Linking Farmers to Markets: Barriers, Solutions, and Policy Options

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<td>As Professor of Farm Management at Lincoln University I have a role in developing the discipline through my own and others research, teaching and outreach activities. I was appointed in May 2016 from the University of Reading, UK and have been an active researcher for over 20 years. My research is primarily as a social scientist working within multi-disciplinary teams examining the relationship between agriculture, the environment and socio-economic criteria. The focus is on the analysis of sustainable farming systems and wider agri-ecosystem resilience, with particular emphasis on the financial impact on farm productivity of alternative farming systems and agri-environment policy. This necessarily includes the understanding of farmer decision making processes and motivations. The work has been undertaken across the European Union, United Kingdom, Africa, China and New Zealand.</td>
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**Short Bio**

Prof. Bhagirath Behera works as a professor of environmental and resource economics in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. He has more than twenty years of research and teaching experience in the area of environmental and natural resource economics, specifically on the issue of sustainable use and management of natural resources and climate change and their economic and livelihood implications on local people in the context of India and South Asian countries. In addition, he has a deep interest in issues relating to rural development, sustainable agriculture practices, and smallholder farmer livelihoods.

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**Short Bio**

I am an agricultural economist by training with more than 20 years of research and teaching experience that focuses on policy issues in the agricultural sector, primarily in the areas of production economics, consumer behaviour, farm systems, and natural resource management. I was appointed by the New Zealand Minister of Agriculture to serve two terms on the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC), at which time my research centred heavily on the economics and distributional impacts of improving farm animal welfare. Since stepping down from NAWAC I have been involved in a wider range of projects through collaborative links with other institutions as well as the supervision of postgraduate students. These projects involve a variety of research methods, and a range of empirical issues, including technical efficiency and profitability on NZ dairy farms, on-farm environmental compliance, value chain performance in transitional economies and the demand for food in both developed and developing countries.
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<td>Jingsheng Cao</td>
<td>Doctor</td>
<td>School of Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics, China</td>
<td>Jingsheng Cao is a doctor in the School of Economics at Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE). He is majoring in world economy with research directions in industrial economics and agricultural economics. He has served as an assistant in Research Laboratory of the Laying Hen Industry in China's modern agricultural industry technology system. Moreover, he has studied international trade in agricultural products and foreign investment, participating in the completion of the &quot;Analysis Report on China's Agricultural Foreign Investment Cooperation&quot; and the &quot;Lancang Mekong River Agricultural Cooperation Development Report.&quot; He led the completion of on-site research on the laying hen industry in Jiangsu and Hubei Province in China to understand the industry development situation and assist local enterprises in implementing regional public brand construction work. The case study based on research has won awards in multiple academic forums. Otherwise, he participated in writing policy reports related to agricultural economy and industrial economy. He also has published many papers in core journals, such as the Journal of the Central University of Finance and Economics.</td>
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<td>Bente Castro Campos</td>
<td>Senior researcher</td>
<td>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</td>
<td>For a decade, I have been a highly experienced researcher with a wealth of interdisciplinary knowledge in the fields of agricultural science, sociology, and anthropology. My enthusiasm lies in uncovering ideas with the potential to create sustainable and innovative projects that foster social and environmental well-being. I draw from a variety of research approaches, such as grounded theory, artistic methods, and sophisticated Stata modelling, depending on the desired outcome. With each project, I strive to make a meaningful contribution to our collective future.</td>
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| Ph.D. candidate  
Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce,  
Lincoln University  
New Zealand |

**Short Bio**

Chen Chen is a Ph.D. student at the Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce, Lincoln University, New Zealand. She has been dedicated to contributing the rural development in China since 2016. Her research areas include investigating farmers’ decisions in livelihood strategy, production methods, sales channels, and pro-environment behaviors from social capital, utility maximization, and sustainable development perspectives. She also focuses on poverty alleviation and the welfare improvement of migrant groups in China and other countries. Her next research project will focus on understanding farmers’ choices and factors under the global climate change crisis.

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**Short Bio**

Chen Tonghui is a Ph.D. candidate in economics at the Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences. His research focuses on agricultural economic policies, and he is particularly interested in the relationship between China’s temporary maize storage policy and the market. He is committed to advancing the field of agricultural economics and contributing to the development of evidence-based policies that promote sustainable economic growth.
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**Short Bio**

A passionate individual with research expertise in agricultural marketing and other sectors such as accounting, and is skilled at working on agribusiness projects. Her research interests include the development of value and supply chains, farm business models, farming and marketing profitability, market design, international trade, and, most recently, climate change and ecosystem services.

