



Speakers at the World Food Summit and Dialogue Sessions

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H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark



Rasmus Prehn

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries



Brent Loken, moderator
Global Food Lead Scientist at WWF

Brent Loken is the Global Food Lead Scientist for WWF. In his role, Brent provides thought leadership through forward-looking research, science direction for goal setting, scientific analysis in support of strategy development, and the management of internal and external science talent to support the Global Food Practice team in advancing an ambitious agenda.

Previously, Brent worked for EAT where he was a lead author on the EAT-Lancet report on Food, Planet, Health. His past research includes a variety of publications ranging from subjects on food and health to orangutan terrestriality and tropical forest governance.

In addition, Brent co-founded and helped lead a progressive international school and co-founded a conservation NGO that focused on protecting rainforests and biodiversity by empowering indigenous peoples.



David Beasley
Executive Director, WFP

David Beasley is the Executive Director for the UN World Food Programme, WFP. David has great experience with leadership and communication which David is putting to use to mobilize more financial support and public awareness for the global fight against hunger. Here, David has driven great attention to WFP's work beyond emergency food assistance, pointing out how long-term development plays an important role for bringing peace and stability to troubled regions.

These efforts were recognised when the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded WFP the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

David has served as Governor of the U.S. state of South Carolina from 1995 to 1999. In addition to his service, David has also taught at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.



Inger Andersen

Executive Director, UNEP

Inger is the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UNEP. Inger has great experience in international development economics, environmental sustainability, strategy and operations. Prior her role in UNEP, Inger has worked as the Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as well as several different leadership positions at the World Bank.



Joao Campari

Global Leader, Food Practice, WWF

Joao is the Global Leader of WWF's Food Practice. Joao's role is leading the Network's efforts to enhance the sustainability of the global food system, including nature-positive production, sustainable diets and reduction of food loss and waste. Prior to his role in WWF, Joao has held technical and executive positions in multilateral and bilateral agencies (World Bank, UNDP and DFID), in the federal government of Brazil (Ministry of the Environment) and has advised national and sub-national governments (in Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay) on the design and implementation of regional development policies, combining socio-economic rural development with conservation.



Peter Bakker

CEO, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

For a decade (since 2012), Peter has led WBCSD based in Geneva, Switzerland. WBCSD is the premier global, CEO-led community of over 200 of the world's leading sustainable businesses working collectively to accelerate the system transformations needed for a net zero, nature positive, and more equitable future.

Peter is a distinguished business leader who, until June 2011, served as CFO and then CEO of TNT NV, the global transport and logistics company. He has been recipient of the Clinton Global Citizen Award (2009) and the Sustainability Leadership Award (2010). Peter serves as a member of several corporate sustainability advisory boards.



Juergen Voegele

Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank

Juergen Voegele, Ph.D., assumed the position of Vice President for Sustainable Development at the World Bank on April 1, 2020. In this role, he oversees the work of Global Practices and thematic groups that bring together the best expertise from across the World Bank Group and from partners, to help countries tackle their most complex challenges in the area of sustainable development. The practices and groups under his responsibility include Agriculture and Food; Climate Change; Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy; Environmental and Social Framework Implementation; Social Development; Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land; and Water.



Dr. Susan Chomba

Director of Vital Landscapes of Africa, World Resources Institute

Dr. Susan Chomba is the Director of Vital Landscapes for Africa at the World Resources Institute (WRI). She leads the institution's work on Forests, Food systems and People which includes forest landscape restoration, sustainable agriculture/food systems and thriving rural livelihoods in Africa. Susan is a scientist with over 15 years of research and development experience in Africa. She previously led the Regreening Africa Programme at CIFOR-ICRAF, whose primary objective was to restore degraded lands by scaling up proven and cost-effective technologies and practices across eight countries in Africa: Rwanda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Niger, Ghana, Mali and Senegal. She has been instrumental in setting the agenda for landscape restoration through local, national and global platforms.



Christine Gould

CEO & Founder of Thought for Food

Christine is a global leader in agri-food-tech innovation. In 2020, Christine was invited by the UN Deputy Secretary-General to serve on the Advisory Committee for the UN Food Systems Summit. She also sits on various boards, including on reNature Foundation's Board of Advisors. Christine holds an MPA in Science and Technology Policy from Columbia University, and is the author of the book "The Change-makers Guide to Feeding the Planet" (2021).



