





Bios in order of intervention

<p>Mr. Raimund Jehle, Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Hungary.</p> <p>Parallel to his current position of Regional Programme Leader, he has served since 2016 as the FAO Representative in Albania, Armenia, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova.</p>	<p>Raimund Jehle, a national of Germany, has a PhD in agricultural economics.</p> <p>Prior to joining FAO, Raimund Jehle was a farmer, held several positions in academia and worked as a consultant for the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs in Brussels. Since joining FAO in 1999, he has served in various positions at FAO headquarters in Rome and, as of 2007, in the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in Hungary.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment as Regional Programme Leader, Jehle held the positions of Deputy Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia and Regional Initiative Coordinator.</p>	
<p>Dr. Kalyan Chakravarthy Guntuboyina is the Manager of International Relations in Asia (except for China) at Wageningen University & Research in The Netherlands.</p>	<p>Dr. Kalyan Chakravarthy Guntuboyina’s main area of expertise is in “business model innovations” and “public-private-partnership” (PPP) framework development for sustainable agribusiness projects. Kalyan is presently the Account Manager for Asia at Wageningen University and Research (WUR) and prior to that he was a Senior Researcher at Wageningen Environmental Research (also part of WUR) wherein he was overseeing the Agropark and Metropolitan Food Cluster development projects of Wageningen UR as project leader.</p> <p>Before joining WUR, Kalyan worked with some leading organizations such as BASF, Rabobank International, YES Bank and IFFCO in senior management and leadership positions.</p>	

<p>Dr. Vanya Simeonova - van der Grift, is the Manager of international relations in Central & Eastern Europe She is also the Senior advisor of European research and innovation programmes and funding at Wageningen University & Research in The Netherlands.</p>	<p>Dr.Vanya Simeonova has 25 years' experience in knowledge development in the field of sustainable regional development, agriculture and environment, from which 18 years at Wageningen University and Research. She is currently managing the WUR's corporate account for international cooperation in research & innovations in Central & Eastern Europe and is advising in EU Research & Innovation Programmes.</p> <p>She holds MSc degrees in Agriculture & Soil Sciences and in Urban Environmental Management. Her PhD research contributed to collaborative governance models for sustainable land use planning and greening economic sectors in Europe and East Europe.</p> <p>She coordinated a number of European projects funded by the European Commission and contributes to several research and education initiatives in cooperation in Eastern European countries in the field of sustainable regional development, bioeconomy, circular agriculture, sustainable food systems, among others in Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine.</p>	
<p>Dr. Michael Baum is the acting Deputy Director General of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Lebanon.</p>	<p>He provides scientific and management leadership in planning, implementing, and monitoring of a cohesive research for development agenda aligned with the ICARDA's and CGIAR's strategic direction and results framework.</p> <p>Previously, Dr. Baum was director of ICARDA's Biodiversity and Crop Improvement Programme. Since joining ICARDA in 1992 as a biotechnologist, he has overseen ICARDA's biodiversity and crop management work in a number of countries across the Middle East and North Africa.</p> <p>Dr. Baum has been instrumental in establishing ICARDA's partnerships with global research institutes, including the Centre for Biotechnology in Tunisia; Hannover and Frankfurt University in Germany; Cornell</p>	

	<p>University in the United States; the Australian Center for Plant Functional Genomics; and other CGIAR centers.</p> <p>He was also guest professor at Ghuangzhou University, China, between 2009 and 2012, and received the 'Frosty Hill Fellowship' from Cornell University in 2000.</p>	
<p>Dr. Stephen Onakuse is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Food Business & Development at Cork University Business School in Ireland. He is also the President of the European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development – (Agrinatura), which he is representing today.</p>	<p>Dr Stephen is the UCC PI on a European Union DeSIRA funded project on Climate Smart Agriculture Research and Innovation Support for Dairy Value Chains in Eritrea. Dr Onakuse is an Agriculturist focused on community food systems transformation, with emphasis on value chain and food systems innovation analysis.</p>	
<p>Prof. Dr. Bülent Gülçubuk is a Professor of Agricultural Economics at Ankara University in Turkey</p>	<p>Dr. Bülent GÜLÇUBUK joined the academic life in 1990. GÜLÇUBUK is Prof. Dr. in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Ankara University, Faculty of Agriculture, Turkey. GÜLÇUBUK holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics. He earned his M.Sc. in Rural Sociology and Ph.D. in Rural Development from the Ankara University. Dr. GÜLÇUBUK has extensive scholarly researches that have been presented at national as well as international forums. He has written numerous research books and papers. He is member of International Association of Agricultural Economics, European Sociology Association and Rural Sociological Society. He was member of the United Nations Global Environment Forum Turkey Executive Committee between 2002-2009. He is director of Development Studies Center-Ankara University. He took part in many projects of FAO as a leader, researcher or consultant. His research areas include rural and agricultural development,</p>	

	<p>agricultural policy, rural sociology, entrepreneurship, rural economy, rural industry, rural woman.</p>	
<p>Sophie Treinen is a Communication for Development, Knowledge Sharing, Information and Communication Technologies Officer Working in the FAO Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division Moderator</p>	<p>Sophie Treinen joined the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 2000. From 2017 to 2021, she worked for the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in Hungary as the Digital Agriculture Team Leader. She led the Knowledge Outreach Team in FAO headquarters in Rome from 2008 to 2016. She advocates for gender sensitive and participatory methods using knowledge sharing methods and tools. Facilitation, experience capitalization, adopting and scaling up good practices are at the core of her work. Before FAO, she worked for the private sector, international Non-Governmental-Organizations and the European Union.</p>	