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Mr Nooke started his political career as Member of the first democratically elected parliament of the German Democratic Republic (GDR). From 1990-1994 he was Member of the the Brandenburg Landtag and Chair of the Parliamentary Group of the Alliance 90.



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Mr Nabarro was appointed as Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition of Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General, in October 2009. In January 2009 he was given the additional responsibility as Coordinator of the UN system's High Level Task Force on the Food Security Crisis.

After a short period in the UK National Health Service he worked for six years in child health and nutrition programmes for Save the Children in Iraq, South Asia and East Africa, taught for six years at the London and Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine, served as Chief Health and Population Adviser to the British Government's Overseas Development Administration and in 1997 became Director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

In 1999 he was selected to lead Roll Back Malaria at the World Health Organization (WHO). Within two years he was appointed as Executive Director at WHO (in the office of Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director General): he worked with her for two years on a variety of issues including the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, Health Systems Assessments and the creation of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. He was then appointed to lead the WHO cluster handling Food Safety, Emergency Health Action and Environmental Health. In 2003, after Dr Brundtland had moved on, Mr Nabarro was asked to head up the new WHO Department for Health Action in Crises, coordinating worldwide support for health aspects of crises preparedness, response and recovery. In September 2005 he joined the office of the UN Secretary General as Senior UN System Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza and United Nations Assistant Secretary-General.

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Among his recent publications is a book on agricultural policies in Africa („Agrarkolonialismus in Afrika. Eine andere Landwirtschaft ist möglich“, VSA-Verlag, Hamburg), a booklet on grass root alternatives in water management about “Water to the People. Conflicts and Alternative Concepts in India” and a collection of three case studies from Tanzania, Brazil, and Indonesia on perspectives of small scale agriculture („Who Feeds the World? The Future is in Small Scale Agriculture“).



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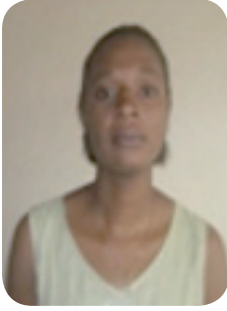
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For the five years prior to this, he served as Human Rights Director of Bread for the World (Brot für die Welt), the development organisation of the Protestant church of Germany. Between 1988 and 2006 he worked with FIAN-International (FoodFirst Information and Action Network), an international human rights organisation that focuses on the realisation of the right to adequate food. Initially he coordinated FIAN's Latin American work concentrating on land conflicts and agrarian reform. He represented FIAN at the United Nations Human Rights System from 1992 onward. In the last 10 years, he has contributed to the effort to set standards for the right to food. He was actively involved in the elaboration of the "Voluntary Guidelines on the progressive implementation of the right to adequate food" adopted by the FAO Council in November 2004. He became Secretary General of FIAN in 2005.

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Prior to this post, he was Agricultural Attache of the Philippines to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) based in Bangkok, Thailand from 1988 to 1993.

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