Luke Spajic

Plenitude Project Coordinator

Luke Spajic is a project coordinator at ENOUGH. ENOUGH is a UK-based biotech company that specializes in creating sustainable proteins for the future. Luke has previously been a COP26 delegate, a policy consultant at WFP and member of the leadership team for UNFSS action track 2.



Matt Homewood

CCO, Throw No More

Matt Homewood is the CCO at Throw No More and an important voice in reducing food waste. Matt's work in the fight against food waste is widely acknowledged, and Matt won a United Nations SDG prize in 2021. Further, Matt was also a part of the COP26 in Glasgow, where he presented his work at the UNFCCC's Action Hub.



Karly Kelso

Director of Ocean-based Food Initiative, EDF

Karly leads the Ocean's program work on ocean-based food systems — regenerative systems that deliver food from the sea, from wild-caught fisheries and aquaculture, in an environmentally sound manner.

Karly works to build partnerships to elevate and advocate for the recognition of ocean-based food systems contributions to global food and nutrition security, as well as ocean-based food systems serving as a critical element to enhancing resiliency in the face of climate change and other global disruptions, like the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Craig Hanson

Vice President of Food, Forests, Water and the Ocean, World Resources Institute

Craig Hanson is the Vice President of Food, Forests, Water & the Ocean at World Resources Institute. In this role, he guides programmatic strategy, catalyzes projects, and ensures a focus on results, financial development, and strong staff capacity. Craig has co-developed a number of leading initiatives. Previously at WRI, Craig managed the Green Power Market Development Group, a coalition of a dozen Fortune 500 companies that helped pioneer corporate energy markets in the United States.



Martin Frick

Director, World Food Programme Global Office Berlin

Martin Frick is a senior UN official, currently serving as Director of the Global Office UN World Food Program in Berlin. He served before as the Senior Director of UN Climate Change where he was overseeing the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the secretariat's Climate Action work. As program director for former Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Foundation, he developed the founding narrative of climate justice. He previously served as Director for Climate Change at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He was the German representative for human rights and humanitarian affairs at the UN General Assembly and served as the European Union's lead negotiator in the establishment of the UN Human Rights Council. As Ambassador to the international organizations based in Germany, he helped building up the UN's sustainability hub in Bonn. He holds a PhD in Law from Regensburg University and was a guest lecturer at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.



Rob Vos
Director, IFPRI

Rob Vos, a national of the Netherlands, holds a Ph.D. and an M.Sc. with honors in Economics from the Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. He is Director of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions Division (MTID) at IFPRI since September 2017. Previously, he was Director of Agricultural Development Economics at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), responsible for economic analysis and policy support for sustainable agricultural development and food security. In that capacity, he was responsible for FAO's flagship publications the 'State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI)' and the 'State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA)'. Since joining FAO in 2013, he has also served as director for social protection, rural employment, and gender equality and as coordinator of FAO's strategic program for rural poverty reduction.



Martien van Nieuwkoop
Global Director, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank

Martien van Nieuwkoop was appointed Global Director for the Agriculture and Food Global Practice in the World Bank's Sustainable Development Practice Group on July 1, 2019. As Global Director, Martien provides leadership to the formulation and implementation of the Bank's strategy and knowledge in agriculture and food, oversees the operationalization of the Bank's vision on agriculture and food in regional and country programs, acts as senior spokesperson for agriculture and food Bank-wide and globally and manages the Agriculture and Food Global Practice. Before taking this position, Martien served for two years as Practice Director of the World Bank's Agriculture Global Practice, where he oversaw the

Bank's agriculture lending, portfolio and analytic work in the EastAsia Pacific, Latin-America and the Caribbean and South Asia Regions, coordinated collaboration with IFC on agribusiness, and led the Bank's global engagement on agriculture and climate change. Martien joined the World Bank in 1993 as a Young Professional and worked initially as an agriculture economist in the LatinAmerica and Caribbean Region.

