

A photograph of two people in a field. On the left, a woman wearing a straw hat and a plaid shirt is looking towards the right. On the right, a man wearing a light-colored bucket hat and a green CABI polo shirt is holding a large green leafy plant. He is pointing at the plant with his right hand. The background shows a field with some trees and a building on the left under a bright sky.

21st Review Conference Programme

27-28 Sept, voco Oxford Thames hotel

Programme



Monday 26 September 2022

1700 – 1800 **Registration – Main Reception area, Oxford Thames Hotel**

1900 **Networking dinner – Conservatory, Oxford Thames Hotel**




Tuesday 27 September 2022

0815 – 0900 **Registration – Main Reception area, Oxford Thames Hotel**

0900 Official opening and keynote addresses

0900 – 0930 **Welcome and official opening: Dr Lutz-Peter Berg**, Chair, CABI Executive Council
Keynote presentation (virtual): **Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

0930 – 1030 **CABI progress against Medium-Term Strategy (2020-2022): Dr Daniel Elger**, CEO, CABI

1030 – 1100  **Networking break** (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's products and tools, programmes and projects and the CABI Digital Library)

1100 – 1215 Panel session – Innovation to respond to climate change risks to plant health

Speakers:

Dr David Chikoye (virtual), Director, International Institute Tropical Agriculture – Southern Africa Hub; Grain, Legumes and Dryland Cereals


Rachel Lambert, Agriculture Research Team Leader, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom

Dr Lekgari Aatshwaelwe Lekgari, Chief Research Scientist, National Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Botswana

Divine Ntiokam (virtual), Founder and Managing Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)

Dr Dao The Anh, Vice-President of Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS)

Chair: Jonny Casey, Climate Change Manager, CABI

1215 – 1330  **Lunch** (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's products and tools, programmes and projects and the CABI Digital Library)

1330 – 1445

Panel session – Increasing the reach, application and impact of science in agriculture and the environment

Speakers:

Ben Deighton, Managing Editor, SciDev.Net

Cambria Finegold, Global Director, Digital Development, CABI

Dr Martin Parr, Director, Data Policy & Practice, Digital Development, CABI

Dr Dannie Romney, Senior Global Director, Development Communication and Extension, CABI

Alvaro Valverde, Private Sector Engagement Manager, CABI

Chair: Dr Andy Robinson, Managing Director, Publishing, CABI

1445 – 1515



Networking break (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's products and tools, programmes and projects and the CABI Digital Library)

1515 – 1545

Keynote presentation: Dr Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations

1545 – 1700

Panel session – Improving the food security and livelihoods of smallholder communities

Speakers:

Dr Ambrose Agona, Director General, National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), Uganda

Professor Paul Bosu, Deputy Director-General at Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Ghana

Dr Manfred Kaufmann, Programme Manager, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Dr Lakmini Mendis, Minister Commercial, Sri Lanka High Commission, London

Chantal Wieckardt, Policy Officer, Food and Nutrition Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Neil Willsher, Global Director, Value Chains and Trade

Chair: Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI

1700 – 1705

Close and outline for the following day: **Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann**, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI

1730

Delegates to meet in the main hotel reception for onward travel

1745

Coaches depart for CABI Corporate office, Wallingford

1830 – 1900

Official opening of the CABI Corporate office and drinks reception

1900 – 1930

Tour of the CABI Corporate office

1930 – 2200

Conference dinner – CABI Corporate office, Wallingford



Wednesday 28 September 2022

0900 – 1000

Welcome and presentation of CABI's Medium-Term Strategy (2023-2025):
Dr Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI

Feedback on CABI's Medium-Term Strategy (2023-2025)

1000 – 1030



Networking break (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's products and tools, programmes and projects and the CABI Digital Library)

1030 – 1115

CABI governance and resolutions. Closed session. Member Countries only

1030 – 1115

Demonstrations and displays of CABI's tools and the CABI Digital Library.
Non-Member Country delegates

1115 – 1145



Networking break (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's products and tools, programmes and projects and the CABI Digital Library)

1145 – 1300

Panel session – Reducing inequality through better opportunities for rural women and youth

Speakers:

Dato' Haslina binti Abdul Hamid, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries, Malaysia

