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Kostas G. Stamoulis is currently Director, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Security and Nutrition in FAO. He leads the design and provides strategic guidance of FAO's Strategic Programme on Food Security and Nutrition which cuts across several disciplines and geographical regions.

Between 2008 and 2015 he was the Director of the Agricultural Development Economics Division of FAO. ESA carries out the bulk of analytical and evidence-based policy work of FAO with about 150 staff members.

From 2007 to 2015 he has been the Secretary of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and played a key role in the reform of the committee.

Since joining FAO he has held progressively responsible technical and management positions.

Before joining FAO in 1989, he was Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign. From 1985 to 1987 he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California at Berkeley. His work includes issues related to the role of agriculture in rural development and rural poverty reduction in developing countries; the impact of changes in food systems on smallholder farmers and on rural poverty; the linkages between the agricultural sector and the rural non-farm economy and the integration of food security and nutrition in sectorial policies and programs.

He has also carried out work on the assessment of the role of macroeconomic and exchange-rate policies on agriculture and the rural sector and the interdependence between exchange rate, financial and commodity markets. He has published a large number of papers, articles, books and monographs on a variety of subjects.

He holds a degree in Economics from the Economics University of Athens (Greece), a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia (USA) and a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.