Dialogue Session: Healthy and Sustainable Diets



Dr. Afton Halloran, moderator

As an independent consultant in sustainable food systems transitions and a transdisciplinary scientist, Dr. Afton Halloran advises on issues related to food and agriculture. She works with such organizations as the World Bank, World Health Organization, Food Planet Prize Secretariat, and the Nordic Council of Ministers. She has written and co-authored multiple books and research papers on food policy and security, underutilized foods, urban agriculture, dietary shifts and gastronomy. Afton also holds a research position at the University of Copenhagen Sustainability Science Centre and is the host of the Nordic Talks podcast.



Armando F J Perez Cueto Eulert

Professor with focus on meals in professional context.
Umeå University, Sweden

Armando Perez Cueto is Professor in Food, Nutrition and Culinary Sciences at Umeå University. He has interdisciplinary education and research background in the overlap among Food Science (first degree as food technologist, and previous appointment at University of Copenhagen), Nutrition and Health (previously associate professor of Public Health Nutrition at Aalborg University), and Consumer Behaviour (previous appointments with focus on consumer behaviour studies first at Ghent University and second at University of Copenhagen).

Since 2013, he has focused on developing research for meals in professional context applying principles of behavioural economics (nudging) into healthy eating promotion and public health nutrition recommendations with emphasis on plant-based consumption. He coordinated two networks on nudging healthier eating Eligebien (GA - 1370-0005B; 2013); uCare (GA - 4070-00161B; 2014). Currently, he is Work Package leader for Plant Pro (Innovation Fund DK GA 0224-00044A; 2021); and SmartProtein (EU GA 862957, 2019) where he is performing the next generation of nudging studies, both in lab using VR and in real life situations.

Research interest: Understanding the determinants of citizen &

population transition towards plant-based consumption and studying behavioural interventions making this change easier.



Dr. Ana Islas Ramos

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Ana Islas Ramos serves as Nutrition Officer in the Food and Nutrition Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) where she leads the work on the development of Food-Based Dietary Guidelines. Dr. Islas' early work experiences include positions as food technologist, childbirth educator and clinical nutritionist. After graduate degrees in nutrition education, she took care of the nutrition education component of a project developing an educational video game for tweens. Later, she worked as a researcher and consultant for the National Institute of Public Health, Mexico where she coordinated the nutrition education component of a large multi-level multi-strategy intervention to promote healthy eating and physical activity in upper elementary children in Mexico City. In 2013, Dr. Islas joined the Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education and Policy at Teachers College Columbia University whose mission includes cultivating research about connections between a just, sustainable food system and healthy eating. From 2014 to 2015, she served in the expert committee for the revision of the Mexican dietary guidelines.

Dr. Islas graduated from the masters and doctoral degree programs in Nutrition Education at Teachers College, Columbia University where she worked in the development of several nutrition education curricula with behavioral approaches and a sustainability focus.



Lise Walbom
CEO, Food Nation Denmark

Lise Walbom is the CEO of the Danish public-private partnership, Food Nation. Walbom has solid professional experience in working with both public, private and political actors in the Danish food arena. Before joining Food Nation, Walbom spent a decade working as a consultant in the food industry for the Confederation of Danish Industry, one of Denmark's largest employers' organization representing more than 10,000 Danish enterprises, and has previously worked within private consultancy focusing on innovation, productivity and strategy. Prior to that, Walbom worked in one of the largest Danish cooperatives, COOP that has 1.7 million members where she worked with involvement of Danish consumers in ethical choices. Walbom has also worked in the Danish Ministry of Food working with exports of Danish organic produce. Lise Walbom holds a MSc in Agricultural Science from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) and has a diploma degree in management focusing on strategy development and coaching.



Ashish Kumar Deo
Senior Advisor – Commercial Solutions,
Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Based in London, Ashish focuses on the demand creation part of the new GAIN strategy to improve quality of diets and brings over 30 years of market-ing and commercial experience to this role. Ashish spent over 20 years in private sector, starting with Procter & Gamble in India and then with Diageo in global roles in market-ing, business strategy and supply chain strategy, including Procurement.

Since 2010, Ashish has been in the not-for-profit sector, initially as Commercial Director of the Fairtrade Foundation, an ethical labelling organisation in the UK. He has been in the nutrition sector since 2015, starting with the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and then moving to GAIN in May 2017.



