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Partnering to scale up climate action by countries in the agricultural sectors

The newly published FAO Strategy on Climate Change commits the Organization to supporting countries in addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation while ensuring also the attainment of food security, poverty reduction and sustainability in agricultural productivity.

These are challenges that are beyond the capacity of any single organization. Partnership and collaboration are essential in order to make meaningful progress quickly.

The Global Research Alliance (GRA) brings countries together to find ways to grow more food without growing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) is a global partnership of governments, civil society and private sector, committed to reducing short-lived climate pollutants (black carbon, methane, tropospheric ozone, and hydrofluorocarbons). It acts as a catalyst to create, implement and share immediate solutions to rapidly reduce near-term warming, protect human health, increase food security, and ensure sustainable development for future generations. The Coalition's Secretariat is hosted by UN Environment.

At this side event, countries that are working with all the participating organizations will present their experiences of taking action to adapt their agricultural and food production systems to the impacts of climate change, and to take action in those same systems to reduce GHG emissions in an effort to mitigate climate change.

Climate change is already affecting food security and the livelihoods of millions around the world.

26% of total damage and loss caused by climate-related events in developing countries between 2010-16 was manifested as negative impacts on the agricultural sectors.

21% of GHG emissions are derived from agriculture, forestry and other land uses.

89% of NDCs identified climate change adaptation and /or mitigation actions in the agricultural sectors as national priorities for action.



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Agenda

» Moderator

Hayden Montgomery

Special Representative of the Global Research Alliance (GRA)

» Opening remarks

René Castro-Salazar

FAO Assistant Director-General Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department (CB)

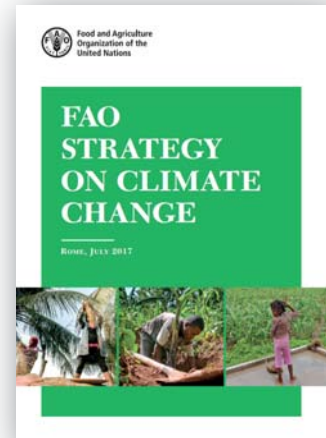
Helena Molin Valdes

Head of Secretariat, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)

» Presentation of FAO Strategy on Climate Change

Martin Frick

FAO Climate and Environment Division (CBC), Director



» Panel

“The role of partnerships in scaling up climate action by countries”

Tabaré Aguerre

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Uruguay on the CCAC-FAO-GRA collaboration on addressing enteric methane for food security and livelihoods (video message)

Hinrich Thielken

Permanent Representative of Germany to FAO, WFP and IFAD on the newly launched NDC Partnership Thematic Working Group on Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use (TBC)

George Oduro

Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture of Ghana on synergies between GRA, CCAC and the NDC Partnership Thematic Working Group on Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use

Brigitte Collet

Ambassador of France for Climate Change Negotiations, Renewable Energy and Climate Risk Prevention on partnerships initiatives

Takehiro Okubo

Director, International Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan on GRA and paddy rice production

» Interactive session

» Concluding remarks

This side event is jointly organized by:

The Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA)

The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



Interpretation will be available in English, Spanish and French
Coffee and a light snack will be served prior to the event
Webcast: fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/4391/icode