Dr Susan Kaaria (virtual), Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)

Sajila Sohail Khan (virtual), Gender Coordinator, CABI

Dr Annet Abenakyo Mulema (virtual), Senior Program Officer, International Development Research Center (IDRC)

Dr Constance Sibongile Shumba, Lead, Health Special Projects, Mastercard Foundation

Bethel Terefe, Gender Coordinator, CABI

Chair: Frances Williams, Global Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, CABI

1300 – 1400



Lunch (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's tools and the CABI Digital Library)

1400 – 1515

Panel session – How to safeguard biodiversity and support the sustainable use of natural resources

Speakers:

Hariet L. Hinz, Global Director, Invasive Species, CABI

Dr Imtiaz Hussain (virtual), Member Plant Sciences Division, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)

Dr Gina M Swart, Head: Global Product Biology Disease Control, Syngenta

Dr Lusike Wasilwa, Director of Crop Systems, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)

Marina Young, Principal Director Technical Services, Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA), Jamaica

Chair: Professor Christian Borgemeister, Director of the Center for Development Research and Professor for Ecology and Natural Resources Management at the University of Bonn

1515 – 1545



Networking break (Demonstrations and displays of CABI's products and tools, programmes and projects and the CABI Digital Library)

1545 – 1700

Partnership session

Speakers:

Dr Jose J. Campos Arce, Executive Director, Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN)

Dr Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations

Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe, Secretary General, Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Luis Francisco Rodríguez Mendizábal, Programme Manager, Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries unit of the Directorate General for 'International Partnerships' of the European Commission in Brussels

Dr Janny Vos, Partnerships Development Director, CABI

Professor Hao Weiping (virtual), Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)

Chair: Dr Dennis Rangi, Director General, Development, CABI

1700 – 1730

Closing remarks: Dr Lutz-Peter Berg, Chair, CABI Executive Council

Conference summary and vision for the future: Dr Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI

1815 – 1945

Closing dinner – Conservatory, Oxford Thames Hotel

Biographies



Dr Ambrose Agona

Director General, National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO)

Dr Agona is an agricultural research scientist, leader and practitioner and has been honoured as one of the Visionaries of Uganda, in recognition of his contribution to the socio-economic transformation of Uganda. He has held numerous positions, including Head of the National Post-Harvest Research Programme at NARO, Director of Research at the National Agricultural Research Laboratories (Kawanda), Chairman of the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa ASARECA Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Africa Rice National Experts Committee. Since 2009, he has been Vice President of the Association of Ugandan Professional Agriculturalists. Dr Agona has a PhD in Agriculture from the University of Zimbabwe.



Dr Lutz-Peter Berg

CABI Executive Council Chair

Lutz-Peter Berg is the Swiss Science and Technology Attaché for the UK, Ireland and the Nordic countries, based at the Swiss Embassy in London. His role includes observing and reporting on UK, Irish and Nordic policies in Science, Innovation and Higher Education as well as facilitating contacts, collaborations and communications between Swiss scientists, government agencies and high-tech businesses and potential international partners. Lutz's background is in biomedical research and development. He holds a PhD in Molecular Genetics from the University of London and a Master's degree in Biology from the University of Goettingen, Germany.



Christian Borgemeister

Director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF); Professor of Ecology and Natural Resources Management, University of Bonn

Christian Borgemeister has served as Managing Director of ZEF since 2014. Prior to that, he was the Director General of the International Centre of Insect Physiology. A trained entomologist, he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture. He was the recipient of the 2011 International Plant Protection Award of Distinction of the International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences, and won the 2015 Distinguished Scientist Award of Entomological Society of America's International Branch. Christian has authored/co-authored more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals.



Professor Paul Bosu

Director-General of Ghana's Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Professor Paul Bosu is the Director-General of Ghana's Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). He co-chairs the national Research-Extension-Farmer Linkage Committees (RELCs) and has been actively involved in the Modernizing Agriculture in Ghana (MAG) programme since 2019. Paul has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Biological Sciences, from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) Ghana, and a PhD in Forest Entomology from Northern Arizona University, USA. His research has covered studies of natural enemies of tree pests, mechanisms of plant resistance to insect pests, and integrated pest management strategies in agroforestry and mixed-species plantations. He has also participated in studies and projects involving forest invasive species and insect pollinators.



