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Professor **Klaus Schwab**,
Executive Chairman,
World Economic Forum



A special message from
His Holiness, **Pope Francis**



David M. Beasley
Executive Director,
World Food Programme (WFP)

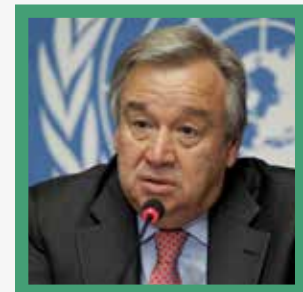
FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION: LEVERS FOR CHANGE

This lecture discusses ways to address challenges and opportunities faced in building sustainable healthier and more equitable food, through systems thinking, innovation and multistakeholder action.



A special message from
His Excellency **Sergio Mattarella**
President of the Italian Republic

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António Guterres
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FAO Office of Communications



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Maria Helena Semedo
FAO Deputy Director-General
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A Dialogue on Tea & Coffee

A talk show-style dialogue that explores the cultural significance and economic importance of tea and coffee.



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OPENING REMARKS

QU Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



INTRODUCTION

Boubaker Ben-Belhassen, Director of the FAO Markets and Trade Division



GUEST SPEAKERS

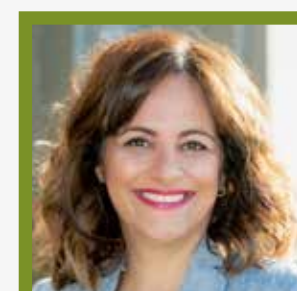
José Dauster Sette, Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization



Prabhat Bezboruah, Chairman of Tea Board India; Vice-Chair and host of the next Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea



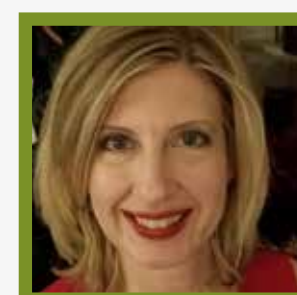
Jacklene Arinda, Executive Director, JADA Coffee, Uganda



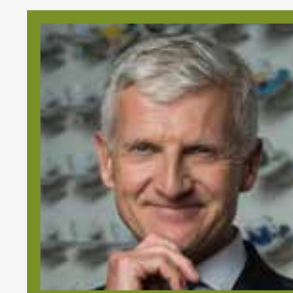
Shabnam Weber, President, Tea and Herbal Association of Canada



Tom Standage, Deputy Editor of The Economist



Vanessa L. Facenda, Editor, Tea & Coffee Trade Journal



Andrea Illy, Chair, illycaffè; Co-Founder, Fondazione Ernesto Illy; Co-Chair, Regenerative Society Foundation



CLOSING REMARKS

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Kimberly Sullivan, FAO Communications Coordinator



Cristina Alderighi, Vice Chair FAO Women's Committee

World Food Day

Collective action across 150 countries is what makes World Food Day one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. Hundreds of events and outreach activities bring together governments, businesses, NGOs, the media, and general public. They promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger

and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all. #WorldFoodDay 2021 will be marked a second time while countries around the world deal with the widespread effects of the global Covid-19 pandemic. It's a time to look into the future we need to build together.

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To learn more about tea and coffee, visit FAO Markets and Trade: www.fao.org/markets-and-trade



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