Ad Hoc Technical Selection Committee

HLPE Steering Committee
Renewal in 2021
Recommendations to the CFS Bureau, for decision

21 May 2021
Ismahane Elouafi
FAO Chief Scientist, chairperson of the AHTSC
Congratulations to Shakuntala Thilsted
2021 World Food Prize winner!

Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is the first woman of Asian descent to win a $250,000 award dubbed the 'Nobel prize of food'

By Sarah Newey, Global Health Security Correspondent
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According to the **2009 CFS Reform document** (CFS:2009/2 Rev.2):

38. The HLPE [has] two main components:

i. **Steering Committee** composed of at least 10 and not exceeding 15 internationally recognized experts in a variety of food security and nutrition related fields.

ii. **Ad hoc project teams** constituting a larger subsidiary network of food security and nutrition experts acting on a project-specific basis, selected and managed by the HLPE Steering Committee to analyse/report on specific issues.
43. The CFS Bureau, in close cooperation with FAO management and drawing from applicable FAO legal texts, will solicit nominations for the HLPE Steering Committee.

i. The Steering Committee should reflect an assortment of technical disciplines, regional expertise and representation. Ideal candidates will have relevant experience working with cross-disciplinary expert processes.

ii. Members of the Steering Committee will participate in their individual capacities, and not as representatives of their respective governments, institutions or organizations.

iii. Members of the Steering Committee will serve for a 2-year period, renewable once.

44. The CFS Bureau will designate an ad hoc technical selection committee comprised of representatives from among the Rome-based food/agriculture agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD, CGIAR/Bioversity, a CSO/NGO representative) to choose the Steering Committee members. The ad hoc technical selection committee will submit its recommendations to the CFS Bureau for approval.

On 23 March 2012, the CFS Bureau and its Advisory Group also expressed the necessity for both continuity and change in the Steering Committee membership.

The CFS Bureau therefore indicated, on 25 January 2013, that the Ad Hoc Technical Selection Committee should work out a proposal under which between one-third and one-half of current (and previous) members are re-appointed.
# The Ad Hoc Technical Selection Committee on 12 April 2021

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The call for nominations and applications
16 December 2020 – 28 February 2021

CFS Chairperson’s letter of the 16 December 2020 in English, Spanish and French.

The HLPE Secretariat received applications from 51 individual candidates:
Assessment methodology

Individual criteria
A. Curricula, academic and professional experience
B. Capacity to work with groups of experts, particularly multidisciplinary
C. Higher profile criteria

Group criteria
I. 10 to 15 members
II. Continuity and change: $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ reappointed
III. Assortment of technical disciplines
IV. Assortment of regional expertise and representation
V. Gender
AHTSC’s recommendation to the CFS Bureau for the HLPE’s 6th Steering Committee

Olanike Adeyemo  
Nigeria

Barbara Burlingame  
New Zealand

Jennifer Clapp  
Canada

Ruben Echeverría  
Uruguay

Hilal Elver  
Turkey

Bernard Lehmann  
Switzerland

William Moseley  
United States of America

Nitya Rao  
India

Elisabetta Recine  
Brazil

José María Sumpsí Viñas  
Spain

Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann  
Japan

Stefan Tangermann  
Germany

Shakuntala Thilsted  
Trinidad and Tobago

Patrick Webb  
United States of America

Iain Wright  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
### Recommendation to the CFS Bureau

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Assortment of technical disciplines related to FSN
Assortment of regional expertise | Selection

- Global scale: 10
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 6
- Northern America: 4
- South-Saharan Africa: 12
- Europe: 6
- Northern Africa and the Middle East: 5
- Central and Southern Asia: 5
- Eastern and South-Eastern Asia: 8
- Oceania (excluding Australia/New Zealand): 2
- Australia/New Zealand: 3
Geographical distribution | Selection
Age pyramids | All candidates and selection

All candidates

- Male: 30
- Female: 21

Selection

- Male: 7
- Female: 8
Thank you for your kind attention!
ADEYEMO, Olanike, PhD

Nigeria, 50 y old | Female | Experience: 21 y
116 publications | Nominated by: NIGERIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (NAS)

Professor Olanike Adeyemo is the Pioneer Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships) at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan. Since assuming office in 2017, she has made concerted efforts to reposition as well as build human capacity at the University of Ibadan; she is reputed for excellent leadership skills, creative thinking, high level of integrity, and ability to identify and nurture great talents. Since April, 2020, Professor Adeyemo also heads the Oyo State COVID-19 Decontamination and Containment Committee arm of the Oyo State COVID-19 Taskforce.

