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**OFW's Marshall Matz commends selection of Ertharin Cousin  
to lead United Nations' World Food Program**

Today, the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, along with the Director-General General José Graziano da Silva of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, announced that Ertharin Cousin has been selected as the next Executive Director of the U.N.'s World Food Program. Cousin is currently the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome.

Marshall Matz was the founding Chairman of Friends of the World Food Program.

“Ambassador Cousin is the perfect selection to serve as Executive Director of the World Food Program at this critical time,” Matz said. “The eyes of the world are focused on eliminating hunger and boosting production to feed a growing world population. Ambassador Cousin has a proven track record working with the private sector, public stakeholders, and non-governmental organizations to marshal the resources needed to finally get a handle on this challenge. I commend Secretary Clinton for nominating Ambassador Cousin, and Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization Director-General José Graziano da Silva for their excellent decision.”

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