

2020 Food Summit Discussion – The Next Steps

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João Campari

Global Leader of Food Practice, WWF International and Chair of UNFSS AT3 on nature positive production

João is the leader of the Global Food Practice at WWF International and also serves as Chair of Action Track 3 of the UN Food Systems Summit, working to boost nature-positive production at scale. Joao Campari holds a Ph.D. in environmental economics and has over 25 years of experience in international development. He has held technical and executive positions in multilateral and bilateral agencies, in the federal government of Brazil, and has advised national and sub-national governments on the design and implementation of regional development policies that combine socio-economic rural development with conservation.

Mike Clarke

Mike catalyses collective impact for planetary health, building bridges across nature, climate, health and food sectors. He provides strategic advice to civil society, business, and government with a focus on global system-change and social cohesion, developing shared strategy among systems leaders and building capacity for collaboration. He is Chair of the Global Science and Policy Committee of BirdLife International and a trustee of UK civil society networks. Until 2019, he was CEO of the RSPB, the largest civil society organisation for nature in Europe. He is a Visiting Professor at University of Southampton's School of Geography and Environmental Sciences and is an Associate of the Institute for European Environmental Policy.

Richard Deverell

Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew

Richard started as Director of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in 2012. He has devoted his career to leading innovative and ambitious improvements to public engagement and education. At the BBC he spent 10 years in BBC News and ran the BBC News websites before revamping the BBC's children's channels with a mission to raise the quality and impact of programming. Since joining Kew, he has led the refresh of Kew's strategy, bringing expertise from Kew's global science into sharper focus and more actively engaging the public with contemporary science and conservation in Kew's beautiful historic gardens. He is a passionate advocate for the power of plants and fungi to help solve the critical challenges facing humanity in the 21st Century. He is also an official Champion for Food Forever, a global initiative that aims to secure biodiversity for the benefit of food security around the world.



Sean Gifford

Global Director of Campaigns, Compassion in World Farming

Sean has 20 years of experience running campaigns and communication strategies for some of the world's biggest NGOs and businesses. His work in North America, Europe and Asia has helped secure ground-breaking victories for charities and the animals and people they protect. Prior to Compassion, Sean worked in a variety of roles including Global Head of Ethical Campaigns at retailer Lush Cosmetics, Director of European Campaigns at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and Head of Campaigns at the Fairtrade Foundation.

With a powerful movement of over 1.5 million supporters behind him, Sean leads Compassion's global advocacy programme to improve farm animal welfare, reduce global meat consumption, end factory farming and engender a shift to regenerative agriculture.

Graham Gordon

Head of Public Policy, CAFOD

Graham is the Head of Public Policy for CAFOD. He is currently leading the development of CAFOD's global advocacy programme on food systems and land, working across country programmes, global networks and UK policy spaces. He collaborates closely with Church leaders and Church organisations globally as they speak out to make their voices heard and to bring change for people in some of the hardest to reach communities.

Graham has over 25 years' experience working in international development for a variety of faith-based organisations. This includes many years with a local human rights organisation in Peru, working on peace and reconciliation, and indigenous and land rights.

John Ingram

Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow, Somerville College

Trained in soil science, John Ingram gained extensive experience in the 1980s working in Africa and Asia in agriculture and forestry research projects. In 1991 he was recruited by UK's Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) to help organise, coordinate and synthesise research on global change and agroecology, part of IGBP's international global change research programme. In 2001 he was appointed the Executive Officer for the international research project "Global Environmental Change and Food Systems" (GECAFS). On the close of GECAFS in 2011 he was appointed NERC Food Security Leader until assuming his current role of Food Systems Programme Leader at the University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute in May 2013.

John's interests are in the conceptual framing of food systems; the interactions among the many actors involved and their varied activities, and the outcomes of their activities for food security, livelihoods and environment; and food system resilience. He has designed and led regional food system research projects in Europe, south Asia, southern Africa and the Caribbean and has

conceived, developed and/or led a range of major international research initiatives. He has had substantial interaction with FAO, UNEP and CGIAR and many other international organisations, with national departments and agencies, with NGOs, and with businesses in the food sector, helping to establish research on the links between food security and environment through the analysis of food systems. In addition to leading the food systems research group within ECI, he also leads the multi-university post-graduate 'Interdisciplinary Food Systems Teaching and Learning' programme (IFSTAL) and coordinates the UK Global Food Security programme 'Resilience of the UK Food System'. He is an Associate Professor in Oxford's School of Geography and the Environment, and Senior Research Fellow at Somerville College.