José Joaquín Campos Arce

Executive Director, Sustainable Agriculture Network

José Joaquín Campos Arce is Executive Director of the Sustainable Agriculture Network, a global collaborative network that works to transform agriculture. Prior to that, he was Director General of CATIE. José has 35 years of experience in international cooperation, technical, academic and scientific organizations and NGOs, working in international development, science and education. He has expertise in forestry and agriculture and is passionate about collective impact and integrated landscape management. Has served on the boards of international organizations, including the Center for International Forestry Research, World Agroforestry (ICRAF) and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, and on task forces for the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. José has a doctorate in forestry from the University of Oxford and has published over 100 technical and scientific papers.



Jonny Casey

Climate Change Manager, CABI

Jonathan leads CABI's work on climate-smart agriculture for smallholder farmers, developing global strategies and programmes, delivering technical interventions and advisory service content, and undertaking scientific and social science research on ecosystem adaptation and climate-driven pest risks. He also supports the Commercial Agriculture for Smallholders and Agribusiness (CASA) programme to engage with investors to scale climate adaptation finance. He holds a MSc from Linnaeus University, Sweden and a BA from Lancaster University, UK.



Dr David Chikoye

Director, Results for Development, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture – Southern Africa Hub; Grain, Legumes and Dryland Cereals

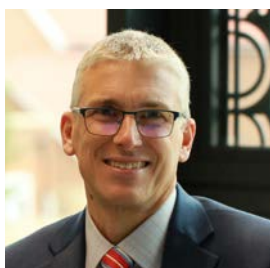
Dr Chikoye is the Results for Development Director for the Regional Hub for southern Africa and the Plant Production and Health Management thematic area. He is an agronomist and weed management specialist in the tropics with more than 35 years' experience working in agricultural research for development in Africa. He has experience of leading large, multidisciplinary research projects focusing on demand-driven, participatory research utilizing bottom-up livelihoods approaches. Prior to joining IITA Dr Chikoye was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Guelph and lecturer at the University of Zambia.



Ben Deighton

Managing Editor of SciDev.Net

Ben Deighton is responsible for ensuring SciDev.Net's editorial independence and the quality of articles and multimedia products it publishes. Ben joined SciDev.Net in July 2017, after four years as editor of Horizon magazine. He has worked as a journalist since 2001 and was previously a reporter for the Reuters news agency in London and Brussels. He has a degree in French and a postgraduate diploma in journalism.



Dr Daniel Elger

Chief Executive Officer, CABI

Daniel joined CABI as Chief Executive Officer in September 2020. He previously held leadership positions at biotech companies developing new medicines for various human diseases. His areas of experience include general management and business strategy; finance and fundraising; research and development; commercial and business development; and stakeholder relations, marketing and communications.



Dr Ismahane Elouafi

Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations

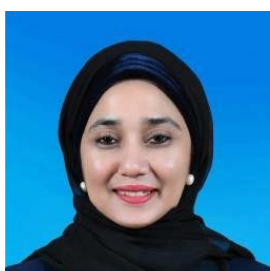
Dr Elouafi is Chief Scientist at FAO, and is part of FAO's core leadership structure. With nearly two decades of experience in agricultural research and development in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Dr Elouafi is a strong advocate for diversifying into neglected and underutilized crops. She is also internationally known for her work on promoting the use of non-fresh water in agriculture and the empowerment of women in science. Dr Elouafi has been a member of various strategy expert panels and advisory groups. Her contributions to science and policy have been recognized with a number of prestigious awards and accolades, in particular the Excellence in Science Award from the Global Thinkers Forum. Dr Elouafi holds a PhD in Genetics.



Cambria Finegold

Global Director, Digital Development, CABI

Cambria Finegold is responsible for the strategic direction and technical oversight of digital development at CABI. In this role, she leads CABI's work on harnessing the power of data, information, and ICTs for international development, with a focus on supporting achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to her current position, Cambria managed CABI's Plantwise Knowledge Bank from 2012 to 2016, and before that was a Project Development Officer at CABI. Prior to joining CABI, she worked for the WorldFish Center (CGIAR) and Oxfam GB, in a range of areas (rural livelihoods, nutrition, value chains and markets etc), mostly in Latin America and Africa. Cambria has a strong interest in user-centred design, systems approaches, and interdisciplinary methods which bring together the natural and social sciences.



