

**Food Systems 3.0**  
**Pre-conference, 8 November 2017**  
**Organic World Congress**  
**Constitution Club of India, New Delhi**

**8:00 – 9:00 Arrival and Registration**

**8:30 – 9:00 Warm-Up & Welcome**

*I see you: bridging social, ecological, and spiritual divides – Jostein Hertwig (Norway)*

**9:00 – 10:00 The Organic Food System Program (OFSP) – Overview**

- Johannes Kahl (Germany) – OFSP concept, structure, and goals
- Roberto Azofeifa (Costa Rica) - Organic Food Systems and the United Nations 10YFP
- David Gould (USA) – OFSP in Practice, Organic 3.0  
[with Leonie Fink (Germany) and Carola Strassner (Germany)]
- Jennifer Chang (South Korea) – Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture

**10:00 – 10:30 tea break (networking, snacks)**

**10:30 – 12:00 What is an Organic Food System? – Panel**

*Leading questions:*

- *The ethical question: How we understand a food system in line with an ethical foundation (IFOAM Principles / Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) / seven attributes / Fair Trade etc.)?*
- *The systems theoretical question: How systems theory can help us to better understand the social, economic, cultural, and ecological complexity of food systems in practice.*
- *The practical question: How to implement, institutionalize and maintain an organic food system approach, i.e to transform / up scale the current to an organic food system?*

**Bernhard Freyer - moderator**

- Ashish Srivastava (India)
- Monika Firl (Canada)
- Patricia Flores (Peru)
- Christoph Simpendoerfer (Germany)
- Erik Fog (Denmark)

**12:00 – 1:15 Sustainable Diets – Panel**

*Leading questions:*

- *How to reconcile modern nutrition science with traditional/historical dietary habits?*
- *In what ways could/should current and traditional diets be improved?*
- *Nutrient density and nutrient diversity.*
- *Goals/Improvements for processed food?*

**Denis Lairon (moderator) (France)**

- Susanne Gjedsted Bugel (Denmark)
- Carola Strassner (Germany)
- Dominika Srednicka-Tober (Poland)
- Frank Eyhorn (Switzerland)

**1:15 – 2:30 lunch**

**2:30 – 4:00 Developing Food Systems - *Showcase***

***Raymond Auerbach (South Africa) (moderator)***

- Hannes van den Eeckhout (Netherlands)
- Ewa Rembialkowska (Poland)
- Peter Mokaya (Kenya)
- Antonio Compagnoni (Italy)
- *Jostein Hertwig (Norway) & BERAS India*

**4:00 – 4:30 tea break (networking, snacks)**

**4:30 – 5:30 Food Systems: Leading Examples – *Showcase***

***Mette Varst Denmark) (moderator)***

- India – Choitresh Kumar Ganguly
- Norway and Sweden – Jostein Hertwig
- South Korea – Na Yong Chan (Mayor, Goesan County)
- France - Bruno Taupier-Letage

**5:30 – 6:00+ Wrap-up, Commitments, Invitations**

***Zhou Zejiang (China) (moderator)***

- Members of the OFSP Steering Committee and Advisory Board
- New OFSP partners (Goesan, Timbaktu, LOAMC, others tbd)
- Special guests from the audience

## Food Systems 3.0 pre-conference Speaker profiles

**Antonio Compagnoni's** passion for organic agriculture started with his young farmers coop in Vignola (Modena, Italy) back in 1984. Since that time he's been involved in regional (Emilia Romagna) and national (Italy) organic associations and networks, since 1990 for AIAB (Italian Association for Organic Agriculture) and since 2000 for ICEA (Institute for Ethical and Environmental Certification) where he has been responsible for international relations until 2015. In 1990 he started active engagement in the IFOAM networks, starting up the AgriBioMediterraneo Regional group, the EU group and for 10 years (1998-2008) he served on the IFOAM world board. He is also still very active at the regional level with AIB Emilia Romagna that organized the Ifoam Organic World Congress in 2008 together with the Province of Modena, and in 2015 celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ifoam AgriBioMediterraneo with an international conference "AgroEcology for Organic Agriculture in the Mediterranean". For many years he has been engaged in better connecting the organic with the Fairtrade movements: he's been vice president of Fairtrade Italy until 2016 and presently member of Fairtrade International Standard Committee. He's been part of the Milan EXPO 2015 Organic Can Feed the World Action Network steering committee and coordinator of the Ifoam AgriBioMediterraneo Secretariat (2014-17). In 2016-17 he is been an active part of the establishment of HUMUS Social Network for Italian Organic Farming that he is representing at the international level.