As a researcher, she pioneered scholarship and leadership in “One Health”, an innovative transdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms to create novel conceptual, methodological, and translational innovation at the environment-livestock-wildlife-human interface. Her findings from studies on environmental pollution, food safety/anti-microbial resistance, and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases provides credible transdisciplinary research-backed evidence on the complex linkage between Environmental, Animal and Human Health with significant policy implication for Nigeria, the African Continent and indeed the rest of the world. She has attracted grants/awards towards research and professional development.

She makes contributions to national, regional and international development by offering services; for example, Professor Adeyemo was appointed an epidemiological and toxicological expert on the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on food additives, contaminants, natural toxins, and residues of Veterinary drugs (2011-2015, 2016-2021). She was invited to join the Expert Committee on Science Advise in Africa (2019) and the High-Level Panel on Building a Sustainable Ocean Economy (2019).
Barbara Burlingame is nutrition scientist with 35 years’ experience. Her qualifications include undergraduate degrees in Nutrition Science and Environmental Toxicology from UC Davis, and a PhD from Massey University. Currently she is co-chair of the Sustainable Diets Task Force of the IUNS, specialty chief editor of the peer-reviewed international journal Frontiers in Nutrition, member of the HLPE Steering Committee of CFS, and an independent consultant. Since 2016, she has been a professor at Massey University (currently as adjunct professor). For 16 years she worked in FAO’s Nutrition Division, first as Senior Officer, then as Chief, retiring in 2014. Throughout her career she served as scientific adviser/board member of many foundations, panels, journals and academies; and has authored hundreds of scientific papers, books, UN reports and policy documents in the areas human nutrition, food composition, biodiversity for food and nutrition, sustainable diets, traditional food systems of indigenous peoples.
Jennifer Clapp is a Canada Research Chair in Global Food Security and Sustainability and Professor in the School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability at the University of Waterloo, Canada. She has published widely on the global governance of problems that arise at the intersection of the global economy, food security and food systems, and the natural environment. Her recent research projects have examined the political economy of financial actors in the global food system, the politics of trade and food security, and corporate concentration in the global food system. Her most recent books include Food, 3rd Edition (Polity, 2020) Speculative Harvests: Financialization, Food, and Agriculture (Fernwood Press, 2018), Hunger in the Balance: The New Politics of International Food Aid (Cornell University Press, 2012), Paths to a Green World: The Political Economy of the Global Environment, 2nd Edition (MIT Press, 2011), and Corporate Power in Global Agrifood Governance (MIT Press, 2009). Professor Clapp is a member of the Steering Committee of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Her interdisciplinary research has been recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including: a Killam Research Fellowship from the Canada Council for the Arts; the Distinguished Scholar award of the Environmental Studies Section of the International Studies Association; the Innis-Gérin Medal for contributions to Social Sciences from the Royal Society of Canada; a Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Fellowship; and the Canadian Association for Food Studies Award for Excellence in Research.
Ruben Echeverría has 40 years of professional experience in agricultural innovation in the global south. His area of work has focused on agricultural technical and institutional change, food policies, capacity building of national agricultural and extension systems, monitoring and evaluation and management of agricultural research for development. He worked for twenty years in rural development. He is currently based at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI-CGIAR), in Washington DC and is actively working with FAO in Latin America and the Caribbean developing a technology and digital innovation regional agenda. He chairs the Global Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI) and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Catalan Institute of Agri-food Research & Technology (IRTA). He was board chair of a well-recognized Latin American rural development think tank (RIMISP) for more than a decade. He is an Emeritus Director General of the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT-CGIAR) where he worked for a decade. He was Executive Director of the Science Council of the CGIAR, based at FAO in Rome where he was involved in identifying global agricultural research for development priorities working with all centres of the CGIAR and their partners. He worked at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, D.C. where he was engaged in agriculture and rural development project preparation and strategy development with field experience in more than twenty countries in Latin America. He was head of extension at the Uruguayan land reform institute. He studied agronomy in Uruguay and agricultural economics in the US.
ELVER, Hilal, PhD

