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Short Bio

Sara Savastano is an economist and professor specializing in development, agricultural, and food economics, with extensive experience spanning academia and international organizations, including the World Bank, FAO, and IFAD.

She has authored numerous publications in leading peer-reviewed international journals and contributed to major global policy reports, with research focusing on agricultural productivity, rural transformation, poverty reduction, food systems, climate resilience, impact evaluation, and evidence-based policymaking.

Her work bridges the gap between scientific research and public policy by translating rigorous evidence into practical, cost-effective solutions for governments and development organizations.

Guided by her personal mantra - “Stop, Think, and Innovate” - she is passionate about fostering innovation, building strategic partnerships, mentoring young professionals, and creating opportunities that connect students with the international policy community.

Her mission is to equip the next generation of economists with the analytical skills, global perspective, and evidence-based mindset needed to address complex development challenges and promote sustainable, inclusive growth.