One of her goals is to ensure that farmers can meaningfully adopt and engage in farm business models that sustainably provide optimal improvement of value and supply chains over time. She majored in Agribusiness from University of Energy and Natural resources, Ghana. She had her Master of Commerce (Agricultural) from Lincoln University, New Zealand where she specialized in Agribusiness and International Rural Development.

During her undergraduate studies, she received awards for being the top graduating student in the School of Agriculture and Technology as well as the university’s overall best graduating female. She was the Masters winner of Lincoln University’s three-minute thesis competition in 2021, and she represented the university on a national level. When she isn’t in the library (which is most of the time 😊), Priscilla can be found listening to music or watching movies.

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**Short Bio**

Dr. D. Suganthi is a Manager, Department of Economic and Policy Research, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Mumbai. From 2015-2018 she worked as a Research Associate in the System for Promoting Appropriate National Dynamism for Agriculture and Nutrition (SPANDAN) project, funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research.

Her areas of research interests are Agriculture markets, Food inflation, Nutrition, Agro-food supply chains, Sustainable Agricultural Growth, Applied econometrics. Dr. Suganthi has published co-authored papers in both national and international peer reviewed journals. She has presented her work in both national and international conferences.
Marta Fernández-Olmos
Associate Professor, Business and Management, University of Zaragoza

**Short Bio**

*Marta Fernández-Olmos* obtained his PhD in 2008 (Extraordinary Award for doctoral thesis from University of Zaragoza, Spain) and is currently Assistant Professor of Business Organization at the University of Zaragoza. Research interests are innovation, family firms, and internationalization of SMEs. The author belongs to the Compete Research Group of the University of Zaragoza. She has published in *Technovation, Journal of Technology Transfer, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Food Policy* and *British Food Journal*, among others.

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**Short Bio**

*Professor Christopher Gan* is Head of Department, Department of Financial and Business System, Lincoln University, Christchurch, New Zealand. He is recognized internationally for research leadership in banking, microfinance, stock markets and Asian financial economics. His approach is quantitative in nature with an applied focus. He has an extensive publication record in well-ranked peer reviewed journals and is regularly cited by other researchers. He serves on editorial boards of several distinguished international journals and a chief editor of the Review of Applied Economics. He has won several awards for excellence in teaching including the National Teaching Excellence Award in 2003.

Jing Gao
Doctoral Candididate, Lanzhou University, People's Republic of China

**Short Bio**

Jing Gao is a doctoral candidate at the College of Pastoral Agriculture Science and Technology at Lanzhou University, specializing in diverse fields such as rural e-commerce policy evaluation, land use and investment, application of information and communication technology (ICT) in agriculture, and agricultural big data and spatial data analysis. Through her research, she aims to contribute to the development of innovative and sustainable agricultural practices that promote rural growth and advancement.
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<td>Dr. Binlei Gong is Professor in School of Public Affairs at Zhejiang University. He serves as the Executive Vice Dean in China Academy for Rural Development (CARD) and President-elect of Agricultural &amp; Applied Economics Association (AAEA) China Section. His research interests include Productivity and Economic Growth, Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Energy &amp; Environmental Economics. Dr. Gong's papers have been published in many academic journals, including Journal of Development Economics and American Journal of Agricultural Economics. Before joining ZJU, Dr. Gong received his B.S. from Zhejiang University and M.S. in Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics from Michigan State University. He then received M.A. in Economics, M.A. in Statistics, and Ph.D. in Economics from Rice University, and won Rice Outstanding Dissertation Award.</td>
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<td>Xinru Han</td>
<td>Associate Professor</td>
<td>Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences; Center for Strategic Studies, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences</td>
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<td>Xinru Han is Associate Professor in the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and the Center for Strategic Studies, CAAS. He received the PhD Degree in International Economics from China Agricultural University. Currently, his research focuses on food demand, China’s food security, and the partial equilibrium model. Website: <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Xinru-Han-2">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Xinru-Han-2</a>.</td>
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Baiding Hu

Associate Professor in Economics
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Short Bio
Dr Baiding Hu is currently an Associate Professor in Economics and Head of the Department of Global Value Chains and Trade, Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce, Lincoln University, New Zealand. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Western Australia and has held full-time teaching positions at La Trobe University and Macquarie University in Australia. He works in the areas of econometrics, macroeconomics and energy economics. He has been either a sole author or co-author for several research projects leading to publications in reputable international refereed academic journals, such as, Resources Policy, Food Policy, Pacific-Basin Finance Journal, Canadian Public Policy, China Economic Review, Journal of Socio-economics (continued as Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics). He supervises PhD students to undertake research on issues ranging from the role of fiscal policy in economic growth, macroeconomic impacts of technological innovations to the effects of value chain upgrading on export performance.

