

# **FORMER FAO AND OTHER UN STAFF ASSOCIATION**

**\*\* - FFOA - \*\***

ELECTION/2019-2021/03

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## **ELECTION FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019 – 2021**

## **ELEZIONE DEL COMITATO ESECUTIVO PER IL PERIODO 2019 – 2021**

### **PROFILE OF CANDIDATES \* PROFILO DEI CANDIDATI**

The members of FFOA mentioned below have decided to stand for election as a member of the Executive Committee 2019-2021. Their nominations have been found in order by the Election Sub-Committee.

I soci qui elencati hanno deciso di concorrere all'elezione per la carica di membro del Comitato Esecutivo 2019-2021. Per il Sotto Comitato delle Elezioni le candidature risultano conformi alle Procedure dell'Associazione.



**1.First and last name/Nome e Cognome:**

**Ms Mariam AHMED**

**Nationality/Nazionalità:** Italian

**DOB/DDN:** 06/09/1956

**EOD/EIS:** 01/10/1982 in/presso: FAO

**DOR/DDP:** 31/12/2015 from/da: FAO

**DOE/IAF:** 09/02/2016

**Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del**

**pensionamento:**

**P-5 – Senior Adviser to Director-General**

**Functions held in associations/groups/official UN committees/staff bodies while in**

**active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU,**

**organizzazioni del personale, FFOA:**

**Retired in December 2015 as Senior Adviser to the Director General**

**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be**

**achieved if elected/ Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere**

**in seno alla FFOA, se eletta:**

**During my years of Service I have represented FAO in numerous inter-agency and intergovernmental bodies, including the High-Level Committee on Programs and the Chief Executive Board (CEB) chaired by the UN Secretary-General as well as in Senior Management meetings of the Rome-based agencies, WFP and IFAD. I have served on the Representative Council of the FAO Professional Staff Association AP-in-FAO and after retirement as a co-opted member of the FFOA Executive Committee. In this capacity I have acted as Rapporteur for the FFOA General Assembly in 2017 and 2018.**

**If elected I commit to support the FFOA Executive Committee and FFOA membership in monitoring developments impacting on the conditions of retiree colleagues and keeping them abreast of relevant information and matters of concern and interest of the retiree community.**

### **Explanation of acronyms: \* Abbreviazioni:**

**DOB:** Date of Birth \* **EOD:** Entrance on Duty \* **DOR:** Date of Retirement \* **DOE:** Date of Enrolment FFOA

**DDN:** Data di nascita \* **EIS:** Entrata in Servizio \* **DDP:** Data del Pensionamento \* **IAF:** Inizio Appartenenza FFOA



**2. First and last name/Nome e Cognome: Mr Jean Philippe DECRAENE**

**Nationality/Nazionalità: French**

**DOB/DDN: 27/12/1955**

**EOD/EIS: 30/11/1990 in/presso: FAO**

**DOR/DDP: 31/12/2017 from/da: FAO**

**DOE/IAF: 08/11/2016**

**Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento::**

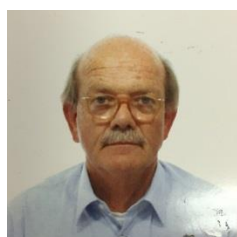
**P-5 – Facility Manager**

**Functions held in associations/groups/official UN committees/staff bodies while in active and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**

**During my active service as Commissary Manager (2004-2011) I was monitoring the relationship with the Unions as member of the Joint Commissary Committee (JCC) and member of the Joint Committee on Food Services (JCFS). In addition as Facility Manager first in IFAD then in FAO (2012-2017) I worked in close collaboration with the Chief of Security, the Chief of the Medical Service and the Unions to implement the risk mitigation actions to secure the premises for the staff, visitors and contractors.**

**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:**

**During my active service I worked closely with the Staff Unions. My objective is to effectively represent pensioners in negotiations with the organizations and protect our health and pension benefits.**



**3. First and last name/Nome e Cognome: Mr Marius de GAAY**

**FORTMAN**

**Nationality/Nationalità: Netherlands**

**DOB/DDN: 02/09/1946**

**EOD/EIS: 30/06/1976 in/presso: ILO**

**DOR/DDP: 30/06/2007 from/da: WFP**

**DOE/IAF: 04/11/2007**

**Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:**

**P-5 - Country Representative**

**Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**

**1989-1992 APS delegate**

**1992-2007 Participation in various UN Committees at Country level**

**2013-2018 Member of the Executive Committee of the FFOA, Member of various Advisory Committees**

**2014-2018 Convener of the Membership Advisory Committee**

**Statement of intention regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/ Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:**

