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High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)

HLPE Steering Committee Members

The following 15 world-renowned experts have been appointed by the Bureau of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) to serve as members of the Steering Committee of the HLPE, from 12 October 2013 (after closure of CFS 40 plenary) until the closure of the CFS 42 Plenary (2015).

Mr Amadou Allahoury (Niger)
Ms Marion Guillou (France)
Ms Sheryl Hendriks (South Africa)
Ms Joanna Hewitt (Australia)
Mr Masa Iwanaga (Japan)
Ms Carol Kalafatic (USA)
Mr Bernardo Kliksberg (Argentina)
Mr Renato Maluf (Brazil)
Ms Sophia Murphy (Canada)
Ms Ruth Oniang'o (Kenya)
Mr Michel Pimbert (UK)
Mr Per Pinstруп-Andersen (Denmark)
Ms Maryam Rahmanian (Iran)
Ms Magdalena Sepúlveda (Chile)
Mr Huajun Tang (China)

Amadou Allahoury



Since October 2011, **Amadou Allahoury** is the High Commissioner (Minister) at Niger President office for the national strategy for Food Security and Agriculture development called 3N Initiative “les Nigériens Nourrissent les Nigériens”, directly reporting to the President of Niger, Mahamadou Issoufou. Mr Allahoury led the team that designed this Food security strategy and he is in charge of its implementation. Trained in Niger, France and Burkina Faso, he has a long-standing commitment to food security issues at national, Africa and global levels. Mr Allahoury spent about fifteen years working at national level mostly as a rural development projects manager, then moved to regional level to work on food security and agricultural water management issues at the Inter State Committee against Drought in Sahel (CILSS) in Ouagadougou, the New Economic Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) in Johannesburg and the regional office of the FAO in Accra. He has contributed to the elaboration of some important strategic documents for Africa such as the CAADP pillar 1 “Sustainable land and water management”, the collaborative programme of ADB, FAO, IFAD, IWMI called “Investment in Agricultural Water for Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa”, the FAO paper on “Water for Food in West and Central Africa”. At global level he has been involved as peer reviewer to the World Bank Agricultural water investment sourcebook (Agricultural water issues and approaches, shaping the future of irrigated and rain fed agriculture) and in the evaluation of FAO’s role and work related to water. He has been panelist of numerous global UN events on food security.

Marion Guillou



Currently President of Agreenium, the French institute in Agrosiences, as well as member of the CGIAR Consortium Board, Marion Guillou has been president and CEO of INRA (French national institute for Agricultural Research) during eight years (2004-2012) with full responsibility over 8500 employees. She carried out the corporate governance and supervision of two subsidiaries: Agriobtention (seed business) and Inra-Transfert (technology transfer). Ms Guillou is also a member of the international advisory board of IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute), of the IAB of CAAS (China), member of the Global “Bridging Agriculture and Conservation Initiative”, member of the French Academy of Technology and of the French Academy of Agriculture. She has been a member of the Commission on Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change (www.ccafs.cgiar.org/commission) chaired by Sir John Beddington (2009-2012), and launched the European Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate change (JPI-FACCE) which she chaired during the first four years (2009-2013). As a doctor in food sciences, she has contributed to put in place the “Agrimonde” foresight project and then the foresight study on “Food Systems Sustainability”. She is the author of “The World’s Challenge: feeding 9 billion people”(Ed Quae-2012) and just published a report for the French Government on agro-ecology (June 2013).

Sheryl Hendriks



Sheryl Hendriks is Director of the Institute for Food, Nutrition and Well-being and Associate Professor of Food Security in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Rural Development and Agricultural Extension at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. She was a member of the first Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (2010-2013), has served on three Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme Technical Advisory Committees, is Vice-Chair of the South African Water Research Commission and President of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa for 2012/2013. She led the drafting of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) Framework for African Food Security and led the first CAADP technical reviews of national and regional investment plans. She is an active research leader in trans-disciplinary food security research. She is facilitating the South African CAADP process. Her research focuses on understanding household food insecurity and hunger and evaluating the impact of food policy and food security interventions in Africa. She has a special interest in the identification of food security indicators and institutional arrangements for food policy. She consistently publishes on food security and focuses on building Africa’s capacity for food security analysis through postgraduate training and research. She has graduated students from 18 African countries and trained professionals in the field from 20 African countries.

