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.

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<td>Moderated Q&amp;A with Prof. Olcay Unver, Ms Yvonne Tamba, ICRAF (youth representative) and Dr Stefan Uhlenbrook, WLE Program Director and IWMI. Putting the video and keynote presentation into perspective.</td>
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### High-level panel discussion: Building on WLE’s legacy

Moderated by Dr Ann Tutwiler, Chair of the WLE Independent Steering Committee, 2019–2021

Panelists (*contributions in italics*):

- **H.E. Dr Seleshi Bekele**, Chief Negotiator & Advisor on Transboundary Rivers and GERD, former Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopia *(A country perspective: WLE’s achievements in Ethiopia and future needs)*.
- **Dr Jo Swinnen**, Global Director of Systems Transformation, CGIAR, and Director General of IFPRI *(WLE’s impact on the CGIAR 2030 research and innovation strategy)*.
- **Dr Dan Walker**, CEO, ACIAR *(Increasing food system outcomes through the integrated management of water, land and ecosystems)*
- **Dr Claudia Ringler**, WLE Deputy Program Director and IFPRI *(On the role of research for development to advance water, energy and food systems sustainability and build resilience)*
- **Dr Malu Ndavi**, Lead Technical Specialist, Research and Impact Assessment Division, IFAD *(A development finance perspective on translating WLE’s research results into tangible outcomes)*.
- **Dr Ruben Echeverria**, CoSAI Chair and former Director General of CIAT 2009–2019 *(Feeding the future through sustainable intensification of agricultural production in water, land and ecosystems)*.

### Reflections by:

- **Dr Andrew Noble**, former WLE Program Director, 2012–2015
- **Dr Nathanial 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

### Closing by Dr Mark Smith, Director General of IWMI (CGIAR Center that has led WLE for 10 years).

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