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Mr. Ajay Markanday is the Director of the Liaison Office for North America for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Mr. Markanday is an expert in sustainable agricultural development with over thirty five years of experience in over twenty countries. Having served in a number of international development agencies including the FAO, World Bank, UK Department For International Development, Asia Development Bank, UN Development Program, and the International Rice Research Institute, Mr Markanday has a uniquely keen understanding of the importance of leveraging international organizations to further global development goals and initiatives.

Mr Markanday has earned many accolades and commendations for his efforts in promoting global food and nutrition security, and was most recently recognized by the Prime Minister of Cambodia for his work on the country's Global Agriculture and Food Security Program.

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