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**Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the HLPE**

**Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan**



M S Swaminathan is currently UNESCO Chair in Ecotechnology at the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India. He is also a Member of Parliament and a Member of the National Advisory Council to the Government of India. He has served as Secretary in the Minister of Agriculture in India, as Director General of the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council, as President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. He received the First World Food Prize in 1987 and is a Fellow of many leading scientific academies in the world. He has received sixty honorary doctorates from universities around the world.

## Vice-Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the HLPE

### Maryam Rahmanian



Maryam Rahmanian is a Research Associate at the Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment, an Iranian NGO, where she initiated and manages the programme on Participatory Plant Breeding. Her interests include agricultural biodiversity and food sovereignty. Working with small farmers and pastoralists as well as formally trained scientists and policy makers has given her a unique perspective on the crisis in global and national research systems, and the need to find ways to bridge the knowledge systems of different social actors.

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### Catherine Bertini



Catherine Bertini is Professor of Public Administration at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. She is also Co-Chair of the Global Agricultural Development Initiative and Chair of the Girls in Rural Economies project for the Chicago Council of Global Affairs. Previously, she was Senior Fellow, Agricultural Development at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She was Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme for ten years, UN Under Secretary General for Management, and Chair, UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition. She serves on two advisory boards to USAID and is a member of the jury of the Hilton Humanitarian Prize. She was decorated by the Republic of Italy with its Order of Merit and has received numerous honorary degrees from universities in four countries. She received the 2003 World Food Prize.

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### Alain de Janvry



Alain de Janvry is an economist working on international economic development, with expertise principally in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle-East, and the Indian subcontinent. Fields of work include poverty analysis, rural development, quantitative analysis of development policies, impact analysis of social programs, technological innovations in agriculture, and the management of common property resources. He has worked with many international development agencies, including FAO, IFAD, the World Bank, UNDP, ILO, the CGIAR, and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as foundations such as Ford, Rockefeller and Kellogg. His main objective in teaching, research, and work with development agencies is the promotion of human welfare, including understanding the determinants of poverty and analyzing successful approach to improve well-being and promote sustainability in resource use.

## **Tewolde Berhan Gebre Egziabher**



Tewolde Berhan Gebre is currently the Director General of the Environmental Protection Authority in Ethiopia. He has a PhD in quantitative plant ecology in the UK (1969). He developed the Ethiopian national conservation strategy and environmental policy. He served as Dean of Science in Addis Ababa University (1974-1978) and as President of Asmara University (1983-1991). Since 1991, he led African environmental negotiators in Agenda 21, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Convention to Combat Desertification, and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. He served as a member of the Interim Panel of Experts that established the Crop Diversity Trust. He wrote the main elements of Community Rights, which became the African Model Law in 1998. He has worked with farming communities in Ethiopia to help improve their food security and environment. He has received numerous awards (2000-2006) including the Right Livelihood Award, Honorary Doctor of Science from Addis Ababa University and Champion of the Earth Award from UNEP.

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## **Lawrence Haddad**



Lawrence Haddad is the Director of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, and the current President of the UK and Ireland's Development Studies Association. He is an economist, whose main research interests are at the intersection of poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition. He was formerly Research Director of the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington DC. His field research has been in the Philippines, India and South Africa. He has a PhD from Stanford University. Recent examples of his work include directing a project for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to measure the effectiveness of agricultural development programmes; working with the Office of the UK's Chief Scientist on the Future of Food and Farming, and working with Save the Children UK to review UK and EC efforts to tackle undernutrition.

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## **Martin Kumar**



Martin Kumar is a Fisheries and Aquaculture Expert and Adjunct Professor, at the Flinders University of South Australia. He was the Leader and Principal Scientist of the Integrated Biosystems Program, Primary Industries and Resources, Government of South Australia. He was also one of the pioneers in introducing the “Integrated Farming and Water Re-use” concept in Australia. He has over 30 years of experience in Fisheries and Aquaculture development in the Asia Pacific region as a researcher, teacher, manager, leader and consultant. He has taken part in completing over 30 major projects focusing on enhancing primary production and economic improvement, including projects supported by World Bank, FAO, AusAID and ACIAR and has over 120 scientific publications. In 2009, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), Government of Vietnam awarded him with the prestigious medal for outstanding contribution to aquaculture development towards food security and poverty reduction. Most recently (May 2010), he and his team received an intergovernmental award for outstanding project achievement presented by AusAID, Australian Government Agency and MARD, Government of Vietnam.

## Sheryl Lee Hendriks



Sheryl Lee Hendriks is a Researcher at the University of Pretoria, South Africa where she leads the University's research and postgraduate programme on food security. She has a PhD in Agricultural economics. She was Post Compact Support Coordinator for the African Union/New Partnership for Africa's Development's Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme's (CAADP), she led the Technical Review of the first 10 African country agriculture and food security investment plans and has played a key role in connecting and mobilizing African food security in the African agricultural transformation agenda. She led the drafting of the first continentally agreed on plan of action for food security (CAADP's Framework for African Food Security). Her research covering food security measurement, agricultural growth, sustainable livelihoods, household coping strategies and understanding vulnerability has led to 29 journal articles, 2 books and 15 chapters in various books.