Dato' Haslina binti Abdul Hamid

Secretary General of the Malaysian Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries

Dato' Haslina is currently the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI) and has held various posts in the past at different ministries and government bodies. She was also the National Convener during the Food Systems Summit 2021 in Rome, Italy. Dato' Haslina's experience and skills includes strategic governance, policy making, international affairs and diplomatic relations. She holds a Bachelor's Degree with Honours in Economics and Administration from Universiti Malaya and a Diploma in Japanese Language from Kokusai Gakuyukai Nihongo Gakko, International Student Institute, Japan. She graduated with a Master of Laws from KEIO University Tokyo, Japan and holds a Diploma in Public Management from the National Institute of Public Administration.



Dr Hariet L. Hinz

Global Director, Invasive Species, CABI

Dr Hariet Hinz has nearly 30 years of experience in invasive alien plant management and has been CABI's Global Director for Invasive Species since 2021. In this role, she contributes to CABI's strategic direction, including developing CABI's Science Strategy 2022–25 and Medium-Term Strategy 2023–25. Since 2006, she has led the Biological Weed Control Programme at CABI's centre in Switzerland and from 2015 to 2021 she was the Country Director in Switzerland. Hariet is an Affiliated Professor at the University of Idaho and has authored or co-authored over 50 publications.



Dr Imtiaz Hussain

Member Plant Sciences Division, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)

During his time with PARC, Dr Imtiaz has worked as scientist, Programme Leader and National Co-ordinator of the Wheat and Director Crop Sciences Institute at NARC, where he contributed to the development of wheat varieties. He was associated with CIMMYT as System Agronomist during 2014–2018 and previously worked for the Punjab Agriculture Department. Dr Imtiaz's main areas of interest include sustainable intensification, conservation agriculture, climate-smart agriculture and agronomic bio fortification. Dr Imtiaz holds a PhD in Agronomy from the University of Illinois and is the author of 40 papers.



Dr Susan Kaaria

Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)

Dr Kaaria is Director at AWARD, which invests in African scientists and institutions, with the aim of delivering innovative, sustainable, and gender-responsive agricultural research and innovation. Dr Kaaria was previously Team Leader for Gender at FAO, where she provided strategic leadership to the organization's technical work on gender. She has worked on expanding livelihood opportunities for poor rural households with the Ford Foundation Office for Eastern Africa at Nairobi, and on enabling rural innovation in Latin America and eastern and southern Africa with the International Center for Tropical Agriculture. She holds a PhD in Natural Resource Economics from the University of Minnesota.



Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe

Secretary General, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

Chileshe Kapwepwe has served as Secretary General for the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa since 2018 and is a Board Member at CABI. She has 30 years' experience in leadership, business and operations management in the public and private sectors, including executive director roles at the International Monetary Fund, Deputy Minister and Nominated Member of Parliament roles at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning of Zambia, as well as board posts with the Global Water Partnership SA, the Zambia Revenue Authority and the Central Bank of Zambia. Chileshe holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Bath and is a fellow of the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants and the UK Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.



Dr Manfred Kaufmann

Programme Manager, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Within the SDC Food Systems Section, Dr Manfred Kaufmann is in charge of the CGIAR core contribution and SDC's engagements with CABI. He previously worked on various thematic desks at SDC, including food security, water, and climate change and the environment. From 2013 to 2017 he was based in Addis Ababa as regional water policy adviser for SDC. Before coming to SDC he worked at the Centre for International Agriculture of ETH Zurich. Manfred has more than 20 years of experience in agricultural research for development, integrated water resources management, agricultural water productivity, adaptation to climate change and transboundary water cooperation. He holds a PhD in soil science from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich).



