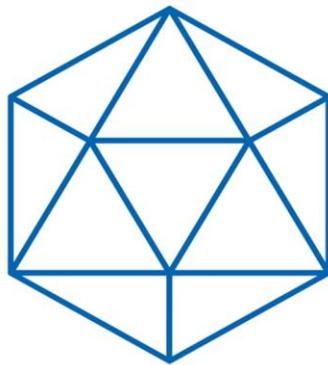


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Program Panel: Agriculture & Food Security

Name	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Patricia Biermayr-Jenzano</p> 	<p>Dr. Patricia Biermayr-Jenzano is a gender specialist who works in the intersection of gender and agriculture, food security, and food systems. She has over 20 years of experience conducting program evaluations, gender analysis, and participatory research. Her main areas of expertise include gender integration in areas of food security, value chains, sustainable agriculture, and seed systems. She has conducted project and program evaluations, applied research, and project design in Latin America and the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, the MENA Region, East and Southern Africa. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension and Social Anthropology from Cornell University, NY and studied Agricultural Engineering (plant science and agricultural extension) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Israel and Germany. She is fluent in English and Spanish, and conversant in Portuguese. She is a USA Citizen. She has consulted for the FAO Office of Evaluation (OEDD) and the Regional Office in Santiago, Chile. She was the Team Leader for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the reforms of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the Evaluation of the Global Forum for Agriculture Research (GFAR) supported by IFAD/FAO in Rome, Italy. Her research and applied work has deep roots in Qualitative and Participatory Action Research, theory and practice with a gender lens. She has worked with field-based organizations and analyzed gender mainstreaming strategies through participatory plant breeding (PPB) and participatory varietal selection (PVS) processes. She conducted gender analysis of agricultural value chains and women's empowerment for the International Center for Agriculture in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) based in Morocco. Patricia studied women's participation in crop production and the incorporation of gender and health impacts, supporting biosafety decision making in developing countries for the IFPRI Program in Biosafety Systems (PBS) and the impact of healthy food consumption patterns and food systems for the IFPRI Program in Latin America. Currently, she is a Senior Gender Advisor for the Nutrition Smart Agriculture Team at the World Bank. She shares all her experience teaching gender and agriculture as an adjunct professor for the Women and Gender Studies Program and the Center for Latin America Studies at Georgetown University, Washington DC.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Rida A. Shibli</p> 	<p>Dr. Rida A. Shibli is a Professor of Plant Biotechnology and Biodiversity at the College of Agriculture at the University of Jordan. He was born in Mursa / Jarash on July 15, 1962. He received his education in primary and secondary schools in Jerash/ Jordan. His B. Sc & M. Sc was from the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan and his Ph. D was from University of Illinois, USA. Dr. Rida has occupied many Administrative positions in his scientific work; the most important being that he is now a member of the Jordan Senate since September 2016, and he was recently selected as Executive Secretary of The Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA), Jordan, in February 2019. Dr. Rida is also the president of the Jordan Society for Scientific Research; Entrepreneurship and Innovation since February 2019. Furthermore, he was appointed as the Minister of Agriculture for 4 months in 2016. Before that, he occupied the position of the President of Mutah University, Karak-Jordan from 2013 until 2016. He worked in the University of Jordan as a Professor in the Agriculture Faculty from 2008 and took some administrative positions such as Vice-President for Scientific Faculties and Institutes and the President of The University of Jordan, Aqaba Branch. He also worked in the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid-Jordan (1990-2008) and in American Universities in post doctorate and sabbatical programs, the last of which was in 2006, at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA. Dr. Rida has a wide experience in research in Plant Biotechnology and Biodiversity and has more than 170 scientific publications. He has received funding for many research projects and has supervised many postgraduate students. He has participated in various professional activities & societies, steering committee memberships, and in many workshops and training courses, and he has many achievements in community education. Prof. Rida Shibli had been awarded many prizes such as the ISSECO Prize in Science and Technology, 2012.</p>

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Program Panel: *Climate Change*