Turkey (& United States of America), 67 y old | Female | Experience: 25 y
26 publications
Nominated by: United Nations Human Rights Council, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Hilal Elver is a research professor at the University of California Santa Barbara since 2002, and the co-director of the Global Climate Change, Human Security, and Democracy Project, as well as a distinguished global fellow at the UCLA Law School, Resnick Food Law and Policy programme. Between 2014-2020, she was the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. Until 2014, she was a member of the Turkey’s official delegation at the UN Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC).

She has a law degree, a Ph.D. from the University of Ankara Faculty of Law, and a doctoral degree in Juridical Studies (SJD) from the UCLA School of Law.

She started her teaching career at the University of Ankara Faculty of Law. During this period, she was appointed by the Turkish government as the founding Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Environment, later became the General Director of Women’s Status.

In 1994, she was appointed to the UNEP Chair in Environmental Diplomacy at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in Malta. Since 1996 she has been teaching public international law, environmental law and human rights at various universities, mostly in the United States.

Throughout her career she has been working with various International Institution and NGOs, and has been globally active as scholar and public speaker.

Her academic publications have focused on global justice, human rights, women’s rights, right to food/water and food security, climate change, and environmental law.

As the Special Rapporteur, her priorities were climate change; women empowerment; nutrition and sustainable diet; food systems workers rights; famine, war and disasters. Her reports and professional activities can be found at <hilalelver.org>.
LEHMANN, Bernard, Full Professor ETH, Zürich
Switzerland, 66 y old | Male | Experience: 36 y | 80 publications | Re-candidate
Nominated by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Profile:
Dr. Bernard Lehmann, born in 1954.
1973-1978: Master of Science Agricultural Economics, ETH Zurich
1979-1983: Assistant & PhD in Agricultural Economics, ETH Zurich
1984-1991: Scientific Assistant in Agricultural Economics and Policy Design at Swiss Farmers Secretariat and Member of WTO Task Force of Swiss Government (Uruguay Round)
1991-2011: Full Professor in Agricultural Economics, ETH Zurich with focus on sustainability, international competitiveness, development economics with special orientation on food security and climate change.
Methods used and developed: quantitative methods, normative and empirical supply and demand analysis, market modelling, system dynamics. International research projects, related to food security, with PhD Students in South America, Asia and Africa. Broad collaborative networks within Europe. Peer Review Evaluations in Germany, France, Austria, as Member of Peer Group and Head of Peer Group. Policy advisor for Federal Offices (Agriculture, Environment, Finance, etc.). Teaching activities in Agricultural Economics, Policy Analysis, Environmental Economics and food security under changing conditions. Science management: Chairman of Research Program “Habitats and Landscapes of the Alps” of the Swiss National Research Foundation with more than 70 PhD theses from 1999-2007. Faculty Head of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Head of Institute of Agricultural Economics. Founding Member of the ETH World Food System Competence Center.
2011-2019: Director General of Federal Office for Agriculture and President of Agroscope (National Research Station in Agricultural, Environmental and Food Sciences. State Secretary for international agricultural affairs. Strong collaboration with FAO; Crop Trust. Strong emphasis on integration of SDG Agenda 2030 in the agricultural policy development in Switzerland. Co-Lead (with South Africa) of the UN Program “One Planet - Sustainable Food Systems”.
Since end 2019:
High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) at the Committee World Food Security (CFS), Vice-chairperson. (2019-2021)
Foundation Council Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, FIBL. (2019- )
Executive Board Global Crop Diversity Trust (2020-2023)
**MOSELEY, William, PhD**  
United States of America, 55 y old | Male | Experience: 33 y | **Re-candidate**  
108 publications | Nominated by: Macalester College (Macalester College)

