



SESSION 3:

FOOD SYSTEM PROFILE AND POLICY



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Dr. Ben Belton is an interdisciplinary social scientist who has lived and worked extensively in South and Southeast Asia. He currently holds a joint appointment as Associate Professor of International Development, at the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, USA, and as interim Global Lead for Social and Economic Inclusion with WorldFish, Malaysia.

His research focuses on aquaculture and capture fisheries development, value chains and food systems, livelihoods, rural economies, and their links to food and nutrition security, poverty, wellbeing, and the environment.

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Dr. Adi Djoko Guritno is a lecturer at the Department of Agroindustrial Technology and Master's in Management Study Program, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia.

His research interest and specializations are in the fields of Supply Chain Management, Risk Management, and Operations Management. In addition to his teaching duties at the university, he is active as a risk management consultant and currently serves as the President Director of PT Pagilaran, a commercial tea plantation and manufacturing company in Central Java.

He has led several research initiatives, including as General Chairperson of the Research & Development on Supply Chain Indonesia association, Chair of the Association of Agro-Industrial Technology Indonesia, and is the Coordinator of the Japan International Corporation Agency for Technical Cooperation at his university, plus other affiliations.

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Mrs. Tuyen Thi Thanh Huynh is Senior Research Associate working on food environment and consumer behavior at the Alliance of Bioversity International. The Alliance is a collaborative initiative between Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture. It delivers research-based solutions that harness agricultural biodiversity and sustainably transform food systems.

Mrs. Tuyen Thi Thanh Huynh leads and participates in activities that support policy development and implementation by national governments and international agencies. Her research interests are nutrition sensitive food systems, food environment, and consumer behavior. Her work seeks to build sustainable food systems by ensuring the production, delivery and use of healthy food that ultimately provides economic, social, and nutritional benefits to consumers while minimizing their environmental footprint.



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Dr. Dao The Anh is Vice President of the Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Hanoi. Formerly, he was Director of the Centre for Agrarian System Research and Development and Deputy Director General of the Field Crops Research Institute. Dr. Dao The Anh is actively involved in capacity building and advocacy for smallhold farmers in VietNam. He is the national convener of the United Nations Food Systems Summit in VietNam.

His academic studies focused on agricultural production. He earned his Master's in Farming Systems and his Ph.D. in Agricultural, Rural and Food Economics, both from Montpellier SupAgro, France.

Over the past 30 years, he has developed a passion for research involving the agricultural systems and family farming, particularly along the Red River Delta and Northern Mountain regions of VietNam. Recently, his research has focused on agro-ecological farming systems, adaptation and mitigation for climate change of production systems, food safety certification, and the development of cooperative farmer organizations. He also has taken a sharp interest in the role of safe agriculture and Zero Hunger initiative based on promoting the role of small farms.



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Dr. Santi is currently Director of the Science Technology and Innovation Policy Institute at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi. This institute was established as a collaborative initiative between Thailand's Ministry of Science and Technology and King Mongkut's University to undertake research to support national science technology and innovation policy formulation and implementation. Dr. Santi's recent works include evaluative research involving agriculture and food systems.

Dr. Santi has been involved in various national research and innovation systems design projects, including budgeting systems used in research and innovation projects, and monitoring and evaluating research and innovation policies and their implementation. These system designs are intended to provide instruments used to assess and strengthen the deployment of Thailand's national research and innovation initiatives, and lead to more efficient and effective policy implementations.

Dr. Santi received his Master's in Civil Engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, and his Ph.D. in Infrastructure Systems from the University of Tokyo, Japan.



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Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn is the Executive Director of the Mekong Institute. He is a dedicated professional who heads a variety of projects intended to promote sustainable development through regional cooperation and integration. He has over 20 years of experience in developing cooperation partnerships, particularly in agriculture & rural development, formulating public-private partnerships, and trade facilitation. He is a strong advocate for ASEAN and Greater Mekong Subregion integration initiatives.

He actively engages and shares his experiences in a wide-range of platforms organized by various institutions, such as the Asian Development Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Programs, APEC, and the Sustainable Rice Platform.

Throughout his impressive career he has worked with and led development efforts in alliance with a long list of regional and international organizations, all in pursuit of partnership development in the food and agriculture sectors, including as Regional Project Director of the Better Rice Initiative Asia, as Manager and Regional Secretariat of the Greater Mekong Subregion Working Group on Agriculture, and as Head of Agriculture Industries and Natural Resources Division. He also was the main author of the ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework, to name a few of his professional affiliations.