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What to look out for and how to assess levels and trends

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Dr. Filippo Dibari is the Regional Sr Nutrition Advisor at the World Food Program of the United Nations Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific – based in Bangkok.

Filippo is Italian by nationality and a Food Engineer (Msc) by foundational training. Given his passion for fighting malnutrition in all its forms, Filippo made a mid-career change and obtained a master’s degree in Public Health Nutrition (MSc) and then a PhD in nutritional operational research (PhD).

Among other duties, currently, Filippo is providing strategic technical guidance to WFP Country Offices and their Governmental and Private Sector Partners (including donors) on interlinkages between sustainable and healthy food systems, climate, and nutrition.

During the last months, under Filippo’s guidance, WFP finalized a thorough mapping exercise of the state of art in the area of the food systems (challenges and opportunities) in 16 countries from the region Asia and Pacific.
SPEAKER
Sangmin Nam
Director, Environment and Development Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Dr. Nam currently works as the Director, Environment and Development Division of ESCAP. Prior to taking up the current assignment, he served as the Deputy Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office (2013-2022), and Environmental Affairs Officer.

Before joining the UN, he taught at Hanyang University in Seoul, served as an expert member and subcommittee coordinator of the Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development of the Republic of Korea, and worked with Green Korea United, a leading environmental NGO in the ROK as a founding member and the manager of programme and policy. He has also held visiting researcher positions at Chulalongkorn University, Australian National University and the University of Washington, and worked with Korean media covering sociopolitical issues in Asia and the Pacific, and as a commentator on national environmental issues in the Republic of Korea. Dr. Nam obtained a PhD degree in the field of international environmental governance from the University of Melbourne.
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Ms. Vanida Khumnirdpetch the Director, Bureau of Foreign Agricultural Affairs (BoFAA), Office of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand (MoAC) since February, 2019. BoFAA is responsible for High Level meetings, Senior Officer and Ministerial Meeting as well as coordinating with national, regional and international agencies on the issues related to agriculture. The office is the national focal point for Rome-based Agencies and acts as secretariat for UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

She holds Bachelor and Master of Science in Animal Husbandry From Kasetsart University, Thailand and Ph.D. in Animal Breeding from University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. She began her career with MoAC in 1987 at the Department of Livestock Development. She worked as a researcher in animal breeding, animal genetic resources and biodiversity. Her international negotiation experiences as Co-chair on the Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, CBD and the Chair of the 12th Meeting of Commission on Genetic Resources on Food and Agriculture, FAO. From 2011 to 2019, she was Minister (Agriculture) at the Royal Thai Embassy in Canberra, Australia and Washington D.C.
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Dr Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann is a Senior Scientist at the National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), France, and Professor at the Paris School of Economics. She is a member of the Steering committee of the High-level panel of experts for the UN Committee on World Food Security (HLPE-FSN).

Previously she has been director of LEA, an INRAE research unit, Deputy Director of PISE (a joint research unit of INRA with three Research and Higher Education Institutions), Member of the Board and Steering Committee of the Paris School of Economics. She also previously served as the co-director of the International Trade and Development programme at CEPREMAP and Chair of the Scientific Interest Network on Trade policy, France. She has worked at the OECD Development Centre and has served as team leader for Trade Policy Diagnoses in many Sub-Saharan countries for the Enhanced Integrated Framework, an Initiative on Trade facilitation in the Least Developed Countries launched by six UN and multilateral institutions (ITC, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP, the World Bank and the WTO). Dr Suwa-Eisenmann has published widely across a range of journals. She holds a PhD in Economics of École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France, and has graduated from École Normale Supérieure and Sciences Po Paris. Dr Suwa-Eisenmann works on global food security, international trade and development.

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Dr. José Rosero Moncayo is the Director of the Statistics Division in FAO based in Rome-Italy. He holds a master’s degree in economics of development and a Ph.D. in economics from Amsterdam University. He has served as Executive Director of the National Institute of Censuses and Statistics of Ecuador, as a former President of the Statistical Conference of the Americas and as member of the High Level for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In addition he also served as Vice Minister of Social Development, as Technical Secretary of the Social Front and as Coordinator of the Integrated System of Social Indicators in his home country Ecuador. Dr. Rosero has wide experience in research, social policy design and international statistics.
For more information on the ESCAP-WFP Food System Risk assessment framework - INFER, please visit: https://www.unescap.org/projects/infer

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