**Ashish Srivastava** is Program Coordinator – Rural Economy since 2011 in Intercooperation Social Development and Sustainable Production and Climate Change issues in Agriculture. With more than 15 years of experience of working with small and marginal farmers of India and experienced in Program Management, Value Chain, Climate Resilient Agriculture, Reduction of GHG, Water Use Master Planning and Spring Revival, Water Efficient Technology Development and Water Stewardship. He has co-authored organic production manuals and papers on Production Strategies of Organic Basmati Rice. Participatory Project Management with Multiple Stakeholders including Corporates, Fair Trade and ICS (Organic Farming); Participatory Technology Development, Need Assessment and Capacity Building, Producers Organisation Development, Liaisoning with Government / Research Institutes, Study and Research on Climate Proofing Growth and Development, Project Evaluation are some of the key work profile of him. He is masters in agriculture along with certificate course on organic production and certification with a Management Development Program in Value Chain.

Univ. Prof. Dipl.-Agr. Biol. Dr.Ing. **Bernhard Freyer**: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna; Dep. of Sustainable Agricultural Systems, Head of the Division of Organic Farming. Senior Fellow, University of Minnesota. He was member of FiBL / CH over nine years (head of working group landscape economy and ecology) and did his PhD at Kassel University on conversion planning. He is working as agronomist and social scientist in Europe and in the South. He has experiences with a 143 ha long term trial (since 2003); research on organic agrofood systems; organic farming and the societal / ethical discourse; and smallholder farming systems mainly in Sub-Saharan countries including production, climate change, biodiversity, markets and economic issues. His research and teaching is driven by a systems approach and an inter-/transdisciplinary perspective, and with reference to ethical approaches. Research with his working group on Transdisciplinary Systems Research was / is e.g. on farmer-consumer partnerships; sustainability in monasteries; organic smallholder farming systems in Sub Saharan Africa; planning of large scale organic farms in the North and South; forest communities in Central America; organic farming as a social innovation; the understanding and practicing of health by organic farmers; the significance of farmer markets in Austria / US, and others. Latest books are: Rethinking organic food and farming in a changing world (ed., together with Bingen, J.; Springer edition, 2015; 355 p.); and Ökologischer Landbau (Organic Farming) – Grundlagen (basics), Wissensstand (state of the art) und Herausforderungen (challenges)(ed., Haupt Verlag, 711 p.). He is teaching cropping systems, nutrient balances, soil fertility, subtropical and tropical organic farming, methods of inter- and transdisciplinarity,

qualitative sciences, systems and scenario techniques, ethics and organic farming in the societal discourse; most of the lectures are in Austria and currently in Ethiopia.

**Bruno Taupier-Létage**, agronomist, works at the French Technical Institute of Organic Food and Farming, as a project manager on the quality of organic products. It concerns the study of various aspects of quality (nutritional, gustative, sanitary, environmental, global, etc.), food processing and response to consumer expectations. He is also involved in the FQH network and in the development of sustainable and organic food systems. Because of his different experiences (farmer, agricultural adviser, experimenter, etc.), he also has a very good knowledge of the whole organic sector.

**Carola Strassner** is a Life Sciences graduate of the University of Cape Town (Biochemistry, Microbiology), with an M.Sc in Food Science from the University of Durban/Kwazulu-Natal and an MBA from Henley Management College (today: University of Reading, UK). She got her Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences and Home Economics from the Justus-Liebig University in Germany. Carola gathered industry experience as Head of R&D at a medium-sized German health enterprise and as an entrepreneur in the field of food market consulting. Today Carola is Professor of Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition Ecology at Münster University of Applied Sciences where she specialises in food systems sustainability: a whole systems approach to sustainability in the sphere of food and nutrition; especially the out-of-home (horeca) context and alternative food networks. Dr. Strassner works specifically with the subsystems institutional catering, school meals, and the organic food system. She initiated and managed an international network 'Organic Out Of Home' for ten years and is board member of FQH. Carola is managing partner of the business company a'verdis – Sustainable FoodService Solutions and prosumer at the local biodynamic CSA.