Joanna Hewitt



Joanna Hewitt is currently the Chair of the ACIAR Commission (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research). In the years up to 2007 she held senior career appointments in the Australian Government including as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (2004-2007). From 1996-2004 she was Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with roles including Lead Negotiator for Australia at the WTO, Australian Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg in Brussels (2000-2003), Australian Ambassador for APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) (1998-2000). She had responsibilities for the Department's corporate management and budget. In prior years she held senior roles in the Department of Primary Industries and Energy as well as in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Trade. From 1993-1996 she was Head of Division in the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Directorate at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris. Since 2007 she has served as a company director in the United States and Australia. She has also undertaken public policy consulting assignments for the OECD, IFPRI and others.

During 2012 she served as Special Envoy of the Australian Prime Minister on partnerships with African countries. Joanna Hewitt graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Economics (Hons First Class) and from London School of Economics with an MSc (Econ). She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Economics from the University of Western Australia in 2012.

Masa Iwanaga



Masa Iwanaga is the President of Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), an incorporated Administrative Agency under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and the Fisheries (MAFF), Japan. He is also currently: Vice-President of the Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) the lead NGO for Sasakawa-Global 2000 (SG 2000) projects and regional programmes in Africa; member of the Board of Trustees of Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice, formerly WARDA) and Oversight Committee of the Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP); vice-chair of Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutes (APAARI) and representative of Japan to the G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS). Dr Iwanaga has always shown great concern for political, social and technological issues influencing international agricultural research and development for food security. He also has a special interest in technical and policy issues affecting biodiversity and biotechnology. He holds a Ph.D. degree in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Wisconsin, USA. Dr Iwanaga had spent 27 years working for the following international research centers members of CGIAR: CIP (Peru), CIAT (Colombia), Bioversity International (former IPGRI, Italy) and CIMMYT (Mexico). He was the Director General of CIMMYT (2002-2008) and the Deputy Director General of IPGRI (1992-2000).

Carol Kalafatic



Since 1995 **Carol Kalafatic** has worked with indigenous peoples, small farmers and scientists, as an educator and policy advocate on food security, sustainable development and well-being. She was lead author of the framework for FAO's founding Policy on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, and for FAO's *Indigenous and Tribal Peoples: Building on Biological and Cultural Diversity for Food and Livelihood Security* (2009). Working with FAO's Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) Initiative she established its collaborative project on cultural indicators of indigenous peoples' food and agro-ecological systems. She co-authored the participatory inquiry, *Strengthening Dialogue: UN Experience with Small Farmer Organizations and Indigenous Peoples* (2009). Ms Kalafatic served for five years as Coordinator of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, and for four years as Indigenous Peoples' Focal Point of the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty – a network of organizations bringing local experiences to the global debate on food governance. She

was founding Coordinator of the Right to Food Program of the International Indian Treaty Council (a UN-ECOSOC NGO). She is currently Associate Director of the American Indian Program at Cornell University, has lectured there and at several other universities on sustainable development and food sovereignty, and has created roundtables to bring together food producers, scholars and extension specialists. Her research areas include food sovereignty and the role of bio-cultural diversity in food security and resilience to climate change.

Bernardo Kliksberg



Bernardo Kliksberg is a doctor in Economics and Management. He has been an advisor to more than 30 countries on fighting poverty, social development, and public policies, as well as Special Advisor of ONU, UNDP, UNESCO, PAHO, UNICEF, OIT, and other international organizations. He is author of 56 books, and hundreds of works on critical areas of development, social capital, the fight against poverty, public administration, corporate social responsibility and ethics for development. Among his recent books are: *People First* written with Amartya Sen: *How to cope with poverty and inequality. An international perspective*; *Ethics for CEOs*; and *More ethics, more development*. His books, papers, advisory work and research, apply an interdisciplinary approach integrating contributions of different social sciences with a focus on the fight against poverty. He has been awarded dozens of honorary doctorates by universities in multiple countries. Among the latest are: at King Juan Carlos University of Spain, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, National University of Buenos Aires, Interamerican University of Mexico, San Marcos University of Peru. He is the President of the Ibero-American Universities network for business social responsibility (250 Universities of 23 countries), and the Latin-American Universities network for social entrepreneurship (120 universities of 15 countries).

Renato Maluf



Renato Maluf holds a PhD in Political Economy from the State University of Campinas, Brazil (1988), post-doctoral studies in development issues as a visiting fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University (Oxford/UK, 1996-7), and at the Centre de Recherches sur le Brésil Contemporain, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris/France, 2000-1). He is currently the Coordinator of the Graduate Programme of Social Sciences in Agriculture, Development and Society (CPDA), Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro where he is also Associate Professor. At the university he undertakes a number of activities, including: teaches graduate courses and conducts research projects on economic development, food and nutrition security and the right to food, family farming and sustainable rural-territorial development; coordinates the Reference Centre on Food and Nutrition Security; does research at the Observatory on Public Policies for Agriculture. He has published extensively and is currently member of the national board of the Brazilian Network on Food and Nutrition Sovereignty and Security (FBSSAN) the most important coalition of NGOs, social movements and academics in its field. Former President (2007-2011) and present member of the National Council of Food and Nutrition Security (CONSEA) on behalf of the civil society, Presidency of the Republic, he was also a member of the first Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (2010-2013).

