



Sustainable Food and Land Use Systems Conference Speakers' bios

Jeremy Oppenheim is the Founding Partner of SYSTEMIQ where he focuses on food and land use, climate change, energy, blended finance, circular economy, and resource productivity. He is also Principal of the Food and Land Use Coalition, and advisor to multiple governments, companies and foundations on system transformation and resource productivity.

Jeremy spent over 20 years at McKinsey, developing and leading its Sustainability and Resource Productivity Practice (SRP) from 2007-2015. He is also a former Senior Economist from the World Bank (1988-1993). He holds a first-class degree from Cambridge University in Law and Economics (1984) and a Masters' Degree in Public Administration (1986) from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Astrid Ladefoged is Head of Unit for Sustainable Development Goals, Green Finances & Economic Analysis within DG Environment at the European Commission. Her unit works on developing environmental strategy through the implementation of the European Green Deal and through better regulation and economic analysis. The unit promotes implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and ensures co-ordination of environmental issues in G7/G20 and OECD processes. It drives the integration of environment and resource efficiency considerations into EU policies and the promotion of market-based instruments. It contributes to the promotion of green jobs and skills and greening the financial system. Astrid has more than 20 years of professional experience with the EU's green policies including at national level in a ministry, at European level in a think-tank and finally for more than 15 years in the European Commission in several departments and in the cabinet of former Commissioner Vella.

Ben Allen is currently the head of the agriculture and land management, and the biodiversity and ecosystems teams at IEEP. He has a PhD in Ecology and more than 15 years professional experience in environmental policy. Ben's particular skills relate to the understanding and interpretation of the dynamics between different land uses and their drivers, including sectoral policies such as climate and energy, agriculture, forestry and transport policy, having played a central role in a range of studies in this area. A key focus of his work is the development of EU land use policy, particularly in relation to climate action and the bioeconomy, looking at mechanisms and policies to promote the better management of rural land in the EU and deliver against EU and international targets.

Rudy Rabbinge is University Professor Emeritus in Sustainable Development and Food Security at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Rabbinge was chair of the Inter-Academy Panel on Food Security and Agricultural Productivity in Africa and member of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He served in different responsibilities in Academia and cooperative private companies and in politics. He holds degrees in phytopathology, entomology, theoretical production ecology and philosophy of science from Wageningen University. At present he functions as a Special Envoy for Food Security in the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

Andy Griffiths is Head of Value Chain Sustainability for Nestlé's UK&I businesses, responsible for the development and delivery of the Environmental Sustainability strategy both within the operation and across our external value chain. He has worked for Nestlé UK&I for over 20 years, originally in operational and engineering roles. He is both a chartered environmentalist and fellow at the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), as well as a chartered engineer. He is focused on bringing together the engineering expertise, operational experience, and environmental insights of the organization alongside collaborative partnerships with academia and key delivery partners to develop and implement robust and effective sustainability programs. Andy co-developed the LENs (Landscape Enterprise Network model) with 3Keel, to enable effective shared interest investment, at scale, into the regeneration of multifunctional landscapes.

Michael Obersteiner was Program Director of the Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM) Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg and assumed the directorship of the Environmental Change Institute in Oxford as of 1 October 2019. His research experience stretches from biophysical modelling in the areas of ecosystems, biodiversity, forestry and agriculture to economics, finance, and integrated assessment.

Nicolas Verschuere is a farmer with over 15 years' experience in agronomy. He specializes in the management, acquisition and technical support of agricultural exploitations located in various regions and climate conditions. He is currently working on projects in Africa, Eastern Europe, South America, and Asia, for various investors and farmers willing to develop agricultural systems that perform from a triple economic, agronomic and environmental standpoint. He previously worked as an agronomist manager and consultant for several multinationals. Nicolas holds a master's degree in Agronomy from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

Luc Bas is the Director of the IUCN European Regional Office in Brussels, representing IUCN towards the EU Institutions and providing leadership and guidance for all activities undertaken by IUCN Government and NGO members within the European context. This includes informing decision-making through IUCN's knowledge on topics such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Red Lists, Protected Area management, Natural Capital and promoting the use of nature-based solutions across different sectors. Luc has worked as an adviser on international sustainable development policies for both the Belgian Federal and Flemish Governments. He was a representative for the Government at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's national Sustainable Development experts' panel, and the Belgian Federal Council, as

well as at various interregional networks on sustainable development. Luc also represented The Climate Group in Brussels as their European Director working with business and government to reach more ambitious EU-climate policy and kick off a true energy transition.

Andreas Huber is an Agricultural Engineer by training and graduated as PhD in Agricultural Sciences. He joined the Agro-Chemical Industry in 1999 to conduct Environmental Risk Assessments for pesticides. Between 2000 and 2008 he was member of several European working groups and co-author of regulatory guidance documents on the assessment of pesticide exposure of ground and surface waters in the European Union. In 2009 he became R&D Leader for DuPont Crop Protection in Spain & Portugal and two years later R&D Leader for South Europe. In 2012 he was appointed leader of the Regulatory team for the Europe, Middle East and Africa region. In 2013 he relocated to Singapore and was appointed R&D leader for Asia-Pacific. In early 2017 Andreas became Global R&D Leader of DuPont Crop Protection in Wilmington/US and led the organization through the merger to Corteva. Since September 2017 he is based in Geneva, Switzerland and is leading the Integrated Field Sciences of Corteva in Europe, Middle East & Africa. His organization is in charge of field performance evaluations of Corteva products, seed traits and integrated crop solutions in this region.