**C.K. Ganguly** otherwise known as Bablu, is an organic farmer and has been involved in the field of rural development since the late 1970s. In 1990 he co-founded the Timbaktu Collective ([www.timbaktu.org](http://www.timbaktu.org)), a grassroots non-profit organisation which works with marginalised people in the drought-prone and ecologically challenged Anantapuramu District in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The Collective works in 172 villages, partnering with 22,763 families through various thematic programmes: financial inclusion of rural women, organic farming, enterprise development, ecological restoration, child rights and the rights of People with Disabilities. The Collective has established and promoted 14 community-owned and managed Cooperatives. Bablu has been instrumental in the genesis and growth of a number of development institutions, peoples' organisations and networks for almost four decades. He is the Secretary and Founding Member of the PGS Organic India Council; a Founding and Core Group Member of the Fair Climate Network India, the Millet Network of India, and the Vikalp Sangam; and a Founding and Executive Member of the Slow Food India Network. Most importantly, Bablu has profound faith in the value and relevance of organic and life sustaining agriculture in nourishing the ecosystems, providing healthy food, strengthening the socio-economic status of small and marginal farmers, and promoting equitable and just relationships between farmers, consumers, traders, investors, and public institutions.

**Christoph Simpfendörfer** (Unteraicher Straße 8, 70567 Stuttgart, Germany; [christoph.simpfendoerfer@demeter.net](mailto:christoph.simpfendoerfer@demeter.net)) was born 1959 in Germany. He studied Agriculture 1983-87 and has been a farmer since 1986 on the Reyerhof, Stuttgart, Germany, [www.reyerhof.de](http://www.reyerhof.de), a mixed Biodynamic farm (Demeter since 1955), with 10 milking cows, 38 ha, wheat, potatoes and vegetables. Farm shop, small restaurant. Pedagogical activities. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Since 1994 elected Board member in the German Demeter organization, president from 2007 – 2013. From 2005 to 2014 in the Board of Demeter International. Since 2016 first General Secretary of Demeter International. Main tasks: trademark protection, quality development.

**David Gould** is Senior Facilitator for IFOAM - Organics International. He leads the development of Organic 3.0, serves as the Secretariat for the Sustainable Organic Agriculture Action Network (SOAAN), and sits on the Steering Committee of the organic Food System Program. He also heads the Innovation Committee of

IFOAM – Organics International, as well as the Expert Working Groups on aquaculture and on breeding techniques and genetic engineering. David has worked with many social and environmental standards schemes, private enterprises, and government agencies, on organizational strategy, risk assessment, stakeholder engagement, standards and policy development, assurance systems, impacts assessment, personnel training, and capacity building. The past 25 years have taken him to all continents and enabled him to work with all scales of production, from the smallest and most disadvantaged producers to the largest multinational corporations, and from local community governments to international governance bodies. He has direct experience at all stages of the value chain and with the stakeholders and systems that support it. Trained for scientific rigor with a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, David began his career with a decade of experience in alternative education models, which he uses along with his technical background to support his work of bringing different forces together in order to catalyze broader change across the planet. David lives in Portland, Oregon, USA.

**Denis LAIRON** got a PhD Thesis in biochemistry and has expertise in human nutrition and health. He is emeritus Research Director at INSERM (National Institute of Health and Medical Research). He was Director of a Joint Research Unit Inserm/Inra/Université de la Méditerranée Faculty of medicine, Marseille, France (1998-2007). His expertises are in the fields of lipid digestion and metabolism, dietary fibers, food quality and organic foods, gene-diet interaction and nutrigenetics, Mediterranean diet and cardiovascular diseases, sustainable and organic diet. Had partnerships in EU projects (3 COST actions, PI-LIPGENE, NoE-NUGO). Involved in two on-going granted French research projects (Organic food consumers cohort follow-up (9 publications) and sustainability of Mediterranean diet). Coordinated a 4y pedagogic regional project on Mediterranean diet at school catering (secondary level) and university catering. He supervised 19 University Thesis (PhD) and co-authored more than 200 original papers in peer reviewed top journals and 80 reviews and book chapters. About 120 invited lectures. Coordinated the French official report on organic food quality and safety (2002). Member of the scientific council for Organic agriculture (agriculture ministry) in France. Denis Lairon held the position of Vice-President (until 2013), and past President, of the French Nutrition Society. He acted as the President of the Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS), 2007-2011 and as the Vice-President (2012-2015).