Name	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Helen Hoka Osiolo</p> 	<p>Dr. Helen Hoka Osiolo is a faculty member and teaches Economics at Strathmore University Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Nairobi, Kenya. She has a PhD in Economics with specialization on Environmental Economics and Public Finance. Her working experience is on climate change policy and research analysis with a focus on energy and transport. She is currently an associate editor with the Energy for Sustainable Development, and she is also a member of International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE). Prior to this assignment, she was recognized and awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing with the Editors of Energy for Sustainable Development, Elsevier, Amsterdam at the end of 2017. She is also a peer reviewer with several other Elsevier journals on development, environment, and health. Dr. Osiolo has also served as a Reviewer with the Executive Government Agency of National Sciences Centre in Poland and as an Evaluator with the Global Challenges Research Fund, a UK-based organization. She received the Strathmore University Research and Innovation Awards 2019 for the early career researcher of the year. She has been widely published in peer reviewed journals, and in 2019 she co-authored a book chapter titled “Generating Energy Access: Empowering Africa, Access to Power in the African Continent”, a book project with OCP Policy Center in Morocco and Istituto Affar Internazionali (IAI) in Rome. Another interesting book chapter is with Institute of Development Studies (IDS), “Green Power for Africa: Overcoming the Main Constraints”. One of her greatest impact journal articles was the “Willingness to Pay for Renewable Energy: Evidence from Kenya” published with the Renewable Energy journal. She has partnered, mobilized, and carried out collaborative research with academia, think tanks, private and government sectors, both at national and international levels. Key among such collaborations under the GCRF funding is the ESPRFC Green Growth Diagnostic for Africa – Consortium of researchers based in Kenya, Ghana and the UK looking for the key areas of policy interventions to remove obstacles to investment in renewable technologies. She has also worked in the transport sector; her recent assignment was a study on the “Benefits and Cost of Scaling Up High Speed Train Network in Africa” with the Copenhagen Consensus Centre in USA.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Elma Montaña</p> 	<p>Dr. Elma Montaña is a researcher at the National Scientific and Technological Research Council (CONICET) and full professor at the School of Social and Political Sciences of the National University of Cuyo, Argentina. She previously spent six years at the Inter-American Institute of Global Change Research (IAI). She has more than 30 years of experience in research and research management aimed at strengthening climate resilience and enhancing the livelihoods of vulnerable communities in the Global South, and Latin America in particular. Working for the CONICET, she leads an INCIHUSA research team working on political ecology of water and the social dimension of global environmental change in drylands: vulnerabilities, adaptive capacities and resilience. She also addresses these themes jointly with policymakers and public officials at various governmental levels, in private companies, business chambers and investment councils, and with other decision-makers and stakeholders, in development programs in various sectors (environment, water and irrigation, agriculture and climate risks, economic development, public works, urban planning and housing, social planning, etc.); as when she acted as Technical Director of the Strategic Development Plan process developed in Mendoza, Argentina, in 2010. As Science Director of the IAI, she worked to ensure that scientific excellence was paired with the interdisciplinarity need to effectively address the complex problems of global change, and for integrating stakeholders into research teams so that result in user-inspired scientific outcomes. As evaluator of research quality, she acted as reviewer of papers for international journals, as evaluator of research proposals for Argentinean and Latin American universities, for the IAI and Future Earth, and for the national funding agencies of Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay. This career path has allowed Dr. Montana to develop a comprehensive perspective on the quality of science that considers the complex equation of actors, agencies and donors, influences and socio-political circumstances in which the science develops, and the knowledge is co-produced and mobilized. Elma Montaña holds a PhD and a DEA from the Sorbonne University-Paris 3 in Geography and Planning.</p>

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Program Panel: *Employment & Growth*

