

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is the National Senior Associate for African American and African Church Engagement at Bread for the World. She brings extensive global, national and local experience as a faith thought leader, journalist, speaker, and author. She has received many awards and recognitions from President Bill Clinton, former Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN), and Indiana Governor Michael Pence, among others. She is a graduate of Kent State University, Yale University Divinity School, and Princeton Theological Seminary.

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Faustine Wabwire is Bread for the World Institute's Senior Foreign Assistance Policy Analyst, based in Washington, DC. At the Institute, Ms. Wabwire provides policy leadership on global poverty, hunger, climate change, trade, and the role of effective U.S. and multilateral assistance in providing solutions. She recently worked with Institute staff on the 2015 Hunger Report, which explores why women's empowerment is essential to ending global hunger and proposed practical and achievable policy changes to improve women's economic, political, and social status. Ms. Wabwire recently served on the Reading Committee for President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative ("The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders"), a program that brings 500 dynamic young Africa leaders to the U.S. for leadership training and mentoring. She is also a member of several U.S. government taskforces on global development.