

IFAD Global Policy Engagement Forum

“The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Placing Food Systems and Rural People at the Centre of Accelerated Action”

WELCOME REMARKS



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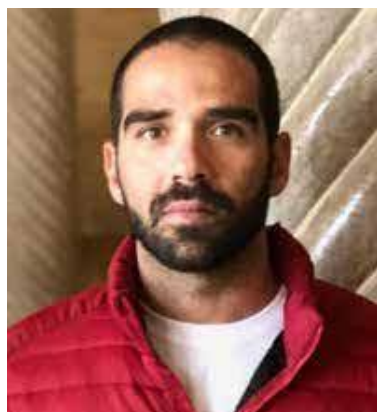
Puri has worked previously at the Green Climate Fund, UNEP, the World Bank and UNDP. She is also adjunct associate professor at Columbia University, New York where she was also a research scientist. She has published in many academic journals and written for newspapers and provided advice as a board member to several development organizations. In 2019, Puri was selected one of 16 women who have shown leadership in restoring the earth through their efforts, by the Global Landscape Forum.

PANELLISTS



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Nabil Moura Kadri. 20 years of experience in designing and implementing public sustainability policies. He has held various positions in ministries, state secretariats and BNDES (Brazilian Development Bank). He is currently head of the Environment Department at BNDES, responsible for managing the Amazon Fund, National Climate Change Fund, Blended Finance and Match funding, for forestry, bioeconomy and environment agenda. Full member of the Environment Observatory of the National Council of Justice. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from FGV.



Vicky Tauli-Corpuz. International Indigenous People's Forum on Climate Change and former UN Rapporteur on the Rights on Indigenous Peoples, Philippines. She is an indigenous leader from the Kankana-ey Igorot people of the Cordillera Region in the Philippines. As an indigenous activist, she has worked for over three decades on building movement among indigenous peoples and as an advocate for women's rights.



Pio Wennubst. Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in Rome since October 2019. Wennubst is an agro-economist specialized in systemic approaches by training, has long experience in development diplomacy based on extensive field work in areas such as rural development, microfinance and public health. In 1992, he began working in the field of development cooperation for the UN in Nepal. He joined the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in 1995. After a period as an economist at the SDC's head office in Bern, in 2004 Pio Wennubst was appointed SDC country director in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. From 2008 to 2011, he was the deputy permanent representative of the Swiss mission to the RBAs. From 2010, he was in charge of the SDC's Global Program Food Security. He later joined the Swiss permanent mission to the UN in New York as head of the economic and social development team. He later managed the Global Cooperation Department as assistant director general of the SDC.

MODERATOR



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