

**Biographical Notes**  
**Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture**  
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**Francisco J. Ayala (USA)**

Member of the Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture 2000-2003, Mr Ayala was born in 1934 in Madrid, Spain. U.S. citizen since 1971. Professor of Biological Sciences and of Philosophy at the University of California at Irvine. Former President and Chairman of the Board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was member of President Clinton's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology. In 2002 he received the National Medal of Science from President Bush. He is author of more than 850 articles and 20 books. His scientific research focuses on population and evolutionary genetics, including the origin of species, genetic diversity of populations, the origin of malaria, the population structure of parasitic protozoa, and the molecular clock of evolution. He also writes about the interface between religion and science, and on philosophical issues concerning epistemology, ethics, and the philosophy of biology.

**Ruth Chadwick (United Kingdom)**

Ruth Chadwick is Professor of Bioethics and Director of the ESRC Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics at Lancaster University. She studied for a B.Phil. in Philosophy and a D.Phil on 'The ethics of eugenics and genetic engineering', both from Oxford University; and an LLB from London University. She held positions in Liverpool, Cardiff and Preston before moving to Lancaster in 2000. She has co-ordinated a number of projects funded by the European Commission, including the Euroscreen projects (1994-6; 1996-9) and co-edits the journal *Bioethics* and the online journal *Genomics, Society and Policy*. She is Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Human Genome Organisation (HUGO) and a member of the Food Ethics Council, the Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes and the BBSRC Strategy Panel on Biosciences for Society. She was editor-in-chief of the award winning *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* (1998). She is an Academician of the Academy of the Learned Societies for the Social Sciences and a partner in the North West Genetics Knowledge Park (Nowgen).

### **Chee Yoke Ling (Malaysia)**

Born in 1959, Ms Chee Yoke Ling is a lawyer trained in international law, with a Masters of Law from Cambridge University (UK) and a first class honours in law at the University of Malaya (Malaysia). Legal Advisor to the Third World Network, an international coalition of organisations and individuals that aims to articulate the sustainable development needs and perspectives of developing countries at the global level. For more than 20 years Chee Yoke Ling has been very active on a national level in policy research and advocacy, focusing on trade, environment and development issues, working with local communities. For the past 10 years, she has been a key NGO player at the international level, representing the Third World Network in many international conferences and meetings, including at the United Nations, the Commission on Sustainable Development, and at several trade and investment seminars. Of particular concern in her work are the ecological, social and economic impacts of globalisation, especially in the developing countries of the South.

### **Carlos Maria Correa (Argentina)**

Born in 1949. Lawyer and economist. Professor at the University of Buenos Aires, and has taught in universities all over the world in legal and economical matters related to North-South cooperation. Well-known for his sensitivity to ethical issues and the interest of developing countries. He has, on several occasions, been a consultant in the negotiating process of the ITPGRFA. He has also been a consultant in many other UN organizations. He has taught post-graduate international training courses, including in international trade and the World Trade Organization (graduate), political economy of science and technology (post-graduate), economics of intellectual property (post-graduate), patent law (post-graduate), WTO multilateral trade agreements (post-graduate).

Current Chair of the CGIAR Genetic Resources Policy Committee. Member of the WHO Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health, established by the World Health Assembly in February 2004, and director of the project on Intellectual Property and Development of the South Centre. . One of the six Members of the International Commission on Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR) established by the government of United Kingdom ([www.iprcommission.org](http://www.iprcommission.org)), which has culminated with a publication in 2002 of its milestone report on “Integrating Intellectual Property Rights and Development Policies”, which include several chapters dedicated to agriculture and many ethical considerations. Director of the UNDP/UNIDO Regional Program on Informatics and Microelectronics for Latin America and the Caribbean (1991-1995) Undersecretary of State for Informatics and Development of the Argentine national government (1984-1989). Coordinator of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Intellectual Property of the Argentine Government (1987-1989). Lawyer and private consultant, specialized in intellectual property, investment and negotiation of international transfer of technology agreements (1976-1984).

### **Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Senegal)**

Born in 1955 in Saint-Louis, Senegal. Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA. Ph.D (Doctorat d'Etat) from Sorbonne, Paris in 1988. Dr Diagne is a philosopher of logic, including mathematical logic, and has also taught philosophy at secondary level.

He was Special advisor to the President of Senegal for cultural and educational policy from 1993-1999, Preceptor of the Institute for Advanced Study and Research in the African Humanities April-June 1999.

Among others, Dr Diagne is Co-director of *Ethiopiennes*, a Senegalese Journal of Literature and Philosophy, Member of the editorial board of *Présence Africaine*, Member of CODESRIA, the Pan-African Council for the development of research in social sciences, Member of the African Scientific Committee on Higher Education and Member of the “Conseil du Futur” (UNESCO).

Dr Diagne is editor of and contributor to numerous books and author of a great number of articles on African, Islamic and Southern philosophy, science and culture, among other issues.

### **Asbjørn Eide (Norway)**

Member and Chair of the Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture 2000-2003, Asbjørn Eide is former Director and now Senior Fellow of the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights which is now attached to the University of Oslo. He is former Secretary-General of the International Peace Research Association. He is a member and former Chairman of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and has been the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on the Right to Food as a Human Right. He is the present Chairman of the UN Working Group on Minorities. He has published extensively on human rights issues and is Dr. juris of the Lund University.

### **Cecilia A. Florencio (Philippines)**

Nutrition scientist and educator. Ph.D. from Michigan State University, U.S.A. Holds the highest academic rank in the University of the Philippines where she also chairs the University Council’s Committee on Academic Integrity and Accountability. President of a human rights organization, Foodfirst Information and Action Network (FIAN), Philippines and a member of the World Health Organization’s Virtual Network of Experts to Assist in the Implementation of the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. A fellow of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences and member of the advisory board of several nutrition journals in Asia and United States. Former member of the Governing Board of the Philippine Nutrition Council and consultant in nutrition of international agencies and educational institutions, including the United Nations University. Areas of research work: development and evaluation of national/regional nutrition policies, plans and programmes; local people’s knowledge; nutrition education and training; ethics in academe; and human right to adequate food. Most recent publication is a book --- Nutrition in the Philippines: The Past for its Template, Red for its Color.

### **Tewolde Berhan Gebre Egziabher (Ethiopia)**

Tewolde is a well recognized charismatic African leader in matters related to ethics, agriculture and the environment. Tewolde was born in 1940, graduated in 1963 from the University of Addis Ababa and took a doctorate from the University of Wales in 1969. He was Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Addis Ababa from 1974-78. From 1978-83 he was keeper of the National Herbarium, from 1983-91 President of Asmara University and from 1991-94 Director of the Ethiopian Conservation Strategy Secretariat.

Since 1995 he has been Director General of the Environmental Protection Authority of Ethiopia. He has often represented his country and acted as spokesman for the whole of Africa in international negotiations dealing with major international instruments, such as the CBD, its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the FAO International Treaty on PGRFA. In 2000, he received the Right Livelihood Award ‘...for his exemplary work to safeguard biodiversity and the traditional rights of farmers and communities to their genetic resources.’