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1. DR. REINER WASSMANN

Paper: Greenhouse Gas Emission and Mitigation Potential of Agriculture: Highlighting Rice Production Systems

Dr. Reiner Wassmann has been working on climate change issues since 1987. Having a vast experience in research, he is IRRI's climate change expert, responsible for streamlining projects at IRRI that is directly and indirectly related to climate change as well as initiating new research activities. Dr. Wassmann is a member of the Editorial Board of 'Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystem since 2005 and is also one of the authors of the revised IPCC Guidelines (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change): National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Guidelines: Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use" (2004-2006) which was published in 2007 and recognized in the IPCC Nobel Prize awarding.

2. DR. HIDEKI KANAMARU

Paper: Climate Change Adaptation Options in Crop and Livestock with Mitigation Potential

Dr. Kanamaru obtained his Masters of Science degree major in Climate Change in 1998 at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom. He earned his Doctorate degree major in Geography in 2002 at the University of Boston, USA. From 2002-2007, he worked as a Postdoctoral researcher at the Climate Research Division, Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, California, USA. Currently, he works as the Natural Resources Officer on Climate Change of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. As a climatologist, his main interest is bridging the gap between climate science community and applications of climate information for impact assessment and adaptation work.

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3. MR. RAUL MONTEMAYOR

Paper: Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies in the Asia-Pacific Region and Policy Recommendations to Support Farmers' Organizations

Mr. Montemayor serves as the co-chair of the Asia Committee of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Medium-Term Cooperation Programme in Asia Pacific Region Farmers' Forum.

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4. Malaysia

MR. MARIO BIN VALERIANO

Mr. Valeriano works as Assistant Director of the Soil Resource Management and Conservation Division of the Department of Agriculture in Malaysia.

5. Thailand

DR. JIRAPA INTHISANG

Dr. Inthisang works as an Economist at the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in Bangkok, Thailand.

6. Viet Nam

MR. NGUYEN VU HOAN

Mr. Hoan is the Deputy Director of the General Affairs Division, International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Ha Noi, Viet Nam.

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7. DR. SATURNINA C. HALOS

Paper: Biotechnology for Adaptation with Mitigation Potential

Dr. Saturnina Halos is an independent consultant. She has a career in biotechnology that spans more than three decades. She taught molecular biology and biotechnology at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños and in Diliman and at the De La Salle University. She has published more than 80 technical books and articles and has also helped draft bills for improving agriculture for the Philippine Congress. Likewise, she assisted the Philippine Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Plant Industry in establishing and sustaining a GM crop regulatory. Having received several national and agency awards for her accomplishments, Dr. Halos was also featured in two books about outstanding Filipinos.

8. DR. ESTEBAN CELESTE GODILANO

Paper: Watershed Management Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: An Approach for Food and Water Security

Dr. Steeve Godilano gained his Doctoral degree in environmental information science from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA. He is an expert in agriculture and natural resource management, integrated water resource management, and space technology. He served as ANRM and geospatial consultant in many research organizations in Remote Sensing, Geographic Information Systems, Global Positioning Systems, and Environmental Modelling. He is presently the senior technical adviser of the Philippine Department of Agriculture on climate change, and a board member of the Climate Change Congress of the Philippines.

9. MS. AMALIA B. CABUSAO

Paper: Video Documentary Presentation: Seed Banking of Rice as a Climate Change Adaptation Practice of Matigsalug Women in Mindanao

Ms. Cabusao is the Editor in Chief of Mindanao Times.

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10. Chile

MR. DANIEL BARRERA

Mr. Barrera works at the Trade and Agricultural Policies Office of the Ministry of Agriculture in Chile.

11. Philippines

DR. RICARDO F. ORGE

Dr. Orge works at the Climate Change Center at the Philippine Rice Research Institute, an attached agency of the Philippine Department of Agriculture.

12. United States

MR. PHILIP A. SHULL

Mr. Shull works as Agricultural Counselor at the Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture.

13. Chinese Taipei

DR. HUU-SHENG LUR

Dr. Lur is a Distinguished Professor of the Department of Agronomy at the National Taiwan University.

14. Republic of Korea

DR. JINHO KIM

Dr. Kim works at the R & D Coordination Division of the Korean Rural Development Administration.

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15. People's Republic of China

DR. SONCAI YOU

Dr. You is a Professor on Agricultural Disaster Reduction Studies at the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

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16. MS. LURRAINE BAYBAY-VILLACORTA

Paper: Climate Resilient Farming Communities Through Innovative Financial Mechanisms

Dr. Lorraine Baybay-Villacorta is the Project Manager of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Climate Change Adaptation project implemented in 2009-2011. She has spearheaded the development and testing of three models of an "Integrated Financial Package" for climate-risk vulnerable farming communities in Southern Philippines. She has been involved in various programmes with focus on Environment and Sustainable Development through the Canadian International Development Agency, New Zealand Agency for International Development, and the ILO. She was also ILO's National Coordinator for the Interdepartmental Programme on Environment and World of Work and Technical Adviser/Head of the ILO Technical Assistance Team for the Nationwide Application of the Integrated Rural Accessibility Planning Procedure.

17. MS. CAROLINA V. FIGUEROA-GERON

Paper: World Bank's Financing and Technical Assistance on Climate Change in Agriculture

Ms. Geron works as Lead Rural Development Specialist at the Sustainable Development Department for East Asia and the Pacific at the World Bank.

18. MR. ANCHA SRINIVASAN

Paper: Adaptation Financing: Status and Prospects

Dr. ANCHA Srinivasan is a Principal Climate Change Specialist at Southeast Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). As the Climate Change Focal

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Point for Southeast Asia, he formulates and oversees the implementation of several projects on climate change adaptation and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions including those from forestry and land use. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, UK and has about 20 years of professional experience in interdisciplinary research and management including climate change science and policy.

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1. DR. PUJA SAWHNEY

Overview: Opportunities to Enhance Networking in the Asia Pacific Region: The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)

Dr. Sawhney is the Coordinator of the Regional Hub of APAN, IGES.

2. DR. LE THI THU HUONG

Capacity Building and Climate Change Adaptation: APAN

Dr. Le Thi Thu Huong works as a Climate Change Adaptation Specialist at the Bangkok Regional Office of the Institute for Global Environment Strategies for the Regional Hub of the Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Network (APAN). Prior to this, she worked as a Senior Research Associate in School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand. She specializes in climate change and urban adaptation, climate change and migration, urban development, among others.

3. MS. JIHYUN KIM

Knowledge Management and Climate Change Adaptation: APAN

Ms. Kim is the Knowledge Management Coordinator of IGES Bangkok Regional Center of APAN.

4. DR. VICTORINO E. AQUITANIA

Paper: Introduction of ICLEI as Sub-Regional Node of APAN

Dr. Aquitania is the Regional Director of ICLEI – Local Governmetns for Sustainability, Southeast Asia Secretariat.

5. DR. MARILIZA V. TICSAY

Paper: Introduction of SEARCA as Thematic Node of APAN

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Dr. Mariliza Ticsay is a plant-wildlife ecologist trained at the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. She had served as Manager for a number of foreign-funded environmental projects in the Philippines such as the Conditions of Biodiversity Maintenance in Asia Project, the Environmental and Security Management Programme, among others. She is presently the Head of SEARCA's Knowledge Resources Unit which oversees all activities pertaining to the generation, verification, storage, distribution, exchange and dissemination of center-generated knowledge products and services, including the development, maintenance and improvement of online mechanisms and networks for sharing and validating research and practice. Aside from this, she also heads the Knowledge Center for Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture and Natural Resources in Southeast Asia.