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

Project Team for the report on

**Multistakeholder Partnerships to Finance and
Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the
Framework of the 2030 Agenda**

During its 43rd Plenary Session (17-21 October 2016), the CFS requested the HLPE to produce a report on “Multistakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda” to be presented at CFS45 Plenary session in October 2018.

Based on the call for experts and 78 candidatures received, the Steering Committee of the HLPE has constituted the following Project Team (short bios on the following pages) to work under its guidance and oversight on the preparation of the report:

Moraka Makhura (Team Leader, South Africa)

Matheus Alves Zanella (Brazil)

Eltighani Elamin (Sudan)

Madhura Swaminathan (India)

Anke Weisheit (Germany)

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 CFS45 Plenary Session in October 2018.

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

Moraka Makhura (Project Team Leader)



Moraka Makhura is the Director of Makhureng One Company, working with farmers on the field, and Senior Lecturer at the University of Pretoria. He worked at Land Bank of South Africa, the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), and Limpopo Department of Agriculture. He has PhD in Agricultural Economics from University Pretoria (with IFPRI). He also studied at Penn State University, at the University of South Africa as well as at the University of Limpopo and University of Johannesburg. Dr Makhura served as the President of Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA) and in other boards and Committees including the South African Food Security Working Group that prepared South Africa position for the World Food Summit in 1996 – Dr Makhura was one of the three Drafting Team members of the initial South African Food Security Policy Discussion Document. He has collaborated extensively and has wide networks across the African continent and globally. Dr Makhura's major strength is in research, policy and strategy interface. His prominent areas of research have been in commercialization;

agricultural finance; land and rural development, food security, gender, new institutional economics and macro-economic analysis. Dr Makhura was nominated by Modernizing African Food Systems (MAFS) as a role model in African Agricultural and Food Systems.

Matheus Alves Zanella



Matheus Alves Zanella is a Research Associate at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Germany, former visiting Researcher at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) World Centre for Sustainable Development (RIO+) in Brazil and a PhD candidate at the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) at the University of Bern, Switzerland. He holds a MSc in Rural Development from Humboldt University of Berlin, Ghent University in Belgium and AgroCampus Ouest in France and a BSc in International Relations from the University of Brasília. His 10-years working experience include positions at the FAO office in Brasilia, the Brazilian Ministries of Rural Development and of Agriculture, and in farmers' organizations in his home country, dealing with topics related to agricultural and environmental policies and their interaction with food security and sustainable management of natural resources. He also has a certificate from Harvard University on Science and Cooking and, in parallel to his research, he works occasionally as chef in restaurants in Berlin and Brazil, where he

experiments, in practice, how to more sustainably connect food and society.

Eltighani Elamin



Eltighani Elamin is an affiliated policy professor at the Agricultural Economics and Policy Research Centre (AEPRC). He graduated from Washington State University with PhD Agricultural economics in 1987. He co-authored over 30 publications in food security and nutrition, poverty/livelihood and trade. He has a long-term experience in applied research and as field practitioner in areas of policy and capacity development, performance and impact evaluation, food security/food aid, livelihood and rural development in Africa, Central Asia, and Middle-East and North Africa (MENA) region. His competences include modelling Low Carbon Development, statistics, econometrics and mathematical programming. Dr Elamin administered a wide number of Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) and household surveys for purpose of monitoring, project formulation, progressive and final evaluations, using pre and ex-post randomized/ quasi experimental impact evaluation methods, including panel/control group components.

Madhura Swaminathan



Madhura Swaminathan is Professor and Head of the Economic Analysis Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, and Chairperson of the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation. She was educated at the University of Delhi and University of Oxford. She is a development economist with interest in issues of food security, rural development, gender, labour, poverty and inequality. She has authored 8 books including one on food policy in India (*Weakening Welfare*) and her forthcoming book is titled *How do Small Farmers Fare? Evidence from Village Studies in India*. She has served on official committees including the Government of India's High Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy. She was a member of the United Nations Committee on Development Policy (2013-2015) and of the Board of Governors the International Potato Centre in Lima (2001-2008).

Anke Weisheit



Anke Weisheit is an Agricultural Engineer, MSc with more than 16 years of experience in tropical agriculture, value chain development and agri-business in Eastern and Southern Africa. Currently, she is the Director of Research and Innovations at Excel Hort Consult Limited Uganda, Deputy Task Force Leader for the establishment of the Pharm-Biotechnology and Traditional Medicine Centre at Mbarara University of Science and Technology, and Chairperson Programmes and Research Committee of THETA Uganda. In addition, she is an External Expert to the European Commission Horizon2020 and a Co-founder and Treasurer on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Incubation Alliance of Uganda. She has researched and consulted for the United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, World Health Organization, World Agroforestry Centre, and German Agency for International Cooperation among others.

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