



After a highly impactful tenure, Chair of Global Nutrition Report Independent Expert Group to step down

After three-and-a-half successful years as Chair of the Global Nutrition Report's (GNR) Independent Expert Group (IEG), Dr Renata Micha – Associate Professor in Human Nutrition at the University of Thessaly, Greece – will step down from the role at the end of April 2023 to focus on her academic work.

The IEG comprises world-leading experts in nutrition who are collectively accountable for the quality and independence of the GNR. During her time as IEG Chair, Dr Micha has helped build the GNR's global reputation for rigour and independence in its analytical work. She also led the initiative's effort to put accountability at the heart of its 2030 Charter by delivering the Nutrition Accountability Framework (NAF), the world's first independent and comprehensive platform for registering and monitoring SMART nutrition commitments.

From 1 May 2023, Dr Shibani Ghosh and Dr Giacomo Zanello will act as interim co-chairs until a new chair is appointed by the GNR's Stakeholder Group.

Dr Ghosh is the Associate Director for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition and a Research Associate Professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University (US).

Dr Zanello is the Associate Professor in Food Economics and Health, Head of the Agri-Food Economics and Marketing Department, and Deputy Director of the Graduate Institute for International Development, Agriculture and Economics at the University of Reading (UK).

Dr Micha said: "I am honoured to have served as Chair of the IEG, and as I step down to focus more of my time on my academic work, I'm proud of all that the initiative has achieved during my tenure. The GNR brings together colleagues and partners with an incredible breadth of expertise and experience, and it's been a privilege to work with all of them."

Shawn Baker, Co-Chair of GNR's Stakeholder Group, which provides strategic leadership in building support for the report and appoints the IEG Chair, said: "The GNR has made tremendous progress during Dr Micha's tenure. Dr Micha has helped lead the GNR to become the world's leading independent assessment of the state of global nutrition and put accountability for nutrition

action at the heart of its strategic vision through 2030. As she steps down, Dr Micha leaves a firm foundation for the GNR to build on in the coming years.”

Baker continued: “We would like to thank Dr Micha for her commitment and hard work and wish her all the best in her next venture. We’d also like to thank Dr Zanello and Dr Ghosh for stepping up to this task at this time and continuing the important work of the GNR in 2023.”