**Dominika Średnicka-Tober** was born in Warsaw (Poland) in 1982. She graduated from the Interfaculty Study of Environmental Protection (2006) and from the Faculty of Human Nutrition and Consumer Sciences (2007) at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences in Poland. She has finished her PhD in 2012 in the FP6 international research project (QLIF), studying the effects of feeds produced on the basis of crops from different agricultural systems on selected physiological parameters of laboratory animals. In years 2010-2014 she was working as a Research Associate in the School of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Newcastle University (UK), carrying out the meta-analysis on the composition of organic vs. non-organically produced foods. Since 2014 she has been working as an RA in the Division of Organic Foods at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences. She is an author and co-author of a number of scientific publications, as well as research and innovative educational projects in the area of organic food quality, safety and health impacts as well as sustainability of the food systems.

**Erik Fog** is Senior Advisor, Organic farming and innovation at SEGES (contact: Agro Food Park 15, DK-8200 Aarhus N, Denmark; Phone: +45 8740 5490; [erf@seges.dk](mailto:erf@seges.dk)). Erik started his organic career at the Danish Agricultural University, where he graduated with a MSc Agriculture in 1981 with a thesis on organic farming. In 1982 he was in the group launching the Danish Organic Agricultural College, where young people can get a formal education in organic farming. In 1987 he was appointed the first national specialist on organic farming in Denmark employed by the Danish Farmers Union, where he still is working. He has been a driver for the establishment of the Danish advisory service on organic farming. In the last years he has been involved in different organic development projects on biogas, grass protein, nitrogen saving, and more.

**Ewa Rembiałkowska** works in the Organic Food Division at the Faculty of Human Nutrition and Consumer Sciences in Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland. In her research activity deals with the nutritional

value of organic and conventional crops, and the influence of organic food on human and animal health. Prof. Rembiałkowska is an author of many papers, in that 25 published in the impact factor journals. She is a founder and President of the Association Forum of Organic Agriculture named M. Górny since 2009. She deals professionally with organic farming and food for many years, leading a number of Polish and international scientific and didactic projects in the area of organic food and farming. Activities of prof. Rembiałkowska for organic farming are widely known in Poland and Europe.

**Frank Eyhorn**, PhD Environmental Sciences, is specialized in sustainable agriculture and food system development with smallholders. He conducted elaborate research on the impact of organic farming and fair trade on the livelihoods of smallholders in India, West-Africa and Central Asia and elaborated various training materials on the subject. From 2000 to 2005 he coordinated organic farming projects in Asia at the Research Institute of Organic Farming (FiBL). Since 2006, Frank is working with HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in the Rural Economy Team. In this function he worked on sustainable agriculture projects in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Senegal, India, Laos, Nepal, Thailand, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. He currently leads a project to develop sustainable rice value chains in India and Thailand in collaboration with Coop Switzerland, and is involved in multi-country projects on increasing water productivity and on improving nutrition through sustainable agriculture. Since 2011 Frank is serving on the World Board of IFOAM – Organics International, since 2014 as Vice-President. He is a member of the Impact Committee of the Sustainable Trade Initiative IDH, of the ISEAL Stakeholder Council and of the Swiss National FAO Committee.

**Hannes Van den Eeckhout** is a Master in Business Engineering from the KULeuven (Belgium) with 8 years of experience in working with farmers' networks. He strongly believes in the promotion of local, direct and organic value chains as a motor to sustainable rural development. He lived and worked five years in Peru, working with organic farmers organisations and the *National Agrarian University of La Molina* (UNALM) on topics like organisational strengthening, farmer training programs, direct food marketing, the farmer-cook alliance, collective marks, participatory guarantee systems, business plans, advocacy and food security in mountain communities. Since the start of 2015, Van den Eeckhout is working with *The Food Assembly*, an online platform to enhance direct sales in local food communities, and now coordinates the development of the network in Belgium and The Netherlands. In the first 20 months, 30 food communities were initiated, involving 200 local producers and 27,000 consumers.