Rayan Kassem

Regional Director for West Asia, Youth4Nature

Rayan is the West Asia Regional Director for Youth4Nature. He is one of the national coordinators for the Global Youth Biodiversity Network activities in Lebanon and has gained experience in youth engagement for biodiversity protection and climate justice.

Rayan believes that advocating for the protection of nature through youth engagement on a continuous basis is necessary amid the region's instability and is eager to grow the potential for nature protection in West Asia and Globally. He holds a double masters degree in Environmental Sciences attained in Austria and Denmark. He has previously worked with UNDP-Lebanon, Greenpeace, and corporate GHG emission accounting in Denmark.

Born in Lebanon, Rayan is fluent in Arabic and English with beginner levels in French and German. He loves having a laugh and enjoys summer vibes.

Marco Lambertini

Director General, World Wildlife Fund

Marco became Director General of WWF International in April 2014, to drive the achievement of the global conservation organization's critical mission to save life on Earth and to lead the secretariat team based in Gland, Switzerland.

With 35 years of conservation leadership, Marco Lambertini began his association with WWF as a youth volunteer growing up in his native Italy. Prior to joining WWF, he served as Chief Executive of BirdLife International. That role saw him broaden BirdLife's global reach and relevance, and develop decentralized structures for most effective global conservation impact. He managed a highly decentralized secretariat, overseeing a global partnership of over 120 civil society organizations based in countries and territories in all continents.

Marco has a degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Pisa, and has published books ranging from Safari in Africa (Muzzio) to A naturalist's guide to the Tropics (Chicago University Press).

James Lomax

Food Systems and Agriculture Adviser, UNEP Ecosystems Division

James is currently food systems and agriculture adviser in UNEP's ecosystems division and part time secondee to the Secretariat of the UN Food Systems Summit. James has been leading efforts on sustainable food systems and agriculture at UNEP since 2009. He has pioneered the idea of systems thinking in the food and agriculture sector where nutrition, waste, environmental externalities and livelihoods must be considered if a shift to more sustainable food systems is to be realized. Currently, James is partly seconded to the Food Systems Summit and is also focusing on sustainable land-use finance mechanisms, repurposing farmer fiscal support, regenerative and net-positive agriculture and coordinating UNEP's internal work on food systems and agriculture. A tropical agriculturalist by training (MSc Reading University), before joining UNEP James had a varied career in the private sector in farming, small holder development, food processing and export in East Africa and Europe.

Philip Lymbery

Global Chief Executive, Compassion in World Farming

Philip is Global Chief Executive, Compassion in World Farming, Visiting Professor, University of Winchester, President, Eurogroup for Animals, founding Board member, World Federation for Animals (WFA) and United Nations Food Systems Champion for the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. Award-winning author, ornithologist, photographer, naturalist and animal advocate. Critically acclaimed books, Farmageddon: The true cost of cheap meat, and Dead Zone: Where the wild things were, were first mainstream books to show factory farming as major driver of wildlife declines and at heart of what needs to change to stave off the climate, nature and pandemic emergencies now facing humanity.

Gary McKeone

Programme Director, St George's House

Gary was Literature Director at Arts Council England from 1995-2006. Before that he worked with Field Day Theatre Company in Ireland and at the Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank. Originally from Derry, N.Ireland, he was educated at St Columb's College and Trinity College Dublin.

David Nussbaum

Chief Executive, The Elders

David is Chief Executive at The Elders, leading the Secretariat of this independent group of global leaders working on peace, justice and human rights. The Elders was founded by Nelson Mandela, and is chaired by Mary Robinson, with Ban Ki-moon and Graça Machel as Deputy Chairs.

David's previous executive roles were as Chief Executive of WWF-UK and Chair of WWF's Global Climate and Energy Initiative; Chief Executive of Transparency International; and Finance Director of Oxfam.

Johana Ralston

Chief Executive, World Obesity Federation

Johana oversees the implementation of the WOF five year plan for 2020-25, including advocacy for global obesity targets, education and capacity building, and evidence and data. Prior to joining World Obesity in 2017, Johanna was the CEO of the World Heart Federation and Vice Chair of the NCD Alliance. During her time at the World Heart Federation, Johanna led the CVD community's coordinated effort to elevate CVD on the global health agenda. From 1999 to 2011, Johanna was VP Global Strategies at the American Cancer Society, where she built and led global capacity-building programmes in cancer and tobacco control in low and middle income countries.

Johana has served on a number of advisory boards and expert groups for the World Health Organization, World Economic Forum, Lancet, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and has spoken at global sessions with heads of state and health ministers. She has published in journals, newspapers and other publications on NCDs and wider health issues. Since 2017, Johanna has also been a Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, writing and teaching on NCDs and global health security.

