



The Increasing Imperative for Resilient Food Systems in Times of Crisis: What Can Donors Do?

The GDPRD's [white paper](#) on "Transforming Food Systems- Directions for Enhancing the Catalytic Role of Donors" will be presented at the event.

20 April 2022, 14:30-16:30 CEST | [Register](#) for the virtual event

Keynote speaker:



Jennifer Clapp is a Canada Research Chair in Global Food Security and Sustainability and Professor in the School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability at the University of Waterloo. She has published widely on the global governance of problems that arise at the intersection of the global economy, food security and food systems, and the natural environment. Among her recent books are *Food*, 3rd Edition (Polity, 2020), *Speculative Harvests: Financialization, Food, and Agriculture* (with S. Ryan Isakson, Fernwood Press, 2018), and *Hunger in the Balance: The New Politics of International Food Aid* (Cornell University Press, 2012). Jennifer is Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the UN Committee on World Food Security and a member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems.

Panellists:



Rhoda Tumusiime holds a Master's Degree in Economics, Planning and Managing Rural Development. She recently worked with the African Union as a Commissioner for Rural Economy & Agriculture from 2008 to 2017. Her roles covered multiple sectors ranging from crop agriculture, research, livestock, fisheries, forestry, land, water, environment, climate change, climate services, disaster risk reduction and rural development. She's a strong advocate for agricultural transformation through sustainable systems, poverty eradication, food and nutrition security and job creation. She's a firm believer in the inclusion of youth and women in the agribusiness value chains through establishment of incubation and innovation centers to promote agriculture commercialization. Currently, she serves on a number of international organizations such as the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for nutrition, IITA and Malabo Montpellier Panel, in addition to her role in policy advocacy.



Satu Santala is the Associate Vice-President for External Relations and Governance at International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Satu has extensive experience in international relations and development. Prior to her role at IFAD, she served as Director General for Development Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She has held various positions at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, including as Director for the Unit for Development Finance and at Finland's Embassies in New Delhi and Dar es Salaam. She was Executive Director at the World Bank, where she represented Nordic and Baltic countries and she has also represented Finland in replenishment negotiations and governing bodies for MDBs as well as the Green Climate Fund. She has also worked with the Finnish Red Cross. Satu holds a Master of Political Science, International Public Law & Development Studies from the Åbo Akademi in Finland.



Martin Bwalya is currently Ag Director, Knowledge Management and Programme Evaluation (KMPE), Africa Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD). This responsibility covers three core functions in AUDA-NEPAD, namely Knowledge Management, Programme Evaluation and AUDA-NEPAD's five Centres of Excellence charged with specialised research, analysis and knowledge support to implementation of Africa's Agenda 2063. Martin is a Machinery Design and Machine Management Engineer, has since 2000, worked in several international organisations in the field of development, in general, and agriculture, food systems and nutrition, and climate change, in particular. Joined the then NEPAD Agency in 2008 as lead specialist on Sustainable land and water management, moving on to Head the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) – Africa's continental framework for agricultural transformation. Has extensive experience in research and development (R&D), foresight analytical work in development and public policy fields across national, regional and global political economy interests and priorities; Continues to serve in varying responsibilities in international initiatives and programmes including Board chair for the Southern Africa Coalition on Climate Change (SACCC) – Current and Co-chair of the Global Alliance for CSA (GACSA) – 2014 to 2018.



Leonard Mizzi is Head of Unit at the European Commission, Directorate-General (DG) for International Cooperation and Development – Rural development, food security and nutrition, since 1st of January 2017. Prior to this post he was Head of Unit for 10 years in DG Agriculture and Rural Development, first in charge of agri trade and development issues (2007-2014) and from 2015-2016 leading the inter institutional unit hence relations with the European Parliament, Council and consultative bodies and well as steering the Civil Dialogue Groups. He is a graduate in Public Administration from the University of Malta (BA Hons First Class); and has degrees from CIHEAM-Montpellier (Master of Science) and a Ph.D in Agricultural economics from the University of Reading (UK). He has been an author of a number of articles and publications on agri food issues and nutrition in the Mediterranean region. Leonard has a broad working experience in the Maltese public administration and the Maltese private sector. He first worked in the Economic Planning Division of the Office of the Prime Minister (Malta) and from 1996-2006 was the first Director of the Malta Business Bureau in Brussels- the office of the Malta Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise and the Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association. He was also visiting lecturer at the Boston University (Brussels campus), Open University and Malta University. He often lectures at the College of Europe in Bruges. His areas of specialisation are global food security governance, agriculture and food and nutrition security, the Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa.



Jim Woodhill is an independent consultant based in Oxford, United Kingdom, an Honorary Research Associate with the University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute and an Honorary Associate with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS). In IDS, he is part-time Director of the Knowledge for Development (K4D) Programme, which supports the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). Jim has over 30 years of international development experience as a specialist on inclusive agribusiness, rural development, food security and multi-stakeholder partnerships. He has served as Principal Sector Specialist for Food Security and Rural Development with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Jim was also Director of the Centre for Development Innovation at Wageningen University and Research Centre in the Netherlands. He has undertaken numerous consultancies, evaluation and facilitation assignments for international organizations and has written widely on issues of food systems, multi-stakeholder partnerships, evaluation, and foresight. Jim holds a PhD in Political Economics and a degree in Agricultural Science.

Moderator:



Henry Bonsu is an international Broadcaster and Media Consultant