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OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Provide an overview of the existing resources on the formulation of nutrition-sensitive outcomes for sustainable food system policies, investments and programmes;
- Understand current country needs to prioritize interventions and share some examples;
- Share the results of national research, as evidence of the importance of sustainable nutrition-sensitive food systems.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Ms Patrizia Fracassi** (FAO), **Mr Alfredo Echeverría** (Costa Rican Gastronomy Foundation), **Ms Boitumelo Stokie Motswagole** (NFTRC), and moderated by **Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy. The webinar will be concluded with closing remarks by **Ms Gerda Verburg**, UN Assistant Secretary-General and SUN Movement Coordinator.



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Patrizia Fracassi is Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer at FAO leading the work on governance, policies, programmes and investments. Previously, she was a Senior Nutrition Analyst and Strategy Adviser at the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Secretariat focusing on Government-led multi-sectoral approaches for planning, costing, managing implementation, tracking investments and mobilizing resources. Patrizia has worked in Ethiopia with UNICEF on Nutrition Information System and for the

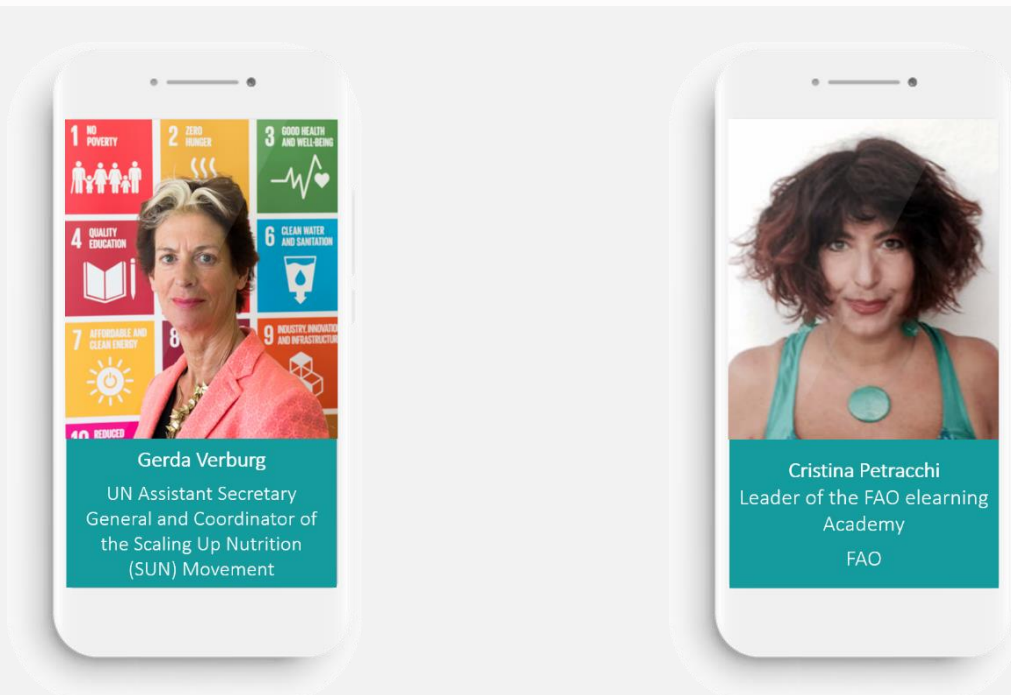
Alfredo Echeverría is president and founder of the Costa Rican Gastronomy Foundation, and the Epicurean Club. He is the proponent of the Costa Rican National Plan for Sustainable and Healthy Gastronomy, declared “Of national Interest” by presidential decree. Alfredo Echeverría has been a consultant in the hospitality and gastronomic field for more than 30 years in the Americas. He is a pioneer in the training and development programs for hotels and restaurants, food festivals,

Boitumelo Stokie Motswagole is an accomplished nutritionist with over 26 years of experience in food research and has participated in several research projects in the area of human nutrition. She has been recognized for pioneering the programs of the Nutrition Department at National Food Technology Research Centre (NFTRC) and she also represents NFTRC in several committees at national level such as the District Multi-sectoral AIDS Committee, National Nutrition Task Force,

World Bank on Linkages between the Productive Safety Net Programme and the National Nutrition Programme. She also worked for UNICEF Uganda as a Nutrition Specialist and for CESVI and Oxfam Italia in Vietnam as Country Director. Patrizia holds a Doctorate in Health Research, a M.Sc. in Development Management and an M.A. in Human Sciences.

urban and rural gastronomic routes and, professional culinary competitions as well an International invited speaker. He has been a gastronomic columnist for more than 12 years in a major local newspaper, is a frequent media contributor.

non-communicable diseases technical working group and is a board member of the Radiation Protection Inspectorate in Botswana. Boitumelo Stokie Motswagole graduated at North West University (Potchefstroom Campus) in 2010 with a PhD in Human Nutrition.



Gerda Verburg has served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement since 2016, working with the 61 country governments that lead the SUN Movement, united with UN agencies, civil society, business and donors, in a common mission to defeat malnutrition in all its forms. Prior to leading the SUN Movement, Ms. Verburg served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Rome-based UN agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP), Chair of the Agenda Council for Food and Nutrition of WEF, Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and Chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. From 2007 to 2011, she served as Speaker in the Dutch House of Representatives on economics, energy and innovation, and as Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality.

Cristina Petracchi heads the FAO elearning Academy. She manages and coordinates the design, development, delivery and language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of elearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member countries and is responsible for the creation of University Masters' and Post Graduate Degree Programmes. She engages actively in consolidating partnerships across United Nations agencies, academic institutions and universities, regional organizations, CSOs and NGOs, for capacity development initiatives. In addition to a University Degree in Biological Sciences, Ms Petracchi holds a PhD in Nutrition and Food Science, and has several years of experience of capacity development activities in several countries.

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