

Composition of the Steering Committee (SC) for the FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Plant Production (GPC)

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| Martin Kropff | Co-Chair | Global Director, Resilient Agrifood Systems (RAFS), CGIAR | m.kropff@cgiar.org Focal Point: Roberto Rocha Correa, (CIMMYT, GCIAR) r.rocha@cgiar.org | https://www.cgiar.org/martin-kropff/ Keynote speech on: Agrifood system transformation |
| Alzbeta Klein | Vice-Chair | Director General, International Fertilizer Association (IFA) | aklein@fertilizer.org | Keynote speech on: Fertilizers related (MoU with FAO) |
| Josse De Baerdemaeker | Vice-Chair | Professor, Department of Biosystems, KU Leuven | josse.debaerdemaeker@kuleuven.be | Keynote speech on: Mechanization and digitalization |
| Michael Keller | Vice-Chair | Secretary General, International Seed Federation (ISF) | m.keller@worldseed.org | Keynote speech on: Seeds related |
| Sunday Ekesi | Vice Chair | Head of Capacity Building and Integrated Sciences, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (<i>icipe</i>) | sekesi@icipe.org | Keynote speech on: Pests related |
| Xiangzhao Gao | Vice-Chair | Professor and Chief Scientist, National Agro-Technical Center (NATEC), Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), P.R. China | XzGao@agri.gov.cn XzGao@qq.com | Keynote speech on: Green technology for crop production |
| Marcela Quintero | Vice-Chair | Leader CGIAR Agroecology Initiative: Transforming Food, Land and Water Systems Across the Global South, Director Multifunctional Landscapes, Alliance Bioversity – CIAT, CGIAR | m.quintero@cgiar.org | Keynote speech on: Integrated approach and agroecology |
| Ana María Loboguerrero Rodríguez | Vice-Chair | Research Director of Climate Action, Alliance of Bioversity International and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), CGIAR | a.m.loboguerrero@cgiar.org | Keynote speech on: Resilience and climate change |
| Niels Louwaars | Member | Director, Plantum | n.louwaars@plantum.nl | TAP Vice-Chair; Chair of Seed Systems Session |
| Jon Hellin | Member | Platform Leader, Sustainable Impact through Rice-Based Systems, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), CGIAR | j.hellin@irri.org | TAP Vice-Chair; Chair of Field Cropping Systems Session |
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| Graciela Metternicht | Member | Professor, University of New South Wales, Sydney (UNSW) | g.metternicht@unsw.edu.au | TAP Vice-Chair; Chair of Natural Resource Management Session |
| Robert Bertram | Member | Chief Scientist, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) | rbertram@usaid.gov | TAP Vice-Chair; Chair of Integrated Pest Management Session |
| Geoffrey Mrema | Member | Professor, Agricultural Engineering, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania | geoffmrema@yahoo.co.uk geoffmrema@gmail.com | TAP Vice-Chair; Chair of Mechanization and Digitalization Session |
| Channing Arndt | Member | Director, Environment and Production Technology, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), CGIAR | c.arndt@cgiar.org | TAP Vice-Chair; Chair of Farmers and Policy Session |
| Elizabeth Nsimadala | Member | Director, Women Affairs, Pan Africa Farmers Organization (PAFO). Ex-President, PAFO. President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) | elizabethnsima@gmail.com | TAP member; Co-Chair of Farmers and Policy Session |
| Robert Delve | Member | Lead Global Technical Advisor – Agronomy, Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division, Strategy and Knowledge Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) | r.delve@ifad.org | Resource Mobilization and scaling of recommendations |
| William R. Sutton | Member | Global Lead Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) and Lead Agricultural Economist, The World Bank | wsutton@worldbank.org | Resource Mobilization and scaling of recommendations |
| Jerome Bandry | Member | Secretary General, European Agricultural Machinery Association (CEMA) | jerome.bandry@cema-agri.org | Private Sector, Machinery and digitalization innovations (MoU with FAO) |
| Sayed Azam Ali | Member | CEO, Crops for the Future (CFF) | sayedaa4135@gmail.com sayed@cropsforthefutureuk.org | Opinion leader, Research and development |
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| Qu Liang | Member | Director, Joint FAO/IAEA Centre (Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture) (CJN), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | Qu.Liang@fao.org CJN-Director@fao.org | |
| Zitouni Ould Dada | Member | Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | Zitouni.Ould-Dada@fao.org Represents Eduardo Mansour, Director, OCB, FAO Eduardo.Mansour@fao.org OCB-Director@fao.org | Focal point to support OCB Director and leader for FAO's work stream on Climate Change |
| Jingyuan Xia | Executive Secretary | Director, Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | Jingyuan.Xia@fao.org NSP-Director@fao.org | Executive Secretary has oversight of all GPC related issues |