**Jennifer Chang** has been working as the Executive Director of IFOAM Asia since 2012. She has lived and worked in many countries including the US, Europe and Asia for over 25 years and speaks English, Korean and Malaysian. She has a long history of involvement in the social movements since her days of as a student activist. She has worked in the international fora including the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland, and upon her return to Korea in 2001, she worked as special assistant to the Minister of Justice and later for the Mayor of Seoul, in the capacity of international relations officer. She joined the organic movement in 2008 when she led the "Korea Bidding Committee for the 2011 IFOAM Organic World Congress" to Modena, Italy and secured the bid for Korea to host the 2011 IFOAM Organic World Congress. She continued as the Senior Manager at the Korea Organizing Committee until December 2011. After the successful hosting of the 2011 IFOAM Organic World Congress, she was asked to organize the establishment of IFOAM Asia by the IFOAM Head Office in Germany. Since then, she has been part of IFOAM Asia from the very beginning and has worked to contribute to the strengthening of IFOAM Asia in many countries in Asia including Central Asia.

**Johannes Kahl** got his PhD in analytical chemistry and did his PostDoc at the newly funded MPI for Chemical Ecology. After lecturing at University of Sao Paulo/Brazil he worked as a group leader on organic food research at the University of Kassel/Germany. Currently he is Associated Professor at Copenhagen University/Denmark focusing on sustainable diets. He is permanent visiting professor at Warsaw University of Life Sciences/Poland and guest lecturer at Universities of Barcelona/Spain and Kassel/Germany. He is one of the founders and coordinators of the Organic Food System Program

([www.organicfoodsystem.net](http://www.organicfoodsystem.net)), which is a *Core Initiative* of the UN 10YFP-SFSP. Johannes is an expert in organic food systems research.

**Jostein Hertwig** is Attorney at Law with experience from international business development. From 1997 to 2010 he established an integrated organic farm in Norway, a shop, bakery, juicery, cultural and social activities <http://www.ullandhaug-gard.no/>. From 2010 he has coordinated the international BERAS network with research, concepts and practical implementation at systemic level for agriculture, food and society <http://beras.eu/>. He is one of the coordinators of the Organic Food System Program [www.organicfoodsystem.net](http://www.organicfoodsystem.net), which is a *Core Initiative* of the UN 10YFP-SFSP. From 2017 he is special advisor in sustainability and organic food for REMA 1000 in Norway.

**Kichenamourthy S. (Krishnan)**, M.Sc. in Botany: 2005-10 worked as a village liaison officer, AURO Herbarium, Auroville, in coastal tree planting project, in three tsunami-affected coastal villages of Villupuram district, Tamil Nadu. 2010/11 worked as Fodder innovation coordinator for promotion of green fodder cultivation for livestock (at a Veterinary College, Puducherry) 2012-14 worked for Auroville Farm Group, Auroville towards education in organic farming standards. From 2014 onwards: Working as a senior technical officer at EcoPro, Auroville, promoting and advising on organic and Biodynamic farming. From 2014-16 promoting Biodynamic farming in the Union territory of Puducherry, Villupuram and Kanchipuram district, Tamil Nadu, funded by Demeter International. Further, working in the production of biochar (with wood generated from sustainably managed Auroville forests); in the production of terra preta (biochar-based compost), used as soil amendment to enhance long-term soil fertility. Coordinating a research project on Annapurna farm, Auroville, to study soil and yield parameters of paddy comparing medium-term and long-term effects of Effective Microorganisms, Biodynamic preparations and Terra preta.

