



**Dr. Liz Kamei, Fuji Oil's new Global Innovation Center Europe,  
the Netherlands**

**Profile**

Dr. Liz Kamei is head of Fuji Oil's new Global Innovation Center Europe in the Netherlands, and is also director of open innovation & external partnerships at Fuji Europe Africa BV. Liz has combined roles in research, business development and open innovation within the food industry with an association with Japanese companies throughout her career. After obtaining her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Birmingham University, UK, she moved to Japan to work as a research postdoc in the basic research labs of Kirin Breweries. She spent a total of 12 years working in Japan in both industry and academia, followed by roles in the UK and the Netherlands, where she joined Fuji Europe Africa BV, the European hub for the Fuji Oil Group, as one of the founders 4 years ago. Her focus in the last 4 years has been to identify partners and initiate projects that enhance Fuji Oil's technical capabilities or bring Fuji Oil expertise to the partner. In 2021, she was appointed Head of the newly established Fuji Oil Global Innovation Center located on the Wageningen Campus. The Center will focus on an open innovation/ partnership approach to sustainable technologies for the food industry, with a particular focus on plant-based food solutions.