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Anne-Claire Hervy

Anne-Claire Hervy's Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship launched an already-impressive international development career focused on Africa. Her commitment to developing other leaders is shown in her service as a Leland Program trainer (along with her husband, Simon Nicholson) and as a policy site supervisor for a 7th Class Fellow.

As a member of the 4th Class (2007-2009), Anne-Claire worked with the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, a membership organization seeking to mobilize investment in African agriculture and development. While still a Fellow, she was tapped to be Chief Operating Officer for the new Africa-U.S. Higher Education Institute, a multi-organization endeavor led by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). In this role, Anne-Claire facilitated effective partnerships between African and U.S. higher education institutions in fields relevant to national and regional development with a focus on science and technology.

Anne-Claire continued this work following her fellowship. She was recognized in 2009 with the Young Professionals Award from the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development. In Spring 2013, she was promoted to Associate Vice-President for International Development and Programs at APLU and Director of the Knowledge Center for Higher Education in Africa (HEAD). The Center convenes stakeholders, disseminates best practices and lessons learned in capacity-building through university-to-university partnerships, and conducts information-based advocacy for investment in long-term partnerships between African and U.S. higher education institutions. Anne-Claire manages development and implementation of Knowledge Center programs, oversees fundraising, and leads APLU's work with the World Bank, TEAM-Africa (the Tertiary Education in Agriculture Mechanism), and the U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council for Higher Education Partnership.

Previously, Anne-Claire worked for Manna Inc., the DC-based affordable housing organization. She holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from American University's School of International Service, where she completed additional graduate studies. She earned a Master of Science in International History at the London School of Economics and is a graduate of the International Program in Political and Social Sciences at Sciences Po in Paris. Her B.A. is from St. Mary's College of Maryland. Originally from France, Anne-Claire grew up in Baltimore, Maryland.