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## High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)

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### Project Team for the report on

# Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition

At its 41<sup>st</sup> session in October 2014, the CFS has requested the HLPE to prepare a study on Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition, to feed into CFS debates at the CFS Plenary session of October 2017.

Given the results of the open call for candidatures, and following the first meeting of the Project Team, in order to ensure appropriate coverage of key aspects of the report, as per the HLPE Rules and Procedures, the Steering Committee of the HLPE is pleased to announce that it has completed the composition of the Project Team for this study (short bios in following pages).

**Terence Sunderland** (Team Leader, United Kingdom)

**Fernande Abanda** (Cameroon)

**Ronnie de Camino Velozo** (Chile)

**Patrick Matakala** (Zambia)

**Peter May** (Brazil)

**Anatoly Petrov** (Russia)

**Bronwen Powell** (Canada)

**Bhaskar Vira** (India)

**Camilla Widmark** (Sweden)

#### Next steps

Based on the proposed scope of the study, and taking into account the e-consultation results, the HLPE is now working towards an advanced draft (V0) of the report to be submitted to an open electronic consultation. The HLPE will then further elaborate the report, submit the draft to scientific external peer review, prior to its finalization and ultimate approval by the HLPE Steering Committee. The final report is expected to be presented in 2017.

*On behalf of the Steering Committee of the HLPE, the HLPE Secretariat*

## Terence Sunderland (Project Team Leader)



**Terry Sunderland** is currently a Principal Scientist at the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), based in Bogor, Indonesia. He coordinates CIFOR's work on integrated landscape management and forests and food security. Terry co-edited a special issue of the International Forestry Review on "Biodiversity and Food Security" in 2011 and recently made a significant contribution to the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) Global Forestry Panel of Experts report: "Forests, trees and landscapes for food security and nutrition". Prior to joining CIFOR in early 2006, Terry was based in West Africa for over fifteen years and worked on numerous conservation and livelihood-focused projects. Having both a field practitioner and academic background gives him a wide perspective on conservation, livelihoods and related issues. Terry has a Master's degree in Forestry from the University of Oxford and a PhD from the University of London. He has published more than 170 research papers, book chapters and edited books.

## Fernande Abanda



**Fernande Abanda** is jurist, researcher in social sciences, specialised in social forestry. She worked as research fellow at the department of economics and environmental studies at the Ministry of scientific research in Cameroon. She participated and coordinated studies in relation to the sustainable management of non-timber forest products, gender, aboriginal's rights to the forest, and on the territorialisation of public action in forest area, in Cameroon and Canada. She holds a master's degree in environmental international law of the University of Limoges-Frances (2010) and a diploma of advanced studies in public law of the University of Yaoundé-Cameroun (2011). She is currently completing a multidisciplinary PhD in applied social sciences at the University of Québec in Outaouais – Canada, where she also works as research and teaching assistant in the department of social sciences. She has published many articles and studies in international journals, with interventions in organisations such as the German cooperation of development in Cameroon (Profsfe.GIZ) and forêt modèle du Lac Saint Jean (FMLSJ) in Quebec.

## Ronnie de Camino Velozo



**Ronnie de Camino Velozo** is a Forest Engineer of U. de Chile, with a degree in Agricultural Economics from the Institute of Economics of U. de Chile, a PhD in Forest Economics and management (National University of Freiburg) and a PostDoc in Forest Management (University of Göttingen). He is the Director of the Latin-American Chair of Forests Landscapes Management in CATIE (Agronomic Tropical Centre for Research and Higher Education) and President of the Board of the Ibero-American Model Forests Network; he is also the Director of the Institute of Forest Economics and Management, and Director of the Forestry Faculty of the Universidad Austral de Chile where he is also Professor. Former founding member of the first CIFOR Board of Trustees (1966 until today) and former Member of the Steering Committee of the National Forest Program Facility, he is now Chair of the IUFRO Working Party 9.05.08 and a member of the Advisory Committee of the IUFRO World Congress.

