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

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Speaker Biographies – Panel 1: Promoting data collection and analysis for better food security and nutrition

Koen Deconinck is an Economist/Policy Analyst at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, and lead author of the OECD reports "Making Better Policies for Food Systems" (2021) and "Concentration in Seed Markets" (2018). Before joining the OECD, he was a management consultant with Bain & Company. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Leuven in Belgium (under the supervision of Johan Swinnen) and has published research in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, the European Review of Agricultural Economics, Food Policy, Business History, and the Annual Review of Resource Economics, among others. He is also the co-author (with Johan Swinnen, Thijs Vandemoortele and Anneleen Vandeplas) of Quality Standards, Value Chains, and International Development: Economic and Political Theory (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

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Brian King leads the Platform for Big Data in Agriculture, a global program of the CGIAR consortium centered on digital transformation of food systems worldwide. He has led programs leveraging successive waves of transformational digital technologies including establishing early internet networks and policies, building sustainable rural internet, licensing of mobile operators, governance of submarine cables and cross-border backbone networks, developing digital strategies for an array of clients, and building more inclusive mobile financial services, most of this in developing economies.
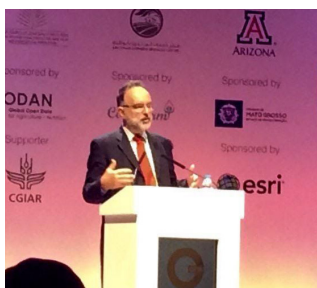
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Hazel Malapit is a senior research coordinator at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). She coordinates research, training, and technical assistance on the implementation of the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI), including refinement and adaptations of the tools for project-level use, and for capturing empowerment across the value chain. She manages and coordinates the integration of gender, equity, and empowerment into the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH), and conducts research on gender, women's empowerment, agriculture, health, and nutrition issues. She is co-Principal Investigator for the Gender, Agriculture & Assets Program (GAAP) (Phase 2), and leads the Methods Module for the CGIAR GENDER Platform. Before joining IFPRI, she held the Herman Postdoctoral Fellowship in Gender and Economics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2009-2010, and conducted research on gender, labor market and data issues at the World Bank's Gender and Development unit (PRMGE). She received her MA in Economics from the University of the Philippines, and her PhD in Economics from American University.

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André Laperrière

André Laperrière joined the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) initiative as its first Executive Director, in September 2015. During his career, Mr. Laperrière has led/managed numerous projects on behalf of large Private Corporations and subsequently, within the United Nations and the World Bank. In this context he played a senior role in the design and the implementation of major reforms within a number of agencies such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF. He has extensive work experience in the Americas, Caribbean, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, in particular in developing countries and in conflict/post conflict environments.

Before joining GODAN, Mr. Laperrière was Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Washington DC. Among other positions, he has also been the first Executive Director of the Trust Fund for Victims at the International Criminal Court (ICC), Director of the Administration and Finance Division in the World Health Organization (WHO), and Coordinator for reconstruction and rehabilitation activities under the responsibility of UNICEF in Iraq.

Prior to his career in the UN, Mr. Laperrière was Director in the International Services of Price Waterhouse. In this position, he led multiple large scale business evaluations, privatizations, mergers and structural reform projects in Europe, Africa, the Americas and Caribbean. Mr. Laperrière was born in Canada, where he completed postgraduate studies in Administration and in Industrial Relations. Mr. Laperrière is an expert in international development.

Marie-Agnès Jouanjean

Marie-Agnès Jouanjean is an Economist with the Agriculture and Food Global Practice at the World Bank where she explores how digital technologies can support the transformation of agrofood systems. She is looking at the new roles for governments in the digital age and how to foster cooperation with and between public and private stakeholders around the development of a thriving digital innovation ecosystem, and to maximize efficiency, equity and environmental sustainability outcomes. Prior to joining the World Bank, Marie-Agnès worked at the OECD where she developed policy-oriented analysis on various dimensions of digital technologies in agriculture and trade as well as on Global Value Chains (GVCs). She also worked for a Think Tank (Overseas Development Institute (ODI)) and a range of International Organisations on barriers to trade (infrastructure, services, NTMs), regional integration, economics of resilience and climate change adaptation. Marie-Agnès holds a PhD in International Economics from Sciences Po Paris, that she did in collaboration with the research centre, LICOS, in KULeuven. She is also an Agronomist (IRC-CNEARC Institut des régions chaudes/Montpellier SupAgro and ENSAIA National School of Agronomics and Food Industry).