

BRIDGING RIO CONVENTIONS – UNITING CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY AND LAND TENURE AGENDAS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

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Organizers: FAO; Alliance Bioersivity-CIAT; China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation; International Land Coalition; One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Programme, Rights and Resources Initiative; Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture; UNDP, UNEP; WWF International.

Description:

The intricate connections between the Rio Conventions and National Pathways for Food Systems Transformation require policies that effectively tackle the interrelated environmental, socio-economic, and food security goals in alignment with the objectives of climate action, land and biodiversity restoration, and tenure security for all. This requires systemic agrifood policies, interventions, and investments in climate-resilient and sustainable agricultural practices, protecting and restoring natural landscapes, enhancing soil health, and promoting equitable land governance, including secure land tenure. These integrated approaches and global initiatives are essential for effectively addressing global challenges related to climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, and food and nutrition insecurity.

This event will focus on the critical intersections of climate change, biodiversity conservation, land degradation neutrality and the need for land tenure security in the transition to sustainable and resilient agrifood systems.

Objectives:

Promote interlinkages and integrated approaches: Facilitate the sharing of incentives and best practices that promote the integration of climate change, biodiversity conservation, land degradation, tenure security, and sustainable agrifood systems in national policies and interventions. This includes aligning National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), Land

Degradation Neutrality Targets (LDNs) and National Pathways for Food Systems Transformation to Sustainable Food Systems.

Enhance understanding and knowledge exchange: Strengthen understanding of the vital roles of soil health, biodiversity, tenure security, and climate resilience in transforming food systems towards greater sustainability and achieving food security. Foster productive exchanges on equity-sensitive actions and food system practices that promote resilient, sustainable, and low-emission development pathways.

Mobilize political commitment and accountability: Drive the mobilization of new political commitments and reinforce existing ones on land tenure security, biodiversity, agrifood systems and soil health. Establish a global forum for dialogue and strategic direction on the areas above, and create a robust accountability mechanism to track progress across multiple economic, environmental, and social priorities.

Facilitate science-policy interface and use of guidance tools: Highlight the importance of scientific evidence in shaping coherent policies that integrate food systems, nutrition, socio-economic, and environmental agendas. Showcase key tools and guidance products from CFS, UN bodies, and other initiatives to support countries in aligning these agendas effectively.

Speakers:

Esther Dweck, Minister of Management and Innovation of Public Services, Brazil

Frederick Charles Dubee, Senior Director of China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation

Madeleine Kaufmann, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Office for Agriculture and Co-Chair of the Agroecology Coalition, Switzerland

Grace Mbong, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon

Kaveh Zahedi, Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO

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