Sajila Sohail Khan

Gender Coordinator, CABI

Sajila Sohail Khan is a multi-faceted developmental professional with 21 years of experience in academic, non-governmental and international and UN agencies. She has a strong educational background with rich extensive experience in the field of education, community development and gender and development. Sajila is currently working at CABI's centre in Pakistan as Gender Coordinator.



Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann

Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI

Ulrich Kuhlmann has extensive experience in the field of crop health and oversees the management of our international network of centres, as well as the delivery of CABI's scientific output. Ulrich joined CABI's Swiss centre in 1989, while also completing his MSc and PhD in arthropod classical biological control at the University of Kiel, and a PhD at the University of California. He was appointed Head of CABI's Swiss Arthropod Biological Control research programme and also built up the Integrated Crop Management Team before becoming the Regional Director for CABI, Switzerland in 2010, and Plantwise Programme Executive.



Rachel Lambert

Agriculture Research Team Leader, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

Rachel Lambert leads FCDO's Food and Agriculture Research team. FCDO commissions and funds agriculture research that delivers new evidence and technologies to address the global challenge of ensuring food systems provide nutritious food for a global population while tackling climate change impacts and protecting nature. Rachel has over 25 years' policy and programming experience in agriculture, food security and rural development programmes in South Asia and Africa.



Dr Lekgari Aatshwaelwe Lekgari

Chief Research Scientist, National Agricultural Research & Development Institute

Dr Lekgari worked for 26 years for the Ministry of Agriculture in Botswana as a Research Scientist, heading the Plant Breeding section, concentrating on sorghum, maize, pearl millet, triticale, watermelon and cowpeas. He has served on technical committees in policy development nationally and in the region, especially with regard to intellectual property (plant breeders' rights) and seed systems. He has worked with international research organizations like CIMMYT, ICRISAT, and IAEA, as well as with a number of universities in Japan. Dr Lekgari works with farmers on the varietal development, selection and conservation of their plant genetic material. He is a reviewer for Euphytica and holds a PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Nebraska.



Dr Lakmini Peiris Mendis

Minister Commercial, Sri Lanka High Commission, London

Dr Mendis has more than 20 years of experience in diverse roles – country representative, trade expert, negotiator, commercial/trade officer, lecturer, resource person, management consultant, market researcher and banker. Her previous diplomatic roles include Second Secretary Commercial at the Sri Lanka High Commission in Malaysia, First Secretary Commercial, London, and Chargée d'Affaires/Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Organizations in Geneva. Dr Mendis holds a PhD from the University of Adelaide, awarded for her thesis "How can the Global Food Security Challenges be Addressed in the Multilateral Trading System?".



Elizabeth Maruma Mrema

Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

In 2020, Ms Mrema became the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. Prior to that, Ms Mrema was the Acting Executive Secretary of UNCBD and served as Director of the Law Division at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). With over 20 years at the United Nations, she has extensive experience in global environmental law and policymaking, implementation of environmental and sustainable development programmes, and a deep knowledge of multilateral processes. Before joining UNEP, Ms Mrema worked with United Republic of Tanzania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



Dr Annet Abenakyo Mulema

Senior Programme Officer, International Development Research Center (IDRC)

Dr Annet Mulema is a Senior Programme Officer at IDRC, where she oversees a portfolio of 11 research projects under the Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women Initiative, which aims to spur transformative change to advance gender equality in the world of work and beyond. Before joining IDRC, Annet worked as a Scientist-Gender at the International Livestock Research Institute in Ethiopia and Kenya, where she led the integration of gender in livestock value chains. She has over 10 years of research experience focusing on gender analysis, women's economic empowerment, gender capacity development, climate change, innovation platforms and gender transformative approaches. Annet holds a PhD in Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture from Iowa State University and has contributed to numerous publications on gender.



Divine Ntiokam

Founder and Managing Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN)

Divine Ntiokam founded the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN) in 2014. Teams in 100+ countries work to raise awareness of climate-smart agriculture among young men and women, educating them on the benefits of sustainable approaches to increasing agricultural yields and resilience. Alongside his role in GCSAYN, Divine serves as the African Continental Vice President of Youth for the Livestock, Fisheries and Aquaculture Incubation Network. By providing business incubation and powerful networks of support, the Network aims to build an Africa in which youth-owned enterprises in animal resources contribute to poverty reduction and food security.



