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## Committee on World Food Security

### Innovation as a force for good in the fight against climate change and malnutrition

### Side Event

#### DATE

14 October

#### TIME

12:45 - 14:15 (Rome time/CEST)

#### ORGANISERS

CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA), Ministry For Ecological Transition of Italy

#### Background

The urgent need for transformed food systems is well recognized as a basis for food security, improved nutrition and affordable healthy diets for all. Multiple drivers conspire to make direct causal connections between climate innovations and improved nutrition outcomes more challenging but are essential to find process and production innovations and technologies that are synergistic, inclusive and equitable while magnifying positive change at scale.

This side event will explore how adaptation and mitigation to climate change in agriculture can measurably deliver on nutrition outcomes at individual households and higher levels. Speakers will discuss what innovations can assure climate-smart agriculture will also become nutrition sensitive agriculture. Furthermore, the event will investigate in which ways multiple stages of food value chains can remain resilient in the face of climate change while contributing to positive dietary outcomes for nutrition and health.

#### Objectives

- Explore opportunities to achieve joint outcomes for climate change and nutrition.
- Underscore the role of innovation in delivering joint outcomes.
- Describe opportunities to advance efforts through the Global Action Agenda for Innovation in Agriculture.

#### Speakers



##### Ismahane Elouafi

Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



##### Philip Thornton

Flagship Leader, Priorities and Policies for Climate-Smart Agriculture, CCAFS



##### Tom Kelly

UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome



##### Hans Hoogeveen

Co-Chair, Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA)



##### Thanawat Tiensin,

Chairperson, CFS and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN Agencies in Rome



##### Leah Wanambwa Naess

Senior Policy Officer, Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, at the African Union Commission

#### Moderator



##### Zitouni Ould-Dada

Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



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