Name	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;">Oswaldo Néstor Feinstein</p> 	<p>Oswaldo Néstor Feinstein is a professor at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid's Master in the Evaluation of Programs and Public Policies and a member of the International Evaluation Advisory Panel of UNDP's Independent Evaluation Office. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal Evaluation and Program Planning and editor of the World Bank Series on Evaluation & Development, having published and edited articles and books in academic and professional journals. He was a manager and advisor at the World Bank independent evaluation department, a senior evaluator at the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and an evaluation consultant for several international, bilateral and national organizations such as CGIAR Science Council, UNDP, GEF, IADB, AfDB, CDB, FAO, IICA, IDRC, UNEG, ILO, GCF, UNESCO, CEPAL, ILPES, WORLD BANK, IFAD, MOPAN, Banque de France, and Spanish National Evaluation Agency. He provided technical assistance to governments in Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as in Asia and Africa, Eastern Europe, and Spain. He has also lectured and conducted workshops at Latin American, British, Finnish, Indian, Korean, Italian and Spanish universities and research centers on evaluation, development, economics and performance measurement. Oswaldo was a professor in the Master's in Development Studies of the Latin American Faculty for the Social Sciences (FLACSO) and designed the Latin American Program for the Development of Evaluation Capacities (PREVAL). He is an Argentinian economist and evaluator, educated at the University of Buenos Aires, ILPES, Harvard University and the University of Cambridge. His areas of expertise are evaluation of research, policies, programs and projects, knowledge management, agricultural and rural development, and development economics.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Pierre Ngumkeu</p> 	<p>Dr. Pierre Ngumkeu is an eminent economist of Cameroonian origin, an associate professor at Georgia State University in the United States, a visiting scholar at Princeton, Ottawa, Paris Nanterre, and Toulouse Capitole universities and an adjunct professor at the African School of Economics. He has also lectured at the Université de Montréal, the Toulouse School of Economics, Simon Fraser University, Morehouse College, the University of Dschang, the Institut Sous régional de Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée in Yaoundé, and the École Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée in Abidjan. After his university studies in Mathematics in Cameroon, followed by training as a statistician economist engineer in Côte d'Ivoire, he travelled to Montréal and Vancouver, Canada, for graduate studies in economics. His research consists of examining the structural constraints related to youth entrepreneurship and business productivity and performance in the Global South and proposing relevant policies for the positive transformation and economic emergence of developing countries. He is also developing sophisticated new methods of econometrics, inferential statistics and impact assessment to address issues with economic behaviour modelling and statistical analysis in the presence of poor quality data (e.g., missing values and outliers, measurement errors, misreporting, small sample sizes). He is the author of a number of policy briefs for policy makers and international organizations, and his research has been published in prestigious scientific journals, such as the <i>Journal of Econometrics</i>, <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>, <i>Economica</i>, <i>Energy Economics</i>, <i>The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics</i>, <i>Applied Economics</i>, <i>Health Policy & Planning</i>, <i>Scandinavian Journal of Statistics</i>, <i>Journal of Statistical Planning & Inference</i>, <i>Journal of Probability & Statistics</i> and <i>Journal of Time Series Econometrics</i>. A member of several learned societies and of the editorial boards of numerous international scientific journals, Professor Ngumkeu is also a resource person at the African Economic Research Consortium and a consultant for several international institutions, such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the African Development Bank, and the United States Agency for International Development. He was also an economic advisor for the Cameroon Employers' Association (GICAM). His work has been recognized by more than 20 awards of excellence and distinctions from governments, universities and international organizations in the United States, Canada, Europe and Africa. He has refereed some 60 leading scientific papers and has evaluated and/or supervised more than 20 doctoral and master's theses.</p>

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Program Panel: *Food, Environment & Health*

