



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## Moving from Projects to System Change: Challenges and Opportunities

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### Moderator

**Mr. Tim Prewitt**, President and CEO, The Hunger Project. Mr. Prewitt is an international executive, CEO and board member with more than 20 years of experience leading global teams to deliver impact at scale, through agricultural development, social enterprises, gender empowerment, impact investment, community-led development, and policy reform. Prior to his current role, he served as CEO of International Development Enterprises. He has lived and worked in China, Romania, Nigeria, Kosovo, the UK and Afghanistan, and has experience in more than 30 countries.



### Applying Scaling Principles to Agricultural Innovations in Low Resource Settings

**Dr. Richard Kohl**, President and Lead Consultant for Strategy, Impact and Learning. Dr. Kohl is an internationally recognized thought leader and expert on scaling impact. He has worked for many years with USAID's Bureau of Resilience and Food Security on integrating scaling up of agricultural innovations into USAID's Feed the Future program. He is co-author of the well-regarded MSI scaling framework. He is currently working to support scaling of Farmer Field and Business Schools that have a strong gender transformation component.



## Research and Programmes to Support National Food Systems Transformation: CGIAR Multi-Stakeholder Lessons from Africa

**Dr. Namukolo Covic**, Senior Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Dr. Covic's work includes promoting the use of evidence by African Union and Ethiopian Government efforts that address food security and nutrition. With a dual background in agriculture and nutrition, her expertise straddles the interface of policy, dynamics of agriculture and food systems and how research could inform the intended impact for low-middle-income-countries (LMICs). She is a member of the African Academy of Sciences Steering Committee on Food and Nutrition Security.

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## Preparing for Scaling at the Intersection of Humanitarian and Ag Development Work in Fragile Countries

**Dr. Shaun Ferris**, Senior Technical Advisor/Livelihoods and Markets, Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Dr. Ferris leads CRS's global team of agricultural experts who work in 51 countries. He focuses on supporting smallholder farmers along the pathway to prosperity. Dr. Ferris has been working in agricultural innovation for more than 32 years with programs including USAID, USDA, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the UK Department for International Development and the World Bank.

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## How to Connect the Dots for Establishing Agri-Value Chains?

**Dr. Sudhir Kumar Goel**, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Maharashtra, India. Dr. Goel served in various senior positions in the field of Agriculture & Cooperation for the state of Maharashtra, India. He has extensive experience working on various projects funded by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and the International Fund for Agriculture Development. Dr. Goel has special interest in establishing a public-private partnership framework for integrated value chains and currently works as a consultant in establishing Agri-value chains.

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### ***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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