**Leonie Fink** is a young German researcher in the field of sustainable food systems – more precisely sustainable diets. In February 2013 she graduated from Münster University of Applied Sciences with her bachelor's degree in ecotrophologie. With her thesis "Conception and development of content for an informational website about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)", she won the first edition of the German research award organic food economics in the category best bachelor thesis. Subsequently she graduated from the same University's masters programme "Sustainability in Service Management and Food Industries" in June 2015. Currently she works at the department of Food · Nutrition · Facilities at Münster University of Applied Sciences as a research assistant. Moreover, she is a PhD student from Angelika Ploeger (University of Kassel) and Carola Strassner (Münster University of Applied Sciences) – both partners of the Organic Food System Programme. Her dissertation is titled "How can we close the prevalent intention-behaviour-gap when it comes to adopting sustainable diets? - Development of diet adoption concepts including creative processes with stakeholders". In the framework of this research she is breaking fresh ground by exploring rarely applied methods in the field of nutrition science to involve citizens in the research process.

**Librado Cubil Navarro** is currently in his third term as the Mayor of the City of Bislig. He was elected in the year 2010 and during his second term, he was the Chairman of the Social Development Committee in the Regional Development Council of the Caraga Region, an elected Board Member of the Mindanao Development Council and elected National Vice President of the League of Organic Agriculture of Municipalities and Cities of the Philippines.

**Mahesh Melvin** is living in the mountains of the Nilgiris, Tamilnadu. I have been working with farmers since 1997 soon after I was out of college and running private and own farms since 1998, as it had been my passion to work with farmers, inspired by my father. I have done my graduation course in Ecology and Environment Science with additional qualification on Biodynamic Agriculture. I worked as a farmer trainer in various Non Government Organizations like Eco Agri Research Foundation and The Earth Trust, The Nilgiris. I have conducted about hundreds of training programs for the past 17 years. At present, I am running Jezreel Biodynamic Farms which is of nine and a half acres in the Nilgiris. I am producing mainly

vegetable and seasonal fruits. I have gathered about 60 small farmers and have brought them under Organic and Biodynamic farming. I have started a small business initiative to market organically grown vegetables in three states, Tamilnadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Apart from the above mentioned, I work for Demeter international –BDAI, as a certification officer. I am one of the expertises in Biodynamic Preparation making. I was working as a farm advisor during off seasons.

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**Mette Vaarst** started as veterinary student to take courses and study organic agriculture in 1988 and was PhD student from 1992-1995 in organic dairy production (thesis 'Health and disease handling in Danish organic dairy herd' (in Danish)). Since then ongoing studies, research, teaching and development in organic dairy farming, interactions between farmers, development of social capital and communication, alternative treatment etc. in organic herds in Denmark, Europe, East Africa, West Bengal and Cuba. I graduated as Master in Health Anthropology in 2007 based on studies of farmer groups around organic farms in Denmark and smallholder farms in Uganda. The last 10 years I have been teaching on MSc- and PhD courses in organic farming systems (mostly including animal farming, but not exclusively), agroecology and permaculture, food systems, social capital building, and qualitative research methods. In the period 2014 until today, I have been part-time employed by International Center for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS), where one of my interesting main tasks has been to explore and analyse aspects of agroecological and organic food systems. This led to that I participated in the writing of the article 'Exploring the concept of agroecological food systems in a city-region context'. (<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21683565.2017.1365321>)

**Mohammed Deen Darokhan** works for LEHO –Ladakh Environment and Health Organisation, with the objective in the field of organic farming being to declare Ladakh as an organic region. He has worked since 1991 on issues of climate change, water conservation, livelihood programs and other several sustainable projects.

**Monika Firl** is CoopCoffees Director of Sustainability. She is keenly focused on producer support and learning around strategies and technologies that contribute towards greater climate resiliency. Prior to CoopCoffees, Monika supported a variety of locally based development projects, while living in Central America and Mexico from 1991 to 2000. Her experiences range from founding and directing a center in San Salvador for the exchange of information on alternative technologies, to coordinating a regional *Campesino a Campesino* program promoting horizontal learning about sustainable production practices and alternative markets with small-scale farmer organizations across Central America and Mexico. Monika has been active in dedicated Fair Trade membership associations, such as Fair Trade Federation and WFTO, and currently sits on the Advisory Board for Canadian Fair Trade Network. She is a member of the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) Sustainability Council and active in local chapters for Climate Justice in her home region of Quebec.