Name	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Jack Menke</p> 	<p>Dr. Jack Menke was born in Suriname and studied social sciences and philosophy at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He is a full professor of Social Sciences Research Methodology in Multi-ethnic Societies at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname. Since 2008, he is affiliated with the Institute of Graduate Studies and Research in Suriname where he has been involved with coordinating the Graduate programs of Development and Policy and Research Methods. He specialized in qualitative & quantitative methods and philosophy of the social sciences and has been involved in education, research, and service delivery at different universities in the US, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Western Europe. His first in-depth research focused on employment and poverty in developing societies, which resulted in the PhD thesis <i>Restructuring Urban Employment and Poverty: The Case of Suriname</i> at the University of Amsterdam in 1998. He has published more than 135 articles and books on methodology, political economy, health and ecology, geopolitics, democracy, cultural diversity and the nation. He has conducted evaluations of research in a development context, ranging from academic to policy projects. He is the chief editor of the <i>Academic e-Journal of Suriname</i>, and was the editor of SWI Forum, a journal with a focus on development. He is currently co-editor of a special issue of the <i>International Journal Societies</i> on “The Future of Hansen Disease Settlements: Social Memory, Activism and Curatorship”. He has worked as a team leader in various academic projects and consultancies to national and international organizations (e.g. UNICEF, UNDP, FAO, CARICOM and IDB). His future research will focus on health policies that tackle underlying causes of inequalities through innovative research according to the “<i>One Health Principle</i>” in the area of leprosy studies. Dr. Menke’s biggest achievement was to be awarded the title of full professor for his academic knowledge and contribution in various parts of the world, as well as for his applied knowledge in consultancies and policies to the benefit of governments, international organizations, the World Council of Churches, NGO’s, and statistical offices.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Tarra Penney</p> 	<p>Dr. Tarra Penney is an assistant professor of program and policy evaluation in the School of Global Health, an investigator with the Global Strategy Lab, a member of the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research at York University Canada, and a visiting researcher at the MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge, UK. She has worked with national and international organisations in the area of food system transition including Cambridge Global Food Security, an interdisciplinary research centre at the University of Cambridge, the Global Food Security Programme in London, UK and the WHO European office. Her research focuses on examining the impact of globalization on human and planetary health through studying the complex consequences of national policies implemented within political, social and commercial systems. Specifically, she is focused on generating population level evidence for addressing the common drivers of the global syndemic of obesity, undernutrition and climate change. She uses systems thinking and draws on multiple methods from epidemiology, social and political science to evaluate national policy and explore opportunities within the commercial sector to transition toward healthy, sustainable and equitable food systems. Tarra returns to Canada after serving as a Research Associate at the MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge, UK supporting the system level evaluation of the Soft Drinks Industry Levy, a nation-wide policy to reduce sugar in soft drinks by targeting importers and manufacturers. She completed her PhD at the same department in dietary public health with a focus on local food availability and population level diet and obesity prevention, funded by the Cambridge Trusts. Prior to her PhD, Tarra studied cognitive psychology and computer science, completed a CIHR funded Master’s degree in health promotion, and published in the area of obesity prevention with a focus on population health intervention research as a Research Associate at the Healthy Populations Institute, Dalhousie University, Canada.</p>

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Program Panel: *Foundations for Innovation*

Name	Bio
<p data-bbox="384 285 542 310">Dr. Zenda Ofir</p>  A portrait of Dr. Zenda Ofir, a woman with shoulder-length blonde hair, wearing a red top, smiling slightly.	<p data-bbox="844 285 2464 857">Dr. Zenda Ofir is a South African scientist and independent international evaluation specialist. With a PhD in (Ecological) Chemistry, she works on the interface of evaluation, science and development. Before becoming a full-time evaluation specialist in 2000, Zenda served as senior programme manager in a South African science council (now the National Research Foundation, NRF) where she was responsible for six national grant funding portfolios aimed at strengthening research as well as research-business-industry collaborative ventures among 21 South African universities, in conjunction with their private sector partners. Her portfolios included biotechnology, food production and food security, veterinary science, and rural and urban development. She later became Director of Research in the University of Pretoria, at the time South Africa's largest residential research university, where she was responsible for all university research, including grant funding, industry-university cooperation, contract research and intellectual property management, as well as for the international affairs office. Zenda has a special focus on evaluation in the Global South, particularly in Africa and Asia. She is a systems thinker with a global perspective development and evaluation who has worked from local to global level and in many diverse areas. She has visited around 80 and worked on assignments in more than 40 countries, primarily in Africa and Asia, for multiple international organisations, UN bodies, philanthropic foundations, government agencies, science councils and universities. She has also advised many international organisations on evaluation policy, strategy and/or practice. Zenda is presently Vice-President of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), Lead Steward of the Evaluation for Transformation (E4T) Working Group of the SDG Transformations Forum, and a member of the Steering Committee of the South to South Evaluation Initiative (S2SE). She is also a widely read blogger on Evaluation for Development and serves on the editorial advisory boards of the African Evaluation Journal (AEJ) and Evaluation and Program Planning (EPP). In 2014, she was appointed as Honorary Professor at the School for Public Leadership at Stellenbosch University, a title that recognises eminence in a profession or practice outside the university. Zenda is a former President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), and founder of the South African Evaluation Network.</p>
<p data-bbox="344 902 580 927">Dr. Isabel Bortagaray</p>  A portrait of Dr. Isabel Bortagaray, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a grey and white patterned sweater, smiling and resting his chin on his hand.	<p data-bbox="844 902 2456 1187">Dr. Isabel Bortagaray, a Uruguayan sociologist, holds a PhD in Public Policy, with a focus on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (Georgia Institute of Technology, 2007). For more than 20 years, Bortagaray's academic work has concentrated on science, technology, innovation and development policy studies, and it has been aimed at better grasping the alternative policy and institutional environments that are more functional for socially inclusive and sustainable innovation processes. For the last six years, Isabel has been working as a professor at the University of the Republic in Uruguay, setting an Institute on Sustainable Development, Innovation and Social Inclusion in the north of the country, at Tacuarembó, as part of a process of decentralization and reform of the university. Bortagaray is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Center for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators (CeSTII), of the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa. The collaboration with CeSTII has been around understanding the process of innovation in different settings and reflecting about analytical frameworks and metrics for innovation for inclusive development.</p>

