

# IFIAD Annual Conference

## Transformation Pathways for Developing Country Agriculture

24 October 2018 - Iveagh House, Dublin



08.30–09.00 Registration

09.00–09.05 Welcome - Dr. Lance O'Brien, Teagasc and Chair of IFIAD

09.05–09.20 Opening Address - Michael Creed TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

09.20–09.50 Keynote Address - Steve Wiggins, Principal Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London

09.50–10:10 Q&A

### Session 1: What indicators are fit for purpose for measuring the sustainability of transformative agriculture and food systems?

Facilitator – Nicola Brennan, Policy Director, Irish Aid

10.15–10.35 Dr David Styles, Plant & AgriBiosciences Research Centre, NUI Galway

10.35–10.55 Rui Benfica, Lead Economist, Research and Impact Assessment Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development

10.55–11.15 Q&A

11.15–11.30 Break

### Session 2: How do we examine the success and applicability of ecological-based agriculture, particularly in regions with weak national policies and extension/innovation systems?

Facilitator - Professor Charles Spillane, Chair of Plant Science, NUI Galway and Vice-Chair of IFIAD

11.35–11.55 Professor Ken Giller, Chair of Plant Production Systems Group, Wageningen University

11.55–12.15 Professor Rachel Bezner Kerr, Associate Professor in Development Sociology, Cornell University

12.15–12.35 Q&A

12.35–13.05 Lunch

### Session 3: How do we achieve sustainable, nutritious diets by 2050 and what is the role of the private sector?

Facilitator - Professor Gerry Boyle, Director of Teagasc

13.10–13.30 Tom Arnold, Chair, EU Commission Task Force on Rural Africa

13.30–13.50 Professor Jessica Fanzo, Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer, FAO and Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor of Global Food & Agricultural Policy and Ethics, John Hopkins University

13.50–14.10 Q&A

14.10–14.35 Reflections/comments by all speakers

14.35–14.55 Q&A

14.55–15.00 Closing Remarks by Orla Kilcullen, Programmes Director, Self Help Africa