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Prof. Sandy Thomas OBE is the Director of the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition. Until 2015 she was at the U.K. Space Agency on secondment from the Government Office for Science, where she headed the Foresight Programme from 2007-2014. She trained as a scientist at the University of London (BSc Botany and Zoology, PhD Plant Genetics). After lecturing in genetics at the University of London, she joined the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex (1987-1997) focusing on life sciences, biotechnology and intellectual property rights. From 1997-2006, she served as Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics. She has published widely on the development of public policy in science, particularly on intellectual property rights and biotechnology. She has also served on several national committees, including the DFID Commission on Intellectual Property Rights in Development.