MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PANEL ON POPULATION, FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Biographies of experts and moderators

Inge D. Brouwer is Associate Professor Food Systems for Healthier Diets at the chair group Global Nutrition, Division of Human Nutrition and Health, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. She leads of the Flagship Food Systems for Healthier Diets under the CGAIR - A4NH research programme led by IFPRI, in collaboration with Bioversity International, CIAT, IFPRI, IITA in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Ethiopia and Nigeria to guide transformations of food systems toward healthier diets for poor populations in a sustainable and equitable way. She also leads the BMGF/FCDO funded project on Increasing Fruit and Vegetable Intakes in Vietnam and Nigeria, using consumer and retailer-oriented interventions. She also contributes to the FAO guidance to development of food-based dietary guidelines, globally and in Ethiopia.

Luz Maria De-Regil currently heads the Unit of Multisectoral Actions in Food Systems at the World Health Organization. This area of work includes food safety, policies for reducing obesity and the consumption of potentially novice dietary ingredients, as well as food-based approaches to improve the nutritional status of populations—including fortification and biofortification. Dr De-Regil is an epidemiologist with 20 years of experience in the public, private, non-for-profit and intergovernmental sectors. Her expertise spans from micronutrient malnutrition to the double burden of malnutrition, and from research in basic nutrition science to large scale nutrition programming and policy. Luz Maria has authored more than 120 peer-reviewed and policy publications and has served as a member of the WHO Guidelines Review Committee and the WHO Research and Ethics Committee.
Jane Napais Lankisa is a trained nutritionist from Kenyatta University, Kenya. Her passion for nutrition and service to the community led her to volunteer before and after graduation, mentoring mothers on best nutrition practices. Jane now works as a Nutritionalist at Feed the Children, inspiring caregivers to adopt positive health behaviors. She is a committed youth advocate and team lead for the FEED Nutrition Advocacy Unit, advocating for adolescent girls’ nutrition. She also mobilizes and educates women of reproductive age on nutrition. Jane is particularly passionate about adolescent girls’ nutrition and the links between nutrition, gender inequality, and child marriage. Through SUN movement, Jane has had the opportunity to travel to various countries gathering experience and expertise as a youth leader for nutrition. She was a panelist and speaker at IFAD conference- Rome, Mandela 100- South Africa, Women deliver conference- Canada, TICAD7- Japan and SUN global gathering- Nepal. Currently, she is running a campaign termed scaling up adolescent nutrition-Kenya, focusing on adolescents in school and out of school.

Milka Sokolović is Director General of the European Public Health Alliance. Previously she was Head of Food & Health Science at the European Food Information Council (EUFIC), and Director of the European Nutrition Leadership Platform Advanced Programme. She has over twenty years of experience in scientific research, strategic partnerships, and science communication. She holds a degree in Biology from the University of Belgrade, and a PhD in Medicine from the University of Amsterdam. She spent 15 years in scientific research looking into the metabolism of starvation and obesity and imparted her knowledge during her teaching career in the fields of medical biochemistry, DNA technology, metabolism and genomics of disease.

Emorn Udomkesmalee serves as Senior Researcher at the Institute of Nutrition at Mahidol University in Thailand, where she previously served as Director. She is a board member of the Micronutrient Forum, the New York Academy of Sciences Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science, the International Food Policy Research Institute, and Sight and Life Foundation. She is also the former co-Chair of the Independent Expert Group for the Global Nutrition Report, and the Scientific Director of ILSI Southeast Asia. She serves as a member of the Scientific Council of the Institut de Recherché pour le Développement (IRD) of France, the Advisory Panel for the Nutrition Association of Thailand, and the Ajinomoto Foundation of Thailand. Her research interests include micronutrient assessment, bioavailability, and metabolism; efficacy of food-based interventions to address micronutrient deficiencies; maternal and child nutrition policy; and program implementation.

Rami Zurayk is Professor of Ecosystem Management in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the American University of Beirut. His current research focuses on the relationship between landscapes and livelihoods, on food politics, and on local food systems. He is the co-founder of the Association for Lebanese Organic Agriculture and of Slow Food Beirut. He initiated Healthy Basket, Lebanon’s first and on-going community supported agriculture program in 2001. After the July 2006 Israeli war on Lebanon, he created a post-war development program, Land and People, to aid in livelihood recovery. Zurayk is also on the High Level Panel of Experts for Food Security, a select panel of academics informing global strategic research on the topic of food and nutrition security; and as a member of the Conflicts and Protracted Crisis Working Group of the Civil Society Mechanism of the Committee on Food Security.