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Dr. Csaki is a native of Hungary. He received a PhD in agricultural economics in Hungary and was a post doctoral fellow at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Csaki is Professor of Agricultural Economics at the Budapest Corvinus University, as well as being the former rector of Budapest University of Economic Sciences. Currently, he is also Head of department and member of the Monetary Board of the Hungarian National Bank. He was a Senior Advisor for Strategy and Policy in the Agriculture and Rural Development Department of the World Bank, and the principal author of the Bank's current rural development strategy. During the economic transition period of the 1990s, Dr. Csaki led the World Bank's analytical work on agricultural policies and food and agriculture sectors in Central and Eastern Europe. In the late 90s and early 2000s he was the leading agricultural and rural policy advisor on global level at the World Bank. He is one of the world's leading experts agricultural policy, development, and economic transition in Central and Eastern Europe. He has close contacts with FAO as well. During the last several years, Dr. Csaki has been working intensively on rural development issues in the developed and developing countries and on agricultural policy developments in Central and Eastern Europe and specifically in the new member states after EU accession. He served as a regional coordinator of the global Regoverning Markets in Agriculture Project from 2004 to 2008. Dr. Csaki has edited, authored or co-authored a numerous books and more than 200 articles.

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