

Hideya Yamada

Hideya Yamada has more than thirty years of experience in the field of food and agriculture. He has spent most of his career with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and his extensive experience includes diplomatic service at the permanent mission of Japan in Italy to the United Nations' food agencies based in Rome. Since assuming the office of vice president at JICA in 2017, he has devoted himself to designing development strategies of food security and nutrition.

Mr. Yamada received a Master of Arts in International Development Policy at Stanford University, and a Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of Tokyo.

Emorn Udomkesmalee

Dr. Udomkesmalee is a Senior Advisor to and a former Director of the Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand. She holds the position of Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of International Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Her research interests include micronutrient assessment, bioavailability and metabolism, micronutrient interaction especially of vitamin A and zinc or iron and zinc, and micronutrient and immune function.

She is a member of the Independent Expert Group of the Global Nutrition Report; the WHO Nutrition Topic Advisory Group on ICD Revision Project; the International Zinc Nutrition Consultative Group; the Steering Committee of the Micronutrient Forum; the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) Partnership Council; and the Scientific and Public Health Advisory Committee of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Southeast Asia Region, as well as its Scientific Director. She is a founding member of the International Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition (ISISN) and the Country Network Facilitator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement.

She received her PhD in nutritional biochemistry and metabolism from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1985. Her postdoctoral training was at the Vitamin and Mineral Nutrition Laboratory, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Beltsville, Maryland, USA, in 1987.

Joyce Kinabo

Joyce Kinabo obtained her B.Sc. degree in Agriculture with a major in Food Science and Technology from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1980); M.Sc. in Food Science from Leeds University, UK (1984) and PhD in Nutritional Physiology from Glasgow University (1990). Areas of specialization include energy balance studies (thermic effect of food), food security, epidemiology, maternal and child nutrition, adolescent nutrition, food body interactions and nutritional status nutrition policy and community nutrition.

Joyce is currently employed as full Professor of Human Nutrition at Sokoine University of Agriculture Morogoro, Tanzania where she has been working for the past 32 years. After completing her B.Sc. degree studies she was employed as a Food Scientist with Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre, the position she held from 1980 to 1984. In 1985 she joined the academia and was employed by Sokoine University of Agriculture and has been instructing courses on human nutrition, nutritional physiology, body composition and energy balance, nutritional epidemiology, maternal and child nutrition and food

and nutrition security. Research activities have focused mainly on energy balance studies, maternal and child nutrition, adolescent nutrition, food body interactions and nutritional status. Currently, she is actively involved in community nutrition research focusing on enhancing capacity of communities to identify nutrition challenges and solutions by developing nutrition interventions to address their unique nutrition challenges in various food systems.

Joyce has been an active member of the Food and Nutrition Association of Tanzania since its inception. In 2000 she was nominated secretary of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies, a position she held for 10 years. In 2011, she was elected President of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies (2011-2015). She is a Nutrition Ambassador and member of Board of Directors for the Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) (2011 - to-date) and USAID Champion for change (2010). She has also been a member of various nutrition societies and networks such as South Africa Nutrition Society, Food Science and Nutrition Network for Africa. In academia, she served as a Visiting Professor at the Research Institute for Food Science, Kyoto University, Japan (2000); and Visiting Professor, Department of Human Nutrition Cornell University, USA (2010).

Brave Rona Ndisale

Brave Rona Ndisale is the Deputy Director of the Social Protection Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) based in Rome. Prior to this post, she was Ambassador to Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Switzerland, The Principality of Monaco, and the European Union. She previously held senior positions in government and international organizations, including the African Union Commission, in a variety of areas including policy and planning. She has done short-term consultancies with FAO, AFRICARE, and the African Development Bank.

She is well versed in the areas of trade, input and product market systems, and land tenure and is familiar with a broad range of issues related to biotechnology, biosafety, and sanitary and phytosanitary regulations. She holds a PhD in agriculture and applied economics from the University of Minnesota and was awarded the African Graduate Fellowship (AFGRAD) for her PhD program.

Rina Agustina

Dr. Agustina is Chair of the Human Nutrition Research Center at the Indonesian Medical Education and Research Institute (IMERI), and Head of the Doctoral Program at the Department of Nutrition, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia – Dr. Cipto Mangunkusuno Hospital, Jakarta, Indonesia

Dr Agustina holds a Medical Doctor (Gadjah Mada University), Master in Nutrition (Universitas Indonesia) and PhD in Human Nutrition (Wageningen University, The Netherlands) with the scholarship from the International Nutrition Foundation/Ellison Medical Foundation USA. She received a scholarship from the Higher Education Network Ring Initiative to attend the short term post-graduate training at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA.



Her primary areas of expertise include dietary modulation of intestinal infection and inflammation, probiotics, prebiotics and micronutrients, obesity, and maternal and child health and nutrition. She has extensive experiences in large scale clinical trials, and maternal and child dietary and metabolic assessment across multiple ethnic groups. She conducted and published observational studies (cohort and cross sectional studies) in maternal and child dietary intake and nutritional status in Indonesia. She founded a working group on probiotic and dietary quality involving different countries in the Southeast Asia Region. She is a member of the EAT-Lancet Commission on Healthy Diets and Sustainable Food Systems, and a lead scientist and author for the Lancet Series on Indonesia.

Senator Guido Girardi

Medical Doctor and graduate of the Universidad de Chile, Senator serving the City of Santiago, Author of the Chilean Nutritional Labelling and Advertising Law, a model initiative in the Americas region and across the globe, and Specialist in public health, environment and science, technology and innovation. Girardi has been the driving force behind multiple issues, including medical patient rights, pharmacological regulation, the Universal Donor Law, tobacco laws, food loss and food waste norms, the introduction of a fast food tax, among others. Between 2011 and 2012, he was President of the Senate of Chile, as well as, Vice-President of the upper house in 2017. He is currently the President of the Health and the Future Challenges, Science, Technology and Innovation Commissions of the Senate. Through the latter, he created and drove forward the Futures Congress, Latin America's most prominent science, technology and innovation event.

