

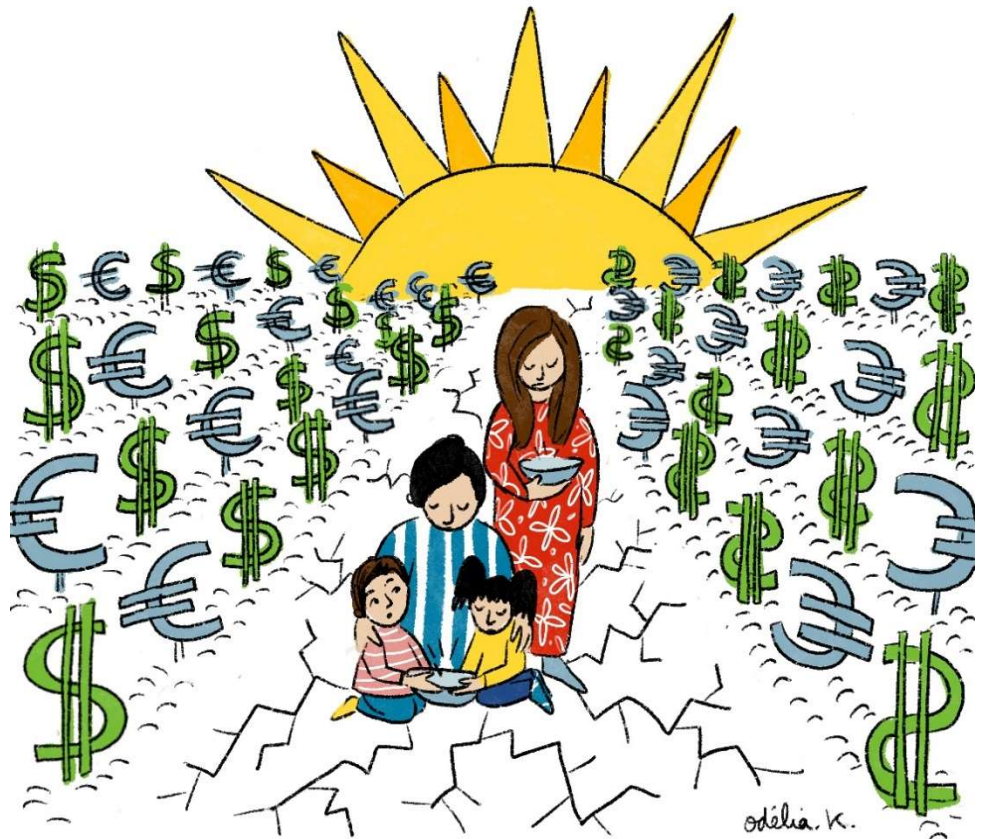
WEBINAR

FOOD / AGRICULTURE

16 MARCH 2023
2 PM – 5 PM (CET)

Bilingual event (French / English)
with simultaneous interpretation

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This is the 6th of a series of webinars scheduled to take place throughout 2023 to mark the 150th anniversary of the International Law Association (ILA).

Against the background of the ongoing major food crisis, this webinar will discuss current and future challenges in the agricultural and food sectors and look prospectively into conceivable solutions under international law to face such challenges.

The text of the White Paper that will be discussed during the webinar is available at: <https://www.ilaparis2023.org/en/white-paper/food-agriculture/>

Chaired by **Geneviève Parent**, Professor, Laval University, Quebec

Introduction **Fabrice Riem**, Professor, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

Speakers

Edwini Kessie, Director, Division of Agriculture and Commodities, WTO

Tim Lambert, CEO, Egg Farmers of Canada

Gérald Larose, President of the Board, *Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins*

Fatiha Sahli, Law Professor Emerita, University Cadi Ayyad de Marrakech, Morocco

Joy Angelica P. Santos Doctor, Consultant, Southeast Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment

Juanjuan Sun, Associate Professor, University of Agriculture, Hebei, China

Chair



Geneviève Parent is a full professor at Laval University's Faculty of Law in Québec and holder of the legal research chair in food diversity and security. She is a part-time member of the Agricultural Review Board of Canada and an associate member of the French Academy of Agriculture.

Her areas of interest include food security, national and international agri-food legislation, and public international law. Her researches focus are on sustainable food security in law. She is interested in national, regional and international legal instruments that intervene in the protection and promotion of agricultural and food diversity as well as in the analysis of international law and its impact on Canadian and Quebec agrifood legislation. She has contributed to numerous scientific articles and books and is frequently invited as a speaker as an expert at various international meetings. Her expertise in agri-food law has led her to carry out various consulting mandates in national and international law.

Introduction

Fabrice Riem was deputy Director of the College of European and International Studies, in charge of research and innovation, at the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA). He is Deputy Director of the Centre for European Documentation and Research (CDRE) and Coordinator of the Lascaux Centre for Transitions (CELT).

Specialized in economic law, his work focuses on competition law, market law and the common agricultural policy. In 2020, he was laureate of the E2S-UPPA Scientific Challenge project call to deploy the CELT research project on food security, natural resources, and basic needs for populations.



Speakers



Edwini Kessie has a Doctorate Degree in Law from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia and Masters' Degrees in Law from the University of Toronto, Canada and the University of Brussels, Belgium and a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Ghana. He is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Courts of England & Wales, New South Wales, Australia and Ghana. He has practiced Corporate and Commercial Law in Sydney, Australia and International Trade Law and European Community Law in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Kessie has been a staff member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since January 1995. He has worked in different Divisions, including the Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division, Development Division and the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation. He is currently the Director of the Agriculture and Commodities Division and Head of the WTO Delivery Unit. Between June 2012 and May 2017, Dr. Kessie took leave from the WTO to become the Chief Trade Adviser of the Pacific Island Countries and Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser located in Port Vila, Vanuatu. In this capacity, he provided technical advice on a broad range of trade and investment issues to the Pacific Island countries and supported them in the free trade negotiations (PACER Plus) with Australia and New Zealand.



