

Soil and Water Sciences Distinguished Speaker Seminar
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Title: **Africa's Progress in Fighting
Hunger: Science and Policy**

Date: **Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Time: **9:00 am – 10:30 am**

Location: **J. Wayne Reitz Union – Rion Ballroom**

Prior to joining UF/IFAS, Dr. Sanchez served as Director of the Agriculture and Food Security Center and Senior Research Scholar at Columbia University's Earth Institute. He served as Director General of the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya from 1991-2001, as co-chair of the United Nations Millennium Project Hunger Task Force from 2002 – 2005, and as director of the Millennium Villages Project from 2004 – 2010. Sanchez is Professor Emeritus of Soil Science and Forestry at North Carolina State University where he was in the faculty from 1968-1991 leading the Tropical Soils Research Program. He has lived in Cuba, the Philippines, Peru, Colombia and Kenya, and supervised research programs in over 25 countries of Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa. Sanchez has written groundbreaking books on tropical soil science and hunger and he is author of 200 publications (including 9 in Science and Nature as first author) He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America and honorary member of the Cuban, Peruvian and Colombian Societies of Soil Science. He is the 2002 World Food Prize laureate, a 2004 MacArthur Fellow, and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2008 and to the National Academy of Sciences of the United States in 2012. At his induction, Ralph Cicerone, president of the National Academy, summarized why Pedro was elected a member: "Sanchez has led path-breaking research on soil management for improved food production in the tropical world. His work has influenced research in agronomy, ecology, and changed the way technology is used to increase food production."

The link to the live video streaming and recording is available by clicking here: [Streaming Link & Recording](#). For additional details about the 17th Annual Soil and Water Sciences Department Research Forum, please contact Michael Sisk at mjsisk@ufl.edu or Dr. James Jawitz – jawitz@ufl.edu.