



Informed and Connected to Markets

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Moderator

Ms. Barbara Stinson, President, World Food Prize Foundation. With more than 30 years of experience in environmental public policy and business management, Ms. Stinson has led programs focused on innovative approaches to agricultural and alternative energy development, ecosystem restoration, air-quality management, natural resource management and low-level radioactive waste disposal. Since 2011, Ms. Stinson has directed the Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA).



Scaling and Bundling Digital Farm Services

Mr. Stewart Collis, Senior Program Officer for Digital Agriculture Solutions at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Agricultural Development group where he focuses on digital farmer services, smart farming, digital agricultural ecosystems and ag-data platforms in low and middle income countries across Africa and South Asia. Mr. Collis has a technology and business background in software development, data science, climate services and crop modeling.



Communication Technologies Linking Producers with Supply-Chain Actors

Ms. Bobbi Gray, Research Director, Grameen Foundation, has more than 15 years of experience in designing, implementing and coordinating research and evaluations on financial, health and agricultural programs for underserved communities across Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa. Much of her recent research has focused on the integration of gender-transformative approaches into health, agriculture, and financial services as well as health financing, data-driven agriculture, and female agent networks.



Digital Financial Services

Ms. Naoko Koyama-Blanc, Partner and Regional Director for Africa, Dalberg Advisors. Ms. Koyama leads the firm's Gender Practice, and advises multilateral and bilateral organizations, leading foundations, corporates and NGOs on strategy, financial planning and management, market analysis, and monitoring and evaluation. She has led multiple engagements on financial inclusion particularly in agricultural sector.



Electronic Delivery of Extension and Advisory Services (EAS)

Mr. Josh Woodard, Senior Digital Advisor with USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security. He has extensive experience in digital agriculture and resilience, particularly in Asia and Africa. Prior to joining USAID, he ran a technology for development consulting firm, during which he led the development of the digital agriculture strategies for several international donors and organizations.

Future forum themes

- Innovations in Genetic Improvement of Agricultural Systems – beginning **May 11, 2021**
- Innovations in Post-Harvest Management – beginning **June 29, 2021**
- Innovations in Entrepreneurship, Especially Among Youth – beginning **August 24, 2021**
- Innovations in Information and Communication Technologies – beginning **October 19, 2021**
- Innovations in Scaling – beginning **December 14, 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 will consist of a series of virtual events held throughout 2021. All events are free, but registration is required. Registration provides post-event access to all presentations as well as access to additional curated material on the topic.

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