

Side Event – CCP72

Market Access for Agricultural Commodities: its impact on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals

Rome, 27 September 2018

12:45 – 14:15 - Sheikh Zayed Centre

Objectives

The agricultural sector holds vital importance in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Agenda commits the international community to end poverty and hunger, as well as achieve sustainable development in all three dimensions (social, economic, and environment) by 2030. In this regard, the agricultural sector has been recognized as the main contributor for a number of targets under the 2030 Agenda. The FAO itself is the Custodian UN agency for 21 SDG indicators, across SDGs 2, 5, 6, 12, 14, and 15.

Addressing issues facing the agricultural sector should become a global priority as it would ensure food security, employment, and poverty eradication. By 2030, the world population is projected to grow to 8.3 billion, making ensuring food security all the more important. Not only for its contribution to global food security, but the agricultural sector holds a vital importance from an employment perspective. Across the globe, the agricultural sector employs over one billion people. The agricultural sector has also been touted as an effective tool to alleviate poverty. 4 out of 5 poor people live in rural areas and as farms are mainly located in rural areas, growth in agricultural activities correlates positively to poverty eradication.

Agricultural commodities are invaluable, especially for developing countries. For many, they serve as their main export commodities, creating jobs, income, and better living conditions for millions of farmers and their families. However, despite their contributions in social economic development, correlation between agricultural trade and the SDGs has not been fully understood.

Against this background, issues surrounding international trade of agricultural commodities and its impact to the 2030 Agenda should be given more focus. The correlation between agricultural trade and targets under the SDGs has not been fully understood by the international community. A better understanding on this issue would certainly benefit our common endeavor in meeting the commitments under the 2030 Agenda.

It is also important to underline sustainable management of natural resources in order to establish enduring harmony between economic and social progress with the protection of the environment.

Consequently, the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) would be the ideal forum to discuss market access for agricultural commodities and its impact on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals. An additional agenda item on this particular issue would, therefore, assist member states in their efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

The side event on market access for agricultural commodities its impact on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals is intended to:

- Discuss challenges on market access for agricultural commodities;
- Initiate discussions on the contribution of international trade of agricultural commodities in achieving the 2030 Agenda; and
- Have a better understanding on the correlation of agricultural market access and food security.

Programme

Light lunch is provided before the event

Event moderated by Mr. Josef Schmidhuber, Deputy Director of the Trade and Markets Division FAO

12:45 – 12:50

Opening Statement by Mr. Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant-Director General Economic and Social Development Department

12:50 – 12:55

Opening Statement by H.E. Esti Andayani, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Indonesia

12:55 – 13:05

Remarks by H.E. Dr. Yaya A.O. Olaniran, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Nigeria

13:05-13:15

Remarks by H.E. Jan Tombinski, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the European Union

13:15-13:25

Remarks by Ms. Vivi Feriany, Trade Policy Analyst, Directorate of Trade, Commodity, and Intellectual Property Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

13:25-13:35

Remarks by Maria Michela Morese, PhD, Natural Resources Officer, Executive Secretary of the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP), Climate and Environment Division Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department

13:35 – 14:10

Moderated Q & A

14:10 – 14:15

Summary and Closing by **Moderator**