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Program Panel: *Governance & Justice*

Name	Bio
<p data-bbox="346 284 580 310">Dr. Anthony C. Diala</p> 	<p data-bbox="844 284 2462 699">Dr. Anthony C. Diala is a Nigerian national and faculty member of the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. He has over sixteen years of research and advocacy experience in sixteen countries spanning four continents. He was previously a research fellow in the University of Cape Town, South Africa, managing editor of the <i>Journal of Comparative Law in Africa</i>, and chair of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law at Madonna University, Nigeria. Aside the academia, he has worked in the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda, and the Justice and Peace Commission, Nigeria. Among others, he serves on his Law Faculty Management Committee, the African Studies Association Task Force on Academic Freedom, and the editorial boards of journals in South Africa, Kenya, and Nigeria. Diala is a facilitator for the Next Generation in Africa Fellowship program of the Social Science Research Council of New York and a member of the College of Senior Mentors of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa. He holds a doctorate from the University of Cape Town, an LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa from the University of Pretoria, and degrees from universities in Nigeria and Uganda. His research interests are indigenous law, legal theory, human rights, family law, and comparative constitutional law. His research has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, the Nordic Africa Institute, the Social Science Research Council of New York, Institute of International Education/Carnegie Corporation, the German Academic Exchange Service, and the South African National Research Foundation.</p>
<p data-bbox="346 766 580 792">Dr. Emily Regan Wills</p> 	<p data-bbox="844 766 2462 954">Dr. Emily Regan Wills is an associate professor of comparative politics at the University of Ottawa. She is the co-director of the Community Mobilization in Crisis project, which develops and implements innovative multilingual digital pedagogical tools for teaching community mobilization skills in the Middle East and elsewhere. Her first book, <i>Arab New York: Politics and Community in the Everyday Lives of Arab Americans</i> was published by NYU Press in 2019. Her articles have appeared in <i>Contention</i>, <i>Journal of Borderlands Studies</i>, <i>Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs</i>, <i>Constellation</i>, and <i>Middle East Journal</i>, among others. Her current work focuses on the effects of transnational linkages between Middle East and North America on everyday politics in the Arab world, with a particular focus on Palestinian transnationalisms.</p>

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Program Panel: *Maternal & Child Health*

