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He holds a BS in Agronomy from the University of Chile and a Ph.D in Entomology from the University of Florida. He has been a Professor of Agroecology at UC Berkeley since 1981 in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management.

Dr. Altieri served as a Scientific Advisor to the Latin American Consortium on Agroecology and Development (CLADES) Chile an NGO network promoting agroecology as a strategy for small farm sustainable development in the region. He also served for 4 years as the General Coordinator for the UNDP's Sustainable Agriculture Networking and Extension Program which aimed at capacity building on agroecology among NGOs and the scaling-up of successful local sustainable agricultural initiatives in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

In addition, he was the chairman of the NGO committee of the Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research whose mission was to make sure that the research agenda of the 15 International Agricultural Research Centers benefited poor farmers.

Currently he is advisor to the FAO-GIAHS program (Globally Indigenous Agricultural Heritage Systems), a program devoted at identifying and dynamically conserving traditional farming systems in the developing world. He is also Director of the US-Brazil Consortium on Agroecology and Sustainable Rural Development (CASRD), an academic-research exchange program involving students and faculty of UC Berkeley, University of Nebraska, UNICAMP and Universidad Federal de Santa Catarina. He is also the general coordinator of the Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology.

He is the author of more than 200 publications, and numerous books including *Agroecology: The Science of Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity*, *Pest Management in Agroecosystems* and *Agroecology and the Search for a Truly Sustainable Agriculture*.

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Anderson is an independent scholar and consultant on the science/policy interface for promoting ecological integrity, social justice, and democratic food systems. She is a Senior Wallace Fellow at the Wallace Center at Winrock International, and served as Project Manager there to develop indicators of healthy, fair, green and affordable food.

She also served as a Coordinating Lead Author for the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD). She has conducted research and evaluation for several other domestic and international organizations; and she is especially interested in food system resilience, effective multistakeholder collaborations for sustainability, human rights, and better use of research by civil society.

She was employed for 2 years by Oxfam America and for 14 years by the School of Nutrition Science & Policy at Tufts University as a professor, administrator, partnership builder, and researcher. She directed the Agriculture, Food and Environment Graduate Degree Program and Tufts Institute of the Environment. She currently has an adjunct faculty appointment at Tufts University and commits time to mentoring young professionals. She is Board President of the North American Community Food Security Coalition, and a Kellogg Food & Society Policy Fellow.

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He is a Professor at the Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Tennessee; he is also the Associate Director of the Agricultural Policy Analysis Center. Originally from Peru, where he got a degree in economics, he earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University in 1992.

Dr. De La Torre Ugarte's primary areas of research have focused on the impacts of U.S. agricultural policy; the consequences of trade liberalization in agriculture; the feasibility of international supply management in agriculture; and the synergism of agricultural and energy policy.

He is engaged in international dialogues with academics, farm organizations, non-governmental organizations, policy makers, and international organizations to develop mechanisms that would allow agricultural trade to contribute to global food security and sustainable economic development

JAMES P. MCGOVERN (U.S.A.)

Currently serving his seventh term in Congress, he was first sworn in as U.S. Representative for Massachusetts' 3rd Congressional District on January 7, 1997. McGovern is the Vice Chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee, which sets the terms for debate and amendments on most legislation, and a member of the House Budget Committee. McGovern is also co-chair of both the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and the House Hunger Caucus.

Before his election to Congress, the 49 year old McGovern spent fourteen years working as a senior aide for the late U.S. Representative John Joseph Moakley (D-South Boston), former dean of the Massachusetts delegation and Chairman of the House Rules Committee.

During those years, McGovern earned a strong reputation as a champion of human rights. In 1989, McGovern was chosen by Congressman Moakley to lead a congressional investigation into the murders of six Jesuit priests and two lay women in El Salvador.

In Congress, McGovern has championed several education initiatives, including a bill to increase grant assistance for college students and their families; he has led the fight to provide adequate health care, including home health care; he has worked to increase funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund; he has fought to preserve and strengthen Social Security; and he has secured millions of dollars in federal assistance to Central and Southeastern Massachusetts.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts ('81) and Masters of Public Administration ('84) from American University.

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Reddy is an assistant professor of economics at Barnard College, Columbia University. His areas of work include development economics, international economics, and economics and philosophy.

He has worked extensively as a consultant for development agencies and international institutions, including the ILO, Oxfam, UNDESA (Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN Secretariat), UNICEF, UNDP, UNU-WIDER (World Institute for Development Economics Research), UNRISD (UN Research Institute for Social Development), and the World Bank.

He has been a member of the "advisory panel of eminent experts" of the UNDP's Human Development Report, and is presently a member of the UN Statistics Division's Steering Committee on Poverty Statistics. He has published and presented widely, and is a member of the editorial advisory boards of Development, Ethics and International Affairs and the European Journal of Development Research.

He holds a PhD in economics from Harvard University, 2000, an MPhil in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge, and an AB in Applied Mathematics with physics from Harvard University. He has held fellowships from the Center for Ethics and the Professions and the Center for Population and Development Studies at Harvard University and the Center for Human Values at Princeton University.

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In 2002-2006, he chaired the EU Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights, a high-level group of experts which advised the European Union institutions on fundamental rights issues. He has acted on a number of occasions as expert for the Council of Europe and for the European Union.

Since 2004, and until his appointment as the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food, he has been the General Secretary of the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) on the issue of globalization and human rights. He is the author of a number of publications, particularly on the protection of social rights and on the impact of globalization on the enjoyment of human rights.

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Her research interests include science, technology, and innovation; agriculture and food security; biodiversity and natural resource management; energy and water security; and gender issues in science and technology. She has published widely in these fields.

Prof. Wakhungu serves on several national and international boards, task-forces, and committees. These include the African Conservation Centre (ACC), High-Level Consultative Group (United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)–Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-4), Innovation Africa, the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), the Go Down Arts Centre, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), the Lemelson Foundation, Scientists Without Borders, the STEPS Centre – University of Sussex, and the World Bioenergy Association.

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