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Public-Private Partnership focused on Data Sharing to Improve Food Safety Capacity Building

Dr. Kelley Cormier

Dr. Kelley Cormier is Center for Nutrition’s Food Safety Division Chief in USAID’s Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS), where she leads a team that addresses food safety risks in food systems through technical assistance and global leadership in support of the U.S. Government’s Global Food Security Strategy and USAID’s Multisectoral Nutrition Strategy. She is a champion of gender integration and knowledge management within a broad safe food systems portfolio. For eight years she worked in the Bureau for Food Security as an agricultural economist and a Division Chief for Inclusive Market Development. Dr. Cormier has managed SPS capacity building programs for USDA and led an active research agenda that explored how the evolution of policies and institutions affect agricultural markets and the coping strategies of men and women. She holds a PhD in Development Studies with specializations in Economics and Law from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a MS in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University.
Ms. Marlynne Hopper

Marlynne Hopper is the Deputy Head of the Secretariat for the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), a global partnership to facilitate safe trade with close to 200 projects in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. With longstanding expertise in trade, development and agriculture, Marlynne leads on STDF's knowledge tools from public-private partnerships to good regulatory practices, and manages a US$14 million portfolio of innovative STDF projects on food safety, animal and plant health, including new pilots on the use of voluntary third party assurance programmes. Prior to joining the STDF in 2008, Marlynne worked on leading agricultural policy analysis and capacity development, including with FAO, GIZ and the World Bank Group. She holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs from Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
Dr. Wendelyn Jones

Dr. Wendelyn Jones is Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of Food and Nutrition Sciences (IAFNS). IAFNS is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) scientific organization that catalyzes knowledge by bringing together scientists from government, academia, and industry to drive, fund and lead actionable food safety and nutrition research in support of public health.

Dr. Jones has a strong background in the food, agriculture and chemical industries, with over 20 years of global experience in industry and government. She began her career at FDA and USDA APHIS. Additionally, Dr. Jones worked for industry and a trade association. Across her career she received her PhD from Vanderbilt University and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at MIT. Currently, she applies her PhD in life sciences to extend IAFNS contribution to, and impact within, diverse scientific and health communities.
Dr. Mark Moorman

Dr. Mark Moorman is the Director of the Office of Food Safety at the Food and Drug Administration where he leads a team of professionals focused on improving the safety of our food supply. Prior to joining the FDA, Mark was the Senior Director of Global Scientific & Regulatory Affairs for the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, MI with responsibilities for emerging food safety and nutrition technical and regulatory issues. Prior to joining the Kellogg Company in 1998, Mark spent 10 years with Silliker Laboratories as the Technical Director of Microbiology responsible for assisting clients with microbiological food safety and quality issues. Mark has his undergraduate and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University in Microbiology and Food Science.
Dr. Clare Narrod

Dr. Clare Narrod is the Director of the Risk Analysis program at the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) at University of Maryland and leads their monitoring and impact evaluation work on food safety capacity building efforts. She manages the foodrisk.org website which is a meta-database of tools and models for food safety professionals in industry, academia, and government. She has over 25 years of experience working with science-based approaches to inform decisions. She started her career in government where she conducted and reviewed risk assessments and cost-benefit analyses of proposed and final rules associated with reducing the risk of animal and plant diseases and improving food safety for Agency clearance. She has conducted research on identifying cost-effective food safety and animal health risk reduction measures for different size producers, understanding the role of public-private partnerships in ensuring the production of safe food to improve market access for the poor, and measuring the impact of food safety capacity building efforts. She has conducted research and taught risk analysis techniques and global food safety law in a number of countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

She has been a working group member on a Global Food Ethics Project at John Hopkins Berman Institute for Bioethics, the Standard Trade and Development Facility study aimed at understanding the spillover effect of food safety capacity building, the Global Regulatory Competency and Curricula project, the Global Food Safety Partnership monitoring and impact evaluation team, the 2018 committee of the National Academy of Science on the Institute of Medicine’s study on "Strengthening Core Elements of Food Safety Regulatory Systems in Developing Countries," and the 2020 committee on “Stronger Food and Drug Regulatory Systems Abroad. She recently became a steering group member of the Lloyd’s Register Foundation Safety of Food: Evidence Context project.