## Patrick Matakala



**Patrick Matakala** obtained his Ph.D. in Forestry from the University of British Columbia in 1995 and his HB.Sc. and Master's degrees in Forest Management and Economics from Lakehead University in 1989 and 1991, respectively. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Forest Resources Management with the University of British Columbia and CEO for the Centre for Environmental Research, Education and Development in Zambia. He served as Country Director for the WWF in Zambia from 2009-2013; Regional Representative and Principal Scientist for the World Agroforestry Centre in Southern Africa (2002-2007); Community Forestry Expert for the FAO in Mozambique (1997-2001). He has over 30 years of experience in the natural resource sector, having worked with CGIAR, WB, FAO, UNDP, UNEP and several African Governments. His main areas of work and research interests include: sustainable management of indigenous and plantation forests; forestry and food security nexus; forestry and community development nexus; Climate Smart Agriculture (mainly agroforestry, conservation agriculture and crop-livestock integration); environmental policy analysis and formulation; and climate change adaptation/mitigation especially at community and household levels.

## Peter May



**Peter H. May** received his PhD in Resource Economics from Cornell University. Associate Professor of the Department of Development, Agriculture and Society of the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil since 1991, he is author and editor of a number of books and articles in the areas of ecological economics, agroforestry, non-timber forest products, payment for ecosystem services and environmental policy, including "The Subsidy from Nature", "Pricing the Planet", "Natural Resource Valuation and Policy in Brazil" and "Economia do Meio Ambiente: Teoria e Prática". Peter is Past President of the International Society for Ecological Economics-ISEE and founder of the Brazilian Society for Ecological Economics-ECOECO. He previously served as program officer at the Ford Foundation's Brazil office and as Forestry Officer (Non-wood forest products) at the FAO in Rome. He currently also serves on the Advisory Board of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), and the expert group on diverse values of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES).

## Anatoly Petrov



**Anatoly Petrov** has a degree of Engineer-Economist in Forestry and a PhD in Economics, obtained at the Leningrad Forest Academy and a scholarship at the Agricultural University of Norway. Since 1977 he has been Rector of the All-Russian Institute of Continuous Education in Forestry, while from 1977-1989 he held the position of Deputy Rector on research at the Leningrad Forest Academy. Currently he is also Member of Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry. During his career, he has been member of IUFRO Executive Board, member of European Forest Institute (EFI) Executive Board and he has been honoured with the titles of Honoured Doctor of Slovak Technical University, Zvolen (Slovakia), Honoured Science Worker of the Russian Federation. He has conducted several World Bank projects in the forest sector, in particular to devise the Strategy of Forest Education in Georgia. Since 2008 he has also been involved in the FAO Technical Cooperation Program Facility Project.

## Bronwen Powell



**Bronwen Powell** is a post-doctoral researcher with the Center for International Forestry Research, currently based in Morocco. She holds a PhD in Human Nutrition from McGill University in Canada and an MSc in Ethnobiology from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Kent, Canterbury, England. She has worked on projects in association with the World Vegetable Center, Bioversity International and other CGIAR centers, primarily in Africa. Her research focuses on how wild and cultivated biodiversity contribute to diet and nutrition.

## Bhaskar Vira



**Bhaskar Vira** is the Founding Director of the University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute. He is trained as an economist, and is Reader in Political Economy at the Department of Geography at the University of Cambridge. Bhaskar's research focuses on the political economy of land-use and landscape level strategies, water use and management, forest management, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services and human well-being. His work on incentives for natural resource use and management deals with trade-offs and discourses relating to the concept of ecosystem services, and how this overlaps with poverty and human well-being. His research examines the political economy of human-environment interactions, the ways in which societies value nature, and the political and economic context within which communities, businesses and policy makers make choices about alternative land and resource use strategies.

