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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE AND ABSTRACT FOR

Dr Prabhu Pingali



Dr Prabhu Pingali is Deputy Director, Agriculture Development Division of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He was formerly Director of the Agricultural and Development Economics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations, from 2002-2007. Pingali was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences as a Foreign Fellow in May 2007. He was the President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) from 2003-2006. He was elected Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association in 2006 and of the International Association of Agricultural Economists in 2009. He was appointed to the U.S. National Academies Round Table on Sustainability (2006-2010). Pingali has three decades of experience analyzing food, agriculture and development policy in Asia, Africa and Latin America. An Indian national he earned a Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University in 1982. He was Director of the Economics Program at CIMMYT, Mexico from 1996-2002. Prior to joining CIMMYT, he worked at the International

Rice Research Institute at Los Baños, Philippines from 1987 to 1996 as an Agricultural Economist, and prior to that at the World Bank's Agriculture and Rural Development Department from 1982-1987 as an economist. Prabhu Pingali has authored ten books and over 100 referred journal articles and book chapters on food policy, technological change, productivity growth and resource management in the developing world. He has received several international awards and recognitions for his work.

Reflections, Conclusions and the Way Ahead

Dr Prabhu Pingali of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will discuss the work of the foundation and its activities in agricultural development, particularly in Sub Saharan Africa and South Asia, and cover opportunities and constraints to public/private research partnerships; and the principles and public policy that might encourage and underpin enhanced R&D funding. He will also summarise the main points of the previous day's event, and any preliminary conclusions that might be drawn from them.

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