| William G. Moseley is DeWitt Wallace Professor of Geography, and Director of the Food, Agriculture & Society Program, at Macalester College in Saint Paul, MN USA. His research interests include tropical agriculture, food security, and development policy. He is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and books chapters, as well as eight books, including: Africa’s Green Revolution: Critical Perspectives on New Agricultural Technologies and Systems (2016); Land Reform in South Africa: An Uneven Transformation (2015); and Hanging by a Thread: Cotton, Globalization and Poverty in Africa (2008). His fieldwork has been funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Fulbright-Hays program. He currently serves as President Elect of the Mande Studies Association and sits on the editorial boards for the African Studies Review, the African Geographical Review, the Geographical Review, the Canadian Journal of Development Studies, and the AAG Review of Books. He previously served as associate editor of Food Policy, editor of the African Geographical Review, co-chair of the 2016 African Studies Association annual meeting, a national councilor to the American Association of Geographers, and as chair of the political ecology specialty group. In 2013 he won the Media award, and in 2016 the Kwadwo Konadu-Agyemang Distinguished Africa Scholar Award, both from the American Association of Geographers. His essays for the popular press have appeared in outlets such as the New York Times, Washington Post and Aljazeera English. Outside of academia, he has worked for organizations such as the Save the Children Fund (UK), the World Bank, the International Livestock Research Institute, and the US Peace Corps. |
I am currently Professor, Gender and Development at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. I have worked extensively as a researcher, practitioner and advocate in the field of women’s rights, empowerment and education. My research interests include exploring the gendered changes in land and agrarian relations, migration and livelihoods, especially in contexts of climatic variability and economic precarity, with implications for gender justice and food security. I have published extensively on these themes in international peer-reviewed journals and books.

I have contributed extensively to the strengthening of research collaborations within UEA and globally through several interventions, including supporting gendered research within the four CARIAA consortia, working on issues of adaptation to climate change, the UNESCO Chair in Literacy for social transformation, and more recently, as the Director of the Norwich Institute for Sustainable Development which seeks to enable equitable, food secure and sustainable futures through transdisciplinary research and innovation.

I have participated in several expert group meetings and committees of the United Nations and served on the Global Advisory Committee of the United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGEI) for over a decade. At present, I am a member of the Steering Group of the High-Level Panel of Experts to the Commission on Global Food Security, with oversight for the 16th HLPE Report on youth engagement. I am also a member of the Strategic Advisory Group to the Global Challenges Research Fund, involved in shaping the direction of UK aid for research and innovation in the future.
RECINE, Elisabetta, PhD

Brazil (& Italy), 60 y old | Female | Experience: 30 y | 19 publications
Nominated by: Brazilian Alliance for Healthy and Adequate Food | Re-candidate (2017-2019)

Nutritionist, PhD in Public Health. Professor at the University of Brasília, Brazil, Department of Nutrition, Faculty of Health Sciences. Academic and governmental experience in food and nutrition policies, food and nutrition security and the right to food. Worked on the implementation of the Food and Nutrition National Police (Ministry of Health – 2000-2003). President of the Brazilian National Food and Nutrition Security Council (Consea) 2017-2018, adviser board of the Presidency of the Republic. The council was composed of representatives of civil society and government of the different areas. My professional life has been guided by the perspective of relating the different dimensions of the food systems and nutrition considering consumption, determinants of food behaviour, people's health, aiming at the progressive realization of right to adequate food. Currently I'm also the Coordinator of the Observatory for Food and Nutrition Security Policies of the University of Brasília. Member of the StC of the Brazilian Alliance for Healthy and Adequate Food a network of civil society organizations and academics for FNS policies advocacy. Member of the Advisory Committee - Brazilian Network for Research in Sovereignty and Food and Nutrition Security. Member of the Project Team – 12th HLPE Report Nutrition and Food Systems. Member of the HLPE StC 2017-2019.
SUMPSI VIÑAS, José María, PhD

