

The **European Union** and the **NIPN Global Support Facility** are pleased to invite you to a side-event:

National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN): Strategic opportunities and institutional challenges

On **Wednesday November 28th, 12.00-13.30**

At the **Intercontinental Hotel**, Bangkok, Thailand

NIPN proposes a country-owned approach to:

1. Formulate relevant and answerable nutrition policy questions;
2. Answer these questions by analyzing data at subnational level regarding multi-sectoral nutrition indicators of outcomes, determinants, interventions and investments;
3. Feed the findings into a national policy dialogue that informs decision-taking on nutrition-driven policies, programs and investments.

A multi-sectoral nutrition policy dialogue is required to achieve these three steps, involving policy decision-makers as well as data analysts.

The focus of this panel is to identify the strategic opportunities and institutional challenges of using national and subnational data to inform crucial multi-sectoral nutrition policy, program and budget decisions.

The panel will be chaired by **Dr. Marti J. van Liere**, Team Lead of the NIPN Global Support Facility, with the participation of:

- **Mrs. Madeleine Onclin**, Head of Nutrition, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition Unit, DG International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- **Dr. Sitthiroth Rasphone**, Acting Director General, Centre for Development Policy Research, Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Lao Popular Democratic Republic
- **Dr. Tsigereda Kifle Wolde**, Deputy Director General, Ethiopian Public Health Institute
- **Dr. David L. Pelletier**, Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University

More information: <http://www.nipn-nutrition-platforms.org/NIPN-Side-event-at-FAO-IFPRI-Bangkok-conference>

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About the speakers



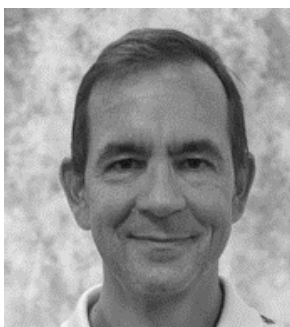
Mrs. Madeleine Onclin has been assigned the responsibility of Head of Sector Nutrition at the European Commission headquarters since September 2017. A veterinary surgeon by training, she has been involved during 11 years in the fight against animal diseases in Belgium, before creating the non-profit organisation VSF (Vétérinaires Sans Frontières) Belgium as part of the VSF European network. Madeleine Onclin was VSF-Belgium CEO for 15 years, becoming involved in sustainable development in Sub-Saharan Africa. She joined the European Commission in 2009 and spent 8 years in Delegations (3 years in Chad, 3 years in Guinea-Bissau and 2 years in Honduras).



Dr. Sitthiroth Rasphone is the Acting Director General of the Centre for Development Policy Research of the Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Lao PDR. He holds a Ph.D. in Development Economics from the Australian National University. He has been with the Ministry of Planning and Investment since 2000 as an economic researcher. He has been involved in formulating and monitoring national socio-economic development especially in the areas of macroeconomic analysis, poverty analysis and impact evaluation of social investment programs (in the Education and Health sectors). His research interests focus on fiscal policy; poverty and agricultural development; child budget analysis; child poverty; and the impact of public investment related to education and health on well-being.



Dr. Tsigereda Kifle Wolde has been the Deputy Director General of the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) since 2016. She is a medical doctor by training and holds a Master's degree in Public Health from the Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. Before joining EPHI, she has worked for more than 25 years as a health specialist in the Dire Dawa region in Ethiopia, first as the Director for the Department of disease prevention & control at the Regional Health Bureau, then as a Project Officer with a INGO, then as the Head of the Regional Health Bureau for 14 years and finally as the Director of the ICAP Regional Office providing technical assistance to the Regional Health Bureau.



Dr. David L. Pelletier is Professor at Cornell University, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs. His interests relate to the formulation, implementation and evaluation of nutrition policy, primarily in low and middle income countries. He approaches this work from a transdisciplinary, engaged and problem-oriented perspective, in which the key research questions and choice of methods emerges in the course of engaging with policy and program actors at global, national or sub-national levels. This approach is guided by robust theoretical frameworks and ensures that the research is responsive to real-world concerns and more likely to be understood, valued and used by those responsible for policies and programs.



Dr. Marti J. Van Liere is Team Leader of the NIPN Global Support Facility, responsible for strategic guidance, communication and partnerships. She has 30 years of international experience and a proven track record in nutrition and development, in non-for-profit and private sectors, as well as in research. Before joining the NIPN Global Support Facility, she held positions at GAIN (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition), Unilever, KIT (Dutch Royal Tropical Institute) and INSERM (French Medical Research Institute). She has a PhD in Human Nutrition from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. In 2012 and 2013, she served as the co-chair of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Business Network.