Sirapassorn (Milky) Sagulwiwat

Assistant Vice President,
Charoen Pokphand Foods, Thailand

For over 2 decades, she has been actively involved in agro- and food product industry, driving and promoting sustainability within food industry across 25 countries at Charoen Pokphand Foods. The Company has been a trailblazer in food security enhancement efforts, founded over 20 multi-lateral working committees, such as Global Compact Network Thailand and Thailand Supply Chain Network; also an active member in WBCSD Responsible Meat and Positive Consumption working group.



Dr. Namukolo Covic

Namukolo Covic (Zambia) is ILRI Director General's Representative to Ethiopia. From 2015 to 2021 she served as Senior Research Coordinator at IFPRI, for the CGIAR Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH) and worked on projects in several countries, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Zambia. A multidisciplinary academic background that spans crop science and extension (BSc), animal and poultry science (PGD) and nutrition (MSc & PhD) has made her uniquely positioned to address dynamics of food systems transformation from different fronts. She is recognized for her ability to link diverse stakeholders on interlinkages of research, policy and program processes. She has worked extensively with the government of Ethiopia and other stakeholders including the Ethiopian Public Health Institute, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Agriculture, and development agencies on different fronts of food systems and nutrition, including the development of food based dietary guidelines and their adaptation to pastoralist settings in Ethiopia; and the development of Ethiopia's food systems transformation pathway in response to Ethiopia's development needs and the United Nations Food Systems Summit process. She has supported African Union efforts on linking agriculture and nutrition in the CAADP process. She leads the Governance Working Group of an Independent Expert Group that emerged from the UNFSS that has developed a Monitoring Framework on Food Systems Transformation to guide progress on the SDG countdown to 2030.

Dialogue Session: Food Loss and Food Waste



Jacob Ravn, moderator
CEO and Ph.d., Access2Innovation

Access2innovation is the Danish platform for innovative, sustainable, commercial solutions to the African emerging markets. Since 2007, the platform has resulted in more than 80 partnerships between companies, NGOs investors, knowledge institutions and authorities by offering networks, financing and expertise in innovation and business development in Denmark and Africa

Recently Access2innovation has initiated a number of projects targeting food systems in Africa



Mie Ole Lauritzen
Head of Business Development and Partnerships, Food Nation

Mie Lauritzen is Head of Business Development and Partnerships at Food Nation and has solid professional experience in working with both public, private and political actors in the Danish food arena.

Mie Lauritzen is Food Engineer from the Danish Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University and holds a diploma education in Business and Marketing from Copenhagen Business School.



Simon Boldvig

Senior Researcher at UNEP DTU Partnership, Technical University of Denmark

Simon Bolwig research on sustainable energy, climate change, circular bioeconomy, and agro-food systems, in European countries as well as in East and West Africa. Simon Bolwig contribute to literatures on sustainability transitions, technological innovation systems, policy integration, global value chain studies, and development studies.



Gitte Dyrhagen Husager

Head of Private Sector Engagement, DanChurchAid

With an emphasis on food security Gitte Dyrhagen Husager has more than 20 yers of professional experience with SDG partnerships between NGOs and businesses, sustainability, business & human rights, corporate accountability, business development, and impact financing in developing countries and humanitarian contexts.

Key competencies include:

- Strategic leadership and team management
- Innovative NGO-business partnerships
- Stakeholder management, lobbyism & public affairs
- Network mobilisation & strategic communication
- Impact business & financing for development
- Business & human rights (CSR compliance, risk management, and human rights impact assessments)
- International experience (Southern Africa, South Asia, UN-system)



Torben Funder-Kristensen

Head of Public and Industry Affairs, Danfoss Climate Segment

Danfoss climate segment is market in leader components for the cold chain. Board member of the Global Food Cold Chain council (GFCCC). Been author of several articles for conferences describing the cold chain and the need for more cold chain solutions to avoid food loss and waste and related climate impacts.



Magana Gikandi

Regional Innovations & Private Sector Partnerships, UN World Food Programme

Magana Gikandi has been in WFP for 3 years, based in the Regional Office in Nairobi, supporting 10 country offices in Eastern Africa. During this time, he has spearheaded various regional partnerships with the private sector supporting WFP's food systems transformations. He has also played a crucial role in setting up the WFP Regional Innovation Hub (IGNITE), a group of partners led by WFP, nurturing innovations for food security and climate resilience in Eastern Africa. Lastly, he has conceptualized, developed, managed and executed the WFP NextGen East Africa Innovators program, a program that supports young changemakers to develop food system solutions/innovations.



Kenneth Lindharth Madsen

Head of department for Trade & Market Relations
Danish Agriculture & Food Council

Kenneth Lindharth Madsen has many years of engagement with business development relating to developing countries including on the Danish government's Council for Development Policy since 2020.



Dr. Edward Mungai

Thought Leader & Sustainability Expert board member KCIC

Dr. Edward Mungai has a multifaceted background in business advisory, entrepreneurship, sustainability and investment management within sustainable transition in Africa.

Dr. Edward Mungai has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Climate Innovation Center (CIC). CIC supports a holistic country driven approach to accelerate the development, deployment and transfer of locally relevant climate technologies to the private sector.

Dr. Edward Mungai has been working with the Danish International Investment Funds (IFU) as an Investment Manager in Copenhagen as well as in Africa where he was the head of the regional office for IFU.

Edward holds a PhD in Business and Management from

Strathmore University Business School, Kenya. He has an MBA from CBS-SIMI Executive (Copenhagen Business SchoolDenmark) and a Business Degree from Moi University, Kenya. In addition, Edward has deep knowledge in the financial markets in Africa having worked for Genesis Investment Management Limited and KPMG East Africa.



Irene Quist Mortensen

Arla and Board member of IFU

Irene Quist Mortensen has a well proven record of working with CSR in Denmark and internationally. Since 2015, she holds the position as Senior CSR Business Partner supporting Arla's business ambitions at the international growth markets. The focus is human rights and sustainable development impacts in partnership with governments, NGO's and businesses at our growth markets in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Latin America.

Irene has international experience from a number of countries including Vietnam, Myanmar, Russia, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Estonia, Nigeria, Senegal, Saudi, Bangladesh, Dominican Republic and China. She lived in Vietnam for three years where she worked as program director for a social development program under UNHCR.



Ben Valk

Global Head Multilateral Development Banking, Rabobank International Wholesale

Ben Valk is heading RaboBanks Food and Agri Partnerships and holds extensive knowledge on financing with the food systems.



Dr. Professor Emeritus John Kuada

Aalborg University

John Kuada has two doctorate degrees – a PhD from Copenhagen Business School and Dr. Merc from Aalborg University. He has acted as Professor of International Management at the Department of Business and Management, Aalborg University in Denmark. He is author and/or editor of some 20 books on management and internationalization of firms and has written about 150 articles in refereed scholarly and professional journals on issues of enterprise development, management, marketing and cross-border inter-firm relations in Europe and Africa.

Dialogue Session: Deforestation-free Value Chains



Peter de Koning

Director ADP Support Unit, Amsterdam Declarations Partnership

Director of Mekon Ecology Ltd, which he started in 1998. Mekon Ecology provides consultancy services to a range of governments, institutions, partnerships, and civil society organisations. Peter de Koning is director of the Support Unit of the Amsterdam Declarations Partnership on sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural commodity production and trade (cattle, cocoa, palm oil, soy) signed by nine European countries.



Tomas Anker Christensen

Climate Ambassador of Denmark at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities

Tomas has more than 25 years of experience as a Danish Diplomat, including serving as Under-Secretary for Global Challenges. In this role he built a successful multi-stakeholder partnership, the Global Green Growth Forum focused on the speed and scale of the transition to a global green economy. In 2014 he played a key role in executing the UN SG's Climate Summit.



Pham Thu Thuy

Senior Scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Dr Pham Thu Thuy is a senior scientist who leads the Climate Change, Energy and Low-Carbon Development team at Center for International Forestry Research- World Agroforestry Center (CIFOR-ICRAF). Her research focuses on the political economy of forest governance and climate change policies, including low-emission development strategies, payment for environmental services, reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, addressing the poverty-environment nexus, environmental and social justice. She has also led and coordinated global climate change research and established strong professional networks in 17 developing countries.



