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Jury Panel of the Data Driven Farming Prize.

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Anita Mahat, Economic Specialist SEED Office Nepal/USAID

Anita serves as an Economic Specialist for the Social Environmental and Economic Development Office at USAID/Nepal. She has worked for USAID/Nepal for the last 17 years, providing technical expertise to the Mission's economic growth, policy reform, access to finance, livelihood and business literacy programs. She is currently managing the Policy Reform program and is the liaison for Digital Development for the Digital Development for Feed the Future activities in Nepal. Anita has a Master's in Development Economics from the Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands and a Bachelor's in Biology and Economics from Luther College.



Brian King, Digital Development Advisor, USAID

Brian is a fourth-generation California rice farmer who began his development career in rural agriculture and small business development. Brian has twenty years of experience creating and implementing ICT for Development initiatives with government, business, education, and nonprofit partners, primarily with USAID.



Dr. David Guerena, Soil Scientist – Systems Agronomist, CIMMYT

David originally hails from Santa Barbara, CA., and has a BSc., MSc., and PhD in Soil Science. David was an international research fellow with the World Agroforestry Center from 2009 to 2014. From 2014-2016, David served as the One Acre Fund's agricultural research manager. He joined CIMMYT as a soil scientist - systems agronomist in January of 2017. Prior to joining CIMMYT David lived and worked in East Africa for seven years and has led field research activities in smallholder systems in ten countries. He is now based in Nepal.

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André Lapière, Executive Director Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN)

André joined the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) initiative, as its first Executive Director, in September 2015. During his career, André has led or managed numerous projects on behalf of large private corporations and subsequently, with the United Nations and the World Bank. He has extensive professional experience in the Americas, Caribbean, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Prior to joining GODAN, André was Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Washington DC. André has also served as a Director in the International Services of Price Waterhouse. In this position, he led multiple global, large scale business evaluations, privatizations, mergers and structural reform projects.



Allen Bailochan Tuladhar, Microsoft Regional Director (Global)

Allen has been working in local language computing within the information and communications sector of Nepal for the past 25 years. For the past ten years, he has represented Nepal at the Asian Forum for Information Technology and has also been contributing to international standards development in the field of local language computing to ISO and Unicode. Allen is also CEO of Unlimited Technology Pvt. Ltd and all its sister organizations, Country Manager of Microsoft Innovation Center Nepal, Member of Council for Communication & IT, SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Member Secretary of Nepali Language in Information Technology, Steering Committee under High Level Commission of Information Technology of Government of Nepal and Chairperson of Forum for Information Technology Nepal (FIT Nepal).



Kristen Roggemann, Mobile and Insights Manager, DAI

Kristen is a Mobile and Insights manager at Development Alternatives Incorporated and has a background in the private sector mobile ecosystem, from managing partnerships between mobile operators and NGOs to leading business development at a mobile software company. Kristen has over a decade of experience working with projects in the field to use digital technologies "better", advising on everything from basic SMS campaigns to complex social media strategies in countries like Jordan and Cambodia. Most recently, Kristen has worked in Afghanistan developing a mobile marketing system for agricultural input providers and in Cambodia working with local NGOs to pilot mobile data collection applications. At DAI, she serves as Editor of the Digital@DAI blog and has pioneered the use of private sector-based consumer insights methodologies to help projects understand their target audiences' access to and use of technology.



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Faisal M. Qamer, Remote Sensing Specialist, ICIMOD

Faisal holds an MSc in Geomatics from Karlsruhe University, Germany. He has 15 years of experience applying Geospatial Science to nature conservation, water resource management, and agro-ecosystem issues with a strong background in spatial analysis and modeling, information sharing strategies, institutional capacity building, and project management. Before coming to ICIMOD, he was working at WWF-Pakistan as GIS Manager. He has published several papers in peer-reviewed national and international journals.



Dr. Peter Richards, Economic Adviser, Bureau for Food Security, USAID

Pete serves as an Economic Adviser for the Global Engagement and Strategy Team in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. At USAID, Pete is responsible for providing strategic advice on new trends and opportunities for agriculture in developing countries. Prior to joining USAID, he worked as a Research Fellow at Brown University's Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, where he published widely on the micro and macro-economic drivers of agricultural change in Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina, and the impact of agriculture on local economic growth and the environment. Pete holds a Ph.D. in Geography and an MS in Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics. Pete grew up in the Adirondacks of New York.

