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International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
Special Event**

From Seeds to Innovative Solutions, Safeguarding our Future

Keynote speaker: DAVID COOPER

Mr David Cooper is the Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Prior to his appointment, he was Deputy Executive Secretary and had previously served in other roles with the CBD Secretariat. As Secretary of CBD COP 15, he was instrumental in facilitating the complex pathway that led to the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Before joining the CBD Secretariat, he worked at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, for the non-governmental organization Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN), the United Nations Association (UK) and the Agricultural Research Council of the United Kingdom.

Panelists:

LORNA E. HERRADURA

Ms Lorna E. Herradura, PhD, is the Chief of the National Crop Research Development and Production Support Center - Bureau of Plant Industry in the Philippines and currently the National Focal Point to the International Treaty. She oversees plans and programs and implementation of the Center's activities, coordinating and establishing linkages with other agencies and institutions. She has been serving the Philippine government as researcher and administrator for almost 35 years and acting as resource person on various technical issues and concerns on tropical fruits and plantation crops. She obtained her Doctorate in Bioscience Engineering from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.

ALWIN KOPSE

Mr Alwin Kopše is the head of the International Affairs & Food Systems of the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG). He was appointed Deputy Assistant Director-General of FOAG in October 2018. He is the current National Convenor for Switzerland under the UN Food Systems Summit follow up process. Alwin has been involved in Treaty negotiations from 1998 onwards.

He holds a MLaw of the University of Berne and an MSc in Public Policy and Management of the University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies). Before joining the FOAG in 2015, he held leadership positions in various organizations in civil society, research, the industry and in the public sector.

ÉLIANE UBALIJORO

Ms Éliane Ubalijoro, PhD, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF) and Director General of ICRAF. An accomplished leader with a background in agriculture and molecular genetics, she serves on several boards and has been recognized

for outstanding contributions to innovation, gender equity and sustainable prosperity creation. She is a member of Rwanda's National Science and Technology Council and Presidential Advisory Council, the Impact Advisory Board of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet, the Science for Africa Foundation and the Capitals Coalition Supervisory Board, among others. She is also a fellow of the International Science Council.

HERVÉ BAROIS

Mr Hervé Barois is a Senior Technical Advisor for UNDP BIOFIN for Africa and Asia Region since 2016. He is handling currently Madagascar, Tanzania, Gabon, Niger, Nepal and Kyrgyzstan. He is a senior consultant in environmental finance with more than 2 decades of professional experience in sustainable financing, policy and institutional analysis and project formulation. He is a co-author to a number of papers including the BIOFIN Workbook 2018 and the Nature of subsidies Guidelines. He has worked with major donors' agencies. He has a master's degree in agriculture economics.

LYDIA KEKELI AMENYAGLO

Ms Lydia Kekeli Amenyaglo, a German-Ghanaian, is the head of Communications for the Ghana Food Movement, an organization inspiring people to act towards a better food system in Ghana and West Africa. She designs and executes campaigns around Ghanaian youth, underutilized crops and encourages people to rediscover traditional ingredients and is passionate about innovation within Ghanaian cuisine.

She is also the founder of plentyplenty.africa, a regenerative cocoa farm she inherited from her family. Her mission is to reclaim cocoa for Ghana, by reimagining the cocoa fruit showing the endless possibilities the crop possesses.

SOPHIE HEALY THOW

Ms Sophie Healy Thow is the Global Youth Campaigns Coordinator for the GAIN (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition) and the co-founder of Act4Food, a global youth led campaign which aims to transform food systems. The campaign has been mentioned on Forbes magazine and is being implemented globally. She serves on the Board of the leading international charity ActionAid UK and the Emergency Nutrition Network and was the co-chair of the UN Food Systems Summit Youth Liaison group.

She is one of the 10 women leaders featured in the Disney book 'Choose to Matter' by ESPN presenter Julie Foudy which encourages young women to find the leader within and was recognised by TIME magazine as one of the most influential teens. More recently she was named by Food Tank as a Young Person Inspiring Change Across the Food System and spoke at the Nobel Peace Prize and the launch of the EAT Lancet 2.0 at Stockholm +50.

Moderator: DAN SALADINO

Mr Dan Saladino is a BBC journalist specialising in food and agriculture. His first book, *Eating to Extinction: The World's Rarest Foods and Why We Need to Save Them* has received numerous awards, including the Fortnum & Mason Food Book of the Year and the Wainwright Prize for Writing on Conservation. It has since been translated into 10 languages including Italian, Chinese and Spanish. During his 25-year BBC career he has been a news reporter, investigative documentary maker and, for more than 15 years, one of the presenters of Radio 4's The Food Programme which explores the economics, politics, science and culture of food.