Johana is a citizen of Sweden and the US and an alumna of Harvard Business School, with public health studies at Harvard and Johns Hopkins. Johanna also has lived experience of NCDs and has written and spoken on the importance of people at the centre of health and food systems.

Karlee Schnyder

Director, Real Food Systems

Karlee has a broad background in the environmental field. Her work in California (Social Ecology/Environmental Analysis, University of California at Irvine) in land planning and environmental mediation forms her systems-thinking perspective. She became immersed in climate via the Climate Reality Project's Leadership training (Al Gore NGO), followed by various activities in climate (Drawdown.org), ocean plastic pollution awareness, soils advocacy (Kiss the Ground.org) and other organisations. She currently serves as Director of Real Food Systems.org, (RFS), an initiative based in Geneva, Switzerland, created to ignite public awareness, individual behaviour change and policy reform in food systems. RFS is structured to especially empower youth in food systems transformation via the RFS Youth Ambassador Program. Karlee also serves as Food Systems Lead at Climate-Sustainability.org.

She lives with her family and dog in the Lake of Geneva area, and loves water activities, especially open-water swimming and stand-up paddling.

Cristina Tirado-von der Pahlen

UN Food Systems Policy Lead, World Food Programme

Cristina works at the interface between science and policy related to climate change, health, food and sustainable development with the University, WHO, UNEP, UNFCCC, governments, and NGOs worldwide. She has served as WHO Regional Adviser in Europe and in Latin America, Scientist at the WHO Surveillance Program at the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment in Berlin, Director of the PHI's Center for Climate and Health in Oakland and adjunct professor at the UCLA School of Public Health, affiliated with the UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability. Cristina is Director of International Climate Initiatives at the LMU Center for Urban Resilience and serves as Secretariat of the Mediterranean Cities Climate Change Consortium. She is member of the UNFCCC Research constituency and adviser on Climate and Health for several UN organizations.

Cristina's research focuses on the co-benefits to health of climate policies and the analysis of the integration of health around the UNFCCC work and the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. She contributed to the High-Level consultations for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and currently, to the HL Political Forum on Sustainable Development. She is lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Report Health Chapter and the Cross Chapter Paper on Desertification to be published in 2021.

Cristina is the president of the Sustainability Health and Education (SHE) Foundation, and she is constructing a Climate-Resilient School for a Maasai community in the Rift Valley Semi-Arid Lands in Kenya in collaboration with the Kenyan Red Cross Society. She is associated with the African Population and Health Research Center in Nairobi.

She is a DVM, and a Fulbright Scholar with MS/PhD degrees in Environmental Sciences from Cornell University and she has authored numerous research and policy publications and books.

Patrick Watt

Policy and Campaigns Director, Christian Aid

Patrick is Christian Aid's Policy and Campaigns Director, and leads the organisation's policy, mobilisation, and influencing on issues of economic, environmental and social justice. He joined the organisation in 2019. He previously worked for Save the Children for nine years, seven of them as advocacy and campaigns director in the global federation, where he was responsible for joint campaigning, and for multilateral and country-level advocacy. He has worked in a variety of other policy, advocacy and campaigning roles at Oxfam, ActionAid and World Vision, on education, global health, aid policy, and debt and trade. He worked in the Africa department of the World Bank from 1999-2001. He has degrees in Theology, from the University of Cambridge, and in Development Studies from the London School of Economics.

Yolande Wright

Save the Children, Global Director Poverty, Climate and Urban

Yolande is responsible for driving impact and ensuring best-evidenced programming and policy across Save the Children in the areas of child poverty, climate and urban programming. Before joining Save the Children, Yolande worked at the UK government's Department for International Development (now FCDO) for over 20 most recently in leadership roles in the UK's Ebola response 2019 and leading the Conflict Humanitarian and Security Dept (CHASE). She started her career as an environment and climate adviser – including working for 10 years in various posts in Africa and Asia – including leading DFID's Extreme Poverty and Climate Change Team in Bangladesh. She has a BSc in Natural Sciences from Durham University and an MSc in Environmental Change and Management from Oxford University. Previously she worked for IUCN (the World Conservation Union), ERM (Environmental Resources Management), Procter and Gamble and SmithKline Beecham.

Patricia Zurita

Chief Executive Officer, BirdLife International

Patricia is the Chief Executive Officer of BirdLife International, the world's largest nature conservation partnership, bringing together over 115 organisations worldwide to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainable use of natural resources. Patricia is also the first woman from a developing country (Ecuador) to become CEO of an international conservation organisation. Prior to BirdLife, Patricia was the Executive Director of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, and led the Conservation Stewards Program in Conservation International. She previously worked for the Ecuadorian Government and holds a Masters in Natural Resource Economics from Duke University, USA.