

## UN Committee on Food Security By Wayne Dredge, 2014 Scholar

In October this year Nuffield was represented at the 44<sup>th</sup> UN Committee on Food Security (CFS) held at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy. CFS is the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together on matters relating to food security and nutrition. Using a multi-stakeholder, inclusive approach, CFS develops and endorses policy recommendations and guidance on a wide range of agricultural, food security and nutrition topics.

Nuffield International partnered with the ETG Farmers Foundation and the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN) to host a side event at CFS along theme of *What Todays Young Agricultural Leaders need to meet tomorrows Sustainable Development Goal Challenges*. Sarah Singla (Nuffield France), Thato Moagi (Nuffield International, South Africa), Robert Arvier (Nuffield Australia) and Willem Van Der Schans (Nuffield Netherlands) represented Nuffield along with four other young leaders from China (Stuart Oda), Tanzania (Freddy Leonce), Zimbabwe (Gloria Gusha) and Canada (Tiara Boyes). The event was chaired by Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano Piedra who is the special minister council to the UN Rome based agencies for Costa Rica and Moderated by Dr David Bergvinson, the current Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics.

For over two and half hours the panel of young farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs answered questions from the floor to a packed room that related to challenges currently faced by the next generation of farmers in achieving a world without hunger.



**Above (L-R): Thato Moagi (NI scholar), Stuart Oda and Tiara Boyes at the CFS side event**

This was the third consecutive year that Nuffield has been represented at CFS and the Private Sector Delegation of global agribusiness leaders was particularly pleased to so many young, energetic and entrepreneurial people being engaged in such high-level policy dialogue. The Director General of the Global Dairy Platform, Mr Donald Moore, and the Director General of the IAFN, Robynne Anderson, both commented that they hope to see more Nuffield Scholars and other youth leaders from the agricultural sector become involved in future years. To this end NI encourages any past or present scholars who have an interest in becoming involved in CFS or other UN related policy events to please email [Jim Geltech](#) or [Wayne Dredge](#) for further information.