Sophia Murphy



Sophia Murphy has over 20 years of experience working on food security, agriculture, trade and international development. She has widely published, her work being primarily with civil society organizations and to a lesser extent with the UN. She has lectured at a number of universities and taught several university level courses. Her most recent writing includes analysis of food price volatility in international markets; a review of the G20's food security agenda; and, the implications of corporate concentration and vertical integration in global food systems. Sophia was a policy officer for the Canadian Council for International Co-operation in Ottawa from 1991-1995. She then worked in Geneva with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service before joining the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) in Minneapolis. Today, Sophia is a senior advisor to IATP's Trade and Global Governance Program. Sophia was a Project Team member of the first HLPE report, *Price volatility and food security*. She is a member of the IPC/ICTSD E15 process, which brings together experts on agriculture and trade to make proposals for reforms to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. Sophia has a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University and a master's (with distinction) from the London School of Economics in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries. She is currently working on her PhD at the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia. She holds a scholarship from the Trudeau Foundation and is a recipient of a Vanier scholarship from the Canadian Government.

Ruth Oniang'o



Ruth Oniang'o holds a PhD in Food Science and Nutrition. She started her academic career nearly three decades ago and has taught at the University of Nairobi, Kenyatta University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. She is Adjunct Professor at Tufts University in the USA and also the founder and leader of the Rural Outreach Programme (ROP), a Kenya-based non-governmental organization that supports smallholder farmers and especially women to manage value chain of their produce. As a member of Kenya's Parliament (2003-2007), she worked to alleviate poverty and hunger, with special focus on science and technology, agricultural research and productivity, food security and nutrition. Oniang'o has served on a number of national and international boards such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Agriculture Strategy Advisory Committee, IFDC, the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) for 6 years ending in 2009, and the International Food Policy Research Institute. She now serves on the CIAT Board, chairs the Sasakawa Africa Association Board and is on the Council of the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research and is on Nestle's Creating Shared Value Board. In Kenya she chairs the Food Security Programs and Nutrition Committee that finalized the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy 2011. She founded the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND), an online peer reviewed journal as a capacity building initiative to help budding African scientists publish their work and share their opinions and research findings on the world stage.

Michel Pimbert



Michel Pimbert is the Director of the Centre for Agroecology and Food Security at Coventry University in the UK and a Fellow at the Rachel Carson Centre for Environment and Society at the University of Munich in Germany. An agricultural ecologist by training, he previously worked at the UK-based International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in India, the University François Rabelais de Tours in France, and the World Wide Fund for Nature in Switzerland. He has also done policy research for the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), The World Conservation Union (IUCN), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). He has been a Board member of several international organisations working on food sovereignty, sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation, and human rights. His research interests include: enabling policies and practices for agro-ecology and food sovereignty; the governance and adaptive management of biodiversity and natural resources; participatory action research methodologies; and deliberative democratic processes. Over the last 30 years he has published extensively in these areas, linking theory and practice to inform policy making on food, agriculture, environment, and human well-being.

Per Pinstrup-Andersen



Former H. E. Babcock Professor of Food, Nutrition and Public Policy, the J. Thomas Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship and Professor of Applied Economics at Cornell University, **Per Pinstrup-Andersen** is now Professor Emeritus and Graduate School Professor at Cornell University and continues as Adjunct Professor at Copenhagen University. He is past Chairman of the Science Council of CGIAR and Past President of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA). He has a B.S. from the Danish Agricultural University, a M.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University and honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Switzerland, and India. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the American Agricultural Economics Association. He served 10 years as the International Food Policy Research Institute's Director General and seven years as department head; seven years as an economist at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Colombia; and six years as a distinguished professor at Wageningen University. He is the 2001 World Food Prize Laureate and the recipient of several awards for his research and communication of research results. He is author of more than 400 publications among books, refereed journal articles, papers and book chapters.

Maryam Rahmanian



Maryam Rahmanian works with farmers and breeders to implement a national initiative on Participatory Plant Breeding in Iran. She has been Research Associate at the Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment, an Iranian NGO, since 2001 and was Executive Officer of the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy during part of that time. She has been active in national, regional and global civil society networks on issues related to research, food sovereignty, governance of food and agriculture, biodiversity and sustainable pastoralism. Maryam Rahmanian served as Vice Chair of the first Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security from 2010 to 2013.

