

**Suresh Chandra Babu**  
**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Suresh Babu is a Senior Research Fellow in the Development Strategies and Governance Unit and is the Head of IFPRI's program on Learning and Capacity Strengthening. His research includes human and organizational strengthening of food policy systems, policy processes, and agricultural extension in developing countries. Over the past 32 years at IFPRI, Dr. Babu has been involved in institutional and human capacity strengthening for higher education and research in many countries in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, including, Ghana, Nigeria, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and South Africa. He coordinated IFPRI's Central Asia program South Asia Initiative and was also the program coordinator for the Agricultural Open Curriculum and Learning Initiative (AGROCURI), a consortium of 40 partners from CGIAR centers, universities in developing and developed countries, and international organizations. Before joining IFPRI in 1992 as a Research Fellow, Dr. Babu was a Research Economist at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He later spent 5 years in Malawi working as a Senior Food Policy Advisor to the Malawi Ministry of Agriculture on developing a national-level Food and Nutrition Information System; an Evaluation Economist for UNICEF-Malawi working on designing food and nutrition intervention programs; and Coordinator of UNICEF/IFPRI food security program in Malawi. He was also a Senior Lecturer at the University of Malawi, where he helped initiate post-graduate programs by developing and teaching computer-based policy-oriented courses. Dr. Babu has published or in press 24 books and edited volumes, 110 refereed journal articles, 65 chapters in books and conference proceedings, and many working papers and pieces in popular press.

**EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D. Economics**, with Distinction, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 1989

**M. S. Economics**, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, 1988

**M.Sc. Agricultural Economics**, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India, 1984

**B.Sc. Agriculture** graduated in first rank, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, India, 1982

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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<b>1992-PRESENT</b>	<b>International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C.</b> Program Leader and Senior Research Fellow (2005-Present); Senior Research Fellow and Senior Training Advisor (2000-2004); Research Fellow (1992-1999)
<b>2010-2018</b>	<b>American University, Washington, D.C.</b> Adjunct Professor, Food Security and Rural development, School of International Services
<b>1989-1992</b>	<b>Cornell University, Ithaca, New York</b> Economist and Research Associate, Food and Nutrition Policy Program, Division of Nutritional Sciences; Senior Food Policy Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Malawi; Evaluation Economist, Food Security

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and Nutrition Intervention Programs, UNICEF, Malawi; Senior Lecturer,  
University of Malawi

- 1987**                      **The World Bank, Washington, D.C.**  
Summer Researcher, Agriculture and Rural Development Department
- 1984-1989**                **Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa**  
Instructor; Research Assistant; Teaching Assistant

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

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1. Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria, 2017-present
2. Honorary Distinguished Professor, Chinese Academy of Rural Development, Zhejiang University, China, 2007-present
3. Honorary Visiting Professor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, India, 2005-Present
4. Honorary Visiting Professor, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa
5. Co-Winner, CSO-CGIAR Collaboration Award – Annual General Meetings of the CGIAR, December 2006
6. Zayed International Prize for the Environment, Dubai, UAE, Given to all Coordinating Lead Authors, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, February 2006
7. Congressional Testimony, Food Crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Causes and Solution, United States Congress, Washington, D.C., March 2004
8. Outstanding Academic Title Award by Choice Magazine (Contributing Author, Global Food Security and Hunger in World at Risk- A Global Issues Source Book. Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press), 2002

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Current Editorial Boards: *Agricultural Economics Research Review*; *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, *Journal of Sustainable Development*, *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*, *African Journal of Food, Nutritional and Development*.

Reviewer for the Journals: Food Policy, 1994-2010 (20 papers); World Development, 1997- 2008 (8 papers); Food and Nutrition Bulletin 2001- 2009 (9 papers); African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2005 - 2008 (5 papers); African Journal of Food, Nutrition and Development, 2001-2008 (14 papers); Journal of Sustainable Development 2004-2007 (5 papers); Environmental Economics and Development 1998- 2002 (8 papers); Studies in Economic Analysis 1985-1988 (4 papers)