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FALL ARMYWORM

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SIDE EVENT

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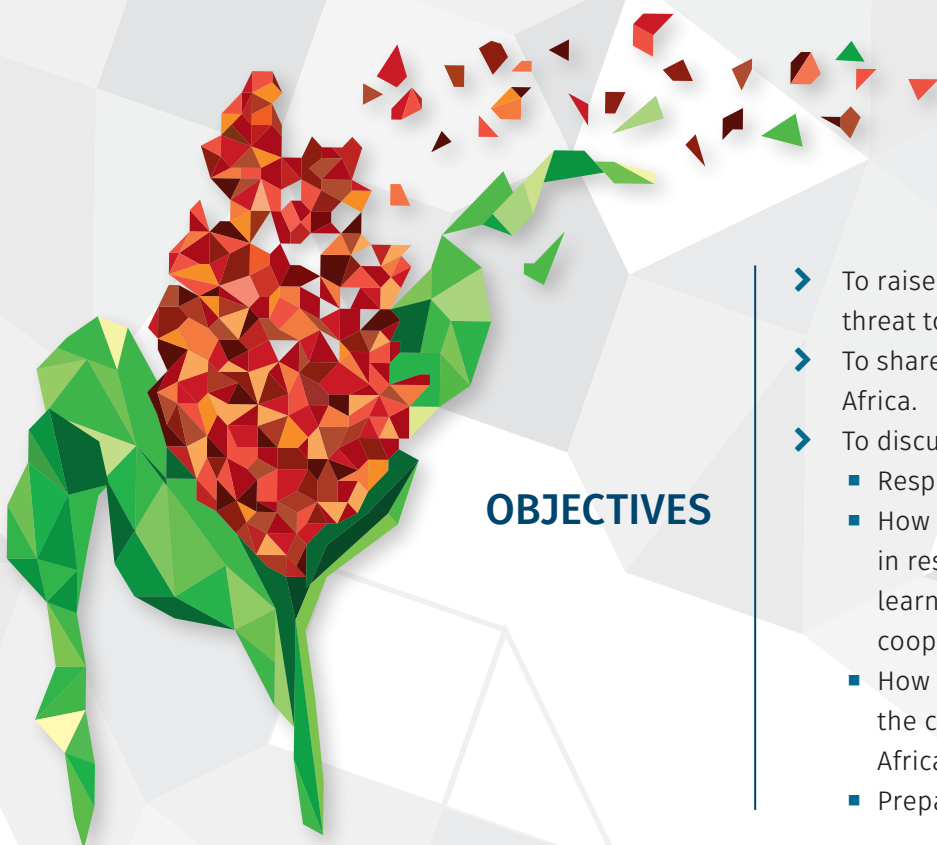


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Fall Armyworm is a well-known pest in South America that has recently spread to Africa. It first appeared in West Africa in January 2016 and by early this year it attacked Maize crops in southern Africa. It has now spread to East Africa and is expected to have an impact on their coming harvests. Ghana has declared a state of emergency. The worm is spreading rapidly across Africa and has the potential to spread beyond Africa to Asia. As with climate change, it is difficult to predict with any certainty how the pest will spread.

The aim of this side event is to raise awareness of the pest among Agriculture ministers and others attending the FAO Conference. The more information they have the better able they will be to prepare for the possible spread of the pest to their country. The event will also be an opportunity to learn more about FAO's response.



OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness of the Fall Armyworm (FAW) threat to food security and economic growth.
- To share information on latest developments in Africa.
- To discuss:
 - Responses to FAW in Africa;
 - How to prioritise efforts to support countries in responding to the infestation and lessons learned from South-South and Triangular cooperation;
 - How to manage FAW over the medium-term in the context of other threats and challenges African farmers are facing;
 - Preparedness and the donor perspective.



AGENDA

ITEM	SPEAKER(S)
Welcome	Terri Sarch, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to FAO
Opening remarks	Dan Gustafson Deputy Director-General Programmes, FAO
FAO assessment of situation	Bukar Tijani Assistant Director-General Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
Experiences and perspectives from countries	H.E. Mr Senzeni Zokwana Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
	H.E. Honourable Dr Joseph Mtakwese Made Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development, Zimbabwe
	H.E. Honourable George Oduro Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture, Ghana
Perspectives from DFID	Donal Brown Director, DFID Africa
Lessons learned from Latin America	Dr Fernando Hercos Valicente, Researcher, EMBRAPA, Brazil
Discussion	Hans Dreyer Director, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO
Closing statements	FAO and DFID

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