

Name: Erik Solheim

Title: UN Environment Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

Affiliation: UNEP

Title speech: Healthy oceans and inland waters for food security



Erik Solheim is an Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme. Prior to joining UNEP, Solheim was the chair of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). As head of the DAC, which is the main body of the world's development donors, Solheim emphasized the role of private sector and tax in development finance, spearheading the Sustainable Development Investment Partnership and the Addis Tax Initiative. Solheim also focused on the need to channel more aid to least-developed countries, and bring new members and partners to the DAC. From 2007 to 2012, Solheim held the combined portfolio of Norway's Minister of the Environment and International Development, and from 2005 to 2007 served as Minister of International Development. This unique portfolio mixture allowed him to bring a coherent approach to development and the environment.

Name: Maria Helena Semedo

Title: FAO Deputy Director-General, Coordinator for Natural Resources

Affiliation: FAO, Rome, Italy

Title speech: Sustainable aquatic food system



Ms. Semedo, a national of Cape-Verde, holds an M.Sc. in Economics from the "Instituto Superior de Economia", Lisbon, Portugal Ms Semedo started her career in 1984 as Economist for the Ministry of

Planning and Cooperation, Planning Department, Praia. From 1986 to 1991, she worked as Economist/Coordinator for the Organization and Methods Department, Bank of Cape Verde, and, from 1991 to 1993, as Secretary of State for Fisheries. In 1993 she was appointed as Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Rural Affairs and in 1995 Minister for Marine Affairs, a position she held until 1998. During this period, she also served as Coordinator of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in Sahel (CILSS), as Chairperson of the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean and as Chairperson of the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean. From 1998 to 2001, she was Minister for Tourism, Transportation and Marine Affairs. From 2001 to 2003, she was a Member of Parliament. She joined FAO in 2003 as FAO Representative in Niger. In October 2008, Ms. Semedo was appointed Deputy Regional Representative for Africa and Sub regional Coordinator for West Africa. In July 2009, Ms. Semedo was appointed FAO Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Africa. In July 2013, Ms Semedo was appointed to the position of FAO Deputy Director-General, Coordinator for Natural Resources.

Name: Maria Purificacion Neira

Title: Director Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants World Health Organization

Affiliation: WHO

Title speech: Aquatic food for healthy people



Dr María P. Neira is a Spanish national who holds a degree in Medicine and Surgery (University of Oviedo, Spain), and a master degree in Public Health from the Université Pierre et Marie Curie, in Paris, France. She specialized in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases at the Université René Descartes, then in Nutrition at the Conservatoire National d'Arts et Métiers, both in Paris, and she obtained an International Diploma in Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management from the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr Neira is the Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment at the World Health Organization (WHO). Previously, between September 2002 and August 2005, she was President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency and Vice Minister of Health and Consumer Affairs in Spain. Dr Neira was appointed in 1999 as Director of the Department of Control, Prevention and Eradication at WHO. Prior to that, Dr Neira had been working for WHO in Geneva since 1993, as Coordinator of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control.

Name: Inge Nordang

Title: Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome

Affiliation: Norwegian Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome



Mr. Nordang has been Norwegian Ambassador to the Rome based agencies since 2015. Before joining the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1989, Mr. Nordang had been working as consultant for SIDA in Mozambique and as Junior Professional Officer at IFAD in Rome. He holds a master degree from the Norwegian Agricultural University (now NMBU). In the Ministry he has worked on issues like agricultural development, food security, environment and population for many years. He has also been senior refugee adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been posted as deputy head of mission to Madrid and Brasilia. In Brazil he was responsible for establishing Norway's support to the Amazon Fund, where Norway since 2009 has transferred more than USD 1.1 billion to a result based scheme for preserving the rainforest in the Amazon Basin.

Name: Livar Frøyland

Title: Programme Director

Affiliation: Institute of Marine Research, Norway



Livar Frøyland is a programme director at Institute of Marine Research (IMR). Frøyland has been affiliated as professor in Medicine (nutritional physiology) at Department of Biomedicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Bergen since 2003. Frøyland has also been a member of the Panel on Nutrition, Dietetic Products, Novel Food and Allergy, the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM), since it was established in its new model in 2004 until May 31st 2018.

Name: Nathanael Pingault

Title: Coordinator of the High Level of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

Affiliation: FAO, Rome, Italy

Title speech: CSF report/and recommendations - Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition

Nathanaël PINGAULT, engineer and economist, worked for 16 years in the French administration in various domains related to agricultural policy and economics, environment, urbanism and land-use planning. In November 2015 he has been seconded to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as Coordinator of the High Level of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) of the UN Committee on World Food Security. He coordinated the production, by independent HLPE experts, of the recently published and forthcoming HLPE reports on Sustainable agricultural development and livestock (2016), Sustainable Forestry (2017), Nutrition and food systems (2017), Multi-stakeholder partnerships (2018), Agroecological approaches and other innovations (2019). He also coordinated the production of the second HLPE note on critical and emerging issues on food security and nutrition (2017). All those documents are available on the HLPE website: <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-hlpe/en/>

Name: Richard Abila

Title: International Fund for Agricultural Development – IFAD, Rome, Italy

Affiliation: Senior Global Technical Specialist for Fisheries and Aquaculture

Title speech: Sufficient aquatic food – Food Sufficiency from Oceans and Inland Waters

Richard Abila is the Senior Global Technical Specialist for Fisheries and Aquaculture with the International Fund for Agricultural Development - IFAD. Richard has over 25 years uninterrupted career in fisheries and aquaculture research and development fields. Before joining IFAD Richard worked with different national, regional and international small-scale fisheries projects and programmes especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. Richard has particular interest on the social and economic dimensions of small-scale fisheries in developing countries, and has a number of publications in this field.

Name: Alan Reilly

Title: Adjunct professor

Affiliation: Institute of Food and Health, University College Dublin, Ireland

Title speech: Safe aquatic food - Safe fish and fishery products can only come from healthy waters



Professor Alan Reilly worked at the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) for sixteen years where he was responsible for setting up and managing this national food regulatory authority. Has was Chief Executive of the Authority from 2009 to 2015. Under his leadership, the FSAI became one of the most successful and effective food safety agencies responsible enforcing regulations and coordinating the national food control programme. Before joining the FSAI in 1999, he worked in the Food Safety Programme of the World Health Organization in Geneva. He has also worked at the Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, UK, and as a visiting associate professor at the College of Fisheries, University of the Philippines. He is a former member of the Advisory Forum of the European Food Safety Authority and a former Board Member of the Irish National Accreditation Board. He has worked for over 40 years in a senior capacity the area of food safety and official food control. A graduate of University College, Dublin and of Brunel University (UK), he is currently an Adjunct Professor at the Institute of Food and Health, University College Dublin; and also an Adjunct Professor at the School of Food Science and Environmental Health, Dublin Institute of Technology. He is the chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Food Information Council (EUFIC). He acts as an adviser to national and international food safety organisations such as the World Health Organization, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and is a member of the Advisory Board of the WHO/FAO International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN). He is also a Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology and a Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology of Ireland.

Name: Marian Kjellevoid

Title: Head of Research/Senior Scientist, Food Security and Nutrition

Affiliation: Institute of Marine Research, Norway

Title speech: Nutritious aquatic food – Fish composition data, the missing piece to establish the big gains



Kjellevoid has extensive experience in seafood intake and nutritional epidemiology. She has particular focused research on food composition, dietary intake of micronutrients and micronutrient status in children and pregnant women. During the most recent years she has been working with longitudinal cohort studies on pregnant women and infants, and randomized intervention trials with fish. Outcome variables are status (iodine, vitamin D, marine fatty acids and mercury), mental health and cognitive performance. Her research group also work with development and validation of food frequency questionnaires. Institute of Marine Research is reference laboratory for the Norwegian Food Safety Authorities, and her research group is responsible for the projects providing new analytical data for the Norwegian food composition table. In addition the group work systematically with providing analysis of nutrients in seafood (Food composition data) published in <https://nifes.hi.no/sjomatdata-3/>. Her research work has resulted in over 52 peer-reviewed publications.

Name: Shakuntala Thilsted

Title: Program Leader, Value Chains and Nutrition

Affiliation: WordFish, Cambodia

Title speech: Dietary needs – fish give big gains in nourishing nations



Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is Research Program Leader, Value Chains and Nutrition at WorldFish, stationed in Penang, Malaysia. Her work focusses on nutrition-sensitive fish agri-food systems, in particular the potential of increased production and consumption of nutrient-rich small fish in combating and preventing vitamin and mineral deficiencies in low- and middle-income countries. She

works with developing and testing fish-based products for women and children in the first 1,000 days of life. These products can improve dietary diversity and supply multiple, highly bioavailable nutrients which are essential for women's nutrition and health, and optimal growth, development and cognition in children. She plays a pivotal role in promoting the agenda of fish for nourishing nations as well as the importance of the fisheries sector in contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in many international, regional and national fora.

Name: Juliana Galvao

Title: PhD, Research Specialist

Affiliation: Department of Agri-food Industry, College of Agriculture University of São Paulo, Brazil

Title speech: Food preferences - Seafood consumptions and preferences in Brazil

Juliana Antunes Galvão is a biologist. Specialist in Quality Management of Fish Handling and Processing from United Nations University – Fisheries Training Program (UNU-FTP). Master in Food Science from University of São Paulo (ESALQ). Ph.D. in Chemistry in Agriculture and Environment from University of São Paulo (CENA). She is a supervisor of Research group called GETEP: Extension and Study Group on Innovation Technology of Fish Quality. Juliana is a Research Specialist in the Freshwater fish and Seafood laboratory – Department of Agri-food Industry “Luiz de Queiroz” College of Agriculture University of São Paulo – Brazil. She has participated in many research projects in quality of fish chain production, sustainability, traceability, quality of water, environment and fish contamination, contamination in the fish processing facilities and consumers. She has publications and/or projects with researches from Iceland, Spain, Germany, Chile and Portugal. Her research work has resulted in over 29 peer-reviewed publications and 18 chapters in books.

