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Joining Efforts on Sustainable Food and Agriculture #53

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Both organizations had the opportunity to highlight the specificities of their approaches to sustainable agriculture. The European Commission Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) highlighted elements for an EU strategy in development cooperation. FAO introduced the extensive body of work undertaken under SO2 to shape FAO’s common vision for sustainable food and agriculture, that cuts across crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture.

Many commonalities exist across both organizations with regards to their vision for and approach to sustainability. At the very center of their partnership is the common ambition to increase agricultural productivity while protecting natural resources, with the goal of enhancing food security and nutrition, and improving the livelihoods and resilience of smallholders.

To further shape these common features and the way forward for coherent actions on the ground, FAO and DG DEVCO are preparing a joint paper highlighting major areas for action on sustainable agriculture, to be launched in 2016.