Bitate Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau

President of the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau Indigenous People's Association in Brazil.

Bitaté Uru-eu-wau-wau is a 21 year old indigenous leader and photographer from the Brazilian Amazon. After founding the Jupaú Media Team, he led his community in co-producing the feature documentary The Territory, in which he is also a protagonist. Bitaté has reported on the climate negotiations at COP26 in Glasgow and is currently working on a podcast and photo series with Midia India, the largest Indigenous media collective in Brazil.



Txai Suruí

Executive Producer of feature film The Territory

Txai Suruí is a 24-year-old indigenous activist from the Amazon. She was born on the frontlines of the rainforest and raised by a family of warriors. Now, Suruí is one of the most prominent voices from the forest in the fight against climate change. She got the world's attention after a powerful speech for world leaders during COP26's opening ceremony in Glasgow, U.K



Asbjørn Børsting
President of FEFAC

Asbjørn Børsting was elected President of FEFAC for 2020–2023. He has served as CEO of The Danish Agricultural Council and as CEO of DLG. He is currently Director of DAKOFO, the Danish Grain and Feed Trade Association and Variety Denmark – a Danish Seed Association. He’s also Chairman of the Danish Bio-Economy Panel.



Alejandro O'Donnell
Director of Aapresid International Program

Alejandro O'Donnell is an agricultural engineer, farmer and consultant specializing in production systems based on no-till and precision agriculture. He is a member of Aapresid (Argentine No-till Farmers Association) and the current Director of the organization's International Program.



Lana Weidgenant
Deputy-Director of Zero Hour

Lana Weidgenant is a young activist focused on food systems and climate change. She is the deputy partnerships director for Zero Hour, an international youth-led climate justice organization, and served as youth vice-chair of shifting to sustainable consumption patterns for the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. Lana is a Real Food Systems Youth Ambassador and a youth leader in the Act4Food Act4Change initiative.



David Saddington

Head of International Nature Campaign COP26

David Saddington has been influencing UK & international policy by fronting a pioneering climate media campaign that reached over 3 million people. After leading education reforms to get climate change on school curricula David has pursued his own academic work studying climate science and a broad range of climate impacts from the environmental to economic, security & health implications.



Sofie Tind Nielsen

Senior Forest Advisor, WWF Denmark

From a research background in biodiversity and effects of deforestation in the tropics, STNs work led to focussing on creating an incentive to preserve forests through addressing the drivers for deforestation. Her scope of work at WWF has broadened to cover other commodities as drivers of deforestation, such as soy and palm oil and to support forest conservation project development including carbon forest projects. STN is WWF Denmark's forest focal point, acting technical lead on WWF on work on deforestation including engagement with industry, NGO colleagues, officials and researchers in Denmark and internationally.



Simon Bager

Co-founder and Chief Impact Officer at Klimate.co.

Simon Bager wrote his PhD on how companies can govern deforestation risks in their food supply chains and has worked extensively with forestry and land sector issues in the past decade. Formerly with CGIAR and COWI, he has advised both the private sector and international agencies, such as the World Bank and the European Commission, on issues around deforestation. He is the co-founder and Chief Impact Officer of Klimate.co, a platform that helps corporations achieve their net zero targets through investment in high-quality carbon removal projects.



Roselyn Fosuah Adjei

Director of Climate Change Directorate at Forestry Commission of Ghana

Roselyn is a Natural Resources and Climate Change Specialist. She is dynamic, bold, audacious and is the youngest in her Organization's Executive Management Team. She believes pragmatic leadership has the potential to make natural climate solutions a strong pillar in averting climate change.



Daphne Hameeteman

Sustainability Lead Europe

Daphne Hameeteman assumed her role at Wilmar in February 2014. She is the Sustainability Lead in Europe and manages both sustainability teams of Wilmar and Olenex. In that role, she is responsible for implementing the No Deforestation, No Peat and No Exploitation (NDPE) policy of Wilmar International, including creating full supply chain traceability. She also focuses on the Latin American supply chain in Europe: initiator, manager and facilitator of Wilmar Smallholder Support programs.