Name: Pawan G Patil

Title: Senior Economist and Team Leader. Oceans, Fisheries, and the Blue Economy South Asia Region, Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice

Affiliation: The World Bank, Washington DC, USA

Title speech: Leaving no one behind - Equalizing opportunity in fish aquatic/agri-food systems to improve human capital outcomes



Pawan G. Patil, PhD is a development banker, Harvard, Oxford, and London School of Economics trained economist and serial social entrepreneur. Over 19 years at the World Bank, he has followed

his twin passions, co-developing the institution's multi-billion-dollar portfolio on Oceans and the Blue Economy, and co-creating social enterprises and initiatives in support of adolescent girls and young people. His work has been featured in dozens of peer reviewed journals and newspapers, including The Economist, Financial Times, New York Times, Huffington Post, and Nature. Dr. Patil is the recipient of several innovation awards in support of ocean-facing developing countries. He was selected as a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and served as a member of WEF's Global Agenda Council for Oceans and the founding boards of Nike Foundation, Youth2Youth, Mobile Movement, and Mapping Ocean Wealth – which was awarded the 2017 Tourism for Tomorrow Innovation Award and WTTC's annual Global Tourism Summit in Bangkok. He currently lives in the Washington DC area with his wife of over twenty years and two children.

Name: Yngve Torgersen

Title: Chair of the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture

Affiliation: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries



Yngve Torgersen graduated from University of Oslo - Norway, with a degree in microbiology in 1989. He worked at the Norwegian National Veterinary Institute until 1996 as a scientist in fish health and disease preventative measures in aquaculture. From 1996 to 2002 Torgersen held various positions in the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture – Department of Veterinary Services, including Head of Animal Health Unit. Between 2002 and 2006 he worked in the European Commission – DG Health and Consumer Affairs – Animal Health Unit, responsible for the development of the current EU-Aquatic Animal Health legislation. From 2006, Mr Torgersen has been Director in charge of policy development in the area of Aquaculture management, and environmental sustainability of Norwegian fisheries and aquaculture in the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs and from 2014 in the Ministry of Trade, Industry of Fisheries. Since 2008, Mr. Torgersen has been head of the Norwegian delegation to the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture. He has been chairing technical and expert consultation within FAO on Aquaculture matters. For the period of 2017-2019 he holds the position as Chair of the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture. Over the years, Mr Torgersen has published more than 40 scientific papers and articles, and given numerous presentations around the world on various subjects in relation to aquaculture.

Name: Lene Breum Larsen

Title: Special advisor in the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration

Affiliation: The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Copenhagen, Denmark

Title speech: Networking for better nutrition – the Nordic experience of planning a regional effort to improve health and nutrition in the general population



Lene Breum Larsen is now working as a special advisor in the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration. She has in her work focus on networking and exchange of experiences in a national, Nordic and European context. She has been working in the Nordic Council of Ministers in the field of nutrition from strategy and monitoring to consumer labelling. The Nordic countries have an action plan for “A better life through diet and physical activity”. A common matrix of key indicators has been established collecting data across borders from the entire region to monitor how we are proceeding. Based on the work of more than 100 scientists through a transparent process and methodology, the Nordic Nutrition Recommendations are an important contribution to the work of nutritional recommendations worldwide. They are also a very important basis for the post sign used widely in the Nordic countries - “The Keyhole” - , which indicates the healthiest choice within a given type of food or product. Another important Nordic project is the concept of New Nordic Food. She is now working in both a national, Nordic and European context – the last as a participant in the European High Level Group on Nutrition & Physical activity.

Name: Olav Kjørven

Title: Chief Strategic Officer

Affiliation: EAT

Title speech: Towards common goals – The Big Catch: Collaborative Oceans Stewardship for Improved Food Security



Olav Kjørven is Chief Strategic Officer. In this role Olav is part of EAT’s Senior Leadership team and provides strategic oversight to EAT’s policy work, leads engagement on global policy arenas, and guides

EAT's science and knowledge initiatives for maximum impact on food systems policies and practices. Olav's career spans political leadership roles for Norwegian development cooperation and several senior leadership posts at the United Nations. He led the Bureau for Development Policy of the United Nations Development Program for almost seven years, overseeing an international staff of some 360, programs delivering in the hundreds of millions every year, and policy work ranging from democratic governance to climate change. Throughout his career Olav has pursued every opportunity to increase global focus and commitment to sustainable development. This culminated in him playing a central role in the complex and highly political process that led to Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, including organizing the largest global consultation ever undertaken by the UN with millions of people engaged. Since then, it has been about mobilizing for action—at the UN, with governments, the private sector and civil society—and with a focus on children as Olav led UNICEF's Division for Public Partnerships for the last three years. Olav's is widely recognized as a senior leader in sustainable development spanning 25 years. He is on the Board of Directors of the prestigious EARTH University in Costa Rica and on the Advisory Board for the Business for Peace Foundation and Initiative. He instigated and set up the Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor, which produced its ground-breaking report "Making the Law Work for Everyone" in 2008, served as the UN Secretary General's coordinator for the UN's engagement in development with the G20, and co-led the UN system's Task Team on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Olav holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University and is a Norwegian national.