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SIDE EVENT

FAO and the European Union

A partnership in action for sustainable agriculture and food security

3 October 2018

12:30 – 14:00

Sheikh Zayed Centre

For more than a quarter century the EU and FAO have collaborated in all major areas of FAO's work to address global challenges and to assist developing countries in improving sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition. , including joint collaboration with the other RBAs, in a concerted effort to maximize impact, quality and effectiveness of actions and resources. Driven by a joint vision and longstanding partnership, the EU and FAO have together taken on some of the most pervasive problems impeding the lives of the most vulnerable populations in the world.

Since the launch of the FAO reform process in 2007, the level of cooperation between FAO and the EU has continued to grow in nearly all FAO areas of work. By offering legitimacy, a convening authority, and the trust of partner country governments, FAO has positioned itself as an important partner of the EU in global governance for food security and in the delivery of a large number of global public goods related to food security, agriculture and natural resources management.

The EU has channeled more than EUR 1.5 billion to FAO programmes over the 2007–17 period, scaling up support in the wake of the 2007/08 food price crisis, and again in 2017 to address food security and agricultural development issues linked to peace and security, migration, environment, and climate change challenges. Over 80 per cent of the funds committed, some EUR 1.2 billion, have been channeled through European Commission services. Specifically, the Directorate General for international Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), implemented 250 interventions in 60 countries and the Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) channeled EUR 200 million for 197 interventions.

AGENDA

Wednesday 3 October

Time	Title	Speaker
12:30-12:40	Welcome remarks	Daniel Gustafson Deputy Director-General (Programmes)
12:40-12:45	Presentation of FAO+EU Partnership	Gustavo González Director, Resource Mobilization Division
12:45-13:30	Panel sessions: 1. Highlights of the partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and food security: FIRST • Global report/network (includes short video: EU-FAO working together against food crises) • Land governance • Agricultural innovation <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 2. Panel discussion on the value addition of the FAO+EU Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brave Ndisale Strategic Programme Leader, Food Security and Nutrition, SP1 • Dominique Burgeon Director, Emergency and Rehabilitation Division • Marcella Villarreal Director, Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division • Mark Holderness Executive Secretary, Global Forum on Agricultural Research <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leonard Mizzi Head of Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition Unit Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission • Dirk Lange Head of Multilateral International Relations Unit Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission • Alan Belward Head of Food Security Unit Joint Research Centre, European Commission
13:30-13:40	Q&A session	
13:40- 13:55	FAO-EU Dialogue: A Strong Partnership Moving Forward	Daniel Gustafson , Deputy Director-General (Programmes) & Ambassador Jan Tombiński , EU Head of Delegation
13:55 – 14:00	Closing remarks	Ambassador Jan Tombiński , EU Head of Delegation
14:00	Refreshments + Photo Exhibit	

Event moderated by: *Cristina Amaral, Director Office of Support to Decentralization*

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