Spain, 72 y old | Male | Experience: 50 y | 41 publications

Jose M. Sumpsi is agricultural economist (1970) and PhD on agricultural economics (1974) for Technical University of Madrid (UPM).
Since 1982 he is full professor at UPM teaching in agricultural, rural development and natural resources economics and policies. In 1983-86, he was President of Land Reform Institute in Andalucia (Spain). He has a long professional experience and academic career on agricultural economics and policies and performed many high-level advisory tasks and responsibilities in managing and policy making in relevant international institutions as the European Commission (Brussels 1995-1997), the Inter-American Development Bank (Washington 2003-2006) and the FAO as Assistant Director General (Rome 2007-2010).
Since 2016 up to 2019 he was Head of the Agricultural and Environmental Risk Management Research Centre of UPM.
He has published 12 books, 33 chapter of books and 70 papers in national and international economic journals. Among his scientific and policymaking contributions, it can be highlighted the following: The research on the rational of the economic behavior (farmer utility function) of large farmers in Spain (1995); the greening of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) which had an enormous influence in the later CAP reforms (1997); the analysis of farmer’s response to water pricing policies and its implications for water policy (2002); the role of access to land on rural poverty alleviation in developing countries (2007); the analysis of the causes of soaring food prices in 2008 and leading the FAO’s world program to face the global food crisis (ISFP) and the European Union Food Facility 2008-2010; and the understanding and coping with food markets volatility towards sustainable food systems (2015).
In October 2019 Dr. Sumpsi after a process of selection was designated member of the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts of the Committee on World Food Security for the period 2019-2021.
SUWA-EISENMANN, Akiko, PhD

Japan, 56 y old | Female | Experience: 29 y | 43 publications

Nominated by: Institut National de Recherche pour l'Agriculture, l'Alimentation et l'Environnement (INRAE)

Dr Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann is a Senior Scientist in INRAE, France, and Professor at the Paris School of Economics. A Japanese national, she holds a PhD in Economics of École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France, and has graduated from École Normale Supérieure and Sciences Po Paris. Dr Suwa-Eisenmann works on global food security, international trade and development. Her recent research projects examine the impact of perennial crops plantations on food security and the environment, with a focus on palm oil smallholders in Indonesia. She has also researched the impact of trade and food aid on rural households in developing countries, their production choice between staple crops or export crops and the role of sanitary and phytosanitary norms on developing countries’ market access to the North. Dr Suwa-Eisenmann has published widely across a range of journals. She has been director of LEA, an INRA research unit, Deputy Director of PJSE (a joint research unit of INRA with three Research and Higher Education Institutions) and Member of the Board and the Steering Committee of the Paris School of Economics. She has been the co-director of the International Trade and Development programme at CEPREMAP and Chair of the Scientific Interest Network on Trade policy. She has worked at the OECD Development Centre in charge of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. She has served as team leader for Trade Policy Diagnoses in many Sub-Saharan countries for the Enhanced Integrated Framework, an Initiative on Trade facilitation in the Least Developed Countries launched by six UN and multilateral institutions (ITC, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP, the World Bank and the WTO).
Stefan Tangermann was until end-2008 Director for Trade and Agriculture at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris. He is now professor emeritus at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Göttingen, Germany.

Before joining the OECD in 2002, Tangermann, holding degrees in agricultural economics and economics, was a professor of economics and agricultural economics at the universities of Frankfurt/Main and Göttingen, Göttingen. His academic work has focused, among other topics, on the analysis and modelling of markets for food and agricultural products, on price fluctuations on food markets as well as policies responding to them, on the need and options for reforming agricultural and food policies in developed and developing countries, and on strengthening the rules for international agricultural trade, with a particular emphasis on the WTO.

