



Transforming Agriculture to Achieve the SDGs: The role of the RBAs

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13:00 – 14:30

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires transformative action in all sectors, embracing the principles of sustainability and tackling the root causes of poverty and hunger.

As the prime connection between people and the planet, sustainable food and agriculture have great potential to address many of our challenges, serving up affordable, nutritious food, strengthening livelihoods, revitalising rural and urban landscapes, delivering inclusive national growth and driving positive change across the whole 2030 Agenda.

How do policymakers turn that potential into reality? How do they prioritise resources to accelerate support for sustainable development where agriculture, rural livelihoods and management of natural resources are addressed in an integrated manner? And what is the role of international organizations to support this process?

The Rome Based Agencies (RBAs) – FAO, IFAD and WFP – are working closely with countries to support this transformational process. This includes raising awareness among policy makers, farmers and all other actors involved in the agricultural sector, providing technical and operational support, and fostering partnerships and discussion in the national dialogue on SDGs. Towards this end, FAO has proposed a set of 20 interconnected actions to guide decision makers for transforming food and agriculture to support SDGs.

Objectives:

- Learn from countries how they position agriculture as an accelerator of the transformational process towards SDGs;
- Outline the contribution of the RBAs in moving towards sustainable agriculture and food security;
- Discuss how existing tools and approaches can best be used in support to agricultural transformation, and identify priorities for future action at country level.

AGENDA

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Time	Title	Speaker
13:00-13:10	Opening remarks	Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO
13:10-13:30	Panel discussion: Supporting transformational change in food and agriculture: What are the RBAs doing in support to countries?	Clayton Campanhola, Strategic Programme Leader, SP2, FAO Ashwani Muthoo, Director, Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, IFAD Jean-Pierre Demargerie, Deputy Director, Policy and Programme Division, WFP
13:30-13:50	Mainstreaming SDG in the agriculture agenda – Country experiences	H.E. Mr. Fekadu Beyene State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources, Ethiopia H.E. Mr. Yván Rodríguez Vice-Minister of Planning, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic
13:50-14:25	Open discussion: Priorities for future action	Participants
14:25-14:30	Closing remarks	Maria Helena Semedo Deputy Director-General, FAO

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