Girma T. Kassie

Principal Agricultural Market Economist
ICARDA
Rabat, Morocco

Short Bio
Girma T. Kassie (Ph.D.) is a Principal Agricultural Market Economist with the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) based in Rabat, Morocco. Girma has about 25 years of research and teaching experience in different parts of Africa. His research covers a wide range of topics such as stated and revealed preference analysis, economics of food security, agricultural productivity, crop diversification, livestock production, and climate change (https://bit.ly/3GPvP90). His research aims to identify innovative strategies and policy interventions to improve the well-being of small-scale farmers and promote sustainable agricultural development in Africa. Girma has served as associate editor of Agricultural Economics, the Journal of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, for seven years and has served as president of the Agricultural Society of Ethiopia for one term. Dr. Kassie holds an Adjunct Professorship in agricultural economics at Debre Markos University in Ethiopia.
Junpeng Li  
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**Short Bio**
I specialize in Agricultural Economics, with a focus on Agricultural Infrastructure, Rural Environment Management, Rural Informatization, and Rural Development. My research outputs have covered a wide range of topics, such as agricultural labor supply, water use efficiency, food production, livelihood diversity, rural energy poverty, farmer subjective well-being, financial inclusion, ICTs adoption, and the “China Toilet Revolution.” I have been regularly invited to review articles for several international journals, such as Review of Development Economics, China Agricultural Economic Review, and Applied Economics. As a young researcher, I am doing my best to contribute to the literature in my research fields.

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**Short Bio**
Xiaocheng Li received the B.S. degree in International Economics and Trade from Liaocheng University, Liaocheng, China, in 2020 and the M.S. degree in Finance from Shandong University of Finance and Economics, Jinan, China, in 2023. She is currently working toward the Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Economy Management with the College of Economics and Management, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China. Her research interests include digital finance, rural economy and household finance.
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**Short Bio**

Dr. Wenjin Long is an Assistant Professor at the College of Economics and Management and a member of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy, China Agricultural University. His research interests focus on rural labor, agricultural R&D and extension policies, and food system transformation. He teaches labor economics and agricultural economics for undergraduate students. Before joining CAU, he worked as an Associate Research Fellow in a non-governmental think-tank. He holds a Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK. He received his BAs in Agricultural Economics and Sociology and MA in Agricultural Economics from Renmin University of China. His works have been published in China Economic Review, China & World Economy, Journal of Integrative Agriculture, China Agricultural Economic Review and other journals. He has participated in many research projects related to labor, education, poverty, rural vitalization, health and nutrition. He undertakes several consultancies for UNDP and FAO. He also serves as a reviewer for many journals and projects.

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LU Yao, female, Master of Development Management from Asian Institute of Management (Manila), Ph.D (field of Regional and Rural Development Planning) from Asian Institute of Technology (Bangkok). She worked for international organizations, such as Save the Children UK, Winrock International and John Snow Inc. as project officer as well as coordinator for years. Her research covers mainly on the Rural and Agricultural Sustainable Development, crosses the fields with gender, ethnic minority groups, climate-change, etc. She published *Multidimensional Poverty Analysis at the Local Level in Northwest Yunnan Province, China: Some Insights and Implications*, *Impact of information acquisition on farmers’ willingness to recycle plastic mulch film residues in China*, *Factors affecting farmers’ adoption of and willingness to pay for biodegradable mulch films in China* in the Journal of Poverty, Journal of Cleaner Production, Sustainability Analytics and Modeling, etc.
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Short Bio
Evi Mariana attained her undergraduate degree in Internal Relations from Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia and accomplished her Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) specializing in Small Enterprise Promotion and Training (SEPT) from Leipzig University, Germany. She has 10 (ten) years experience of working in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) within the extractive industry in Indonesia. Her work experiences include conducting need assessment studies, planning, executing, and monitoring community development programs in the areas of local economic development for rural communities in Indonesia. One notable experience is her involvement in a capacity-building program for smallholder farmers in Central Borneo which include the implementation of bookkeeping training, technical training to improve the quality of smallholders’ products and facilitate access to the local market. She is currently a PhD candidate in the IPPAE Program at Justus-Liebig University, in Germany. Her research topic is the integration of smallholders into the third-wave coffee value chain in Indonesia.

