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Side event 02 | Forging resilience: harnessing evidence-based agrifood systems transformation for navigating multiple crises – insights from South Asia and the Horn of Africa

Organized by:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Wageningen University & Research
- World Bank
- HDP Nexus Coalition
- Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centre (CGIAR)

Monday, 23 October; 13.30 – 14.45 (UTC+2)
Red Room & via Zoom

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Abstract

The escalating impact of climate-induced disasters and protracted conflicts, coupled with economic and social turmoil, continues to intensify food crises in Asia and Africa, jeopardizing livelihoods and peace while threatening food security and nutrition. Recognizing the urgent need for change, there is a growing consensus to transform agrifood systems. This transformation must prioritize providing safe, nutritious, and affordable food as a cornerstone of healthy diets for all, alongside building resilient livelihoods and conserving ecosystems to spur socio-economic development.

Drawing insights from case studies in the Horn of Africa and South Asia, including initiatives like the Netherlands-funded Food and Nutrition Security Resilience Programme and the World Bank-FAO Knowledge Series on the Nexus of Food Systems, Nutrition and Climate Change, this event spotlights actionable solutions across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus. These solutions address interconnected complex crises and drive long-term agrifood systems transformation. By crafting key messages, this event aims to guide the development of resilient and sustainable food systems in nations grappling with multifaceted and compounding challenges, thereby contributing to global discussions on a more secure and nourished future. The event includes an interactive panel session with Permanent Representatives to FAO, Senior Government and World Bank officials.

Objectives

- Showcase solutions: present actionable solutions from the Horn of Africa and South Asia, addressing interconnected crises of food insecurity driven by conflict, malnutrition and climate change, among others;
- Engage stakeholders: engage in-person and virtual participants in an interactive session to prioritize solutions, fostering diverse perspectives;
- Formulate key messages: host an interactive High-level Panel with Permanent Representatives to FAO, Senior Government and World Bank officials to craft key messages on agrifood systems transformation for nations tackling multiple and compounding crises.



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