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Vice President for Research and Creation, Kasetsart University, Thailand, since March 2021. He has been chairing the Reinventing Kasetsart University program, which aims to enhance collaborative innovative research and advanced studies on agriculture and food using international networks affiliated with the Reinventing Universities and Research Institutes program under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy and Strategy (2020-2027). He is a member of Research Committee of the Council of University Presidents of Thailand.

He completed his undergraduate and master's degree studies in agronomy at Kasetsart University and received his doctorate in crop science from North Carolina State University, USA. One of his recent outstanding projects was the "Development of Smart Thai Agriculture Using Big Data" under the Agriculture Cluster of Research University Network (RUN), funded by the National Research Council of Thailand. The project has led to the national interest to develop other advanced platforms among leading agricultural institutes and governmental agencies.

Suresh Babu



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Before joining IFPRI, Dr. Babu was a research economist at Cornell University. He has published 20 books and monographs and more than 100 peer reviewed journal papers on food, agricultural, and climate change policies in developing countries.

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He received the 2019 Puey Ungphakorn Award for the Young Thai Economist who has the most outstanding academic performance; His contributed report won the 2016 Abraham Lincoln Honor Award for Increasing Global Food Security from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA. He serves as an associate deputy editor of *Climatic Change*.

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As IRRI's Regional Representative for Asia, Nafees' role is to represent IRRI's interests, coordinate and have strategic oversight of IRRI's activities, in Asia. He works closely with governments and a wide range of private sector and non-governmental partners, focusing on key contributions IRRI can make to the sustainable development of the agri-food sector in the region.

Prior to joining IRRI, he had been the Head of Science at the UK's Department of Energy and Climate Change with the responsibility of providing the evidence base for the UK Government's position in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations.

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Past assignments include the EU-supported Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), exploring how agriculture can contribute to Samoa and other Pacific Island's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement; the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) supporting an evaluation of the effectivity of ASEAN climate-smart land use guidelines; the Southeast Asia Research Center for Agriculture (SEARCA) supporting jurisdictional approach in forest climate finance.

She has over 20 years' experience in the areas of biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, and conservation finance in the Philippines, Latin America, Uganda and Southeast Asia, working with NGOs, national governments, and international development agencies. She received a master's Degree in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science under a Fulbright Scholarship.

Duncan Boughton



Dr. Duncan Boughton has over 30 years of professional experience in policy analysis focusing on efforts to raise smallholder farmer incomes in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, and has undertaken long-term assignments in the Philippines, The Gambia, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, and Myanmar.

His work has focused on agricultural research and technology transfer for smallholder farmers, value chain development, policy analysis and outreach to host country senior government decision makers, and capacity building of local staff.

Professor Boughton's published research has examined the constraints affecting smallholder farmers' ability to participate in markets for various types of crops, and the need for complementary investments in crop productivity and market access. At Kasetsart University he collaborates with faculty working on the Innovation Lab for Policy, Research, Capacity Building and Influence (PRCI) in Southeast Asia, and the integration of climate change adaptation and mitigation into national agricultural strategies in the region. Duncan received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University, USA.

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