Name	Bio
<p data-bbox="282 344 645 370">Dr. Constance Sibongile Shumba</p>  A portrait of Dr. Constance Sibongile Shumba, a Black woman with her hair styled in braids and wearing a red and black patterned headwrap and a matching patterned top. She is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera.	<p data-bbox="844 344 2464 695">Dr. Constance Sibongile Shumba is a Zimbabwean global health expert and is passionate about advancing the rights of communities as co-producers of change and creating safe and enabling environments that empower them to maximize their health potential. She is a dynamic cross-cultural leader, who optimizes efficiency through effective strategies and delivers results in line with global performance standards. She has experience in designing and delivering complex and high-quality impactful health and nutrition programs in Africa and Asia. Her experience spans across several areas: comprehensive HIV and sexual and reproductive health rights programs; TB, malaria; integrated community case management; quality improvement, implementation research, curriculum development, and health systems strengthening. Constance currently works as Global Advisor for Health and Nutrition for the Aga Khan Foundation, promoting and implementing AKF's health and nutrition strategy, and provides technical assistance to country teams. Her focus area is Maternal and Child Health. She holds a PhD in Global Health (Human Resources for Health) from Queen Margaret University, Institute for Global Health and Development, Edinburgh, Scotland; a PhD in Health Studies (Gender Based Violence) from the University of South Africa; an MSc in International Health (Health Systems, Health Policy and Management) also from Queen Margaret University; and a BSc in Health Education and Health Promotion from the University of Zimbabwe.</p>
<p data-bbox="365 855 564 881">Dr. Diego Bassani</p>  A black and white portrait of Dr. Diego Bassani, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression.	<p data-bbox="844 855 2464 1141">Dr. Diego Bassani is a Senior Scientist at The Hospital for Sick Children and an associate professor at the Department of Pediatrics and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. Dr. Bassani holds a PhD in epidemiology and has conducted important research on the causes and distribution of child deaths, coverage of health interventions, and identification of risk factors for child mortality. He also works on child growth and development and has produced work on the impact of policy changes on child health, survival and development. Dr. Bassani is the Director of the International Program Evaluation Unit (IPE) at the Centre for Global Child Health, a unit that was established in response to the increasing demands for governments, implementing agencies, and funders' accountability for investments in health and development programs. IPE currently leads large-scale, multi-country evaluations in partnership with implementing agencies, conducts research, and offers technical support to international programs. Dr. Bassani currently works on several international evaluation projects and large-scale field trials in maternal and child health in multiple countries.</p>

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Program Panel: *Networked Economies*

Name	Bio
<p data-bbox="344 285 585 310">Manuel Acevedo Ruiz</p> 	<p data-bbox="844 285 2462 667">Manuel Acevedo Ruiz is an independent consultant specializing in information-communication technologies for development (ICT4D), digital inclusion and development networks. His academic and research home is at the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM), where he is a founding member of its Centre of Technology and Innovation for Development. Manuel's development career spans a little over 25 years, with sectoral knowledge mainly in the areas of ICT4D, Environment and Volunteering for Development. His earlier work was within the United Nations system, namely at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and United Nations Volunteers, where he helped launch the UN Online Volunteering service and set up its e-Volunteering program. Later, as a consultant, he served as an advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of Spain, as well as the Ministry of Communications of Argentina, and with various programme functions with UNDP and telecentre.org. He holds an M. Eng. degree in Mechanical/Environmental Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, an M.S. in Science on Information Society Studies from the Open University of Catalonia (UOC), and a B.S. in Engineering and Applied Science from the California Institute of Technology. For some years Manuel acted as associate editor of the International Journal of Information Communication Technologies for Human Development. Manuel is a Spanish citizen, was born and grew up in Madrid, but has spent a substantial part of his life abroad: in various Latin American countries, the United States, and Germany.</p>
<p data-bbox="365 800 564 824">Dr. Bassem Awad</p> 	<p data-bbox="844 800 2462 1182">Dr. Bassem Awad is a Canadian expert in law, technology and innovation policies. He is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law at Western University in Canada. He is also a Head Tutor and Professor at the Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva and the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Previously, Dr. Awad was the deputy director for intellectual property and innovation at CIGI and served for several years as a judge and head of the Appeal Court in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. Dr. Awad possesses remarkable experience in intellectual property, innovation and disruptive technologies such as artificial intelligence and big data. He has published considerably on intellectual property rights and the governance of innovation in the data-driven economy. Dr. Awad received his Ph.D. and LL.M degrees in Intellectual Property from the University of Montpellier, France, and an LL.M in International Business Law from the Sorbonne University. He conducted his post-doctoral research studies at Western University in Canada. His experience includes working in both common and civil law systems and conducting a number of research projects for international and regional organizations in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Canada. He is a member of the Editorial International Committee of Revue "Cahiers de Propriété Intellectuelle" and member of the International Association of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP). Bassem speaks, writes and teach in English, French, and Arabic.</p>