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**FAO Brussels Dialogue**

**When science meets policy to boost food systems  
transformation**

Independent Dialogue and side-event of the Science Days for the United Nations Food  
Systems Summit

7 July 2021  
9:00-11:00 (CET)

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## Speakers and Event

Organized as an [Independent United Nations Food Systems Summit](#) (UNFSS) Dialogue, together with the Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development, on the side-lines of the [UNFSS Science Days](#) this Brussels Dialogue will bring together the European and international academia and science actors, policymakers and practitioners, as well as farmers' organizations and private sector.



In this neutral platform, participants will share expertise and exchange views on the importance of science for efficient policymaking and how it can improve some of the negative economic, environmental and social externalities of food while fostering a better understanding of the synergies and potential trade-offs within and between the different dimensions of food systems.

Experts will provide their perspectives on what governance mechanisms are needed at the global, regional and country level to ensure an efficient dialogue between science and policymaking and how it can help support farmers through better access to knowledge, science, innovations, technologies and capacity building.

*Confirmed speakers include*

**Ismahane Elouafi**  
Chief Scientist, FAO

**Patrick Child**  
Deputy Director-General for Implementation, Impact and Sustainable Investment Strategies, EU Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)

**Bernard Magenmann**  
Deputy Director-General, EU Joint Research Centre

**Martin Frick**

Deputy to the Special Envoy for the UN Food Systems Summit

**Máximo Torero Cullen**

Chief Economist, FAO

**Aleš Irgolič**

State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the Republic of Slovenia, Presidency of the Council of the EU (as of 1 July)

**Esther Penunia**

Secretary General of the Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development

**Pál Goda**

Managing Director, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics

**Roberta Sonnino**

Professor Director of Impact and Engagement, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University, Rapporteur, European Commission High-level Expert Group to assess need for an international Platform for Food Systems Science

**Elizabeth Nshimbadala**

President, Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO)

**Divine Ntiokam**

Founder and Managing Director of the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network

**Giovanni de Santi**

Director for Sustainable Resources, EU Joint Research Centre

**Martin Hojsík**

Member of the European Parliament

**Kerstin Resenow**

Head of Unit for Research and Innovation, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)

**Cherrie Atilano**

Founding Farmer, CEO and President of AGREA

Moderator

**Ladislav Miko**

EU Convenor for the UN Food Systems Summit and EU Representative in Slovakia

Setting the scene

**Rodrigo de Lapuerta**

Director *a.i.*, FAO Liaison Office in Brussels

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