



Timing: Edmonton: 06.00–08.00; Cali/Washington DC: 08.00–10.00; Accra/London: 13.00–15.00; Amsterdam/Rome/Geneva: 14.00–16.00; Nairobi: 16.00–18.00; Colombo: 18.30–20.00; Sydney: 00.00–02.00+1

The **WLE Legacy Symposium** will celebrate the science-driven, practical innovations that WLE has generated to address critical climate challenges and advance the transition to more equitable, productive, sustainable and resilient food systems. It targets a wide range of stakeholders – and aims to inform future research, planning and investments.

Program

Time (CET)	Session
14.00	Welcome by the Master of Ceremony, Dr Marcela Quintero , CIAT/WLE.
14.05	Opening remarks by Dr Roberto Lenton , IWMI Board Chair.
14.10	Video showcasing WLE highlights and impacts over the past decade.
14.15	Keynote presentation by Prof. Olcay Unver , Arizona State University, former Deputy Director of the Land and Water Division, UN FAO, and a former member of WLE’s Independent Steering Committee, 2014–2019. <i>The presentation will focus on current and future challenges for water, land and ecosystems in a changing climate.</i>
14.30	Moderated Q&A with Prof. Olcay Unver , Ms Yvonne Tamba , ICRAF (youth representative) and Dr Stefan Uhlenbrook , WLE Program Director and IWMI. <i>Putting the video and keynote presentation into perspective.</i>
14.40	5-minute break <i>(Program continues on next page)</i>

14.45	<p>High-level panel discussion: Building on WLE's legacy</p> <p>Moderated by Dr Ann Tutwiler, Chair of the WLE Independent Steering Committee, 2019–2021</p> <p>Panelists (<i>contributions in italics</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Dr Seleshi Bekele, Chief Negotiator & Advisor on Transboundary Rivers and GERD, former Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopia (<i>A country perspective: WLE's achievements in Ethiopia and future needs</i>). ▪ Dr Jo Swinnen, Global Director of Systems Transformation, CGIAR, and Director General of IFPRI (<i>WLE's impact on the CGIAR 2030 research and innovation strategy</i>). ▪ Dr Dan Walker, CEO, ACIAR (<i>Increasing food system outcomes through the integrated management of water, land and ecosystems</i>) ▪ Dr Claudia Ringler, WLE Deputy Program Director and IFPRI (<i>On the role of research for development to advance water, energy and food systems sustainability and build resilience</i>) ▪ Dr Malu Ndavi, Lead Technical Specialist, Research and Impact Assessment Division, IFAD (<i>A development finance perspective on translating WLE's research results into tangible outcomes</i>). ▪ Dr Ruben Echeverría, CoSAI Chair and former Director General of CIAT 2009–2019 (<i>Feeding the future through sustainable intensification of agricultural production in water, land and ecosystems</i>).
15.30	<p>Reflections by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Andrew Noble, former WLE Program Director, 2012–2015 ▪ Dr Nathaniel Matthews, CEO of GRP, and former WLE Global Research Manager, 2014–2016 ▪ Dr Kalifa Traore, Directeur de Recherche, IER, Bamako, Mali ▪ Dr Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General, ICMIOD and former WLE Program Director, 2016–2021 ▪ Pravin Parmar, Secretary of Dhundi Solar Pump Irrigators' Cooperative, Gujarat, India [recorded video] ▪ Michael Victor, Head of Communication and Knowledge Management, ILRI and former WLE Head of Communication, 2013–2017 ▪ Jefferson Valencia, Alliance of Bioversity/CIAT, WLE early career scientist
15.50	<p>Closing by Dr Mark Smith, Director General of IWMI (CGIAR Center that has led WLE for 10 years).</p>

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