Magdalena Sepúlveda



Magdalena Sepúlveda is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights since 2008. She is also Visiting Fellow at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). Ms. Sepúlveda is a Chilean lawyer who holds a Ph.D in International Law from Utrecht University in the Netherlands, an LL.M in human rights law from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom and a post graduate diploma in comparative law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Ms. Sepúlveda's 15-year career at the intersection of poverty, development and human rights has bridged research and activism. She has worked as a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, as a staff attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and as the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the United Nations-mandated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica. She also served as a consultant to the Division of International Protection of UNHCR and to the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia. More recently she was Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy in Geneva and

Research Fellow at the Norwegian Center for Human Rights. She has worked with a range of NGOs in formal and informal capacities. She also has taught various post graduate courses at universities in Latin America and is currently a member of the faculty of Oxford University's Summer Course on Human Rights and has published widely in human rights, poverty and development.

Huajun Tang



Huajun Tang is a research professor and vice president of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Beijing. He received his B.S. (1982) in agronomy from South-west Agricultural University, China, and M.S. (1987), Ph.D. (1991) with greatest distinction in Physical Land Resources from University of Ghent, Belgium. He was Director General of the Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, CAAS from 1996 to 2007. Over the last decades, he has served as a consultant to a number of governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations and companies including World Bank, FAO, UNESCAP. He is the Lead shepherd of the Agricultural Technology Cooperation Working Group of APEC (2009-present) and he was also a member of the first Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on food security and nutrition (HLPE) of the Committee on World Food Security. His research areas include land use and crop modeling; remote sensing and GIS applications; agri-regional development. He has published more than 100 papers in international and Chinese scientific journals and has received a number of awards and honors including the corresponding member of

Belgian Royal Academy of Overseas Science, President of the Chinese Society of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning.

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the High Level Panel of Experts for Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)

The **Committee on World Food Security (CFS)** is the central international and intergovernmental platform for food security and nutrition, where policies can be designed, interventions can be coordinated, options can be shared and decisions at different levels can be prepared.

The new **CFS** is inclusive. In addition to member countries, the Committee includes a wider range of organizations working on food security and nutrition, from UN agencies like the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP), the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis and other UN bodies. It also includes civil society and non-governmental organizations, particularly organizations representing smallholder family farmers, fisherfolk, herders, landless, urban poor, agricultural and food workers, women, youth, consumers and indigenous people.

The **High Level Panel of Experts for Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)** was created in October 2009 as an essential element of the reform of **CFS**, and as the science-policy interface of the CFS, with HLPE reports, analysis and advice serving as a comprehensive, shared, multi-faceted evidence-based starting point for policy debates at CFS.

The **HLPE** aims to help **CFS** to better understand the diversity of issues and rationales when dealing with food and nutrition insecurity. It thrives to clarify contradictory information and knowledge, elicit the backgrounds and rationales of controversies, and identify emerging issues. The HLPE organizes a scientific dialogue, build upon the diversity of disciplines, backgrounds, knowledge systems, diversity of its Steering Committee and Project Teams, and open e-consultations.

The **HLPE** is not mandated to conduct new research. The **HLPE** draws its studies based on existing research and knowledge already conducted by various expertise-providing institutions (universities, research institutes, international organizations etc), and adding value by global, multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary analysis.

HLPE recommendations and studies combine scientific knowledge with experiences from the ground, in a same rigorous process. The **HLPE** translates the richness and variety of forms of expert knowledge from many actors (knowledge of local implementation, knowledge based on global research and knowledge of "best practice") that draw on both local and global sources, into policy-related forms of knowledge.

Key functions of the HLPE, as stated in the CFS reform document (2009)

As directed by the CFS Plenary and Bureau, the HLPE will:

1. Assess and analyze the current state of food security and nutrition and its underlying causes.
2. Provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice on specific policy-relevant issues, utilizing existing high quality research, data and technical studies.
3. Identify emerging issues, and help members prioritize future actions and attentions on key focal areas.

The **HLPE** is directly linked to the foremost international policy platform for food security and nutrition, the **CFS**. This ensures the legitimacy and relevance of the studies undertaken, and their insertion in a concrete political agenda at international level.

The **HLPE** produces its recommendations and advice independently from governmental positions, in order to enrich discussions and debates at **CFS**. The internal process is crafted to guarantee the scientific inclusiveness and the independence of the **HLPE**.

The **HLPE** has a two-tier structure:

- A **Steering Committee** composed of 15 internationally recognized experts in a variety of food security and nutrition related fields.
- **Project Teams** acting on a project specific basis, selected and managed by the StC to analyze/report on specific issues.

More information about the **HLPE** can be found on its website: www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe