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ROUNDTABLE 3

Transboundary pests and diseases

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Discussion points

1. Which are the impacts of transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases on the food security situation of different groups of people and regions?
2. Which are the more vulnerable groups and systems whose exposure to transboundary diseases and pests carries the highest risks?
3. Which short- and medium-term actions should be taken by the international, national and local communities to address these risks and prepare to respond to emergencies arising from transboundary diseases and pests?
4. Which national policy and legislation reforms are needed to reduce the impacts of transboundary plant and animal pest and diseases including threats to forests and fishery?
5. Which global data exchange systems and research activities will be necessary in the future to identify and quantify connections among climate change, ecosystems, and the transmission of disease agents and the resulting threats to food security?

Invited Speakers

- Hon. Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture, India
- Hon. Jim Anderton, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, New Zealand
- Mr. Taghi Farvar, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy, Iran
- Mr. Declan O'Brian, Managing director, International Federation for Animal Health
- Mr. Hans Herren, World food prize laureate, President, Millennium Institute