Wanglin Ma
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Short Bio
Wanglin Ma mainly works in the field of Agricultural Economics and Development Economics, covering a wide range of topics. These include, for example, sustainability and economies of agrifood systems, food production and marketing, farmer organization, agribusiness (agrifood value chain), climate change and adaptation, land transfer, agricultural technology adoption, productivity, and efficiency. He also investigates the ways that facilitate sustainable rural development and improve farmers’ well-being. He has published over 120 articles in internationally peer-reviewed journals and reviewed articles for more than 100 journals. According to the 2023 economists ranking based on the past 10 years publishing at IDEAS, he is ranked "Top 10 Economists" (Authors 10) in New Zealand.
### Asresu Yitayew Mengie

Director, Socioeconomics and Agricultural Extension Research Directorate  
Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute  
Ethiopia

**Short Bio**

He is a socioeconomist at the Amhara Agricultural Research Institute, Ethiopia. He also worked as a research assistant at the University of Kiel to train academic staff, and research fellowship at the International Center for Agricultural Research at the Dry Areas (ICARDA). He has a PhD in agricultural economics from the Institute of Food Economics and Consumption Studies at the University of Kiel, Germany. His research analyzes how improved agricultural extension and agricultural inputs supply and commercialization can enhance technology adoption by smallholder farmers and food security. A large part of his research thereby focuses on impact evaluation, using existing data on economic decisions within households as well as field experiments. He has several publications on reputable journals such as *Food Policy, World Development, European Review of Agricultural Economics and Applied Economics*.

### Vijay Laxmi Pandey

Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India.

**Short Bio**

Dr. Vijay Laxmi Pandey is Professor at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India. She obtained her Ph.D. in the area of ‘Agricultural Economics’ from G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Uddhamsingh Nagar, India. She was recipient of Senior Research Fellowship of Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Dr. Pandey’s areas of interest are environmental economics, sustainable agricultural, rural studies, and gender issues. She has successfully completed many national and international research and consultancy projects. Recently she was involved in a project ‘System of Promoting Appropriate National Dynamism for Agriculture and Nutrition' (SPANDAN), supported by a grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and looked into the issues related to pathways of agriculture and nutrition. She has a large number of research publications, which include research papers in peer reviewed journals, books, magazine articles, and policy reports.
Moh. Shadiqur Rahman
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**Short Bio**
Moh Shadiqur Rahman is a lecturer from the Agriculture Socio-Economics Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Brawijaya University, Indonesia. He earned his PhD degree in Agricultural Economics from National Pingtung University of Science and Technology Taiwan in April 2022. His principal research interests are in the fields of rural development, impact evaluation, climate change, well-being, and food security. His research output has been published in several international reputable journal related with agricultural economics, and sustainable development, such as International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology, Regional Studies in Marine Science, International Journal of Social Economics, etc.

Dil B. Rahut
Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute

**Short Bio**
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**Short Bio**

Adrian Rodriguez del Valle den Ouden completed his bachelor- and master of science in economics at the Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg in Germany. He has previously worked at two research institutes in Germany, including the Halle Institute for Economic Research and the Institute for Technologies and Economics of Lithium.

He is currently working full-time on his Ph.D. at the University of Oviedo in Spain. His research explores the relationship between market (monopolistic-) power and globalization, as well as measuring the impact this has on consumers.

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**Short Bio**

Dr Maria Fay Rola-Rubzen is Deputy Director and Associate Professor at the Centre for Agricultural Economics and Development at the University of Western Australia. She is an experienced agricultural economist and international development specialist with strong background in poverty & food security; supply chain analysis & inclusive value chains; improving market access for the poor; gender and social inclusion; sustainable & resilient farming systems; farmer behavior and technology adoption; decision analysis under risk & uncertainty; rural development & transformation; project management, monitoring and evaluation and impact evaluation. She has led several multi-disciplinary research and development projects in Australia, Africa and Asia, and has been Consultant to various organizations including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Asian Development Bank, International Rice Research Institute, and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, and has been member of consulting teams for the World Bank, USAID, Grains Research and Development Corporation and Winrock International. Fay has a PhD in Agricultural Economics and a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of New England and a Bachelors in Agricultural Economics (cum laude) majoring in Marketing & Prices from the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. She has authored/co-authored over 200 papers, reports, book chapters, conference presentations and was co-editor of the book on *Gender Dimension of Climate Change Research in Agriculture: Case Studies in Southeast Asia* (2019) published by SEARCA and CCAFS. Currently, she is the Project leader of a multi-country ACIAR-funded project on Understanding Farm-Household Management Decision-making for Increased Productivity in the Eastern Gangetic Plains of South Asia.
Gulkaiyr Saparova

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Short Bio

I was born in 1993 in Kyrgyzstan. I am currently a second-year muster student at Hiroshima University.

