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MICHAEL GEORGE HAGE

Facilitating Diplomatic efforts that support food security & environmental goals

As a Diplomat and Regional Leader for the UN, Michael George Hage is seasoned in the rigors of managing in developing Third World countries, playing pivotal leadership roles within food security and sustainable development and executing sophisticated projects to achieve resounding success in seemingly intractable scenarios. He is fluent in the English, French and Arabic languages, and is conversational in Italian.

With more than two decade of senior leadership experience – more than a decade of which has incorporated budgetary responsibility for multi-country service delivery in the many hundreds of millions USD – Michael has earned a reputation as a strategist, visionary, operating executive, and company advocate. A specialist in new business methodologies, new ventures, and new opportunities in large, geographically dispersed markets and regions, he is equally successful in building collaborative partnerships with senior corporate executives, Boards, investors as well as front-line operating teams.

Michael's capability was exemplified in his concurrent roles as UNFAO Coordinator for North Africa-Regional Director, Resident Representative in Tunisia, and Acting Head of Diplomatic Mission. His team consisted of 80 senior staff with 500 consultants, and a US\$100M program for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

He professionally supported FAO collaboration with member countries and institutional partners in the region, embedded high-caliber budgeting and risk management systems, and initiated a regional strategic plan with rejuvenated administrative processes. He facilitated the development of a Regional Management Plan that directly contributed to the establishment of FAO as the lead international agency in the field of food security and sustainable development. He was recognized for outstanding achievement over an extended career with FAO with high profile functions and awards from senior colleagues and diplomats.

In 2002, he was appointed FAO Representative in Morocco/Head of Diplomatic Mission and achieved food security and sustainable development in the region with effective project execution/financing and robust leadership of 15 FAO staff and >200 independent consultants enabling completion of >65 projects valued at US\$38M.

Most recently, Michael formed a food security and sustainable development company, leading corporate positioning for public contracts that will facilitate the meeting of specified goals.

His most notable positions include:

- President & CEO**, American Innovation for International Development, Inc., Washington DC, USA, 2019–Present
- Coordinator - North Africa**, UN Food & Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy, 2017–2018
- FAO Representative - Morocco**, UN Food & Agriculture Organization, Rabat, Morocco, 2002–2017
- FAO Chief of Protocol**, UN Food & Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy, 2010–2012
- Senior Officer**, UN Food & Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy, 2007–2009

Michael holds a Bachelor of Economics and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the State University of New York and has a profile suited to the role of CEO, President, or Board Director in International Affairs, Global Management, Food Security, Environmental Compliance, or as an implementing partner to the US Government.

To support his career path, he has completed a Certificate in Protocol and Diplomacy - European Relations, International Organizations with the International School of Protocol in Brussels, a Graduate Certificate in Global Affairs Management from George Mason University, and an Executive Leadership Program (Innovation in Governance) at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University.