



Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition: Resilient Policies for Nutritional Security

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100 Word Event Abstract:

This meeting brings together members of the Global Panel and international experts to discuss agriculture and food policy for improved nutrition, and specifically how policies relating to food systems can secure consumers' expanded and more resilient access to nutritious foods. Policies affecting storage, transport, processing and trade have considerable potential to enable supply chain investments that cushion against shocks to local production. Other policies may be needed to ensure that nutritional quality is also maintained or even improved in diverse, resilient, and healthy diets are to result. We will present examples of such policies and discuss the challenge of policy interventions in food systems for improved resilience.

Speakers:

- **Chair: Emmy Simmons** (Global Panel Member)

Emmy Simmons completed a career of nearly 30 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in 2005. In her last three years at USAID, she served as the Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade, a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position. From 1991 to 1994, she served in USAID's regional office for east and southern Africa as Supervisory Program Economist. Simmons also served as Supervisory Agricultural Officer for Mali and as Regional Agricultural Advisor for West Africa, in addition to holding a number of supervisory positions in the Africa Bureau in USAID's Washington headquarters.

Prior to joining USAID, Simmons worked in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs in Monrovia, Liberia, and taught and conducted research at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria.

Simmons is currently an independent consultant on international development issues, with a focus on food, agriculture, and Africa. She serves on the boards of several organisations engaged in international agriculture and global development, including: the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, the International Livestock Research Institute, the

International Institute for Tropical Agriculture, the Washington chapter of the Society for International Development, and the Africa Center for Health and Human Security at George Washington University. Simmons co-chairs the Roundtable on Science and Technology for Sustainability at the National Academies of Science and leads a Roundtable working group on Partnerships for Sustainability.

Simmons began her international career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines from 1962 to 1964. She holds an M.S. in agricultural economics from Cornell University and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Public Profile: <http://www.glopan.org/about/members/simmons>

- **Bonnie McClafferty** (Director, Agriculture and Nutrition, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN))

Ms. Bonnie McClafferty is the director of Agriculture and Nutrition at GAIN. She has over 20 years of experience working within CGIAR. Prior to joining GAIN, she headed the HarvestPlus office on Development and Communications, where she brought together agriculture and nutrition scientists and development specialists to breed and test nutrient-rich varieties of staple crops. She also led the communications work for the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division of IFPRI where she was responsible for programmatic and communication and advocacy work that linked food security research with nutrition outcomes. She currently serves on the Technical Advisory Committee of Helen Keller International, is a member of the Executive Steering Committee of the Sweetpotato for Profit and Health Initiative (SASHA) and is a board member of the NGO StepUp (Sao Tome and Principe Union for Promotion). She holds a bachelor's of science degree in Agronomy from Cornell University and master's degrees in Public Policy and Public Administration from the University of Virginia.

Public Profile: <http://www.2020resilience.ifpri.info/?s=bonnie#sthash.nZ061Ec9.dpuf>

- **Bart Minten** (Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI))

Bart Minten, a Belgian citizen, joined IFPRI as a senior research fellow in December 2006 and works with the Development Strategy and Governance Division. He is out-posted in Addis Ababa since June 2011 and is the program leader of the Ethiopia Strategy Support Program, a multi-donor financed five-year program that focuses on research, capacity building, and outreach and communication of research related to food and agricultural issues in Ethiopia. Before moving to Addis Ababa, he worked in the New Delhi Office where his work focused on the effects of changes in agricultural value chains on the structure of food systems in South Asia. Prior to joining IFPRI, he was a senior research associate for the Cornell Food and Nutrition Policy Program in Madagascar.

He also has held the position of assistant professor at the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Economics, KU Leuven, as well as teaching positions at Cornell University and the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar. Bart received his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Cornell University.

Public Profile: <http://www.ifpri.org/staffprofile/bart-minten>

- **Speaker #4: Industry Expert** (TBC)

Duration and Language:

90 minutes, English

Background:

The Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition (Global Panel) is an independent group of influential experts with a commitment to tackling global challenges in food and nutrition security.

We aim to provide effective guidance to decision-makers, particularly governments, on generating nutrition-enhancing agricultural and food policy and investment in low and middle-income countries.

The Global Panel is working to ensure that agriculture and food systems support access to nutritious foods at every stage of life. It recognizes that good nutrition is particularly important for women in pregnancy and infants, in order to avoid the lifelong effects of stunting.

We regard improving nutrition as a global challenge, but one with a particular urgency for low and middle income countries where poor diets cause both undernutrition and a growing burden of diet-related NCDs. To address this challenge, the Panel will catalyse research, consolidate evidence and experience, and promote evidence-based policies for agriculture and food systems that will improve nutrition. We will engage a broad community of stakeholders in the public and private sectors, and we will develop our activities so as to complement and add value to existing initiatives.

1. Global Panel Members

- Akinwumi Adesina, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria
- John Beddington, former United Kingdom Government Chief Scientific Advisor (Co-Chair)
- José Graziano da Silva, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- Mahabub Hossain, Former Executive Director, BRAC
- Jane Karuku, President, AGRA
- John Kufuor, former President of Ghana (Co-Chair)
- Rachel Kyte, World Bank Group Vice President and Special Envoy, Climate Change Group
- Anthony Lake, Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Maurício Antônio Lopes, President, Brazilian Enterprise for Agricultural Research (Embrapa)
- Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHI)
- Emmy Simmons, Board Member, Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa/AGree

- Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission

