

PSM Partnerships Forum on Nutrition

Speaker Biographies



H.E. Grace Akello is currently the Ambassador of Uganda to UN Rome-Based Agencies. An Atesot, she was born near Soroti and studied Social Work and Social Administration at Makerere University. She worked as a magazine editor in Kenya and Tanzania before travelling to Britain in 1981 to be Assistant Editor at the Commonwealth Secretariat. From 1989 to 1994 advised on formation of and was Secretary, then Chairperson to a conflict resolution Commission in Uganda. In 1994 was Presidential Nominee to the Constituent Assembly. In 1996 she became a member of the Parliament of Uganda, and in April 1999 was made Minister of State for Entandikwa in the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. She was the Minister of State for Northern Uganda

Rehabilitation. Commissioner, Uganda Human Rights Commission from May 2009 to May 2010. From May 2010 to August 2012 was the Principal Private Secretary to HE the President of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni. A mother of four sons, she and her second husband Live in UK and Uganda.



Robynne Anderson is President and Chief Executive Officer of Emerging ag inc. She is an international expert in agricultural and food policies. Her engagement reaches throughout the value chain providing support in issues management and strategic development to a broad range of clients ranging from farmers to food processors, scientists to governments. In the context of her work on outreach to international organizations, Robynne founded the Farming First coalition in 2007, and her company serves as the Secretariat of the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN). Prior to founding Emerging ag, Robynne established Issues Ink, a Canadian-based publishing company specializing in magazines on Canadian and American

agriculture. She managed the company for over seventeen years until selling it in 2008. In that time, she founded Germination – Canada’s seed magazine, reconceived the Alberta seed guide, and purchased Seed World magazine and ran a total of 12 titles, plus several electronic newsletters. She is based in Calgary, Canada. Twitter Handle: @agrifoodnet



Dr. Andreas Blüthner heads BASF’s Food-Fortification Initiative. Andreas’ previous work experience includes the German Foreign Office (Berlin), United Nations Organizations (UN HABITAT, UN Volunteers), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (GAIN), Bosch and Baker McKenzie. Andreas holds a degree in business administration and PhD in International Economic Law. He published and spoke on international trade, development partnerships and nutrition and permanently lectures International Economic Law at University of Mannheim and Nutrition at Heidelberg University. For the last 5 years, Andreas’ efforts focussed on the development and operational

implementation of high-impact nutrition partnerships with BASF's Food-Fortification Team.
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Janie Chisholm-Caunt was appointed Director General at Gafta in 2014 and was elected Chair of the International Agri-Food Network in 2015. Janie was Secretary General of the Tobacco Manufacturers Association from 2011 to 2014 and was previously the Director of Stakeholder Relations and Policy for Cogent, the skills body for the UK's science-based and process manufacturing from 2006 to 2011. Janie has been a member of a wide range of government working groups, including advising the UK government on workplace teacher training standards from 2001 to 2003 and sitting as a member of a HEFCE advisory group on University funding. She was also a Non-Executive Director of OPITO, the Oil and Gas Academy from 2008 to 2011 and a Non-Executive Director of Citizencard, the UK's leading proof-of-age card from 2011 to 2014, as well as serving as a Trustee on several charity boards. Janie has a BA (Hons) in Politics & English and a PGCE in Further Education, and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a member of the Institute of Directors. Twitter Handle: @Agrifoodnet



J.B. Cordaro is a Global Food, Nutrition and Safety Business Advisor. He serves as a Mars, Incorporated consultant with a focus on establishing the linkages among food security, nutrition and safety; developing partnerships; and assembling and nurturing a dynamic stakeholder network. He is the Mars liaison with relationship responsibilities with GAIN's Business Platform for Nutrition Research (BPNR), the SUN Business Network, World Food Programme (WFP), the Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA) and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

J.B. has played significant policy making roles working with the UN Agencies and public and private influential decision makers to enhance the opportunities for the roles of business in development, such as: (1) Founding and former Chair, Nutrition Group for the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) of the UN Committee on World Food Security (UN CFS); (2) Spokesperson for the PSM during the plenary of the ICN2 Preparatory and Technical Meeting; (3) Technical paper for the 2013 ICN2 Preparatory Meeting; (4) PSM Spokesperson at special ICN2 consultations with the FAO Council and the WHO; and (5) Development of side events to showcase roles of private sector at UN CFS and other venues such as the UN Third Financing For Development (FfD3).

J.B. has almost five decades experience in the U.S. and over 40 countries in international agriculture, food, nutrition, health and wellness activities including senior technical and management positions with the Agency for International Development (USAID); senior staff to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Food Program Manager for the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment (OTA); Executive Director, the Food Safety Council, Inc.; and President and CEO, the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), also serving as the Trans-Atlantic Business Development (TABD) Manager for Food and Supplementation. Twitter Handle: @MarsGlobal



Audrae Erickson is Vice President of External and Public Affairs at Mead Johnson Nutrition. In her role, she is responsible for global external engagement and developing strategies to address international public policy issues. Prior to joining Mead Johnson Nutrition, she was the President of the Corn Refiners Association in Washington, D.C. and previously the Senior Director of International and Congressional Relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation where she specialized in agricultural trade policy and negotiations. Audrae also served as the Director of Agricultural Affairs at the United States Trade Representative Office and was formerly an

Economist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. Twitter Handle: @meadjohnson



Rafael Fabrega is Director Tetra Laval Food for Development, based in Stockholm, Sweden. He has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Loyola University New Orleans with focus in International Business. He has worked with Tetra Pak for 12 years as a Key Account Manager and Food for Development Manager for Latin America, respectively.

He has a commercial background with experience developing public-private partnerships with Governments, NGOs, and UN Agencies such as: UN World Food Programme, World Bank, LA-RAE(Latin American School Feeding Network), INCAP (Nutrition Institute of Central America & Panama), FEPALE(Pan-American Dairy Federation), and the Pan-American Health Organization/WHO, Bureau of Nutrition & Development, Mission of Hope, Catholic Relief Services, and Feed the Children.

He has been responsible for coordinating and promoting school feeding programmes linked to local agricultural development in 17 countries in Latin America and led the development of the Dairy Hub programme in Nicaragua together with the Tetra Laval Food for Development Office, DeLaval, and our local customer. Twitter Handle: @TetraPak



Mr. Greg S. Garrett has been working in international health and nutrition for 15 years, five of which were spent working in Asia on national nutrition and health systems interventions. At GAIN, he currently oversees a portfolio of food and nutrition projects in over 20 countries which reach an estimated 900 million people with more nutritious foods. Before joining GAIN in 2011 he served with various international technical agencies including Abt Associates, Futures Group and Population Services International. Greg started his career in 1995 serving on the M/V Island Mercy, part of the humanitarian organization, Mercy Ships. Greg serves on the Boards of both the

Iodine Global Network and the Food Fortification Initiative as well as the Executive Management Committee of GAIN. He holds a BA, and an MSc in International Development (Distinction) from the University of Bath, UK. Twitter Handle:

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Dr. James Garrett is currently Sr Research Fellow at IFPRI under the CGIAR Research Programme on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH). He is based at IFAD as part of a partnership between IFAD and A4NH to support mainstreaming of nutrition into IFAD's investments. With a background in politics, public policy, and applied economics, his work has focused on the policy and programme nexus between food, agriculture and nutrition. He has led research programmes on food and nutrition policy processes and urban food and nutrition security, including urban-rural linkages, and is currently working to develop guidance on the design of nutrition-sensitive value chains. He has served as a global technical adviser for nutrition at the World Bank and at IFAD, and led the development of the nutrition strategy at FAO and the nutrition action plan at IFAD. Twitter Handle: @IFADNews



Pauline Harper is the Director Global Development, Epoque International Network Pauline Harper is an international business, marketing and communications expert with more than 20 years of experience at senior executive management levels and leadership experience in the private sector with consumer and health communications agencies including Saatchi & Saatchi Paris, CLM/BBDO Paris, Publicis Life Brands Paris and Protéines Paris. Pauline holds degrees in Law (LLB), Business and Honours Arts and is particularly in charge of strategic development for EIN and public-private partnerships (PPPs). Twitter Handle: @EPODE_Network



Dr. Carol Henry is an Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Nutrition in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan and the CIFSRI Principal Investigator. She received her MSc in Food Systems Administration from Loma Linda University, California, and a MEd and PhD (Education, policy) from Western University, Canada. As a practitioner-scholar in community-engaged research, Dr. Henry leads a multifaceted cross-disciplinary research agenda, integrating agriculture, nutrition and health. Since 2008 she has led projects (\$10 million), most with an international focus, and many that include extensive collaboration with Hawassa University, Ethiopia and partners. Many publications in conference proceedings and manuscript have occurred as a result of the partnership.

In developing a collaborative model for integrating health promotion into the elementary school curriculum in the Caribbean, Dr. Henry facilitated innovative stakeholder led activities to promote healthy eating among school children, whilst increasing usage of locally grown foods. This was cited as a best practice model by the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit. Dr. Henry has contributed significantly to strengthening research capacity in the Caribbean and Ethiopia and to the integration of research findings into community uptake and policy.

In Canada, Dr. Henry's work includes promoting increase production and consumption of pulses through funded research to show that pulses-cereal food products (porridge) are well liked and that processing such as germination improved mineral bioavailability by reducing phytate levels. Critical to the studies described above is Dr. Henry's talent for employing multi-disciplinary engagements to understand the complex nature of food supply chains, foods systems and nutrition interventions to shape and define critical problem problems aimed at utilizing sustainable approaches to address global food security and livelihood. She has numerous invited presentations and publications related to these research areas.

She currently serves as assistant Dean, Division of Nutrition and Dietetics, as Assistant Dan, University of Saskatchewan, and as well serves on various boards within the community for the purposes of health promotion. She makes time for her recent granddaughter Olivia, a bundle of joy. Twitter Handle: [@usask](#)



Nabeeha Mujeeb Kazi-Hutchins is President and CEO of Humanitas Global and the Chair of the Zero Hunger Challenge. She has deep roots in food and nutrition security, agricultural development, and environmental sustainability and has led high-profile public-private initiatives around the globe.

Prior to Humanitas, Nabeeha served as Senior Vice President and Partner at global communications firm, Fleishman-Hillard where she directed the public health practice and firm's international development practice of 90+ members, FH Global Aid. She also worked for the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation developing national HIV/AIDS plans in key Caribbean and African countries. Nabeeha was a consultant to UNICEF and the EastWest Institute in New York. She got her professional start at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in Mexico working in advocacy and communications to support the research outputs of CIMMYT scientists.

Born in Pakistan, Nabeeha was raised in Mexico and is fluent in four languages. Nabeeha has traveled to more than 30 countries and worked in five. She is a Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate of Kansas State University, where she majored in journalism and political science. She has dual master's degrees in public health and international affairs from Columbia University in New York City. Twitter Handle: [@HumanitasGlobal](#)



Dr. Gina Kennedy leads a research programme to understand the role of agricultural biodiversity in improved nutrition and health and serves as the Bioversity International focal point for the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health.

She develops, leads and manages nutrition research activities and projects on the use of agricultural biodiversity, particularly in the context of smallholder farmers in developing countries. Her activities also include research design, implementation and analysis of primary research questions related to the role of agricultural biodiversity, nutrition and sustainable diets. She also identifies and pursues

opportunities for funding and provides technical assistance to other CGIAR Research Program leaders working on the diet diversity and diet quality cross-cutting Intermediate Development Objective.

Prior to joining Bioversity, Dr. Kennedy worked for the Nutrition Division of FAO on food-based indicators for use in food and nutrition security programs, nutrition assessment and nutrient requirements. She also managed a research project studying the impact of food security interventions combined with nutrition education on use of locally available foods to improve nutrient intakes, micronutrient status and growth of young children.

Prior to working for FAO, she worked for GIZ in Guinea, West Africa and the public health system in the Republic of Kiribati. Twitter Handle: [@BioversityInt](#)



Dr. Klaus Kraemer is the Managing Director of Sight and Life foundation, a nutrition think tank headquartered in Switzerland receiving its funding primarily from DSM, and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of International Health of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA. Sight and Life envisions a world free from malnutrition. We focus on implementation research and leadership development to empower organizations and individuals to deliver smart solutions. We believe that through understanding context we can co-create tailored innovations. Sight and Life's three strategic areas are to advance research, share best practices, and mobilize support to benefit the world's undernourished. Sight and Life acts responsibly to disseminate information that reflects current knowledge and evolving scientific evidence. Sight and Life

strongly values and promotes partnerships which aim to solve outstanding nutrition problems and which will assist in scaling-up proven nutrition interventions. The global partnership between DSM and the UN World Food Programme was initiated by Sight and Life, which has served as the nutrition science knowledge hub of this partnership since its inception in 2007. As Managing Director, Dr Kraemer provides the leadership, vision, and direction (at all levels), guides a small but efficient global team, interacts with funders and partners, and serves as its key spokesperson both internally and externally. Sight and Life also firmly believes in capacity and the transformative leadership development of individuals, research groups, and organizations and, as such, offers a range of grants and supports initiatives, such as the African Nutrition Leadership Programme. Sight and Life hosts the secretariat of the newly established Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition (SISN).

Dr. Kraemer is the editor of Sight and Life magazine, one of the most widely read scientific magazines on micronutrient nutrition and health in the developing world. He serves several professional societies dedicated to nutrition, vitamins, and antioxidants, is a reviewer for a number of scientific journals, has published more than 120 scientific articles, reviews, and book chapters, and has co-edited 10 books. Twitter Handle: [@SightAndLife](#)

Dr. Michael Krawinkel is a Professor of Human Nutrition with focus on international nutrition and pediatrics at Justus-Liebig-university, Giessen and time wise Advisor to the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), KfW-Development Bank (Germany), and 'German Agro Action', to WHO, the Medical Research Council South Africa, and the Danish Council for Strategic Research. He teaches Child Health/Pediatrics in the Tropics and International Nutrition in German universities (Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Hamburg, Leipzig), at the University of Vienna (Austria), and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel).



Michael Krawinkel has experiences in research on micronutrient deficiencies, childhood malnutrition, diet and diabetes mellitus type II, diet and breast cancer, and healthy diet in children. He is principal investigator of research with FAO & Bunda College, Malawi on complementary feeding, with AVRDC, Taiwan, on bitter melon and diabetes mellitus, with Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, and others on fruit and vegetable consumption of school children in Europe. Twitter Handle: [@ilugiessen](https://twitter.com/ilugiessen)



Dr. Anna Lartey wears two global hats: i) as the President of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (2013-2017) and ii) as the Director of Nutrition at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome Italy (October 2013- Present); She was a Professor of Nutrition at the University of Ghana (1986-2013). Dr. Lartey attended the University of California, Davis as a Fulbright student and received her Ph.D. in International nutrition. She received her MSc and BSc degrees from the University of Guelph, and the University of Ottawa, Canada. Subsequent to this she worked as a researcher in Sub-Saharan Africa for 27 years. Her research focused on maternal child nutrition. She has received several awards among these are: the University of Ghana's "Best Researcher Award for 2004"; the International Development Research Center (IDRC, Canada) Research Chair in Nutrition for Health and Socioeconomic Development in sub-Saharan Africa (2009-2014); African Nutrition Society award (2014) for contribution to nutrition research and capacity building; Ghana Women of Excellence Award (2012) for contribution to science and nutrition research in Ghana; "Yokama" (Ideal Woman) from the Manya Krobo Traditional Council for contribution to the development of the District; and she is the recipient of the Sight and Life Nutrition Leadership Award for 2014. During her tenure as IUNS President, the Statutes and Rules of the organization have been completely re-written to bring them in line with practices of a modern scientific society. Twitter Handle: @UNFAO



Dr. Gregory Miller is Chief Science Officer and executive vice president, research, regulatory and scientific affairs for National Dairy Council (NDC)/Dairy Management Inc. Dr. Miller also serves as the Nutritional Security Lead for the Global Dairy Platform. In addition he is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the department of food science and nutrition at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Miller graduated in 1978 from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in Nutrition and in 1982 earned a M.S. degree in Nutrition (Toxicology) from The Pennsylvania State University. In 1986 he received a Ph.D. in Nutrition (Toxicology) from The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Miller is a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of the American College of Nutrition, the Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry, Current Nutrition & Food Science, and Mature Medicine Canada. He is an Editorial Advisor for Dairy Foods magazine. He has served as President for the American College of Nutrition. Dr. Miller served as President of the Pennsylvania State University Nutrition and Dietetics Alumni Society.

He has received the 1989 Kraft Basic Science Award. In 1993, Dr. Miller was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Nutrition and in 2003 was awarded a Master of the College. In 2000, he was recognized as an Outstanding Alumni by the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition of Michigan State University. In 2002, Dr. Miller was named an Alumni Fellow by The Pennsylvania State University, the highest award given by the alumni society. The Pennsylvania State University Nutrition and Dietetics Alumni Society named him an Outstanding Alumni in 2006.

Dr. Miller has presented more than 110 invited lectures at national and international meetings and has published more than 135 research papers, reviews, articles, and abstracts. He has co-edited three books on diet, nutrition, and toxicology and contributed chapters to nine books. He is co-author of the Handbook of Dairy Foods and Nutrition. Twitter Handles: @DrDairy50 @GlobalDairyP



Michel Mordasini was appointed Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on 1 December 2013. Mordasini also serves as the Chair of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition. Mordasini, a Swiss national, has over 30 years in bilateral and multilateral cooperation, development and poverty reduction in the international area. As Assistant Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Mordasini played a leading role in the orientation and delivery of Swiss multilateral aid and SDC's response to global challenges faced by developing countries, with a particular focus on climate change, water, food security, and migration and development. His responsibilities also included strategic analysis and positioning in relation to the international development agenda. Mordasini's long and

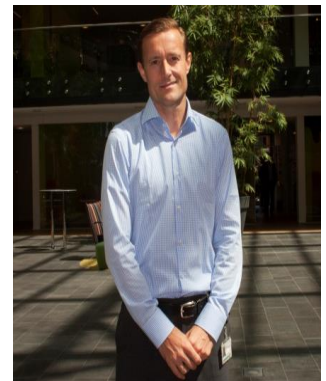
distinguished career includes five years as Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group, representing Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. In this capacity, he was involved in conducting the general operations of the World Bank and overseeing the Bank's business; he also served as Chairman of the Board's Budget Committee. For 12 years, Mordasini had leading functions at the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs in Berne, formulating, implementing and supervising economic and trade-related support for developing and transition countries. His special focus was budget support, debt reduction, private sector development and aid for trade. Mordasini has rich field experience in development cooperation. Under SDC, he was posted for 14 years to various developing countries in Asia and Africa. Prior to this he held senior positions with the International Committee of the Red Cross in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Iraq, Pakistan,

South Africa and Uganda over a period of seven years. Mordasini is an economist with a master's degree in political economy from the University of Geneva. Twitter Handle: @IFADNews



Mr. Ashwani K. Muthoo, a national of India, is presently Director of the Global Engagement and Research Division in the Strategy and Knowledge Department of IFAD. Prior to occupying his current position, Mr Muthoo was Deputy Director in the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD. Mr Muthoo has over 25 years of professional and managerial experience, focusing on global policies, partnerships and issues in the agricultural and rural sector.
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Kasper Thormod Nielsen, Director for Global Trade Policy & Regulatory Affairs at Arla Foods amba. Kasper has worked at Arla since September 2011. He is responsible for global trade policy and food regulatory affairs. He supports the various business groups within Arla to create a sustainable business, get access to market and to ensure compliance with food regulatory affairs, including marketing law, food labelling and claims, globally. He has a background in law, but has worked intensively with food and agricultural law and policy since he graduated in 2000. First, in the Danish Agricultural Ministry, later in Brussels as consultant for the Dairy sector and now in Arla Foods.



Rocco Renaldi is Secretary-General of the International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA), a group of 11 leading food and non-alcoholic beverage companies who share a common goal of helping consumers in all nations to achieve balanced diets and healthy, active lifestyles. In this role, he brokers industry commitments on health and nutrition, interfaces with relevant UN agencies, international NGOs and other industry groups, and facilitates dialogue at national level to replicate IFBA commitments in local contexts.



Melissa A. San Miguel is Director of Global Strategies and Multilateral Affairs for the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA). Founded in 1908 and based in Washington, D.C., GMA is the voice of more than 300 leading food, beverage, and consumer product manufacturers who make the products millions in the United States and around the world rely on and enjoy every day. Prior to joining GMA, Melissa served as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, where her most recent assignment was as Special Assistant in the Office of the

Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment. She was also previously assigned to the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and U.S. embassies in Brazil, Jamaica, and Honduras. Melissa holds a bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University and a master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Los Angeles. Twitter Handle: @GroceryManufacturers



Dr. Hinrich Thölken currently serves as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN Organizations in Rome. Dr. Thölken studied medicine in Germany and United Kingdom and holds a Medical Degree (M.D.) of the University of Heidelberg. After two years as a researcher and medical officer in Heidelberg he joined the German Foreign Service in 1989. He collected first political experiences during the German reunification process as a member of the parliamentary team of the Foreign Office. His foreign postings include Namibia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United States and France. In the Foreign Office during his most recent assignment from 2010 to 2015 he lead Germany's initiatives on the implications of Climate Change and enhanced competition for Natural Resources on Foreign and Security

Policy. His main activities comprised the initiation of a UN-SC debate on Climate Change and Conflict in 2011, a regional project on transboundary water cooperation in the Aral Sea Basin and creating awareness for the loss of Biodiversity as a foreign policy challenge with a series of conferences in the margins of UN-GA. Twitter Handle: [@GermanyUNRome](https://twitter.com/GermanyUNRome)



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