Tangermann is a Member of the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities and was President of the Academy from 2012 to 2016. For a long time he was a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture in Germany and also a member of the Science Council of Germany. He was awarded the Order of Merit, First Class, by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany. Tangermann is a Fellow of the European Association of Agricultural Economists and of the German Agricultural Economics Association. He has advised several governments and international organisations, including the FAO, and continues to do so.

Tangermann is a German national. He is married and has four children.
THILSTED, Shakuntala, PhD
Trinidad and Tobago (& Denmark), 71 y old | Female | Experience: 40 y
82 publications | Re-candidate | World Food Prize 2021

Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is Global Lead, Nutrition and Public Health, Aquatic Food Systems at WorldFish, stationed in Penang, Malaysia. WorldFish is a CGIAR research centre, working towards reducing poverty and hunger through capture fisheries and aquaculture. Her work focusses on nutrition-sensitive fish agri-food systems, in particular the potential of increased production and consumption of nutrient-rich small fish in combating and preventing vitamin and mineral deficiencies in low- and middle-income countries. She works with developing and testing fish-based products for women and children in the first 1,000 days of life. These products can improve dietary diversity and supply multiple, highly bioavailable nutrients which are essential for women’s nutrition and health, and optimal growth, development and cognition in children. She collaborates with many government agencies, international and national development partners, researchers, private sector companies and communities to find ways to include fish in investments, policies, programmes and interventions for healthy diets as well as a healthy planet. She plays a pivotal role in promoting the agenda of fish for nourishing nations as well as the importance of the fisheries sector in contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in many international, regional and national fora. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security. She is Vice Chair of the UN Food Systems Summit 2021: Action Track 4: Advance Equitable Livelihoods and a Champion.
Prof. Patrick Webb is a scholar-practitioner who has worked extensively on food security policy and practice, nutrition, agricultural development, as well as in humanitarian emergencies. Today, he is the Alexander McFarlane Professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University. He also serves as the Technical Adviser to the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition (or GLOPAN), Adviser to the Food Systems for the Future initiative, and serves as vice-chair of the European Commission’s High Level Expert Group mandated to assess the needs and design of an International Platform for Food Systems Science. Before joining Tufts, Patrick was Chief of Nutrition for the World Food Programme, and he was a member of the Science Council of the Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research (the CGIAR), and he has been a member of multiple expert groups supporting WHO, UNICEF and FAO. Earlier, he lived in Africa (Ethiopia, Niger and The Gambia) while working (9 years in total) for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

He currently manages several large-funded research projects, including Feed the Future’s Innovation Lab for Nutrition, and USAID’s Food Aid Quality Review, while also working as a team member for the Bill and Melinda Gates-funded Global Dietary Database activity.
I am currently the Deputy Director General - Integrated Sciences at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), one of the CGIAR Research Centres, based at our headquarters in Nairobi. I oversee about 280 staff covering many biophysical and social science disciplines, across Africa and Asia, working in three programs: Sustainable Livestock Systems, Policies Institutions and Markets, and Impact at Scale. Previously I was Program Leader, Animal Science for Sustainable Productivity and ILRI Director General’s representative in Ethiopia and from 2006 to 2011 I was ILRI’s regional representative for Asia. Prior to joining ILRI I managed a number of multi-disciplinary research programs at the Macaulay Institute in Scotland, including on Land Use and Agro-ecosystems. This involved leading and participating in research projects across the European Union and from 1997 in Asia. From 2003 to 2006 I was Chief Executive of Macaulay Research Consultancy Services Limited, a subsidiary company of the Macaulay Institute, offering consultancy services on land use and the environment. I have a long and broad experience of research in development in agriculture, environment and food systems across Europe, Africa and Asia, with considerable management experience across many disciplines, spanning biophysical and social sciences. I am passionate about ensuring that research ‘makes a difference’ to policy and practice and have been engaged in policy research and policy dialogue at national, continental and global levels. I have a BSc (Agriculture) and a PhD in Animal nutrition.
Thank you for your kind attention!