## Camilla Widmark



Camilla Widmark, PhD in Economics, is working as a senior researcher at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Forestry Faculty. Her specialities are forest policy, especially governance, land use conflicts and policy implementation, as well as forest economics. Camilla is currently participating and coordinating research on attitudes toward nature conservation in Swedish forestry. She has also been coordinating and participating in land use conflict research in Sweden over the past 15 years, examining land use conflicts between the indigenous group (Sami) reindeer herding, and forestry in Northern Sweden. Her research interests are forest policy evaluation, and transformation into bio-economy as well as forest economics. She is also currently involved in the Future Forests program which is an interdisciplinary research program involving research related to forest use. She has a masters degree from Umeå University in political Science (2000), a PhD in Economics, specialized in natural resource economics (2009), and has worked as an assistant professor in forest policy (until 2015). Currently she is senior

researcher in Forest policy and also working in EFINORD (European Forest Institute, Northern European Regional Office). She is also acting as supervisor for PhD students, and master students, as well as teaching in Forest policy in master level.

## The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the High Level Panel of Experts for Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)

The **Committee on World Food Security (CFS)** is the central international and intergovernmental platform for food security and nutrition, where policies can be designed, interventions can be coordinated, options can be shared and decisions at different levels can be prepared.

The new **CFS** is inclusive. In addition to member countries, the Committee includes a wider range of organizations working on food security and nutrition, from UN agencies like the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP), the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis and other UN bodies. It also includes civil society and non-governmental organizations, particularly organizations representing smallholder family farmers, fisherfolk, herders, landless, urban poor, agricultural and food workers, women, youth, consumers and indigenous people.

The **High Level Panel of Experts for Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)** was created in October 2009 as an essential element of the reform of **CFS**, and as the science-policy interface of the **CFS**, with HLPE reports, analysis and advice serving as a comprehensive, shared, multi-faceted evidence-based starting point for policy debates at **CFS**.

The **HLPE** aims to help **CFS** to better understand the diversity of issues and rationales when dealing with food and nutrition insecurity. It thrives to clarify contradictory information and knowledge, elicit the backgrounds and rationales of controversies, and identify emerging issues. The **HLPE** organizes a scientific dialogue, built upon the diversity of disciplines, backgrounds, knowledge systems, diversity of its Steering Committee and Project Teams, and open e-consultations.

The **HLPE** is not mandated to conduct new research. The **HLPE** draws its studies based on existing research and knowledge already conducted by various expertise-providing institutions (universities, research institutes, international organizations etc), and adding value by global, multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary analysis.

**HLPE** recommendations and studies combine scientific knowledge with experiences from the ground, in a same rigorous process. The **HLPE** translates the richness and variety of forms of expert knowledge from many actors (knowledge of local implementation, knowledge based on global research and knowledge of "best practice") that draw on both local and global sources, into policy-related forms of knowledge.

### Key functions of the HLPE, as stated in the CFS reform document (2009)

As directed by the CFS Plenary and Bureau, the HLPE will:

1. Assess and analyze the current state of food security and nutrition and its underlying causes.
2. Provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice on specific policy-relevant issues, utilizing existing high quality research, data and technical studies.
3. Identify emerging issues, and help members prioritize future actions and attentions on key focal areas.

The **HLPE** is directly linked to the foremost international policy platform for food security and nutrition, the **CFS**. This ensures the legitimacy and relevance of the studies undertaken, and their insertion in a concrete political agenda at international level.

The **HLPE** produces its recommendations and advice independently from governmental positions, in order to enrich discussions and debates at **CFS**. The internal process is crafted to guarantee the scientific inclusiveness and the independence of the **HLPE**.

The **HLPE** has a two-tier structure:

- A **Steering Committee** composed of 15 internationally recognized experts in a variety of food security and nutrition related fields.
- **Project Teams** acting on a project specific basis, selected and managed by the StC to analyze/report on specific issues.

More information about the **HLPE** can be found on its website: [www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe](http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe)