

## Biographies of Presenters



**Benoit Joseph Batiemo** holds a PhD in Genetics and Plant Breeding from the West African Center for Crop Improvement (WACCI) graduate school at the University of Ghana, Legon. Dr Batiemo, Principal Research Scientist at INERA in Burkina Faso, and Head of the Cowpea Varietal Improvement Team since 2014, has 19 years of experience in cowpea selection at the Plant Genetics and Biotechnology Laboratory (LGBV). Dr. Batiemo is the national coordinator of the Maruca-resistant cowpea development project of AATF and other projects integrating agroecological aspects such as ORACLES, ProPULSE and LegAE.



**Genowefa Blundo-Canto** is a scientist based at the French Agricultural Research Center for International Development (Cirad), previously based in the impact assessment units of Bioversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). A development economist, her work focuses on impact evaluation of agricultural research for development (AR4D) interventions with a focus on mixed and participatory methods, systemic approaches and navigating complexity at multiple scales.



**Patrick Caron** is a veterinary doctor, PhD in development geography, and Director of the Montpellier Advanced Knowledge Institute on Transitions (MAKIT). He joined the French International Cooperation Center in Agronomic Research for Development (CIRAD) in 1988 where he was Director-General for Research and Strategy from 2010 to 2016. He has been appointed as the Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in November 2015, a position that he occupied until October 2019. He is the author of about 200 publications in international journals, books and conference proceedings.



**Brian Dowd-Uribe** is associate professor in the International and Environmental Studies Departments at the University of San Francisco (USF). The primary focus of his research is on the evaluation and politics of agricultural biotechnologies in Africa. He is currently a Visiting Scientist at the Université de Montpellier affiliated with the innovation research unit at Cirad, where he is working on a book project examining the knowledge production processes of agricultural biotechnologies in Africa. Dr. Dowd-Uribe is co-founder of the Mapping Biotechnologies in Africa project, a multidisciplinary project building robust public-facing datasets of biotechnologies in Africa, and Globus, a social justice journal of international studies.



**Klara Fischer** is associate processor in Rural Development and senior lecturer in Environmental Communication at the Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences. Klara studies how modern biotechnologies are framed in agricultural research and development, how technology discourses are turned into practice in development interventions in the global South and how they are received (embraced, transformed and contested) by smallholders in their everyday farming practices. Empirically, Klara's work is located in South Africa and Uganda.



**Dominic Glover** is the Rural Futures Cluster Lead at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex. Dr. Glover specializes in the study of technology and processes of socio-technical change, principally in food systems, agriculture, and small-scale farming contexts in the global South. He is a current member of the *IDS Bulletin* editorial advisory group. Dominic has served as an advisor and editor at SciDev.Net, as a member of a selection panel for the Swedish funding agency, Formas, and as a consultant to UNEP, IPES—Food, and the FAO.



**Pierre-Benoit Joly**, a STS scholar, is Directeur de recherche at the National Institute of Research for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) in France. He has been the Director of the IFRIS and of Labex (Laboratory of Excellence) SITES from 2009 to 2014, and the founding director of LISIS, a research Unit based at Université Paris Est from 2015 to 2019. Since January 2020, he is the Chair of the INRAE Center Occitanie-Toulouse. His research is devoted to the study of co-production of knowledge and social order.



**Enoch Mutebi Kikulwe** is a scientist based at the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). Enoch's work focuses on adoption, consumer preferences, and impact assessment of various agricultural innovations and sustainable use of natural resources in smallholder farming systems of East and Southern Africa. He has vast experience in evaluating the suitability of crop productivity enhancing technologies and policies in different agro-climatic environments as well as performing rigorous econometric impact assessments of these technologies and policies on livelihoods and nutritional security.



**Sélim Louafi** is Deputy Director for Research and Strategy for the French Agricultural Research Center for International Development (Cirad). He has worked for more than 10 years as a social scientist in a Genetics research unit that deals with Genetic Improvement and adaptation of Tropical and Mediterranean Plants. His main interest is on science and policy interface in the field of life sciences, and more specifically agricultural biodiversity. He was also member of the Economic, Ethical and Social Committee of the French High Council on Biotechnology (2015-2020), a body in charge of advising the French government on biotechnology issues.



**Joeva Sean Rock** is an assistant professor of development studies at the University of Cambridge. Her research focuses on the politics of development, agricultural biotechnology, and food sovereignty. She is the author of *We are not starving: The Struggle for Food Sovereignty in Ghana* (Michigan State University Press, 2022), and the co-director of the Mapping Biotechnologies in Africa Project. She tweets at @joevarock and can be reached at jr872@cam.ac.uk



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