

## Side event 25 | Scaling up the implementation CFS policy instruments in time of climate crisis: the role of the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 (UNDF)

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**Thursday, 26 October; 13.30 – 14.45 (UTC+2)**  
**Green Room & via Zoom**

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### Abstract

Family farmers and their representative organizations have a unique potential to drive the transformation towards more sustainable, resilient, biodiverse and nutrition-sensitive agrifood systems that can simultaneously provide economic and social benefits, while protecting the ecosystems upon which agriculture depends and respecting the cultural and social diversity of territories. Ensuring family farmers have the access to adequate policies and instruments is a key element to address actual and future interconnected challenges for sustainable agrifood systems, including climate change.

Family Farming is at the core of the CFS program, profoundly linked with their products and policy recommendations. Since the launch of the UNDF, it has successfully promoted policy change through the development and use of comprehensive policy plans and tools in more than 77 countries. It mobilized 2,625 actors in various dialogue processes and committees, including 1,853 family farmers' organizations and federations; and, 262 policies, laws and regulations were developed and approved supporting family farming and the transformation towards sustainable agrifood systems.

### Objectives

- Showcase the UNDF as a key instrument to contextualize and implement global policy instruments including CFS product to achieve policy convergence in a coordinated, participatory, multi-stakeholder manner;
- Display the UNDF as an effective mechanism resulting in innovative and integrated public policies for family farming and inclusive governance mechanisms at national level that responds to the actual, interrelated and urgent challenges caused among others by the climate crisis;
- Amplify the voice of family farmers around the world, in particular of women and young farmers to mitigate the effects of climate change and ensure more diverse, sustainable and resilient food systems.