

Challenges Facing the Global Food Systems: Small-Scale Producers and the Asia-Pacific

Speaker

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Candra Samekto is an international development professional with more than 25 years of experience in investment programme operations, public policy and financing, climate resilience, and infrastructure and water resources management. He has worked in more than 15 countries across Asia, the Pacific, and other regions, partnering with governments, UN entities, and development institutions. Before his appointment in the Philippines, he served as Lead Portfolio Advisor for Asia and the Pacific and as IFAD Country Director for the Pacific Island Countries and Afghanistan. Before joining the United Nations, he spent over a decade at Indonesia's Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS). He holds a Ph.D. in Natural Resources Management and Policy from the University of Queensland.



This colloquium will examine major challenges facing the global food systems, with particular attention to small-scale producers and the Asia-Pacific region. Drawing on his experience in rural transformation, climate resilience, public policy, and development investment, Dr. Samekto will discuss the forces reshaping agriculture and rural livelihoods and the policy and institutional innovations needed to foster more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable rural communities.

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