication technology.

Mr. Fowlie is an Economist and Journalist. He was a Producer/Reporter for the news service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for 10 years and a freelance reporter for The Economist.

Prior to joining the International Telecommunication Union in 2001, Mr. Fowlie worked as an Account Director for the technology practice of the global consulting firm Hill and Knowlton. His clients included Microsoft, SAP and many others.

Mr. Fowlie was responsible for communications for the UN World Summit on the Information Society (2003 and 2005) and from 2005 until 2009 was the Chief of Media Liaison for the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Fowlie is a graduate of the Universities of Alberta, Alabama and the London School of Economics.