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Anne-Marie Izac, Chair of the ISC

Anne-Marie Izac is an independent scientist who has led research programs at IITA and the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) before becoming the Deputy Director General for Research at ICRAF and at CIRAD. She was the first CGIAR Consortium Chief Science Officer until 2014. She also held the positions of CGIAR Consortium Chief Executive Officer during the initial 18 months of the Consortium's creation and of Chief Officer of the Alliance created by the 15 CGIAR Centers, before the Consortium was created. Ms. Izac was a lead author in key reports such as the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (Nutrient chapter). She has been an advisor on sustainable agriculture to the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences and served on the scientific board of various institutions, such as the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform. She serves on the editorial board of the International Journal of Sustainable Agriculture. Ms. Izac is an ecological economist who specialised in sustainable agriculture in developing countries. Her PhD is in environmental and natural resource economics (University of Western Australia) and she earned a M.Sc. in ecology and an MA in environmental and natural resources economics (Washington State University). She is also a graduate of a French 'Grande Ecole' (HEC).



Susan Braatz Forest ecologist Independent member of the ISC

Susan Braatz is a forest ecologist with over 35 years of experience in international forestry, natural resource management and sustainable development. Her areas of expertise include forest ecology, climate change, agroforestry, community forestry, dryland forestry, urban forestry, forest policy, and forests and food security. Ms. Braatz was a forestry officer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy from 1991-2016, most recently holding the positions of Team Leader: Dryland Forests, Agroforestry and Climate Change, and Senior Forestry Officer/Climate Change. She was seconded to the UN Secretariat as Senior Policy Adviser to the United Nations Forum on Forests (2001-2004). Prior to FAO, she held Chief Technical Adviser positions with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Niger and Somalia. Research experience includes field studies on nutrient cycling in forest ecosystems (Yale University, Indiana University) and policy research on economic botany for the US Congress. Ms. Braatz has a Master of Forest Science degree from Yale University and Bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology from Smith College, the US.



Linda Collette
Advisor to the Legal Research Chair in Food Diversity and Security,
Laval University
Independent member of the ISC

Ms Linda Collette is an ecologist who has worked on environmental and developmental issues for more than 35 years, at technical and policy levels. She is currently an advisor to the Legal Research Chair in Food Diversity and Security of Laval University (Québec). As well as graduating as a biologist/ecologist, she has Master's degrees in environmental sciences and project management. Before joining the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), she worked on technical and policy issues related to sustainable development including environmental impact assessments. She joined FAO in 1998 where she held different positions (sustainable development and environment senior officer, crop and crop associated biodiversity senior officer, team leader on sustainable crop production intensification and Secretary of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture). Over that period, she was the secretary and then the chair of the FAO working group on biodiversity until she left FAO in 2015. She initiated the FAO Global Action on Pollination Services for Sustainable Agriculture which included the UNEP/GEF-funded pollinator project. Under her leadership the secretariat of the commission initiated a process for the preparation of the first report of the State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture and developed a program of work on climate change and genetic resources adopted by members of the commission.



Yemi Katerere
Independent Consultant
Independent member of the ISC

Yemi Katerere is an independent scientist working with the regional office of WWF Africa, supporting the strengthening of country offices in Africa including Madagascar. He previously served in various high-level positions such as Chief Executive of the Zimbabwe Forestry Commission, Head of the IUCN regional office for Southern Africa and Deputy Director General of the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). In 2009, he became the Head of the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat. In this position he was closely involved in coordinating collaboration between the UN-REDD partner agencies, guiding strategic planning. Mr. Katerere has served on non-profit and private sector boards including as Chair of the ICRAF Board of Trustees, as non-executive director of the Wattle Company, chair of ZERO, a regional Network of environmental experts, and chair of The Programme Oversight Panel of the Aquatic Agricultural System. Mr. Katerere is a forester by training who holds a PhD in Forest Resources from the University of Idaho and has published extensively. In recognition of his contribution to forestry and development, he was awarded the Commonwealth Queen's Award in 1993.



Florencia Montagnini
Senior Research Scientist, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University
Independent member of the ISC

Florencia Montagnini is a Senior Research Scientist at Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (F&ES), and Director of the Program in Tropical Forestry of the Yale Global Institute for Sustainable Forestry. She also works as a project adviser worldwide.