**Na Yongchan** is a native son of Goesan County, Chungbuk Province, Republic of South Korea, and became its Mayor in April 2017. He majored in law and public administration and served as a government official in the central and local governments before returning to his hometown as mayor. He was voted the "Most Transparent Local Government Leader " in 2013. His policies concentrate on promoting organic farming in Goesan County which includes both supporting production and processing. He has continued the various support policies for the local organic farmers while actively supporting international organic conferences in Goesan County. Currently, he is the President of ALGOA (Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture, a special initiative of IFOAM Asia) and continues his support for the operations of ALGOA. His focus in 2018 is to build linkages with developing countries in Southeast Asia.

**Patricia Flores** holds degrees in BSc Forestry from UNA La Molina in Peru, and MSc Resource Management from University of Edinburgh, UK, with Post-graduate courses on Agroecology at the University of

California at Berkeley, US. She has 25 years of experience on Agroecology, Sustainable Rural Development, Biodiversity Conservation. Her current position: Coordinator of IFOAM Latin America Regional Office; Associate of ABD PERU (Biodynamic Agriculture Association) International consultant of Andean Community (CAN), FAO and development agencies.

**Dr. Peter Mokaya** who is a Director & CEO of the Organic Consumer Alliance is a Johns Hopkins School of Public(USA) & University of Nairobi Medical School trained Public Health Physician and Health Development Practitioner with over 25 years of experience in the practice and management of healthcare with a focus on Preventive Health Care, Health Systems Strengthening, Community Health Development, Reproductive Health, Child Survival & Development, and HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and related policy and strategy imperatives. Dr. Mokaya has developed a keen interest in preventive strategies that reduce disease burden arising from environmental toxins, DIET and related lifestyle behaviors, leading to chronic ill health and ensuing premature deaths; He has involved himself, in partnership with others, in a multi-disciplinary context, in developing & implementing strategies that build capacity and promote awareness creation with resultant behavior changes: The outcomes are sustainable lifestyle changes, that are within the control of each individual. These include, but are not limited to; Diet, Exercise and limiting exposure to environmental toxins which, collectively, result in chronic ill health: He is a firm believer that an integrated preventive approach to addressing these multiple causes of ill health re: Non-Communicable diseases (NCDs), which initially manifest as obesity, which is a direct result of consuming a diet which is high in fructose corn syrup-sugars, toxic pesticide residues (especially in GMO foods), high chemical processing, with harmful trans-fats, leading to a range of metabolic dysfunctions which manifest as generalized inflammation. Recent research has shown that Inflammation is at the core of all chronic diseases including cancer. He believes..."Your Health is Your First Wealth"...

**Raymond Auerbach** is associate professor of soil science & plant production at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's George Campus, where he manages a long-term comparative farming systems Agro-ecology Research Programme, which includes work on campus and post-graduates in Uganda, Zambia and Tanzania. His interests include Participatory Rural Appraisal and of Experiential Learning approaches, Co-operative Development (Primary [Producer] and Secondary [Marketing] Co-ops), and Participatory Action Research and Experiential Learning Methodologies. Raymond is also still Director of the Rainman Landcare Foundation which he founded in 1999, and helped to set up the Sustainable Organic Agriculture Action Network with WWF and IFOAM. He is a leader within the African Organic Sector, specialising in capacity building for emerging organic farmers and Participatory Guarantee Systems for local organic certification; involved in the current development of a research programme for Organic Research in Southern and Eastern African Farming Systems, and has published extensively as well as developed numerous curricula and training programs. In 2015 Raymond helped found Regeneration International in Costa Rica, to help tackle climate change and food sovereignty.

**Roberto Azoifeifa** was born in 1958 on a farm in San Jose, Costa Rica. Since early age has been involved in family farming, enjoying and learning from practicing in agriculture and livestock. Since his private activity as farmer, he has experimented the happiness because of good harvest and the sadness due to either poor production or low prices. He is agronomist and Master on International Market Management. He has been working as extension technician during 30 years at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock. His main experience is in the field of sustainable agricultural production. He is Chair of the technical Unit for incentives in organic agriculture in Costa Rica. He represents Costa Rica at the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee of the 10YFP on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Agri-Food Systems. He has been author and co-author of several publications for farmers and technicians. During 20 year has been in charge of the publication "Cuaderno de Nuestra Finca" which is an information and register tool for farmers.