Tim Lambert is a graduate from the University of Guelph. He has held roles at Ontario Swine Improvement, Beef Improvement Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture.

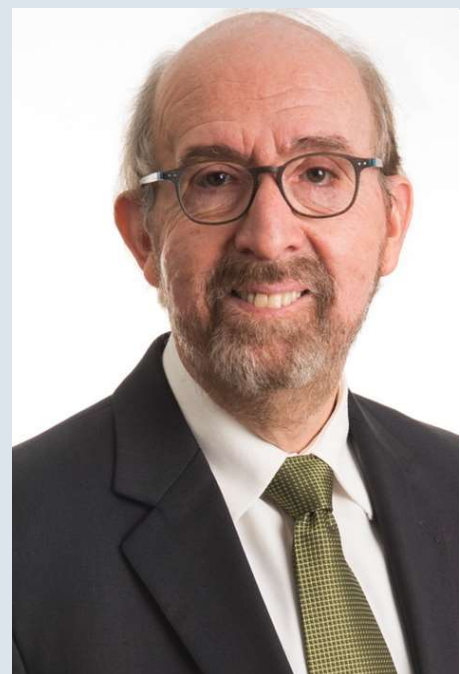
He is a founding Trustee of the International Egg Foundation and a member of Heart for Africa's (Eswatini) Board of Directors. He has held advisory roles with the International Egg Commission, World Egg Organisation, International Egg Nutrition Centre, Heart for Africa (Canada) and the Egg Industry Center.

Tim was awarded the University of Guelph's Alumni of Honour (2018) and named one of the Most Influential People in Canadian Agriculture (2021). He is passionate about sustainable food systems and building public trust.

Gérald Larose is an associate professor at the School of Social Work of the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM) and vice-president of the Coalition "*Nourrir l'humanité durablement*".

After having chaired the *Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux du Québec*, Canada, for 16 years, Gérald Larose has continued his activism by participating as a volunteer in the management of grassroots organisations such as the youth integration company Insertech Angus, the Board of Directors of the Caisse d'Économie Solidaire Desjardins and the WEBTV solidarity cooperative.

He has also taken on leadership responsibilities at the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS) and the International Forum of Social and Solidarity Economy Leaders (ESS-FI). Gérald Larose is interested in social movements and civil society capacity building. In addition to industrial relations and negotiation practices, his areas of study, teaching and intervention include the social economy, inclusion, development models and international comparisons



Fatiha Sahli is a Professor emerita of the Cadi Ayyad University Marrakech-Morocco and a prolific author, particularly in agricultural law. She is specialist in Public International Law and International Economic Law.

Until 2020, she had been Director of the Laboratory of Research on International Cooperation for Development (LRCID). She also acted as the Director of the International and European Economic Law Department (DESA & Doctorate). She is also member of the Scientific Committee of the World Union of Agrarian Scholars (WUAS).

Her main areas of research include food sovereignty, land grabbing in Africa, and issues of agricultural liberalization in Morocco.

Joy Angelica P. Santos Doctor has been working with the Southeast Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE) as volunteer and as consultant. SEARICE has been sponsoring Ms. Doctor to attend the meetings of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) as well as the Convention of the Parties of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) since 2012. Along with like-minded negotiators, Ms. Doctor participated actively in the adoption of CBD resolutions imposing a moratorium on geoengineering and adopting a precautionary approach on synthetic biology. For the Governing Body's Meeting of the ITPGRFA, Ms. Doctor actively negotiated for the creation of the Committee on Farmers' Rights in Muscat, Oman and Kigali, Rwanda; and in India in September 2022, Ms. Doctor introduced text for contracting parties to consider international human rights law with emphasis on the UNDROP in the implementation of the Plant Treaty. This was the first time that it happened in the ITPGRFA. For the 15th COP of the CBD in Montreal, Canada, in December 2022, Ms. Doctor contributed statements on the recognition and implementation of farmers rights as embodied in the UNDROP. Reference to UNDROP was heavily bracketed until the very last minute and was unfortunately deleted. Still, this was the first time that the UNDROP was introduced in a COP of the CBD.

Ms. Doctor recently finished the Winter Course in International Law at The Hague Academy of International Law in January 2023. She is presently undergoing graduate studies (LLM) on international law at the University of the Philippines College of Law.

Ms. Doctor belongs to the Applai tribe of Sagada and Bontoc, Mountain Province in the Philippines, has been a law practitioner for more than ten years, and is presently a magistrate in Bohol, Philippines.



Juanjuan Sun is an associate Professor of Law at Heibei Agricultural University and researcher at the Center for Coordination and Innovation of Food Security Governance at the Renmin University of China. Her research areas include regulatory theory, food law and agricultural law.

Her personal achievements include publication of books such as Comparative study among the USA, EU and China on Food Safety Regulation, Building Food Safety Governance in China as well as translation of books such as European Food Law Handbook, Private Food Law and Food Safety=Behaviour and articles such as "On the right to adequate food and relevant concepts form the legal perspective".

Her professional experiences include participation in the revision of the Food Safety Law and the Agricultural Products Quality and Safety Law in China.