



WHO Food Systems-Health Talks  
**Women Nutrition: Resilience and Recovery on the Road to 2030**  
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by The Micronutrient Forum and Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Consortium  
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## Speakers

**Mrs. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari**, *First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*



Mrs. Buhari has a Master's Degree in International Affairs and Strategic Studies (MIASS) from the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Public Administration from Ambrose Ali University (AAU), Ekpoma. She is currently undertaking a Counseling Course on Co-Dependency in the United Kingdom. Through the Aisha Buhari Foundation and the Future Assured Programme, she is a champion for scale-up of nutrition interventions and an advocate of women and girl-child education, a passion honed by her experiences growing up in a region where girls and women are educationally disadvantaged.

**Cherrie Atilano**, *Founder and CEO, AGREA Agricultural Systems International, Inc., The Philippines*



Cherrie Atilano is the Founder and CEO of AGREA Agricultural Systems International, Inc., a for-purpose, inclusive business creating the first replicable one-island zero hunger, zero waste, and zero insufficiency economy. Cherrie started teaching farmers at the age of 12, garnering 22 years of experience in Sustainable Food Systems. She is a High-Level Ambassador of UN Scaling-Up Nutrition, Food Systems Champion of the UN, Young Global Leader of WEF, Board Member of GAIN, and the Philippine Ambassador of Food Security. In 2020, she received the Best Top Manager in post-pandemic economy-APEC Best Award and UN Women WEPs Award for COVID-19 response.

**Jessica Fanzo, PhD**, *Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Global Food Policy and Ethics, Johns Hopkins University, USA*



Jessica Fanzo is the Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Global Food Policy and Ethics at JHU, USA, with appointments at Berman Institute of Bioethics, Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. She is the Director of the Global Food Policy and Ethics Program and Director of Food & Nutrition Security at Alliance for a Healthier World. She is the Editor-in-Chief for the Global Food Security Journal and was the Co-Chair of the Global Nutrition Report, Team Leader-UN Panel on FSN, on the Experts Panel in the FSE Commission, GP-AFSN Foresight 2.0 report and the EAT-Lancet Commission.

**Saskia Osendarp, PhD**, *Executive Director, Micronutrient Forum*



Saskia Osendarp is the Executive Director of the Micronutrient Forum, an international organization and knowledge-broker on micronutrient malnutrition. She has over 25 years of research experience in nutrition in the public and private sectors with over 50 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters. She is a visiting Associate Professor, Nutrition and Health at Wageningen University, Netherlands. She is the co-founder and co-lead of Standing Together for Nutrition Consortium, a collaboration of nutrition, health, economics and food-systems experts analyzing the impact and responses of COVID-19 on malnutrition. She is also a member of the Independent Expert Group of the Global Nutrition Report.

**Ndidi Nwuneli**, *Managing Partner of Sahel Consulting Agriculture & Nutrition Ltd and Co-founder of AACE Foods*



In her multiple roles, Ndidi Nwuneli works throughout West Africa to shape agricultural policy, create catalytic ventures, and implement ecosystem solutions as well as ensuring access to a range of nutritious, local food products sourced from over 10,000 farmers. Ndidi is the founder of LEAP Africa which empowers and equips a cadre of principled and dynamic young African leaders. She is the chair of Nourishing Africa, a digital knowledge, financing and data hub which enables agribusiness entrepreneurs in 34 African countries to scale. Ndidi holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and an undergraduate degree with honours from Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Ndidi is the author of "Social Innovation in Africa: A Practical Guide for Scaling Impact," and "Food Entrepreneurs in Africa: Scaling Resilient Agriculture Businesses"

**Michael Ojo, Country Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, Nigeria**



Michael Ojo is an experienced public health and development professional with extensive senior management and leadership experience in UK, and more recently, within international trade and development in West Africa. Michael joined the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) in 2017 focusing on making healthier food choices more affordable, available and desirable. This includes business investments in nutritious food value chains, reduce postharvest losses, secure better diets for children, and progress food fortification at scale. Prior to GAIN, Michael was Country Director of the WaterAid Nigeria programme. Michael holds graduate and postgraduate qualifications from the University of Ibadan (Nigeria), University of Greenwich, Kingston University Business School, and Warwick Business School (UK).

**Jemima Njuki, PhD, Director (Africa), International Food Policy Research Institute**



Jemimah Njuki oversees IFPRI's programs including on Gender Equality in Food Systems in the Africa region. In 2020, Dr. Njuki was named Custodian for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021. She has worked for over 20 years in gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and Asia amongst others at Canada's International Development Research Centre, CARE USA, and the International Livestock Research Institute. She is the Convener of the East and Southern Africa Gender and Livelihoods Network, and the founding Editor of the Journal of Gender, Agriculture and Food Security. Jemimah holds a PhD in Development Studies with a specialization of gender and agriculture systems.

## Moderators

**Anna Larrey, PhD, Professor of Nutrition, University of Ghana**



Anna Larrey is currently Professor of Nutrition at the University of Ghana. She was the Director of Nutrition at FAO, Rome, Italy (2013-2020). Prior to that she was a Professor of Nutrition at the University of Ghana (1986-2013) where she received the Best Researcher Award in 2004 for her work in maternal and child nutrition. She was the President of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (2013-2017) and a Fulbright fellow (1994-1998) at UC-Davis, USA. Anna was awarded the Sight and Life Nutrition Leadership Award in 2014 and a D.Sc. honoris causa, by McGill University in 2018.

**Marti Van Liere, PhD, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Program Lead, Micronutrient Forum**



Platforms for Nutrition and the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Consortium.

Marti is a public health nutrition expert with over 30 years of experience in international development, focusing on food and nutrition security, maternal and child nutrition, programme and project management, and multisectoral and multi-stakeholder partnerships between public and private sectors. She has worked for international nutrition organizations (GAIN), research and public health institutes, and the private sector (Unilever), in Bangladesh, Bénin, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Marti has set up and supported global collaboration platforms including the SUN Business Network, National Information