



Bern University
of Applied Sciences



Looking back and informing the future

BFH-HAFL's and partners' contribution to an intergenerational dialogue
in applied research for development

14 June 2022, 1.00 pm – 5.15 pm, followed by a networking opportunity

► School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences HAFL

Institute annual event

About the event

This year marks the retirement of two long-term BFH-HAFL staff members, Prof. Juergen Blaser and Prof. Robert Lehmann, whose work served as key pillars of the Cecchini Institute projects in developing and transition countries. The annual event 2022 will bring together the development and applied research communities to capitalize on the decades of Juergen Blaser's and Robert Lehmann's work and examine the way forward by building an intergenerational dialogue with younger colleagues involving BFH-HAFL and its rich community of partners.

The core section of the event will be organized as a hands-on workshop where participants will have a chance to discuss and jointly develop solutions to the diverse set of challenges that the Cecchini Institute addresses through its diverse portfolio of projects.

Format: hybrid (online/in-person)

Programme

Time	Session	Presenters
1 – 1.05 pm	Opening remarks	Dr Ute Seeling (Director BFH-HAFL)
1.05 – 2.10 pm	Intergenerational dialogue	Dr Juergen Blaser, Dr Claude Garcia, Prof. Robert Lehmann, Michaela Kruppen
2.10 – 3.40 pm	Workshop with a problem case (Problem-Based Learning (PBL) group discussions)	
3.45 – 4.30 pm	Plenary: reporting back from the groups and overview of the problem case projects	
4.30 – 5.15 pm	Roundtable discussion and closing remarks	Dr Juergen Blaser, Dr Claude Garcia, Prof. Robert Lehmann, Michaela Kruppen
5.15 pm – openend	Networking apéro	

Problem cases for group discussions

Modernizing Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Agriculture in Armenia

Livelihood Enhancement in Northern Uganda

Economic and financial analysis of development projects of SDC

Intact Forest Landscapes and Certification

Eating green or eating meat? Eating crickets or eating beef?
Sustainable food consumption behaviour in Vietnam and Switzerland

Intergenerational dialogue participants



Dr Juergen Blaser has been a Professor for International Forestry and Climate Change at HAFL since 2011. He is part-time retired since April this year and still holds the HAFL mandate to serve as the Global Advisor on to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Between 2002 and 2011 he was the head of the Forest-Environment Team of Swiss Intercooperation and mainly worked on the role of forests in the international development agenda. From 1996 to 2001 he served as a Senior Forestry Advisor at the World Bank. Previously, since 1981, he worked in international forest development cooperation with long-term field

assignments in Costa Rica, the Peruvian Amazon, West Africa, Madagascar, Central Asia, and SE-Asia. He was chair of the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) and long-time Board Member of Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), among various other international assignments.



Dr Claude A. Garcia is Professor at the University of Applied Sciences, Bern and leads a research team at ETH Zurich. Trained in tropical ecology, Claude builds strategy games to help people manage landscapes and resources. He has experience working in South East Asia, and has led transdisciplinary projects in the Congo Basin, Madagascar, Indonesia, and Colombia. He is fluent in French, Spanish and English.

Intergenerational dialogue participants



Prof. Robert Lehmann graduated in agricultural economics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETH Zurich and completed postgraduate studies in education and extension management at the University of Bern. He has worked as a teacher and a director at agricultural colleges in Switzerland, an expert for training and extension in animal husbandry in Hyderabad, India, and a lecturer of didactics and methodology of teaching in agricultural and food sciences at the ETH Zurich, Institute of Behavioural Sciences. In 2011 he moved to the Bern University of Applied Sciences as a Professor of VET-Systems, teaching and extension methodology,

where he assumed responsibility as head of the minor program teaching and extension and as the head of the research area knowledge systems and knowledge exchange. He has brought his expertise in the field of agricultural education and extension to the cooperation with many institutions and projects, including in Nigeria, Mongolia, Georgia, Armenia, and several European countries. After retirement he remains active as a senior consultant in vocational education and extension management, currently supporting the development of new VET and BSc programs in the fields of sustainable resource management, agriculture and food processing in Switzerland, Georgia, and Armenia.



Michaela Krummen graduated in 2008 as BSc agronomist with focus on International Agriculture and VET. In recent years she has gained important experience in the following areas: teaching, counselling for farmer families and students, training and further education of VET trainers, VET teachers and VET examination experts, facilitation, and curriculum development. She currently works as research associate of the extension and vocational education group at BFH-HAFL and is pursuing a MSc in Vocational Education and Training at the Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training SFUVET. She is convinced that education

and knowledge sharing play a key role in addressing the global and complex challenges that lie ahead.