I completed my undergraduate degree at the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University in Kyrgyzstan. My working experience started at the Institute of Forest, named after P.A. Gana, NAS KR scientific researcher in forestry hydrology, and the Forest Soil Science Laboratory. At the same time, I was employed at the Center for Innovative Agrarian Technologies as a Manager of the Customer Training Department's Information and Knowledge Management. Previously, before studying at Hiroshima University, I worked for five years at the State Inspectorate for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Safety under the Government of the KR. The main duties of the job were monitoring of limitedly distributed quarantine pests, consultation with farmers, sampling for reliability, reporting, and exchange experiences with regional inspectors through the organization of online training.

My research interests are agriculture, food security, and farmer preferences. Since then, I have published a paper in 2021 about *Phytosanitary risk management in the background of the introduction of the Oriental peach moth (Grapholitha molesta busck) in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.* Scientific and theoretical journal Vestnik," Kyrgyz National Agrarian University, named after K.I. Skryabin, pp. 41–48.

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Short Bio

Jon is a PhD Candidate in Agricultural Economics and Research Associate at the UWA School of Agriculture and Environment, University of Western Australia and a recipient of the Australia Awards ACIAR John Allwright Fellowship. He is an Assistant Professor at the School of Management, University of the Philippines (UP) Mindanao. He obtained his Master in Management degree at UP Mindanao, Graduate Diploma in Economics and Graduate Diploma in Econometrics at the University of Southeastern Philippines, and Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics at UP Mindanao.


Jon has been involved in research projects funded by ACIAR, Australia Global Alumni, Philippine Department of Science and Technology, Philippine Commission on Higher Education, and UP Mindanao. He was also involved in extension and consultancy projects funded by ADB, World Bank, Catholic Relief Services, Oxfam, VSO Philippines, UN Joint SDG Fund, FAO, The Asia Foundation, AFOS Foundation, and USAID STRIDE.
Sokcheng, Sim

Director, Center for policy research in agriculture and rural development, Cambodian Development Resource Institute (CDRI)/Cambodia

Short Bio
Mr Sim Sokcheng is currently the Director and a Research Fellow in the Center for policy research in agriculture and rural development of CDRI. He has joined CDRI since 2013 as a research associate. He has extensive experience on leading and managing various research projects and doing research on agriculture, economic development, programme impact evaluation, particularly research survey with rural farmers. Mr. Sokcheng is a Ph.D. candidate and hold a master’s degree in economics majoring in Development Economics from Kobe University, Japan. Current research highlights include research on promoting sustainable and inclusive agricultural development through public-private partnerships (PPPs) in agriculture; Pesticide Use Practices in Cambodia’s Vegetable Farming; Implications of Rice Policy Changes in Vietnam for Cambodia’s Rice Policy and Rice Producers in South-Eastern Cambodia, etc.

Tetsushi Sonobe

Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute, Japan

Short Bio
Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building. Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo and taught economics for thirty years at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.
### Jianjun Tang

**Associate Professor, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China**

#### Short Bio

Dr. Tang is an associate professor at the School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China. He obtained his Ph.D. (Cum Laude) in Environmental and Resource Economics from the Department of Economic Geography at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, in 2014. Dr. Tang serves as the principal investigator for two grants (72273147 and 71903192) awarded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. His research contributions encompass a diverse array of topics, including water management, grassland restoration, and poverty alleviation, with over 40 articles published in both Chinese and English languages.

### Omphile Temoso

**Adjunct Research Fellow, Business School, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia**

#### Short Bio

Dr. Omphile Temoso is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Business School of the University of New England in Australia. He is also employed as an economist with the NSW Government (Australia), where he leads research and econometric modelling on broader industry and policy issues related to economic development, investment, and trade. He has published and reviewed articles on a wide range of topics, including agricultural technology adoption, efficiency and productivity analysis, food security, health and education policy, and broader development issues in Sub-Saharan Africa. His most recent research interests include firm-level productivity and innovation analysis using administrative data.
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**Short Bio**
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Short Bio
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**Short Bio**
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