She has also served as Senior Evaluation Expert for conducting an Independent Evaluation of the CGIAR FTA Program. Montagnini has written nine books on agroforestry systems, ecological restoration, and tropical forest ecology and management, and about 200 scientific articles, of which 80% have been published in international refereed journals. Her teaching experience includes courses in tropical forest ecology and management, agroforestry, restoration ecology, and soil conservation and management. Currently conducting projects in regions encompassing major types of tropical and subtropical humid and dry forest in South and Central America, she collaborates with many universities and other academic, private and government institutions in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Panama.



Robert Nasi
Director General, CIFOR
Lead Center representative

Robert Nasi was born in 1959 in Nice, France. He graduated as a forest engineer from the French National Forestry School and achieved a PhD in the field of ecology from the University of Paris Sud – Orsay. Since 1982, he has been living and travelling extensively in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, undertaking research activities in the fields of ecology and

management of tropical forests. He joined the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in August 1999 and held several research and management positions in the organization (principal scientist, biodiversity program leader, program director). He is, since Nov. 1, 2017, the Director General of CIFOR, and since Jan. 1, 2014, the Deputy Director General for Research. His particular research interests include the sustainable use of forest products and multiple-use management of tropical forests. His scientific work aims to integrate social and biological sciences for better management of tropical forests, more sustainable livelihoods and better designed forest policies. His main disciplines are ecology, botany, biometrics, tropical forest management and silviculture. He has authored or co-authored more than 300 scientific publications.



René Boot
Director, Tropenbos International
Non-CGIAR centers representative

René Boot is Director of Tropenbos International, a Dutch foundation governed by an international board, which aims to improve governance and management of tropical forests through research, capacity building and promoting dialogue. The foundation, which is funded by the Dutch government, the European Union and other donors, works in Indonesia, Vietnam, Ghana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Suriname, Guyana and Bolivia. Mr. Boot is a Special Professor in sustainable tropical forest management at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, where he teaches research policy linkages to MSc students and supervises PhD students in forest ecology and forest dependent livelihoods. He studied ecology and graduated with a PhD in 1990 from Utrecht University. After graduating he worked for 15 years in research and capacity building projects in the field of sustainable forest management in Guyana and Bolivia. He is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Tropical Ecology. He is also Chair of the Treub Maatschappij, a Dutch society that promotes academic research in the tropics, and Chair of the Tresor Foundation, which manages a tropical forest reserve in French Guyana.



Stephan Weise
Deputy Director General, Research, Bioversity International
CGIAR centers representative

Stephen joined Bioversity International in 2008 as the Director of the Commodities for Livelihoods Programme, based in the Montpellier office in France. He was appointed Deputy Director General Research in 2011. Before joining Bioversity International, Mr. Weise worked for 16 years with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on a variety of programs related to tree crops, the environment and farm diversification in the forest margins of West and Central Africa. From 2002 until he left IITA, he was the Regional Programme Manager of the Sustainable Tree Crops Programme — a public-private partnership and innovation platform that was seeking to increase the income of West and Central African cocoa farmers in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. He was also the coordinator of the working group on agronomic/landscape sustainability in a related program called the ASB Partnership for the Tropical Forest Margins hosted by the World Agroforestry Centre. In addition, he spent four years on integrated weed management and farming systems research at the University of Guelph, Canada, after completing his PhD.



Vincent Gitz

Director of the CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry

Ex-officio member of the Independent Steering Committee

Engineer of Ecole Polytechnique (1994), France, Vincent Gitz holds a PhD from AgroParisTech on land-use and global climate policies that was awarded the « Le Monde » Prize of academic research. He worked for CIRAD (International Cooperation Center in Agricultural Research for Development), CIREN (International Research Center on Environment and Development) and with the Energy Planning Program of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He served as adviser of the French minister of agriculture and fisheries, Michel Barnier (2007-2009), and just prior to joining CIFOR, he was assistant-director for food policy in the French ministry of agriculture, agrifood and forests. From 2010 to 2015, Vincent Gitz was coordinator of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE), the science-policy interface of United Nation's Committee on World Food Security (CFS).