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## Renato Maluf



Renato Maluf, since 2007 is the President of the National Council of Food and Nutrition Security (CONSEA) and also a member of the Brazilian Forum on Food and Nutrition Security and Sovereignty. He has a PhD in Economics from the State University of Campinas, Brazil (1988). His post-doctoral studies were in development issues as a visiting fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University (Oxford/UK, 1996-7), and at the Centre de Recherches sur le Brésil Contemporain, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris/France, 2000-1). He is Associate Professor of the Graduate Programme in Social Sciences on Agriculture, Development and Society (CPDA), at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ), teaching on Development Theories and coordinating the Reference Centre on Food and Nutrition Security.

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## Mona Mehrez Aly



Mona Mehrez Aly is the Director of Animal Health research Institute (AHRI). She has established seven accredited Satellite Veterinary Laboratories for diagnosis of poultry diseases in 7 governorates in Egypt. International Expert in Avian Influenza and in Animal Health Research, she is a member of various scientific associations, of the Supreme committee for combating Avian Influenza in Egypt, and of both the Education Committee of Veterinary Medicine College of Cairo University and of the Agriculture Committee of the Egyptian National Party. She was Head of the Tumor and Immuno-suppression Unit in AHRI, and undertook part of her PhD thesis at the Avian Disease & Oncology Lab., Michigan, USA. She has received numerous scientific and research awards from 2000 to 2009, including the National Merit for young Scientist, the Certificate of Appreciation, Gratitude and Honor of the First Lady of Egypt Suzanne Mubarak, awards by the National Academy of Scientific Research and Technology by the Magazine of Scientific Agriculture, by the Egyptian Association of poultry diseases and by the Arab Organization for Agriculture Development for Animal Health Research.

## Carlos Pérez del Castillo



Carlos Pérez del Castillo, independent international consultant, is the Chair of the Consortium Board of the CGIAR Centers and a Permanent Member of the prestigious Harvard University Trade Group. In 2005 he was appointed Chairman of the WTO Panel established for the USA-EU “Boeing-Airbus” dispute. He carried out the Independent External Evaluation of Governance of the Global Environmental Facility, and was a member of the core team for the Independent External Evaluation of FAO. From March 2004 until October 2005, he was the Special Advisor on International Trade Negotiations to the President of the Republic of Uruguay. He has served as the Chairman of the WTO General Council, as Vice-Minister and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay (1995-1998) and Permanent Secretary of the Latin American Economic System (1987-1991). He is a member of the Board of the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC). He has a substantial publication record on a wide range of international economic issues. In 1990 he was awarded “The Dr. Raul Prebisch Award in Economics” by the Association of Latin American and Caribbean Economists. He has also received the highest decorations from the Governments of Brazil, Chile, France and Venezuela. He also runs a small cattle farm.

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## Rudy Rabbinge



Rudy Rabbinge holds degrees in phytopathology, entomology, theoretical production ecology, and philosophy of science. He is currently University Professor for sustainable development and food security at the Wageningen University and Research Center. Linked to these topics, he is involved in numerous national and international managing and advisory boards of scientific, governmental, social and economic organizations. He served as Senator in the parliament for two full terms and now acts as special advisor of the Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. He led many missions and agricultural programs in developing countries and served as editor of several journals. He was Co-Chair of the InterAcademy Panel on Food Security and Agricultural Productivity in Africa. In 2007, he was appointed by the CGIAR as Science Council chair.

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## Huajun Tang



Huajun Tang, Professor, is the Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Beijing. Dr. Tang received his B.S. (1982) in agronomy from South-west Agricultural University, China, and M.S. (1987), Ph.D. (1993) with greatest distinction in Physical Land Resources from University of Ghent, Belgium. He was Director General of the Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, CAAS from 1996 to 2007. Over the last decades, he has served as a consultant to a number of governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations and companies. His research areas include land use and crop modelling, remote sensing and GIS applications. He has published more than 100 papers in international and Chinese scientific journals and has received a number of awards and honours including the corresponding member of Belgian Royal Academy of Overseas Science.

## Igor Tikhonovich



Igor Tikhonovich is the Director of the All-Russia Research Institute for Agricultural Microbiology. He is Professor of Department of Genetics and Breeding at St. Petersburg State University. Since 1997 he is Full Member of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences (RAAS). He led the North-West Region Scientific-Methodological Centre of RAAS (2001 - 2009). Expert of the Task Force on Biological Resource Centres at OECD from 2006. He was a Co-Organizer of the 3rd International Symposium "EU-Russia; prospects for cooperation in Biotechnology in the seventh framework programme (FP7)", 2006. He participated at the European Technology Platform "Plants for the Future" of EC FP7 WP. He was awarded by the Russian Federation with its Order of Friendship (2005). He was elected the Foreign Member of Polish Academy of Sciences and Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences. Member of editorial board of Russian Journal Of Microbiology.

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## Niracha Wongchinda



Niracha Wongchinda, Senior Expert in Fishery Products, is the Director of the Organic Aquaculture Farm and Product certification Center (OAPC), in the Department of Fisheries of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in Thailand. In that role she oversees the projects aimed at improving fish handling and processing to upgrade the quality of fishery products. She is also an expert on risk assessment of microbiological and chemical in fish and fishery products. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Fisheries at the Kasetsart University, Thailand and went on to obtain a MAppSc in Food Technology at the University of New South Wales, Australia. She has more than thirty years of experience in post-harvest technology in fisheries.