Marcela Paranhos

Global Carbon Finance Manager, IDH

Marcela works for IDH's Landscape Finance team in Brazil since 2018 and is the Global Manager for Carbon Finance, covering Latam, Africa and South Asia. Marcela is a senior expert in sustainability, climate change, socio-environmental risk management and sustainable finance with 18 years of experience in developing low carbon projects focused on climate finance sector, decarbonization strategies and policies, corporate sustainability policies and performance assessment platforms based on material issues; and implementation of projects and programs to mitigate GHG emissions.

Dialogue Session: Green Transition of the Global Agricultural Production



Paul Holmbeck, moderator

Director Holmbeck EcoConsult, World Board member, IFOAM Organics International

As director for Organic Denmark for 25 years, Paul played a leading role in developing ambitious Danish and European Union goals and policies for growing organic farming, including Denmark's policies that won a UN Future Policy Award for up-scaling agroecology in 2018. Today, Paul advises governments, organizations and business leaders around the world on organic policy development and market strategies driving conversion to organic and agroecological farming.



Máximo Torero Cullen

Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Dr. Máximo Torero Cullen joined the FAO in January 2019 as Assistant Director-General for the Economic and Social Development Department. Prior to joining FAO, he was the World Bank Group Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay since November 2016 and before the Bank Dr. Torero led the Division of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).



Tim Searchinger

Senior Fellow and Technical Director, World Resources Institute

Senior Research Scholar at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs and Senior Fellow and Technical Director of the Food Program at the World Resources Institute.

Tim Searchinger's work combines ecology, agronomy and economics to analyze the challenge of how to feed a growing world population while reducing deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture. His publications include multiple papers in Science and Nature addressing the greenhouse implications of agriculture, bioenergy, forest protection and nitrogen pollution.



Karen Mapusua

President, IFOAM Organics International

Karen Mapusua is Vice President of IFOAM Organics International (2019) and works for the Pacific Community in agricultural development, based in Fiji and serving 22 Pacific Island states. She has a background in NGO capacity building and management and has worked in rural development in the Pacific islands region for close to 20 years with a focus on organic agriculture as a path to social and economic development. She co-founded the Pacific Organic & Ethical Trade Community (POETCom), and was extensively involved in developing the Pacific Organic Guarantee Scheme

and developing alternative forms of certification that empower farmers.



Pekka Pesonen

Secretary-General of Copa, European farmers and Cogeca, European agri-cooperatives.

Pekka Pesonen has previously been working for the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as state secretary. In addition, Mr. Pesonen has professional experience in EU policy work for Finnish farmers, forest owners, and agri-forestry cooperatives. In 1990s he worked for a Finnish dairy company Valio in sales and marketing positions. Mr. Pesonen has been a member of several high-level advisory groups concerning EU policy preparation. He is an agricultural economist.



Josephine Akia Luyimbazi

Country Coordinator, PELUM Uganda

Josephine Akia is the Country Coordinator of Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda, a national network of 66 likeminded organizations working together to promote Agroecology in Uganda. Josephine is a social scientist with over 15 years of experience working in the sustainable and green transition agricultural sectors. She is an expert and advocate for sustainable and healthy food systems and consumption, geared towards improving livelihoods of farming communities. Josephine is also working to integrate Agroecology into national, regional and global policies, plans and strategies.



Gernot Laganda

Chief, Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations' World Food Program (WFP).

Gernot Laganda supports WFP Country Offices and the governments they serve to understand the effects of climate change on food security, develop strategic measures to reduce climate risks in country programs, and make innovative climate finance instruments work for vulnerable communities. Gernot joined WFP from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), where he managed the world's largest climate change adaptation program for smallholder farmers.



Million Belay

Coordinator of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty for Africa.

Million Belay is a member of the International Panel of Experts on the Sustainable of Food Systems (IPES-Food) and a founder of MELCA – Ethiopia, an indigenous NGO working on issues of agro-ecology, intergenerational learning, advocacy and livelihood improvement of local and indigenous peoples. Million has been working over two decades on the issues of intergenerational learning of bio-cultural diversity, sustainable agriculture, the right of local communities for seed and food sovereignty and forest issues. His main interest is now advocacy on food sovereignty.