Mayor **Rommel C. Arnado** is the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Kauswagan Lanao Del Norte since 2010. He has been involved in Organic Agriculture 2010. He is been active Founding member since 2012 when LOAMC was founded, and because of his Good Governance and pursuing to materialize the

ARMS TO FARMS PROGRAM Kauswagan is now a very peaceful Municipality. He has been the PRESIDENT OF LOAMC since June 2016.

**Suresh Kanna** is one of the senior team members of Kudumbam; an NGO engaged in establishing biodiversity-based ecological agriculture alternatives in Pudukkottai District of Tamil Nadu, India. Kudumbam is one of the members of BERAS India and one among the Local Learning Centre. Currently, he is the Executive Secretary of BERAS India. Kudumbam advocates for sustainable and local food production system for health and nutrition, revival of climate resilient agriculture practices to mitigate climate change effects, conservation of traditional seeds for multiplication, sharing and exchange and engaging rural youth for the regeneration of community scared groves and water resources. Kudumbam's main focus is to uplift small and marginal farmers and landless agricultural labours and to empower widows, single women and orphan children. The organisation's mission is facilitating vulnerable communities' cordial approach with nature through the building of a multi-stakeholder partnership for the preservation and the regeneration of native flora and fauna, to ensure a sustainable livelihood. At Kudumbam, Suresh facilitates networking, campaign and advocacy works related with agro-biodiversity and food sovereignty and associating with several national and international networks such as SAGE, PAN AP, and Future Earth Asia & BERAS International under various capacities.

**Susanne Bügel** is Professor in human nutrition, deputy-head of Department and Head of Studies at Department of Nutrition, Exercise and Sports at University of Copenhagen. She has 25 years of experience in vitamin and mineral research using randomised controlled human intervention trials. The research in micronutrients ranges from measurements of optimal intake, absorption and status to health effects. The research also covers the influence of primary food production (Organic, low input, conventional), processing (e.g heat treatment), food composition and interactions with other food components. Sustainable diets has become more and more important and Susanne has recently been involved in projects trying to describe sustainable diets using the Meddiet and New Nordic diet as models for a sustainable diet. Susanne is president of the Danish Nutrition Society and board member of the European Nutrition Society (FENS) and Food Quality and Health (FQH). Furthermore, she is part of the steering committee for the newly established Organic Food systems Program (OFSP).

**Vic Tagupa** was chosen to be a National Monitoring Chief Executive as of June, 2016 because of his knowledge and capabilities in Organic Agricultural matters. He is currently the President-Executive Director SAFEGCC INC. - BREAD LIFE School Sustainable Agriculture and Family-centered Entrepreneurial and is also part of the Group of Co-Creators and has promoted Biodynamic Rice-based Eco-intensification and Agri-ecotour-industry. He has been an Organic Agriculture Consultant, 2015 February till date in the Office of City Mayor, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur and also in the office of Municipal Mayor, Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur. He was the Associate Professor, from 1983 - 2013 at Xavier University and is the Founding Director of the Xavier University Sustainable Agriculture Center Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines. He has also recently been appointed as Ambassador of ALGOA (Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture).

**Zhou Zejiang** is President of IFOAM Asia. He has served the organic movement in China, Asia and other parts of the world for 27 years. He is a pioneer of the Chinese organic movement, one of the 2 first organic inspectors in China and a well regarded organic expert. He was the chief expert in drafting the national organic standards and joined the drafting of organic sector management regulations of China. He has also been deeply involved in promoting Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS). Mr Zhou has supported IFOAM activities for years, as an official IFOAM Representative to China and Asia, member of the IFOAM Development Committee and as the coordinator of numerous regional organic projects, including the CFC/FAO/IFOAM Organic Tea project and the IFOAM/FAO/UNCTAD Global Organic Market Access (GOMA) project, EU/IFOAM BOKK project. He was also the first Honorary Ambassador of IFOAM and was also elected to the IFOAM World Board in 2014. He has been the President of IFOAM Asia since June 2015.