Dr Martin Parr

Director, Data Policy & Practice, Digital Development, CABI

Martin Parr has extensive experience of working on data governance, digital agriculture, mobile extension, web-based knowledge products, evidence-informed policy processes and research communication services. He manages data and knowledge services for international development.



Dr Dennis Rangi

Director General, Development, CABI

Dr Dennis Rangi is the Director General – Development at CABI and formally Regional Director for Africa. Dennis is an entomologist and has over 30 years of experience in development co-operation, including the development, implementation and management of scientific research. He has been involved in a wide range of institutional change activities, as well as capacity building, to address issues pertaining to sustainable development and poverty alleviation. Dennis has a strong interest in South–South cooperation, which began during his days in Asia, where he attained his early professional qualifications in biological sciences at the peak of the Asian Green Revolution.



Dr Andy Robinson

Managing Director, Publishing, CABI

Andy Robinson leads CABI's Knowledge Business, which encompasses commercial publishing and the knowledge and data management projects that support CABI's international development work, as part of CABI's efforts to put know-how into people's hands, turning evidence-based information into actionable advice. Andy has a PhD on potatoes (plant biochemistry) from the University of Cambridge, and has over 25 years' publishing experience, spanning journals, books, databases, news magazines/websites and e-learning – mostly in the health sciences – providing publishing services to many of the world's leading societies and associations.



Luis Francisco Rodríguez Mendizábal

Programme Manager, Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries Unit, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission

Prior to his current role with the European Commission, Luis Francisco Rodríguez Mendizábal worked for 15 years in Central Africa, setting up partnerships and implementing programmes in and around the most valuable protected areas, very often in conflict circumstances, notably in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He previously worked for the Spanish Cooperation Agency, UNESCO, the European Union Delegation in DRC, various private sector organizations, and Virunga National Park in DRC. Luis studied Environmental Science at universities in Madrid, Rouen and Boston.



Dr Dannie Romney

Senior Global Director, Development Communication and Extension, CABI

Dannie Romney's current remit is to oversee all projects within the Development Communication and Extension theme, as part of which she champions the innovation systems approach within CABI. Dannie has 18 years' experience of designing, implementing and managing research and development projects in tropical and temperate environments. Her previous roles included working for the Natural Resources Institute in the UK on projects in Africa and Asia, and working for the International Livestock Research Institute. Her research interests evolved from an early focus on livestock nutrition and production to focusing on understanding how knowledge is generated, spread and utilized. She has a PhD in ruminant nutrition from Newcastle University.



Dr Constance Sibongile Shumba

Lead, Health Special Projects, Mastercard Foundation

Dr Shumba is Lead of Health Special Projects for the Mastercard Foundation. She is also the technical and programmatic lead for the Saving Lives and Livelihoods Initiative, which is supporting COVID-19 vaccination and strengthening health systems across Africa. Dr Shumba has worked with several global health agencies in Africa and Asia, leading the design and delivery of complex gender-responsive public health and nutrition programmes. She is passionate about upholding the health-related rights of women, girls and children, through applying contextually sensitive approaches. Dr Shumba is an Affiliate Member of the African Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the UK's Higher Education Academy, and a Fellow of the UK's Royal Society for Public Health.



Dr Gina M. Swart

Head: Global Product Biology Disease Control, Syngenta

Gina Swart has 15+ years of experience at Syngenta, focusing mainly on research and development relating to fungicides and biofungicides. She is actively involved in the development and implementation of digital technologies and machine learning for the development of new solutions in disease control and also works to drive sustainability initiatives within global product biology. She is also the lead for LivinGro®, which aims to promote regenerative agriculture by developing biodiversity and soil health science within modern agricultural landscapes. Gina has a BSc in Agriculture and a PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Pretoria.



