



**Food and Agriculture
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FAO Regional Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition in Asia-Pacific, to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 11-13 September 2017

The Advisory Panel

An FAO Task Force, composed of representatives from different departments, serves as the executing body of the regional meeting and is responsible for taking decisions regarding the development and delivery of the meeting.

A 15-member external Advisory Panel of internationally recognized experts and stakeholders has been established to provide advice and guidance to the Task Force.

Two members of the Panel, from the private sector and the civil society, were identified by the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with the FAO Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division. Three members of the Panel were identified by the host government and were nominated by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry (MOA), and the Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) to the Prime Minister of Malaysia. Three members of the Panel were on the Advisory Panel to the FAO 2016 International Symposium on *The Role of Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition* (<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/agribiotechs-symposium/advisory-panel/en/>) and are, in their personal capacity, members of the Advisory Panels for both regional meetings in 2017 (i.e. in Asia-Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa). The remaining seven members come from relevant organizations in the region and sit on the Panel in their personal capacities; in choosing them, FAO gave consideration to criteria such as geographic distribution, area of technical expertise (encompassing the agricultural sectors of crops, forestry, fisheries and livestock), and gender.

A meeting of the Advisory Panel was held on 8-9 June 2017 at the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Here, the members provided advice on the themes of the regional meeting, amongst other matters.

The 15 Members of the Advisory Panel

1. Individuals invited to be members in their personal capacity

Louise Fresco

President of the Executive Board of Wageningen University.

<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/newsarticle/Louise-O.-Fresco-new-President-of-Wageningen-UR.htm>

Shadrack Moephuli

President and chief executive officer of the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in South Africa.

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2011/wipo_ip_lsbiot_ge_11/bios/moephuli.html

Margaret Gill

Chair of the CGIAR Independent Science and Partnership Council.

<http://ispc.cgiar.org/people/maggie-gill>

Kazuo Nakashima

Program Director, Stable Agricultural Production Program, Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS).

<https://www.jircas.go.jp/en>

Rowena R. Eguia

Officer-in-charge, Manila Office, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC).

http://www.seafdec.org.ph/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/directory-of-AQD-officials_2Mar2016-web.pdf

Li Xin-Hai

Deputy Director General, Institute of Crop Sciences, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS).

<http://www.caas.cn/en/index.shtml>

Cang-Yeon Cho

Research Scientist at the National Institute of Animal Science (NIAS), Korea, and Chair at 16th Session of Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)

<http://www.nias.go.kr/english/indexList.do>

Logotonu Waqainabete

Curator, Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT), The Pacific Community (SPC).

https://wn.com/pacific_community_staff_profile_logotonu_waqainabete

Suchitra Changtragoon

Project Manager, Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), Thailand.

http://www.dnp.go.th/geneticsgroup/diver/contact_e.asp

Rajeev Varshney

Global Research Program Director of Genetic Gains, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

<http://www.icrisat.org/the-icp-hopes-to-create-a-roadmap-for-pulses-for-the-next-5-10-years/>

2. Individuals invited to be members from civil society and the private sector (identified by the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with the FAO Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division)

Usha Barwale Zehr

Chief Technology Officer, Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Limited (Mahyco).

<http://www.ict4dconference.org/speaker/2017-speakers-2/dr-usha-zehr/>

Kingkorn Narintarakul
Deputy Director, Biothai.
<http://www.biothai.org/>

3. Representatives of the host government (nominated by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI); Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry (MOA); and the Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, respectively)

Kodi Isparan Kandasamy
Senior Vice President (Agriculture Biotechnology), Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation.
<http://www.bioeconomycorporation.my/corporate-profile/management-team/dr-kodi-isparan-kandasamy/>

Umi Kalsom Abu Bakar
Deputy Director General, Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI).
<https://www.mardi.gov.my/index.php/edirectory/staff/13>

Ghizah Saleh
Head, Cluster of Agriculture and Food, National Council of Professors.
http://majlisprofesor.my/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1122:prof-dr-ghizan-saleh&catid=56&Itemid=1077&lang=ms