



PRESENTERS BIO-DATA

1. [Mr Andrew Tukana](#), Secretariat of the Pacific Community
2. [Dr Bukola Babatunde](#), Fiji National University
3. [Dr Ilagi Puana](#), Secretariat of the Pacific Community
4. [Mr Simon Cole](#), Fiji Crop and Livestock Council (FCLC) Chair



Qualifications:

- Diploma in Tropical Agriculture, Fiji College of Agriculture, Fiji (1992)
- Diploma in Poultry Husbandry, Barneveld College, The Netherlands (1996)
- Bachelors in Tropical Agriculture, University of the South Pacific, Samoa (2001)
- Masters in Animal Sciences, University of Western Sydney, Australia (2006)

Work experience:

- Senior Agricultural Assistant, Ministry of Primary Industries, Fiji (1993-1988)
- Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Primary Industries, Fiji (1999-2005)
- Senior Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Primary Industries (2006-2007)
- Pacific Regional Influenza Preparedness Project, SPC, LRD (2007-2010)
- Animal Health and Production, SPC, LRD (2011-2015)



Bukola Babatunde has B.Sc. Agriculture degree in Animal Science (1987), M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition (1990), PhD degree in Poultry Nutrition (1999) from University of Ibadan, Nigeria and PhD in Animal Nutrition and Immunity from La Trobe University, Australia (2009).

She worked for Institute of Agricultural Research & Training, Obafemi Awolowo University, Moor Plantation as Junior Research Fellow (1990 – 1992) in pig improvement programmes under livestock unit, and as Senior Lecturer in Animal Science at Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology under Institute of Agricultural Research & Training (1992 – 2004).

She taught practical classes in animal nutrition and health courses and mentored undergraduate and honours students at La Trobe University Australia (2005 – 2010) in addition to her research studies.

From 2010 – 2013, she worked as Assistant Professor in Animal Science with Fiji National University as unit coordinator of Diploma in Animal Health Programme and Head of Department of Animal Sciences under which Bachelor of veterinary science and animal husbandry programme and Trade Diploma in Animal Husbandry programmes were developed.

She is currently Associate Professor and Head of Department of Animal Husbandry at Fiji National University; she has professional research experience in dairy calf's nutrition and immunity; livestock management and feed evaluation studies with regards to alternative feed resources for livestock.



Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Tropical Agriculture, University of Papua New Guinea (1984)
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science, Massey University, NZ (1991)
- Post Graduate Studies in Veterinary Pathology, Massey University, NZ (1992)
- Post Graduate Studies in Veterinary Epidemiology, University of Leipzig, Germany (1994)
- Post Graduate Studies in Poultry Viral Diseases, Madras Veterinary School, Chennai, India (1996)
- Post Graduate Studies in Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostic Pathology, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1997)
- Post Graduate studies in Veterinary Clinical Pathology, Hokkaido Veterinary School, Sapporo, Japan (2000)

Work experience:

- Senior Veterinary Pathologist, National Veterinary Laboratory, Department of Agriculture & Livestock, PNG, Fiji (1992- 1999)
- Chief Veterinary Officer of PNG, National Agriculture & Quarantine Inspection Authority, PNG (2000-2007)
- Sub-regional Animal Health & Production Officer, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji (2008-2014)
- Animal Health & Production Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji (2015)

Biodata (4) – Mr Simon Cole

Simon has qualifications in Agriculture, Agricultural Management and Agricultural development. Originally from the UK, he has managed a number of farm enterprises in Fiji including Dairy, Cocoa and Sugar Cane. He is currently the Managing Director and major shareholder of Vuda Piggeries Lautoka, Fiji. This is largest piggery in Fiji with over 400 sows and 3,500 total stock.

Simon has operated Farm Consultancy Service for over 25 years providing technical and management advice in Fiji and the region. He has been involved in project such as :

- sector analysis,
- enterprise/project planning;
- market analysis;
- product processing and,
- provision of advice on farm management and technology issues.
- He has also acted as a trusted third party analyst.

He has excellent, modelling and analytical skills is engaged by International Agencies, Consultancy Firms, Governments and Private Businesses to define and explain and improve agricultural production and marketing systems in small island countries.

He is quite well versed with the scale of farming in the Pacific Islands and has broad knowledge of the Pacific agricultural and rural sector, including institutional, land tenure, economic, trade, social and environmental issues.

He is currently Chair of the Fiji Crop and Livestock Council representing all farmers in Fiji's non sugar sector. He is Chair of the Fiji Dairy Co-op Company limited and a director of Yaqara Pastoral Company and the Fiji Meat Industry Board.

Simon lives on Vuda Point Lautoka with his wife Amelia and grown up children.