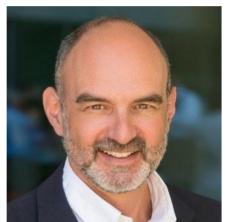


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Moving from Projects to System Change: Future Research Agenda



Moderator

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Power in Systems Change

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Unlocking Private Capital for Inclusive & Sustainable Agriculture

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The Seqota Declaration-An Innovative Commitment of the Government of Ethiopia to Ending Stunting

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Innovation to Scaling to Change

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