

# UNFSS+4 Side Event

**Tailoring Science, Technology, and Innovation to Local Contexts while Advancing Global Agendas: Lessons from Multi-Country, Cross-Sectoral Approaches to Agri-Food Systems Transformation**

## Confirmed speakers, panelists and moderator

### Speakers



**Mr. Osamu Kubota**

Deputy Assistant Minister, Export and International Affairs Bureau, MAFF



**Professor Nigussie Dechassa**

Director General, EIAR



**Dr. Jacqueline Hughes**

Secretary General, World Agriculture Forum; Advisory Board Member, the International Scientific Advisory Board for Strategy "MIDORI"

### Panelists



**Dr. Kaori Ono**

Executive Officer in charge of Sustainability, Ajinomoto



**Dr. Tadele Mamo**

Director, Agricultural Economics Directorate, EIAR



**Mr. Junichi Hanai**

CPO, Green Inc



**Dr. Yasuro Funaki**

Director of Social Sciences Division, Project Leader of Green Asia, JIRCAS



**Dr. Nguyen Thi Thanh Thuy**

Head of the International Cooperation Division, Vietnam Gardening Association



**Ms. Gaia Stopponi**

UN Fellow - Environment and Climate Change, FAO Ethiopia, on behalf of Ms. Serena Fortuna, Team Leader and Senior Forestry Officer, Halting Deforestation, Degradation, and Emissions Team, FAO Forestry Division



**Dr. Miyuki Iiyama**

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Assistant Commissioner for Forestry and Project Coordinator Uganda, MWE



**Ms. Serena Fortuna**

### Moderator

**Date** **July 27** **SUN.** **2025** **14:00-15:15(EAT)**

**Venue**

Conference Room 4,  
UN Economic Commission for Africa  
in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### Lead organizer/-s

- Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)
- Ethiopia Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)

### Co-organizer/-s

- Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
- World Agriculture Forum
- FAO Forestry Division, Halting Deforestation, Degradation, Emissions Team
- Ajinomoto Co., Inc.
- Green Inc.
- The Vietnam Gardening Association (VGA)
- Uganda's Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE)

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