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Breaking New Ground: *Building Resilience Today for Improved Global Food Systems Tomorrow*

## Keynote: H.E. Gilbert Houngbo

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Austin Castillo-Leovan

My name is Austin Castillo-Leovan, and I work with the World Food Prize Foundation. I am looking forward to sharing additional resources with you during this session!

Check out all the speaker biographies below the video. You can read all about our distinguished speakers there anytime.

Amy Bettle

Hi Austin! I'm watching from Des Moines, Iowa!

Luke A. Sloterdijk

Hey everybody! I am watching from Ames, Iowa!

Austin Castillo-Leovan

Thank you Amy! So glad you could join us from Des Moines, Iowa.

Brett Rierson

Good evening. Brett Rierson from Harvest Agricultural Solutions watching from Kampala, Uganda.

Meghna Ravishankar

Welcome everyone!

Nabeeha Kazi

Good afternoon from Humanitas Global in Washington, DC.

Alana Calhoun

I am Alana Calhoun, I am a Delegate from Michigan for the Global Youth Institute

Leah Marie Lucas

Leah Marie Lucas with the US Overseas Cooperative Development Council. Amazing video showing the importance of participatory models in rural planning. Bravo!

Austin Castillo-Leovan

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Nichola Dyer

Congratulations to Ertharin Cousin and all WFP colleagues on that well-deserved Nobel Prize!

Amy Bettle

Congratulations to the World Food Programme!

Meghan Walters

Great quotes! "The pandemic has shined a spotlight on just how much the world relies on small-scale farmers. Yet too often it is the farmers and their families who go hungry" - President Gilbert Houngbo

Nathan Rider

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I must have had a lag. Thanks for sharing @Meghan Walters!

Meghan Walters

No problem, @nathan rider. Great remarks!

Carmina Marquez

As governments and the global community respond to the short-term consequences of the pandemic, IFAD is deeply concerned that the rural poor people whose interests IFAD serves will be left behind. To learn more about the work we do, visit [www.ifad.org](http://www.ifad.org)

Nathan Rider

On the special role of indigenous peoples: "They have knowledge of traditional foods that are rich in nutrients as well as tradition. They know that they must nourish Mother Earth if they want the Earth to nourish them. Agriculture of the 21st century can learn from their sustainable and holistic practices." - President Houngbo

Meghan Walters



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"You cannot have resilience without equity" - President Gilbert Houngbo . Thank you for this message!

Julia Chodyla

"There can be no resilience without... local institutions to ensure that economic activities contribute to maintaining and enhancing the natural environment."

-President Gilbert Houngbo

Nathan Rider

Six prerequisites for creating resilience. 1. We need science and technology designed specifically to meet the needs of small family farmers. 2. Local knowledge is essential. 3. Whether building resilience to disease or to climate shocks, a one-size fits-all approach isn't effective. 4. You cannot have resilience without equity. 5. Young people are key for resilient societies but they are too often excluded from financing, employment and opportunities. 6. Economic and environmental development must go hand in hand.

"8. To achieve our goals for a world without hunger, and our Agenda 2030 commitment to leave no one behind, we must rededicate our efforts and incorporate small farmers because they hold some of the keys to achieving the momentum for change, and transforming global food systems so that they are more inclusive." - GH [www.ifad.org](http://www.ifad.org)

Julia Chodyla

"It is important to remember that if women were to have the same productive resources as men do in rural areas, particularly in the agricultural sector, we would have 150 million fewer people suffering from malnutrition." -President GH  
Incredible remarks!

Austin Castillo-Leovan

Thank you all for attending the special keynote!

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