

# Closing data gaps and promoting evidence-informed decision-making for food security and nutrition

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## Open discussion, conclusions and way forward



**Bernard Lehmann**

*Moderator*

**Bernard Lehmann** was born in 1954 in a farmer's family in Switzerland. He was strongly involved in agricultural practices on the farm for the first twenty-five years of his life. From 1991 to 2011, he served as full professor at ETH Zurich, creating a bridge between his own fundamental research, applied research and highly valuable teaching. This privilege and challenge opened him fantastic collaborations in interdisciplinary and international research and teaching. The teaching activities included an innovative format: yearly workshops at FAO with a class of 25 master students in the field of food security at global and local level. Research projects with international research centres and universities were a highlight of this part of his professional life. He served for 8 years (2011–2019) as Director General of the Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG), which offered him a new experience in four domains:

- State Secretary for agriculture on behalf of the Swiss government in international agricultural affairs (e.g. FAO, SFS, OECD, UN-SDG, bilateral relations with other ministries);
- Executive level for Policy making on behalf of the Government;
- Head of the Board of Directors of Swiss Agricultural Research (Agroscope);
- Head of the "Food and Nutrition" sector of the Federal Office for Economic Supply (crisis management).

He was the main author of the new art 104a introducing food security into the Swiss Constitution, adopted by referendum in 2017 with 78% of the vote. He is married and the father of three.



**José María  
Sumpsi Viñas**

*Concluding remarks*

**José María Sumpsi Viñas** is an agricultural economist (1970). He holds a PhD on agricultural economics (1974) from the Polytechnical University of Madrid (UPM).

From 2016 to 2019, he was Head of the Agricultural and Environmental Risk Management Research Centre of UPM.

Since 1982, he has been 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 Andalucía (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).

He has published 12 books, 33 book chapters and 70 papers in national and international economic journals.

In October 2019, Dr Sumpsi was appointed at the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS-HLPE).