**I promise to actively participate in the Executive Committee and various Advisory Committees such as the Membership Advisory Committee of which I was the Convener during the last five years. We intend to further expand the Pre-Retirement Service Program (PRSP), which we initiated four years ago for staff members, who have access to almost all FFOA services and information 18 months prior to their retirement.**



**4.First and last name/Nome e Cognome: Ms Maria Augusta DI**

**GIACOMO**

Nationality/Nationalità: Italian

DOB/DDN: 22/06/1953

EOD/EIS: 16/06/1979 in/presso: FAO

DOR/DDP: 30/06/2014 from/da: FAO

DOE/IAF: 23/06/2014

Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**G-5 - Human Resources Assistant**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA:

Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**Worked in HR for 35 years and in Social Security from 1990 to 2014.**

**Retired in 2014. As FFOA Representative and Assistant to FFOA**

**General Secretary, I had the opportunity to assist him on various issues discussed at FFOA Executive Committee meetings. In addition I contributed with my experience in health insurance discussions and issues.**

Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to

Be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletta:

**If re-elected I will continue to provide my assistance to FFOA and its members.**



**5.First and last name/Nome e Cognome: Mr Annibale FUSCO FEMIANO**

Nationality/Nazionalità: Italian

DOB/DDN: 28/06/1949

EOD/EIS: 06/08/1969 in/presso:FAO

DOR/DDP: 30/06/2011 from/da: FAO

DOE/IAF: 17/06/2011

Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**G-7- Human Resources Assistant**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies

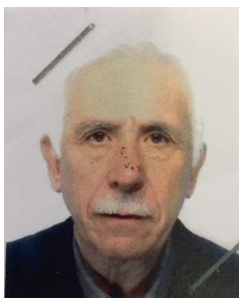
while in active service and/or in FFOA/ Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**Vice-Tesoriere FFOA**

Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to

be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:

**Continuare il mio impegno per le pensioni, l'assistenza malattia e le tasse.**



**6. First and last name/Nome e Cognome: Mr Mario MARERI**

**Nationality/Nazionalità: Italian**

**DOB/DDN: 16/05/1946**

**EOD/EIS: 01/01/1972 in/presso: FAO**

**DOR/DDP: 01/06/2001 from/da: FAO**

**DOE/IAF: 08/06/2017**

**Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento: G-5 – Statistics Clerk**

**Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**

**Ufficio di Statistica FAO (Basic Data Unit)**

**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:**

**Vorrei far parte della FFOA per aiutare e supportare le attività della FFOA con l'esperienza maturata negli anni d'impiego alla FAO e da pensionato nel campo del volontariato**



**7. First and last name/Nome e Cognome: Mr Gianni MONCIOTTI**

**Nationality/Nazionalità: Italian**

**DOB/DDN: 22/03/1940**

**EOD/EIS: 15/06/1962 in/presso: FAO**

**DOR/DDP: 30/06/1995 from/da: FAO**

**DOE/IAF: 24/01/1996**

**Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento: G-6 – FAO Credit Union**

**Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**

**After some months from the date of my retirement in June 1995, I joined the FFOA and my first task was to assist the Treasurer in the accomplishment of her duties.**

**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:**

**In view of the above and on the basis of the experience I have gained up to now, if elected, I would like to be considered for the position of Treasurer of the Association.**



**8.** First and last name/Nome e Cognome:

**Mr Bruno PISANI**

Nationality/Nazionalità: **Italian**

DOB/DDN: **23/02/1944**

EOD/EIS: 05/01/1965 in/presso: **FAO**

DOR/DDP: **05/06/2000** from/da: **FAO**

DOE/IAF: **15/05/2000**

Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento : **P-4 – Personnel Officer**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**Secretary of ICCROM SPC; Member of the FAO Security Advisory Group (SAG); Participant to the JAC/MC meetings.**

Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:

**My professional experience in Administration, Finance and Personnel accrued during 36 years at FAO and 12 years at ICCROM, will enable me to contribute to activities related to Pension and Medical Issues. In addition, my last three years as an elected member of the FFOA has widen my experience on tax related and other financial issues. As a consequence I have decided to stand for this election for another term.**



**9.** First and last name/Nome e Cognome:

**Mr. Giuliano PUCCI**

Nationality/Nazionalità: **Italian**

DOB/DDN: **07/02/1948**

EOD/EIS: **31/07/1969** in/presso: **FAO**

DOR/DDP: **28/02/2010** from/da: **FAO**

DOE/IAF: **29/04/2010**

Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**ADG-Legal Counsel, FAO**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**Member of the Executive Committee for the period 2013-2018 (Vice-President)**

Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:

