

Event Title

Technical and Institutional Reflections on Catalyzing Change in PGRFA Management

Brief Description of the Event

Drawing from decades of collaboration with farmers in local and indigenous communities, this event shares technical, policy, and institutional reflections on the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA. Together, we have pioneered concepts and tools that were adapted and scaled into global programs. Guided by the Treaty and supported by the BSF, we aim to go beyond projects to catalyze lasting change towards a shared future. The session will share progress, hard-earned lessons, and confront ongoing challenges, offering recommendations to strengthen farmers' and indigenous peoples' seed systems and reaffirm their central role as custodians of agricultural biodiversity.

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Programme / Agenda of the Side Event

Topic / Session	Speaker / Organization / Time
Welcome and Introduction	Rima Alcadi , International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (5 minutes)
Technical Reflections: Breeding, adaptation, conservation, and responding to heritage and farmers' trait preferences	Alejandro Argumedo , ANDES, Peru (8 minutes)
Policy Reflections: Gains, gaps, and ways forward in supporting Farmers' Rights	Andrew Mushita , Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT), Zimbabwe (8 minutes)
Institutional Reflections: Southern leadership, farmer-centered collaboration, and viable enterprises	Nori Ignacio , Southeast Asia Regional Institute for Community Empowerment (SEARICE), Philippines (8 minutes)
Lessons in Scaling and Mainstreaming	Gigi Manicad , Sprouts Collective (8 minutes)
Short Feedback based on China's experience	Yiching Song , Farmer Seeds Network (5 minutes)
Open Discussion and Q&A (10 minutes)	
Closing Remarks (4 minutes)	