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New AGRA Watch Report: "The Man Behind the Curtain"

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Today AGRA Watch presents a new research report, "**The Man Behind the Curtain: The Gates Foundation's Influence on the UN Food Systems Summit**".

In December 2019, Agnes Kalibata, president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), was [appointed](#) as Special Envoy to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit by the Secretary General of the United Nations. Following this event, 176 civil society organizations (including CAGJ/AGRA Watch) and farmer groups from 83 countries sent an [open letter](#) to the UN Secretary General António Guterres to withdraw the appointment of Kalibata due to her close ties to corporate actors. This letter was followed up by a second [statement](#) signed by over 500 organizations, academics, and social movements, raising concerns about both this nomination, and about the overall approach of the Summit.

In response to the two civil society letters, (only) twelve individuals representing several development banks, academic institutions, and the private sector, sent a [letter](#) to the UN Secretary General to support Kalibata's nomination to this position.

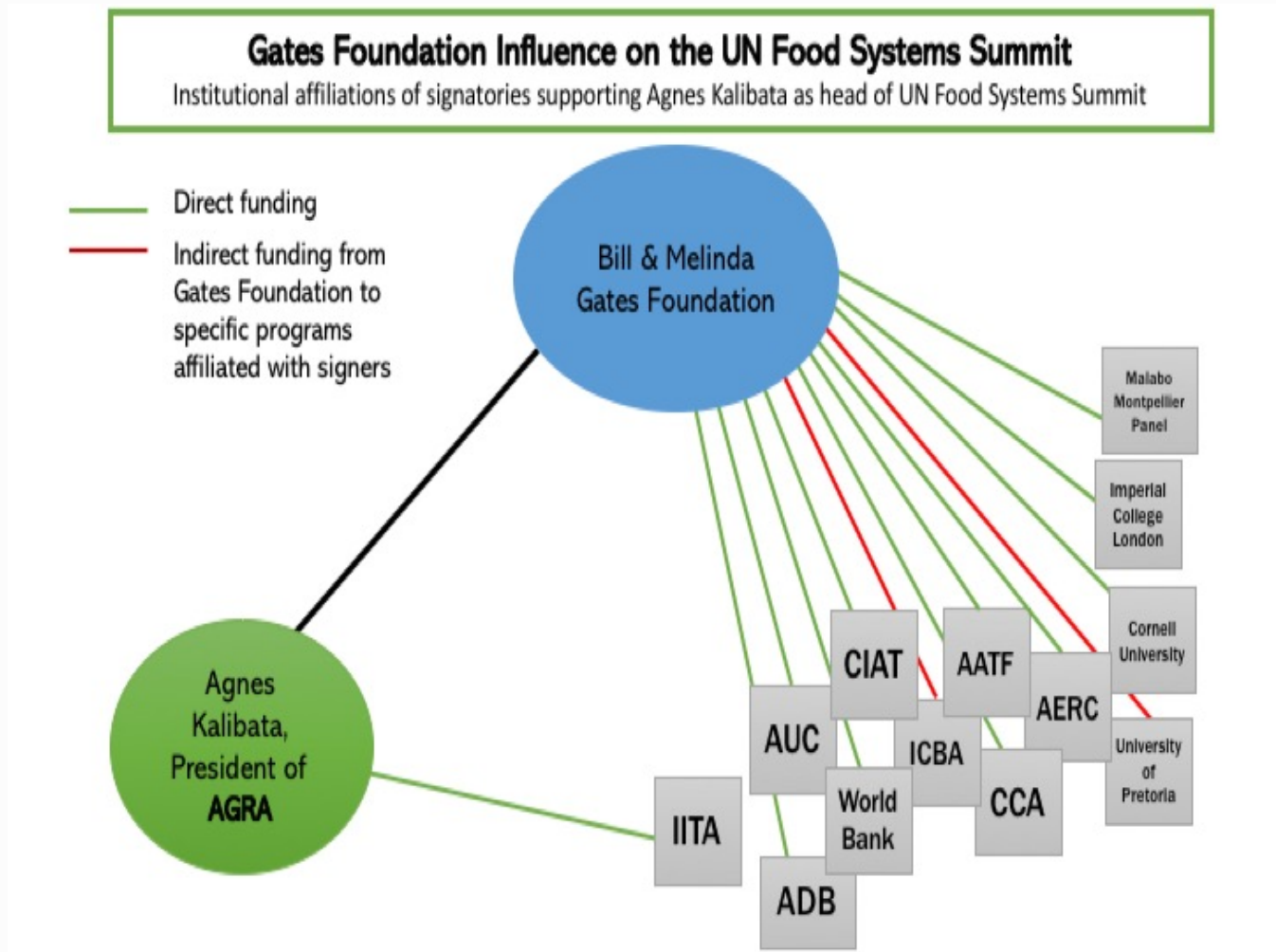
AGRA Watch researched these individuals, and found that all but one have received funds from the Gates Foundation. In the report we discuss the ties, and implications of the Gates Foundation and Bill Gates's growing influence, which is often difficult to track.

Read the report:

[The Man Behind the Curtain-The Gates Foundation's Influence on the UN Food Systems Summit](#) PDF-3 pages



Lire le rapport en français: [L'homme derrière le rideau-L'influence de la Fondation Gates sur le Sommet des Nations Unies sur les systemes alimentaires](#) PDF-3 pages



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