

Bio Professor Laurens Klerkx

Laurens is Full Professor at the Knowledge, Technology and Innovation Group of Wageningen University, The Netherlands, of which he has been part since 2002. He obtained his PhD from the same university and is an expert in the field of (agricultural) innovation studies, doing social science research and teaching and supervision (at Bachelor, Master and PhD level) on various topics such as:



- Institutional change in research and advisory organizations;
- Roles and positions of organizations that broker multi-stakeholder networks for innovation;
- Implementation of transdisciplinary science and co-innovation approaches;
- Dynamics and politics of research and innovation agenda setting;
- Advisory service innovation and professional development;
- Division of public, private and industry roles in innovation;
- Internationalization of research and innovation;
- Digital agriculture innovation;
- Transformative innovation in agri-food systems;
- Innovation system development;
- Innovation policy.

Laurens (together with colleagues and his team of PhD students and postdocs) has done research in many countries, such as The Netherlands, England, New Zealand, Vietnam, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Chile and Mexico. Throughout his career, Laurens has (co-)authored and published more than 120 articles in international peer reviewed journals. His work informs policy makers, through contributions to policy oriented publications and direct engagement through invited presentations with organizations like the World Bank, the European Commission, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the United Nations Commission for Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Furthermore, he frequently interacts with practitioners through presentations and workshops on systemic perspectives on innovation and the implications for research and development professionals.

Laurens is a member of the editorial board of the international journals *Agricultural Systems* and *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability*, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*, and associate editor of *Agronomy for Sustainable Development*. He is a member of the steering committee of the International Farming Systems Association, member of the Science Advisory Panel of AgResearch Ltd (New Zealand) and has held several advisory positions for several research and innovation programmes and projects in Europe, New Zealand, Australia, and Latin America.