



# **WEBINAR**

Overweight and obesity and its linkages to food systems in LMICs

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# **Speaker bios:**

# **Opening Remarks**



Juan Carlos Mendoza, is IFAD's Director for Environment, Climate, Gender, and Social Inclusion Division where he is responsible for overseeing the implementation of IFAD's strategy to increase the resilience of rural communities to environmental degradation and climate change impacts and promote more inclusive development pathways that include women, youth and indigenous peoples as agents and beneficiaries of transformational change. Mr. Mendoza holds a master's in public policy and a master's in engineering from, respectively, Georgetown University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States.

### **Keynote speaker**



**Boyd Swinburn** is a Professor of Population Nutrition and Global Health at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. He is a public health physician with research interests in obesity prevention, food environments and food policy. He led two Lancet Series on Obesity in 2011 and 2015 and cochaired the 2019 Lancet Commission on Obesity.

## Presentation of findings from the IFAD-WCDI Study



**Dr. ir. Marion Herens** is a food and nutrition security expert and senior researcher at Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University & Research. She holds a PhD in health promotion and has over 25 years of experience in food and nutrition security and health promotion in the national (the Netherlands) and international domain.

#### **Panellists**



Dede EKOUE(Mrs), Ekoue is IFAD Nigeria Country Director. Dede held leadership functions in Women's World Banking, UN Women, UNDP and was Minister in Togo. Dede holds an MBA- USA and a Graduate Degree in Finance-France. She graduated from the African Women Leaders in Agriculture and Environment.

## Panellists (continued)



**Dr. David Colozza** is a Nutrition Specialist with UNICEF in Jakarta, responsible for the establishment of the organisation's first-ever portfolio on overweight prevention and food systems in Indonesia. Before joining UNICEF, David held several positions with FAO, working on sustainable food systems projects across Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.



Professor Dr/Gihan Fouad Ahmad, holds an MD in Paediatrics and is a Clinical Nutritionist (ESPEN), IBCLC. She is the Head of the National Nutrition Institute/Cairo, and a board member of Egyptian fellowship for Clinical Nutrition. She also takes part in the National Coordinator of iodine Global Network (IGN) and is a board member of Egyptian Lactation Consultant Association (ELCA).

#### Wrap-up by



Joyce Njoro, works at IFAD as the Lead Technical Specialist – Nutrition and Social Inclusion. She leads efforts to mainstream nutrition in IFAD's operations and non-lending activities such as policy engagement, capacity building and knowledge management. Joyce has extensive experience in multi-sectoral nutrition governance; designing frameworks and policies, multisectoral coordination, and mainstreaming of nutrition in key sectors especially; Health, Agriculture and Education.