To promote agricultural innovation, favorable and evidence-based policies are needed. Thus, actors in the agricultural innovation system (AIS) often seek to influence policy through e.g. policy dialogue and briefs to communicate relevant evidence from the agrifood system. But actual policy outcomes depend on the quality and efficiency of this process. As such, the TAP-AIS project, funded by the European Union (EU) since 2019, is addressing this innovation-policy nexus through multi-stakeholder policy dialogue processes. In this side-event, experts from leading organizations in agricultural innovation will share and discuss issues and insights on the innovation-policy nexus. And policy makers from Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia and Malawi will share their experiences addressing issues that constrain agricultural innovation through multi-stakeholder policy dialogue processes to identify relevant solutions.
AGENDA

14:00 – 14:05  WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Beth Crawford, Officer-in-Charge, FAO Office of Innovation (OIN)

14:05 – 14:15  INTRODUCTION
Creating an enabling environment for innovation through policy dialogue processes
Per Rudebjer, Capacity Development Specialist, FAO OIN

14:15 – 15:00  PANEL DISCUSSION
The innovation-policy nexus: progress, challenges and multi-stakeholder processes
Moderator
Delgermaa Chuluunbaatar, Agricultural Research Officer, FAO OIN
Panel of Experts
Carlo Azzarri, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
Sofia Boqvist, Programme Director AgriFoSe2030, Associate Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Adama Boro, Director General of the Agro-Pastoral Production Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Burkina Faso
Guy Faure, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission
Juan Lucas Restrepo, Global Director of Partnerships and Advocacy, CGIAR, and Director General of the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Colombia
Chan Saruth, H.E. Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) and Chair of Executive Board, Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Intensification Consortium (CASIC), Cambodia
Sarah Tione, Principal Economist, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture Planning Services, Policy Unit, Malawi

15:00 – 15:20  INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPANTS

15:20 – 15:30  SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND CLOSING