

Olivia Yambi

Ms. Yambi is a national of Tanzania. She holds a PhD from Cornell University, majoring in International Nutrition with minors in Epidemiology and Agricultural Economics.

From 1992 to 2012 she worked with UNICEF in varying capacities and different countries. She was UNICEF Representative to Kenya, UNICEF Representative to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Regional Nutrition Advisor to the UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Region and the Chief of Child Development and Nutrition programme in the UNICEF India Country Office. Prior to this she served with the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre as its Director of Policy and Planning for more than 15 years.

Ms. Yambi's work has focused on developing policies, strategies and programmes contributing to the realisation of rights of children at country and regional levels; as well as multi-sectoral UN country support programmes applying human rights based approach to development. This has been in addition to specific attention to addressing nutrition problems in developing countries. She has also undertaken research on the links between nutrition status and child mortality, infant and young child feeding, and food security, nutrition and HIV and AIDS, amongst others.

Ms. Yambi is currently Co-Chair of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food).