Bethel Terefe

Gender Coordinator, CABI

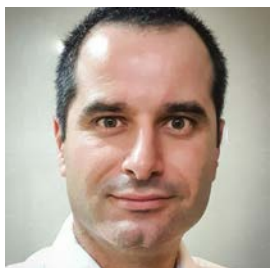
As Gender Coordinator at CABI, Bethel Terefe supports the mainstreaming of gender in CABI programmes and projects, builds the capacity of staff and partners on gender integration, and conducts gender assessments that help to draw lessons from CABI's interventions from a gender angle. Before joining CABI, she worked with the Ethiopian Civil Society Support programme as a gender and inclusion consultant. Working with various organizations, such as Oxfam, CARE and ActionAid International, Bethel has developed and implemented gender equality and women's empowerment programmes and has supported the mainstreaming of gender in different sector programmes, including agriculture. She has a MA in Regional and Local Development studies and a BA in Political Science and International Relations from Addis Ababa University.



Dr Dao The Anh

Vice-President of the Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Dao The Anh has 30 years' experience in research and development related to agricultural systems and family farming and has served as Vice-President of the Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences since 2017. He was formerly Director of the Centre for Agrarian System Research and Development and DDG of the Field Crops Research Institute. Recently, his research has focused on agro-ecological farming systems, adaptation and mitigation of production systems, livelihood diversification and biodiversity, food safety management and certification, development of cooperatives and farmer organizations, post-harvest loss, and agri-food value chain governance for smallholders. He is also the national convener of United Nations' Food System Summit in Vietnam.



Alvaro Valverde

Private Sector Engagement Manager, CABI

Alvaro Valverde is an international development adviser with experience of designing and implementing projects, policies, strategies and research in over 20 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America. He is currently Private Sector Engagement Manager at CABI, as well as Engagement Learning and Communications Lead for the FCDO-funded Commercial Agriculture for Smallholders and Agribusiness (CASA) Programme. In the latter role he is responsible for overseeing, managing and providing quality control to all activities related to stakeholder engagement, high-impact research commissioning, development communications and event management.



Dr Janny Vos

Strategic Partnerships Director

Dr Janny Vos is CABI's Strategic Partnerships Director with a global responsibility for CABI's development of strategic projects and partnerships. Dr Vos is a specialist in Integrated Crop Management, and has advised DFID, SDC, EU, FAO regional and global programmes on Integrated Pest Management. Dr Vos has worked for CABI since 1995, initially in Malaysia at the CABI centre for Southeast Asia, subsequently at the CABI centre in the UK and is currently based in the Netherlands. Prior to 1995, she was employed by the Netherlands government to work in Indonesia as an IPM expert. Dr Vos is trained as a plant breeder (MSc) and integrated crop management specialist (PhD).



Dr Hao Weiping

Deputy Director General, Department of International Co-operation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)

Professor Hao Weiping was previously Director of the Dryland Farming Research Department at the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture in CAAS, and the Director of the Key Laboratory of Dryland Agriculture at the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. He has led and participated in 30 international and national research projects on soil and water resources management in arid regions of China. Professor Hao has a PhD in Agricultural Water Resources Management from the Graduate School of CAAS and has published over 80 peer-reviewed scientific papers.



Chantal Wieckardt

Policy Officer, Food and Nutrition Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Chantal Wieckardt's work focuses on knowledge, innovation and capacity strengthening within food systems. She previously worked as researcher and partnership co-ordinator at a knowledge platform focusing on inclusive and sustainable land governance, bringing together and working with different stakeholders, including academic researchers, private sector and civil society representatives, and policy advisers.



Frances Williams

Global Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, CABI

As part of CABI's international development business, Frances leads CABI's work on monitoring, evaluation and learning, gender and economics, in particular within the PlantwisePlus programme, as well as across CABI's other projects. She contributes to numerous evaluative studies, economic assessments on the costs and impacts of invasive species, and embedding gender across CABI's projects and programmes.



Neil Willsher

Global Director, Value Chains and Trade, CABI

Neil Willsher has 25 years of international and Africa-based experience. During that time he has led sustainable strategic end-to-end agribusiness value chain development and transformation in a variety of small- to medium-sized companies and farming groups. He now applies this experience and passion in his role at CABI, helping to transform smallholders' lives within agribusiness value chains in developing countries. Throughout his career, Neil has successfully delivered innovative producer-focused solutions within complex vertically integrated end-to-end supply chains in the food and beverage and horticulture sectors. He has a deep understanding of governance and value addition in all areas of an organization, through the pragmatic application of operational excellence.



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