**If re-elected, I will continue to provide legal assistance to the FFOA and its Members.**



**10.**First and last name/Nome e Cognome: **Mr. Mohamed SALEHEEN**

Nationality/Nazionalità: **Bangladesh**

DOB/DDN: **14/11/1951**

EOD/EIS: **12/09/1977** in/presso: **WFP**

DOR/DDP: **31/03/2013** from/da: **WFP**

DOE/IAF: **12/06/2012**

Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**D-2 - Director, Japan & Rep Korea Relations**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

During the last 2 years (2016-2018) I have been a Co-opted member of FFOA and also served as a Member of the Membership sub-Committee. In active service, as Acting Director & Deputy Director of HR at WFP, I was directly involved and interacted with a number of staff associations (APS, UGSS) as well as represented WFP at the inter-agency panel on nomination of UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinators. Was also involved with Field Staff Associations in Sudan, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka and dealt with numerous complex staff issues as Director, UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs. Have also been serving as Mentor for several years.

Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:

I strongly believe in the mission and mandate of FFOA and pledge to continue to promote and support its activities in the interest of UN retirees, particularly the members of the FFOA. I will undertake roles assigned to me and provide my services as a liaison with WFP, as required.



**11.**First and last name/Nome e Cognome: **Mr Sabatino (Dino) SALVI**

Nationality/Nazionalità: **Italian**

DOB/DDN: **09/07/1940**

EOD/EIS: **15/07/1961** in/presso: **FAO**

DOR/DDP: **30/07/1995** from/da: **FAO**

DOE/IAF: **09/01/1996**

Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**G-7 – Historical Archivist, FAO**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**UGSS Member of the Technical Committee; Credit Union Honorary President; Chairman of the Credit Committee; Member of FFOA Executive Committee since 1997.**

Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:

**I will continue to give my contribution in the fields of: Social Security, Health Insurance and Pension and in matters regarding issues between FFOA Members and Italian Government Taxation.**





**12. First and last name/Nome e Cognome:** **Mr Edward SEIDLER**

**Nationality/Nazionalità:** **British**

**DOB/DDN:** **29/08/1947**

**EOD/EIS:** **01/08/1984** in/presso: **FAO**

**DOR/DDP:** **01/08/2009** from/da: **FAO**

**DOE/IAF:** **23/06/2009**

**Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:**

**P-5 –Senior Officer**

**Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**

**1985-2009: Chairman, Treasurer of FAO/WFP Field Staff Association**

**Member for Europe and Treasurer – FICSA**

**2010-2018: Co-opted Member then elected Member FFOA Executive Committee**

**1990-2015 FSA Member on JAC/MC and then FFOA Member on JAC/MC**

**Statement of intention regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:**

**Support FFOA to defend the rights of its Members and develop services FFOA may provide to Members.**



**13. First and last name/Nome e Cognome:** **Ms Georgia SHAVER**

**Nationality/Nazionalità:** **American/ Italian**

**DOB/DDN:** **08/02/1955**

**EOD/EIS:** **19/01/1980** in/presso: **WFP**

**DOR/DDP:** **30/09/2011** from/da: **WFP**

**DOE/IAF:** **03/11/2011**

**Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:**

**D-2 – Ombudsman**

**Functions held in associations/groups/official UN committees/staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**

**2013 to 2018: FFOA Executive Committee Member (General Secretary 2015; Vice-President 2016-2018);**

**October 2011 to 2012: FFOA Co-opted member**

**1989 to 1991: Chairman, FAO/WFP Field Staff Association**

**1992: President, FAO/WFP Association of Professional Staff**

**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletta:**

**I will continue to defend and protect the interests of FFOA and its members, especially for health insurance, pension and legal issues; ensure Members are well informed, maintain strong working relationship with management of three Rome based Agencies and work to maintain the membership at healthy levels.**



**14. First and last name/Nome e Cognome:** **Ms Joan SMIDT**  
**Nationality/Nazionalità:** **Danish**  
**DOB/DDN:** **02/01/1944** **EOD/EIS:** **06/08/1968** **in/presso:** **FAO**  
**DOR/DDP:** **30/06/2003** **from/da:** **FAO** **DOE/IAF:** **20/06/2003**  
**Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:** **G-7 – Personnel Assistant**  
**Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**  
**1983-2003 Assistant to Secretary, FAO Staff Pension Committee (SPC)**  
**1983-2003 Assistant Secretary to Advisory Committee on Compensation Claims (ACCC)**  
**1987-1991 Chairman FAO Credit Committee, FAO Credit Union**  
**1991-2003 Member of Board of Directors, FAO Credit Union**  
**1978-2002 President Women's Gym. Group, FAO Staff Co-op**  
**FFOA Executive Committee Member since July 2003**  
**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletta:**  
**If re-elected, I will also continue to assist the Executive Committee and the FFOA Membership in matters relating to social support, medical emergencies, medical insurance and Pension Fund matters. I will also continue to organize social activities, trips, exhibitions, etc. Recently I was elected as Chairperson of the FFOA Emergency Fund.**



**15. First and last name/Nome e Cognome:** **Mr Fessehaie (Sino) TESFAMARIAM**  
**Nationality/Nazionalità:** **Italian**  
**DOB/DDN:** **10/07/1953** **EOD/EIS:** **04/04/1981** **in/presso:** **IFAD**  
**DOR/DDP:** **30/06/2003** **from/da:** **FAO** **DOE/IAF:** **20/06/2003**  
**Last grade & position before retirement/ Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:** **P-4 – Credit Union Manager**  
**Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:**  
**Chairperson of the Staff Association of IFAD (1 year 1990/1991)**  
**Member of the Anti-Harassment panel (Three years)**  
**Manager of The Credit Union of IFAD Employees (1992 – 2014)**  
**Statement of intentions regarding activities to be performed and objectives to be achieved if elected/ Intenti relativi ad attività da svolgere ed obiettivi da raggiungere in seno alla FFOA, se eletto:**  
**I intend:**

- **To run a membership drive in order to maximize the number of our membership,**
- **To organize workshops for interested active staff (prospective members of our association) whose retirement is imminent,**
- **To organize workshops for the members of the executive committee to equip them serve our membership more effectively.**





**16.**First and last name/Nome e Cognome: **Mr Alex VAN ARKADIE**

Nationality/Nazionalità: **Italian (Sri Lankan by origin)**

DOB/DDN: **09/06/1944**

EOD/EIS: **29/05/1977** in/presso: **FAO**

DOR/DDP: **29/06/2006** from/da: **FAO**

DOE/IAF: **29/06/2006**

Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**G-4 Meetings Adm. Clerk**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni,

gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**From 2006: FFOA Life Member Co-opted to ExCo: Initiated and is responsible for collaboration with Lead Reps. of Rome-based UN Staff Associations, viz. FAO, IFAD, WFP, ICCROM, including FAFICS and FICSA. Serving on Social Activities Group and other Sub-Committees (viz. membership expansion, monthly coffee mornings). Also Guest Speaker at FAO Retirement Seminars (from pre-retirement).**

**FAO (1977 to 2006):** UGSS Member, elected to Ex. Secretariat and Control Board and also served on the GS Staff Selection Committee. Member of FAO Casa English Theatre Group, Philharmonic Choir, CRI Blood Donors Group and regular contributor to FAO Casa Gazette.

**From 1980s:** With FAO-DG Advisory Com., harnessed staff participation for promotion of HQ-related media events (e.g. Annual World Food Day), also in association with the Holy See and RAI. Promoter/Coordinator of the Rome (FAO) 1% for Development Fund (projects registration,

appraisal, evaluation, formulation, funding, securing funding and monitoring ongoing community welfare projects in LDCs).

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**Following my near 30-yrs service in FAO and engaged**

**thereafter with FFOA's team of senior UN experts, I pledge to remain loyal to the Association in order to defend, protect and ensure the benefit and welfare of present and future retirees in Italy as well as our valuable constituents resident worldwide. Vote now to hold high our UN Flag!**



**17. First and last name/Nome e Cognome:**

**Ms Angelika WOLF**

Nationality/Nazionalità: **German**

DOB/DDN: **30/05/1951**

EOD/EIS: **29/04/1979** in/presso: **FAO**

DOR/DDP: **05/10/2012** from/da: **FAO**

DOE/IAF: **13/11/2014**

Last grade & position before retirement/Ultimo grado e posto prima del pensionamento:

**P-5 Senior Staff Relations Officer**

Functions held in associations, groups, official UN committees, staff bodies while in active service and/or in FFOA/Funzioni svolte in associazioni, gruppi, comitati NU, organizzazione del personale, FFOA:

**Since 2016 co-opted member of the FFOA Executive Committee. During active service, I was a member of the Joint Advisory Committee on FAO Reform (2010-2012), a member of the Joint Advisory Committee on Medical Conditions (1996-2008).**

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**During my active service, I worked closely with FFOA**

**and got to know and appreciate its aims and achievements. My objective is to effectively represent pensioners in negotiations with the organizations and to protect our health and pension benefits; to inform pensioners on developments in the medical and pension planes; to assist and advise members, in particular, in emergency situations and to broaden social activities.**