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**Takayuki Hagiwara**  
**FAO Representative in India**

Mr Takayuki Hagiwara is appointed as the FAO Representative in India effective 29 May 2023, after serving as the Regional Programme Leader at the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand from January 2021. In this role, he has supported the regional office to implement FAO's strategic framework and overseen the development and implementation of the programmes in the region, providing guidance to technical officers at the regional office and facilitate coordination with the FAO representatives in the region.

Mr Hagiwara commenced his career at FAO as a Natural Resources Management Officer. He progressively took on greater responsibilities, serving as a Senior Natural Resources Management Officer from 2012 to 2015, and later as the Chief of the Asia and the Pacific Service from 2015 to 2020.

During his career, Mr Hagiwara contributed to the preparation and implementation of various projects including those focused on community-based natural resources management, livelihood development, and the Farmer Field Schools.

Mr Hagiwara, a national of Japan, holds a Master of Science in Forestry from Yale University with a focus on Participatory Resources Management in the United States.



**Mr Paul Hepburn**  
**Head of Regulatory Science (Food Safety)**  
**Unilever, United Kingdom**

Dr Paul Hepburn is Head of Regulatory Science (Food Safety) at Unilever's Safety, Environmental & Regulatory Sciences (SERS) Group in the UK. He has over 30 years' experience in the safety assessment of food and cosmetic products. He received his PhD in 1990 in Experimental Cancer Chemotherapy from the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Aston University in Birmingham, UK, and is on the European Register of Toxicologists. He is a strong advocate for the application of scientific risk-based approaches to food safety, in particular the application of strategies that avoid the use of animals and leads a food industry (Food Drink Europe) group on the application of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) in food safety risk assessment. He has published numerous papers on the safety assessment of novel foods, post launch monitoring and food toxicology.



**Food Safety Scientist & Toxicologist**  
**Unilever**

Adam Wood is a food safety scientist and toxicologist at Unilever, with over five years' experience in the Safety, Environment and Regulatory Sciences (SERS) team, and holds undergraduate and master's degrees in pharmacology from the University of Liverpool.

Adam has led Food Drink Europe’s working group on non-animal methods and next generation risk assessment in food safety. The outcomes of this group were recently published in Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology, with Adam as first author on “Countdown to 2027 – maximising use of NAMs in food safety assessment: closing the gap for regulatory assessments in Europe,” a paper that sets out a practical roadmap for integrating non-animal methods into EU food safety regulation as well as proposals for regulatory-relevant research initiatives to further minimise animal testing.



**Agriculture, food & drink attaché  
British High Commission in India**

Penny Rogers is the United Kingdom’s agriculture, food & drink attaché to India, based at the British High Commission in New Delhi. Penny represents the UK’s Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and leads on aspects of SPS market access and agri-food trade policy. Penny is looking forward to enhanced UK-India cooperation on key issues such as food safety because of the forthcoming UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.



**Principal Food Safety Specialist**  
**Food Safety Department of Dubai Municipality**

Bobby has a Master's Degree in Food Science and Technology from the University of New South Wales and has been working with Dubai Municipality since 2005. At Dubai Municipality, he was instrumental in the development of some of the key food projects that include the design and development of Foodwatch- Dubai's digital food safety management platform; risk based food inspection program; two editions of the Food Code, foodborne illness surveillance and investigation system, and the food manager's certification program popularly known as the PIC Program. Bobby has also organized and managed several food safety conferences, workshops, scientific meetings, exhibitions and trainings in Dubai, the most popular and significant of them are the 19 editions of the annual Dubai International Food Safety Conference.

He is a member of ICMSF and an advocate of data driven decision making in public health systems. Bobby is a recipient of the NSF International Food Safety Leadership Award as a Trendsetter and the Food Chain Leadership Award . He has also received the President's award from the International Association for Food Protection.