She received her Ph.D. in Energy Management and Environmental Policy in 1997 and an M.S. in International Development and Appropriate Technology both from the
University of Pennsylvania. From 1998-2000 she served as an American Association for the Advancement of Science Risk Analysis Fellow at USDA. Prior to coming to JIFSAN she worked at the International Food Policy Research Institute, the United States Department of Agriculture, and at the Food and Agriculture Organization. She has consulted for the World Bank and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture.
Joseph Scimeca, PhD, leads the International Dairy Foods Associations (IDFA) Regulatory and Scientific Affairs team. Scimeca has extensive technical regulatory and scientific expertise that includes over 33 years of industry experience. In his position with IDFA, he provides strategic regulatory and scientific leadership for the dairy food and beverage industry covering a broad range of areas including product safety, quality, and labeling; nutrition and health policy; product identity standards; food defense; sustainability initiatives; Codex and other international standards; technical trade barriers; and emerging science and technologies affecting the dairy sector.

He comes to IDFA from Cargill Inc. where he worked for 16 years, serving most recently as Vice President of Global Regulatory & Scientific Affairs. For Cargill, Scimeca provided leadership for ensuring food, feed, and other consumer products were safe, protected against intentional acts of economic adulteration and bioterrorism, and in conformance with relevant food/feed regulations, standards, and internal policies. He managed a team of 30 regulatory professionals based in locations around the world that collaborated with their business partners in facilitating compliance against existing and emerging regulations. Previously, he held similar regulatory affairs roles with General Mills, Pillsbury, and Kraft.

Scimeca has a proven track record working with the FDA and USDA to lead the broad food industry in regulatory reform, with notable efforts in shaping and influencing FDA FSMA regulations, and with several foreign governments in their efforts to modernize food regulations, including China, Canada, India, EU, and Indonesia. Scimeca is skilled at building and leading private-public partnerships to advance food safety initiatives leading to improved public health. He has and continues to chair or serve on numerous and varied technical committees for scientific, academic, and trade organizations, including the National Academy of Sciences, IUFoST, IFT, and JIFSAN, among others.
Ms. Andrea E. Stumpf

Andrea E. Stumpf is a true believer in the benefits of inclusive collaboration and the synergies of structured partnerships. She is an experienced transactional lawyer who specializes in international partnerships. Her advice on how to structure and design partnering initiatives, especially international partnership programs and their governing bodies, secretariats, and trust funds, is provided through her business, Structured Partnerships in the Washington, DC area. She works with a wide variety of clients, including donors, private foundations, NGOs, academic institutions, trade associations, and multilaterals.

Over the years, Andrea has worked with hundreds of partners on hundreds of partnership programs and trust funds across a great variety of initiatives. Her experience draws from more than thirty years in the international, public, and private sectors, including many years as Lead Counsel in the World Bank’s Legal Department, where she spent most of her time as a focal point for partnership matters, in addition to supporting country operations in Africa and the Middle East. Prior to joining the World Bank, Andrea worked as inhouse counsel for several major global telecommunications companies and before that in the Paris and New York offices of two prominent international law firms.

Andrea has published two companion guides on international partnership programs: the award-winning Designing International Partnership Programs – A Primer for Partners (2019) and Structuring International Partnership Programs – A Book for Builders (2021). She holds a JD from Yale Law School and a double major BA with honors in international studies and German from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Immediately following law school, she clerked for the late Honorable Frank M. Johnson, Jr., a renowned judge on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
Dr. Catherine Woteki

Catherine Woteki, Ph.D. is a professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. From 2010-2016, she served as chief scientist and Under Secretary for U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Research, Education, and Economics mission area. In that role, she developed the Office of the Chief Scientist, established the USDA Science Council, and instituted the Department’s first scientific integrity and open data policies. She was called upon to lead scientific delegations to China and the first Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists held under the auspices of the G-20. Dr. Woteki is an advocate for building the platforms needed to enhance domestic and international food and agricultural research. Prior to joining USDA, Dr. Woteki served as Global Director of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs for Mars, Incorporated, where she managed the company’s scientific policy on matters of health, nutrition, and food safety. From 2002-2005, she was Dean of Agriculture and Professor of Human Nutrition at Iowa State University, and also head of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Woteki served as the first Under Secretary for Food Safety at the USDA from 1997-2001, where she oversaw the safety of meat, poultry and egg products. She serves on the board of International Open Data Charter, an uncompensated position.