



**RICHARD SCOBEEY**



**Richard Scobey** was appointed President of the World Cocoa Foundation in July 2016. As President, Mr. Scobey leads the strategic development of the organization, serves as the primary spokesperson on behalf of member companies, and leads the direction of the cocoa and chocolate industry on sustainability priorities. He brings more than 35 years of rural development and poverty reduction expertise, extensive knowledge and experience in managing large and complex programs, mobilizing public and private financing, and building partnerships and networks for impact. He has a particularly strong professional connection and commitment to the Africa region, where he has worked for more than 18 years.

Prior to joining WCF, Mr. Scobey served as the Deputy Director General of the Independent Evaluation Group, which is charged with assessing the results and performance of the World Bank Group. He led on strategy and budget formulation, managing relations with Executive Directors, and overseeing delivery of evaluation work. He previously served as Director for Regional Integration in the Africa Region, where he managed a portfolio of \$3 billion in regional infrastructure and agriculture investments, and worked closely with the African Union, G20, and other global partners to champion increased cross-border collaboration among African countries. He also served as Manager for Agriculture and Environment in Africa, with a focus on sustainable rural development; and Advisor to the Vice President of the Africa Region, with responsibility for partnerships and innovation.

Earlier positions in the World Bank included Manager for Results in the Africa Region, with a focus on results monitoring and business simplification; Operations Advisor responsible for coordination of the World Bank staff learning program for 10,000 employees; Lead Economist for agriculture and rural development in East Asia, including management of the World Bank's forestry program in China; and Country Economist for Malawi.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Scobey worked for a UK investment bank in Africa, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi, and was a fellow at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Sweden.

Mr. Scobey received a Bachelor's degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from Brown University, and a Master's degree in Public and Private Management from the Yale School of Organization and Management.