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SIDE EVENT

15:00 - 16:30 | VIRTUAL

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Capacity development for agricultural innovation systems (AIS) mainstreaming and investments through the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP)

To unleash countries' and regions' potential for agricultural innovation, their human and institutional capacities need to be strengthened, and investments in capacity development (CD) for agricultural innovation systems (AIS) need to be scaled up. This Side Event aims to share successful examples of the partners of the TAP, a global, multi-stakeholder facilitation mechanism on CD for AIS, supported by the European Union and coordinated by FAO. The event will introduce the TAP approach of CD for AIS at the individual, organizational, and policy levels. Country/regional experiences in Africa, Latin America, and Asia, as well as insights from regional organizations on evidence-based policy dialogue and investments in agricultural innovation, will be presented.

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AGENDA

15:00 – 15:10 Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP): Introduction

Max Olupot, TAP Chair, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS)
Carla Montesi, Director Green Deal and Digital Agenda, DG International Partnerships, European Commission (EC)
Selvaraju Ramasamy, Head of TAP Secretariat, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

15:10 – 15:45 Facilitated discussion: Regional experiences on strengthening capacity of agricultural innovations systems

Ibrahim Abdulrazak, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
Fernando Manzo Ramos, Latin American Network for Rural Extension Services (RELASER)
Ravi Khetarpal, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)

15:45 – 16:25 Evidence-based policy and investments on agricultural innovation

Viviana Palmieri, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
Helena Posthumus, AGRINATURA – DeSIRA LIFT Project
Louis-Marie Kakdeu, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS)

16:25 – 16:30 Concluding remarks

Guido Bonati, TAP Vice-Chair, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA)