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AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS
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OF SOLUTIONS TO
THE CLIMATE CRISIS



Unlocking climate finance for agrifood system transformation

Saturday, 12 November 2022, 14.30 – 15.30
Food and Agriculture Pavilion

This side event will showcase how FAO's partnership with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) scales up climate finance for high-impact projects that promote green and climate-resilient agrifood systems. Speakers will draw from experiences in Côte d'Ivoire and South-East Asia, where successful partnerships are transforming value chains for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, so no one is left behind.

Transforming agrifood systems is at the heart of climate action and critical to achieving the Paris Agreement goal of keeping global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Currently, the agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sector accounts for about 23% of total net anthropogenic emissions. Accelerating access to climate finance enables countries to take action, respond to climate risks and transition towards low-emission, climate-resilient development pathways that follow the trajectory of the 2030 Agenda and achieve the goals of all Rio Conventions.

Experiences from Côte d'Ivoire and South-East Asia will provide evidence for the positive impact of partnerships on accelerating climate action. Speakers will discuss opportunities for synergies between climate funds, plus potential partnerships with the public and private sector to ensure the long-term impact of adaptation- and mitigation-focused projects.

Programme

14.30 - 14.40 Welcome and opening remarks



Maria Helena Semedo
FAO Deputy Director-General



Zitouni Ould-Dada,
Deputy Director of FAO's Office of Climate Change,
Biodiversity and Environment (moderator)

14.40 - 14.50 Minister's remarks



H.E. Mr. Jean-Luc Assi,
Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development,
Côte d'Ivoire

14.50 - 15.25 Panel discussion



Mohamed Khalil
Board Affairs Manager,
Green Climate Fund



Esteban Bermúdez Forn
Climate Change Specialist,
Global Environment Facility



Ethan Budiansky
Sr. Director of Environment,
World Cocoa Foundation



Tony Siantonas
Director, Scaling Positive Agriculture & Member of
the Extended Leadership Group, World Business
Council for Sustainable Development



Margaret Yoovatana
Director of International Agricultural Affairs Group,
Planning and Technical Division, Department of
Agriculture, MOAC

15.25 - 15.30 Closing remarks and way forward

Nadine Valat, FAO GCF Unit Team Leader

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