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Global Agriculture Innovation Forum



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**Scaling Innovations and Innovations in Scaling:
Transforming Food Systems**

**Scaling CoP Ag and Rural Development Working Group
Annual Meeting**



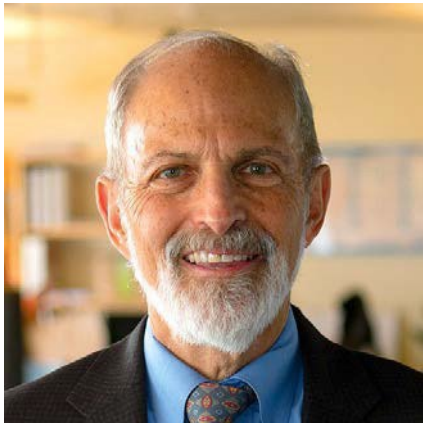
Co-Moderator

Dr. Julie Howard, Senior Adviser (non-resident), Center for Strategic and International Studies. Dr. Howard focuses on food and agricultural system development in sub-Saharan Africa and related US policies and programs. She co-chairs the Agriculture and Rural Development Working Group of the Scaling Community of Practice and is a member of the Board of Directors for the World Vegetable Center. From 2011-2014, Dr. Howard served as the first Chief Scientist in USAID's Bureau for Food Security.



Co-Moderator

Dr. Lennart Woltering, Scaling Adviser, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT). Dr. Lennart is an expert in scaling of innovations at the OneCGIAR, helping scientists and development practitioners go beyond “reaching many” and pay attention to sustainability, responsibility and systems change. He developed the “Scaling Scan” tool to help users operationalize those ideas in their interventions. Dr. Lennart chairs the Agriculture and Rural Development working group of the International Community of Practice on Scaling.



Framing the Scaling Discussion

Mr. Larry Cooley, President Emeritus and Senior Adviser, Management Systems International. For more than four decades, Larry has been a thought leader, author, and lecturer on a wide range of development management issues. A specialist in strategic management, public sector performance, and organizational development, he has served as an adviser to cabinet officials in six federal agencies and in more than a dozen countries. Larry leads a global community of practice on scaling innovation which he co-founded in 2015. He currently serves as global board chair of the Society for International Development.



Role of Private Sector, Women, Youth in Scaling

Mrs. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Sahel Consulting: Agriculture & Nutrition Ltd. Mrs. Nwuneli is an expert on social innovation, African agriculture and nutrition, entrepreneurship, and youth development. She has over 25 years of international development experience and is a recognized serial entrepreneur, author, public speaker, and consultant. Mrs. Nwuneli serves on numerous boards, including the Rockefeller Foundation and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). She has been recognized as a Young Global Leader and a Schwab Social Innovator by the World Economic Forum, in 2011 was listed as one of the 20 Youngest Power African Women by Forbes, and in 2019 was listed as one of the 100 Most Influential Africans by NewAfrican Magazine.



Lessons from Scaling Ag/Natural Resource Initiatives

Dr. Susan Chomba, Director of Vital Landscapes for Africa at the World Resources Institute (WRI). She leads WRI's work on forest protection and landscape restoration, food systems transformation and governance in Africa. Dr. Chomba is a global ambassador for the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience under the UN High Level Champions for Climate Action. She serves on advisory boards of several organizations and was named one of Global Landscapes Forum's 16 Women Restoring the Earth in 2021.

Forum themes

- Farms and Farmers of the Future - **March 2 - 30, 2021**
- Innovations in Genetic Improvement of Agricultural Systems - **May 11 - June 8, 2021**
- Innovations in Post-Harvest Management – **July 13 - 27, 2021**
- Innovations in Information & Communication Technologies - **August 31-Sept. 21, 2021**
- Innovations in Entrepreneurship, Especially Among Youth – **October 19- 27, 2021**
- Innovations in Scaling – **November 16 - December 7, 2021**

About the Global Agriculture Innovation Forum:

The Global Agriculture Innovation Forum is a joint undertaking between USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and Purdue University's Office of International Programs in Agriculture. The Forum will be valuable to entrepreneurs, producers, value-chain operators, service providers, and researchers, as well as donor agencies and implementing partners and consists of a series of virtual events held throughout 2021.

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