



Information about speakers for side event CFS 46, October 2019

Ambassador Aslak Brun is Norway's Permanent Representative to the UN organizations in Rome from September 2019. He has broad diplomatic experience in the areas of development cooperation, multilateral negotiations and climate change. Mr Brun was previously Chief of Staff to Norway's Minister of International Development (2018-2019), and before that Deputy Director General of the Department of Economic Relations and Development in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2017-2018). Mr Brun was Norway's chief climate change negotiator during the period that culminated in the Paris Agreement (2013-2016). He has also been project manager for UN reform, and in that capacity he facilitated the Norwegian Prime Minister's role as co-chair of the UN high-level reform panel 'Delivering as One' (2005-2006). Mr Brun has headed three different sections in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: the Section for Development Policy (2016-2017), the Section for Climate Change, Global Health and Sustainable Development (2012-2013), and the Section for Global Initiatives and Gender Equality (2007-2009). He has served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi (2009-2012). He has also been posted to the Norwegian Embassy in The Hague (1999-2001) and seconded as Junior Professional Officer to the United Nations Development Programme in Sierra Leone (1989-1991). He holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Oslo. Mr Brun was born on 11 December 1960. He is married and has two children.

Stineke Oenema is nutritionist (Wageningen University) and agricultural economist (London University). She worked several years for FAO and UNICEF in Ghana, Vietnam and Latin America. From 2004-2015 she worked with a Dutch NGO (ICCO) being in charge of food and nutrition security policy and programme development. During this period, she was member of the editorial board of the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch. She chaired the European Food Security Group and was part of the Coordinating Committee of the Civil Society Mechanism for the Committee on World Food Security. In the Netherlands, she has been chair of the Netherlands Working Group on Nutrition, a working group of NGOs, private sector actors and knowledge institutes. As member of the Independent Expert Group, she supported the development of the Global Nutrition Reports during its initial years. Before joining the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) in 2016, she worked at Wageningen University, the Centre for Development Innovation. In her current function as Coordinator of the UNSCN, she contributes to maximising coherency of nutrition policy and advocacy; as well as to coherent and accountable delivery by the UN system.

Manas Roshan is a Programme Officer with the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF). ICSF supports fishing communities and fishworker organizations, and empowers them to participate in fisheries from a perspective of decent work, equity, gender-justice, self-reliance and sustainability. It influences national, regional and international decision-making processes in fisheries so that the importance of small-scale fisheries, fishworkers and fishing communities is duly recognized. ICSF is also a support organization to the International Planning Committee on Food Sovereignty (IPC). Manas was previously a print and broadcast journalist based in India. He contributes to ICSF's international coordination, advocacy and communications.

Dr. Martin. C. Th. Scholten is member of the Board of Directors of Wageningen University & Research, with special responsibility for Animal Sciences, including Livestock, Bioveterinary and Marine Research. He studied biology (ecology) at the Free University Amsterdam (VU), where he graduated cum laude in 1984. He earned his PhD in ecotoxicology at this university. He has a long track record in marine sciences, including marine pollution, aquaculture & fisheries. He was director of TNO Applied Marine Research (1988 – 2002), Netherlands Institute for Fisheries Research (2002-2006) and Wageningen Marine Research (formerly IMARES 2006-2016). He was president of EFARO (European association of Fisheries & Aquaculture Research Organisations) in 2004 – 2010; and NL

delegate and vice-president of ICES (International Council for Exploration of the Sea) in 2006-2013. As an ecologist by background and now active in the field of agro-sciences, he introduced the principles of “Feeding the World within the Carrying Capacity of Planet Earth”; “Livestock Farming with Care”, “A circular food production in a biobased society”, and “Disruptive Technologies in responsible innovation in Agribusiness”. He is a valued advisor to the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality contributing to the vision of Minister Schouten “Agriculture, nature and food: valuable and connected – The Netherlands as a leader in circular agriculture”. Besides, he is co-chairman of the Global Research Alliance (GRA) on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases.

Naseegh Jaffer Is the Director of Masifundise Development Organisation in South Africa - a position that he has held for the last twenty years. Masifundise is an affiliate of the World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP) which is a global network of social movements and organizations concerned with food sovereignty of small-scale fishers and fishing communities more broadly. He also occupied the positions of *Secretary General* and *Co-chairperson* of WFFP for more than 15 years. At national level he is active in mobilization and policy advocacy work to address food sovereignty issues in poor fishing communities. He manages this programme for both coastal and inland fishing communities. At international level he has been a regular attendant at the UN Committee of Fisheries (COFI) and was central in all the processes that drafted and led to the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on Small-Scale Fishing (VGSSF) of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations. He continues to be active in development work connected to small-scale fishing communities.

John Ryder, John holds a BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry (UK), a PhD in Biological Sciences (USA) and a Masters of Business Administration (UK). For the vast majority of his career, John has worked in post-harvest fisheries in both national (UK - DFID, NZ - DSIR) and international organisations (FAO – in Italy, Denmark, Bangladesh). He has work experience in over 50 countries across all seven continents and has also been an EU expert in food safety for European Commission projects. John is currently the Head of the Products, Trade and Marketing Branch of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department in FAO, and is based in Rome, Italy.

Dr. Paul Connolly is Director of Fisheries and Ecosystems Advisory Services (FEAS) at the Marine Institute in Galway, Ireland. He leads a team of over 80 scientists and technical support staff that provide scientific advice to the Irish Government on the marine fisheries resource and on the ocean ecosystems in which they live. He is former president of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES), an organization that provides impartial evidence on the state and sustainable use of the North Atlantic. He is currently leading a research project that links art and science to demystify climate change for coastal communities. The FEAS team are involved in a broad range of ecosystem research projects and are partners in the EU funded project MEESO (ecologically and economically sound mesopelagic fisheries).

Paul Newnham currently heads up the SDG 2 Advocacy Hub, an initiative bringing together NGOs, advocacy groups, civil society, the private sector and UN agencies to coordinate global campaigning and advocacy to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2. To this end, the Hub has worked with a community of 312+ chefs from 56 countries to create a Chefs’ Manifesto- a framework outlining how chefs can contribute to the SDGs.

Paul has over 20 years’ experience in National and Global roles with a focus on Campaigning, Youth Mobilisation, Advocacy, Marketing and Communication. As a dynamic and strategic innovator, Paul brings teams together to achieve planned objectives. Through inspirational and evocative leadership, Paul is able to enthuse and motivate others, achieving goals beyond expectation.

Matilda Steiner-Asiedu is Professor of Nutrition at the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Ghana. She is also currently the Dean of Biological Sciences in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences in the same University. She has a Masters degree in Nutritional Biology from the University of Bergen, Norway and a PhD in Nutrition from same University. Afterwards she won a

scholarship to Brown University, USA where she obtained a Masters degree in Public Health. Prof Steiner-Asiedu's research interests are in food and nutrition security to alleviate malnutrition and non-communicable diseases across the life stages. She has collaborated with researchers from various universities including the University of Georgia and Washington University at St Louis, Missouri, and the University of Bergen (Norway) to undertake research activities to improve the nutrition and health of the most vulnerable in society. She was recognized by the African Union (AU) as the Best Female Life and Earth Scientists for the year 2012 edition of the AU Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Award for Life and Earth Sciences. She was a panellist on the Global Panel on "Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition" round table forum in Accra Ghana in 2015. In 2017 she was one of the main speakers at the International Congress on Nutrition in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and in 2018 she was invited to Norway as a resource person on "The role of Fish in improving Food and Nutrition Security". Professor Steiner-Asiedu was also an invited speaker in 2018 in Cali, Columbia by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) as a resource person on the need for biofortification of crops to improve nutrition. She has written 3 books, co-authored 10 chapters in books and published over 70 scientific papers in reputable peer reviewed journals. She has also presented her research findings at various national and international conferences and workshops.

Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is the Research Program Leader for Value Chains and Nutrition at WorldFish, stationed in Penang, Malaysia. Her work focuses 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 that are essential for the nutrition and health of women 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 Decade of Nutrition.