

Agriculture and Nutrition Global Learning and Evidence Exchange (AgN-GLEE)

Strengthened and Sustainable Linkages among Agriculture, Economic Growth, and Nutrition in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean

Speaker Biographies

(Listed alphabetically by last name)

Susan Bradley, Division Director for Technology, Office of Country Strategy and Implementation USAID Bureau for Food Security

Susan Bradley was a member of the interagency working group that shaped the Administration's global food security initiative, Feed the Future. She is currently a Division Director for Technology in the Country Strategy and Implementation Office of USAID's new Bureau for Food Security. Her team assists USAID Missions to implement gender-sensitive agriculture and nutrition programming in Feed the Future focus countries. Her particular focus is on reducing risk and building economic resilience in female headed households and vulnerable populations. Ms. Bradley has been with USAID since 1998, and prior to her current position she served in USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, both as the Lead Policy Advisor in the bureau's Policy, Program and Management Office, and in its Office of Food for Peace, where she held the positions of Country Backstop Officer, Team Leader, and Acting Chief of Emergency Programs.



Heather Danton, Food Security and Nutrition Director Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)

Heather Danton has over 25 years of experience in the area of food security and livelihoods and is a specialist in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs which integrate economic and agricultural development with nutrition. She just joined SPRING as the Food Security and Nutrition Director but has been working with a great team of professionals to coordinate all aspects of the AgN-GLEE workshops since September 2012. Prior to that, Heather served as Senior Director of Food Security and Livelihoods for Save the Children Federation Inc. in Washington, DC where she oversaw and ensured quality implementation of Save the Children's entire food security portfolio. In addition to working internationally, Heather served as Vice President for SEED Corporation, a non-profit Certified Development Company in Massachusetts, doing small business lending and entrepreneurial training in association with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Heather holds a Master of Science degree in Agriculture from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Stanford University.



Lidan Du, Landscape Analysis Research Lead Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)

Lidan Du leads the Landscape Analysis effort for AgN-GLEE. Lidan has over 10 years of experience in nutrition and public health research and programs. She was the Nutrition Specialist on the USAID funded A2Z project and a Research Associate at Rutgers University where she taught graduate courses and designed, delivered and evaluated community nutrition education curricula and projects targeting low-income immigrant populations. Prior to that, she worked as a consultant for UNICEF and the



World Bank. Earlier in her career, she also worked in malaria research and ventured into the private sector. Lidan holds a PhD in International Nutrition from Cornell University, a Master of Science degree in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Science in Preventive Medicine from her native country, China.

Anna Herforth, Consultant
Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)

Anna Herforth is a consultant specializing in nutrition and food security, and is a member of the team coordinating the AgN-GLEE workshops. She consults for USAID's SPRING project, the World Bank, and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Additionally, she is a Visiting Fellow at Cornell University. She has worked with universities, nonprofit organizations, agencies of the United Nations, and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) on food and nutrition in Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. In each region she has spent considerable time working with agricultural and indigenous communities. She holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University in International Nutrition with a minor in International Agriculture, an M.S. in Food Policy from Tufts Friedman School, and a B.S. in Plant Science from Cornell University. She founded the Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition Group (FANG) at Cornell University, and is a founding member of the Agriculture-Nutrition Community of Practice, a professional group that started with 5 people in 2010 and now has over 500 members globally.



Anne Peniston, Chief of the Nutrition Division, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition
USAID Bureau for Global Health

Anne Peniston has worked in U.S. and international public health for more than 30 years as a clinician, researcher and program manager. In addition to serving immigrant populations with the Virginia Department of Health, her international public health experience includes Peru, the South Pacific, Indonesia and Nepal, with 21 years working in Asia. She has managed USAID programs across the public health spectrum (nutrition; family planning; maternal, newborn and child health; infectious diseases; HIV/AIDS) for 17 years at USAID Missions in Indonesia and Nepal. Most recently, Ms. Peniston served as the Global Health Initiative Field Deputy and Director of the Office of Health and Family Planning at USAID/Nepal, leading the U.S. Government's health policy dialogue with the Government of Nepal/Ministry of Health and Population, and 12 other health sector donors. She holds a Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her original research has included behavioral research on traditional birth and food practices in pregnancy, childbirth and the post-partum in the Southern Andes, and ethnographic research on immunizations and immunizable diseases in eastern Indonesia.



Marie Ruel, Division Director, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Marie T. Ruel was appointed Division Director of IFPRI's Food Consumption and Nutrition Division in 2004. From 1996 until her current appointment, she served as Senior Research Fellow and Research Fellow in that division. Since joining IFPRI, she has led the Multi-Country Program on Challenges to Urban Food and Nutrition and the Global Regional Project on Diet Quality and Diet Changes of the Poor. Dr. Ruel has



worked for more than 20 years on issues related to policies and programs to alleviate poverty and child malnutrition in developing countries. She has published extensively in nutrition and epidemiology journals on topics such as maternal and child nutrition, food based strategies to improve diet quality and micronutrient nutrition, urban livelihoods, food security and nutrition, and the development of indicators of child feeding and care practices.

**Anne Swindale, Senior Program Advisor - M&E
USAID Bureau for Food Security**

Anne Swindale, Senior Program Advisor – Monitoring and Evaluation in USAID’s Bureau for Food Security, is an economist with 25 years of experience in project management, research, and technical assistance in agriculture, food security, and nutrition strategy and program assessment, design, monitoring, and evaluation. For 13 years, she was Deputy, then Director, of the USAID-funded Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project (FANTA). She worked for the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) International Potato Center in Peru and the Dominican Republic. She has a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University with a specialization in development economics and agricultural policies. She is fluent in Spanish.



**Christian Winger, Project Director
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Mr. Winger has over 20 years of experience in managing private and public organizations and implementing projects in nutrition, maternal/child health, HIV & AIDS prevention, and reproductive health. He has served as both project director and chief of party for a variety of programs and brings to SPRING a demonstrated command of strategic planning, advocacy, operations, logistics, capacity building, monitoring, evaluation, marketing, sales, distribution, accounting, audit, legal and administrative oversight, human resources, and compliance with USAID and other donor regulations. Mr. Winger offers solid experience in creating innovative partnerships between private sector, public sector, and civil society, building upon existing resources for low cost and sustainable interventions.

