



LAND-FOOD-CLIMATE: AN AFRICAN- EUROPEAN DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE

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EVENT 1: CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH THE RIGHT TO FOOD: PERSPECTIVES ON THE UNFSS

16 SEPTEMBER 2021, 14:00 – 17:00 (UTC+2)
VENUE: ONLINE

SYNOPSIS: This event will address the right to food as an important entry point for transforming current unequal, and unsustainable development pathways. The interactive panel sessions will explore how to reshape African-European dialogue to help accelerate the transformation towards more climate resilient landscapes “that work for people.” Taking the perspective of African smallholder farmers and pastoralists who are among the most severely affected by the impacts of accelerated climate change, speakers will highlight why a rights-based approach is a critical link in implementing nature-based solutions that enhance sustainable livelihoods while protecting the environment. The session will conclude by outlining some insights for the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) process, especially considering growing concern that the Summit may not achieve its fundamental goal of transforming our broken food systems unless it takes on board the perspectives of key stakeholder groups.

PROGRAMME

Opening Remarks

14:00 – 14:15

Introductory remarks by the facilitators and co-hosts

- Wangu Mwangi & Jes Weigelt (TMG)
- Gerrit Hansen, Program Director Climate Change, Global Issues, Robert Bosch Foundation
- Tawana Kupe, Vice Chancellor, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Panel 1: Towards Resilient Landscape for People and Planet

Purpose: Identifying principles for resilient landscapes for food security, sustainable livelihoods, and climate change mitigation and protect biodiversity. These key issues and themes serve as the background for the discussions at the RBSG – TMG events.

14:15 – 14:45

Setting the scene

- Sebastian Lesch, Head, Agriculture Department, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Luc Gnacadja, World Future Council/Former Executive Secretary, UN Convention to Combat Desertification
- Fatima Denton, Director, UN University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa

14:45 – 15:00

Responses

- Muthoni Wanyeki, Africa Regional Director, Open Society Foundation
- Nomonde Buthelezi, Food Agency Cape Town (FACT), Heinrich Boell Foundation Cape Town
- Marc Nolting, Head of Section, Global Agenda for Food and Nutrition, GIZ

Discussions

Towards a joint narrative: What's next?

15:00 – 15:25

Interactive panel discussion with all opening speakers

15:25 – 15:30

Wrap up by Facilitators

Virtual mingling (15mins)

Panel 2: Transforming Food Systems for Climate-resilient Landscapes: On the Road to New York

Purpose: This segment will explore how some of the insights gained can inform the ongoing UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) process, and in particular concerns expressed by some stakeholders that the Summit may not achieve its fundamental goal of transforming our broken food systems unless all voices are brought to the table.

15:45 – 16:30

Interactive Panel discussion

- Martin Frick, Deputy to the Special Envoy for the UN Food System Summit
- Lindiwe Sibanda, Director and Chair, African Research Universities Alliance Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems (ARUA-SFS)
- Ravi Prabhu, Director, Innovation, Investment and Impact, World Agroforestry
- Million Belay, General Coordinator, African Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA)

16:30 – 16:50

Initial conclusions, an interview with

- Violet Shivutse, Shibuye Community Health Workers
- Alexander Müller, TMG Research

16:50 – 17:00

Closing