



FAO Conference 41st Session Side event Real Action on Youth: Driving the Future of Agriculture

Monday 24 June, 17:30-18:30
Sheikh Zayed Centre
FAO HQ



Background

Over the course of the first two quarters of 2019, the Government of the Netherlands has sponsored activity to convene a working group to consider means to better engage diverse young people from across the world in the work of all three of the Rome-Based Agencies. This working group, which consists of a mix of young people and senior representatives of national and international youth organizations, such as 4H, Nuffield International, the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network, and others, has developed the concept of a proposed Youth Council to the Rome-Based Agencies. Together, this group has drafted full modalities for the Youth Council, the vision of which is:

The Youth Council aims to be a valuable resource to the Rome-Based Agencies in the form of an inclusive, youth-led advisory team that advances practical innovations and policies focused on the unique needs and strengths of young people in agriculture.

Following on this preliminary work done by the working group, members of the working group of the proposed Youth Council will be in Rome during FAO Conference 41st Session to discuss directly with members of the Rome-Based Agencies opportunities for mutual collaboration and growth. This side event aims to identify concrete steps for youth to work together with the Rome-Based Agencies to achieve their mandates and the Agenda 2030, with a focus on SDG2: End Hunger.

Objectives

Through a combination of formal remarks and informal discussions and networking, the event will give attendees a clear understanding of what policy actions are needed on Youth, as well as ideas of ways in which a Youth Council could be mobilized as a resource to contribute meaningfully to their work. The event will also give young people who have been involved with the working group on the Youth Council a valuable opportunity to interact directly with those actors whose work the Youth Council aims to support and enhance. Finally, the event is intended to create communal energy and commitment to the function of the Youth Council, resulting in wider dissemination of the call for applications and ultimately a more robust and diverse inaugural group.

A reception will be served at the Sheikh Zayed Centre following the event.
Interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Spanish.



Programme

TIME	ITEM
17:30 – 17:35	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>H.E Hans Hoogeveen, <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Netherlands</i></p> <p>April Dodd, <i>Regional Coordinator of Partnerships, Emerging Ag</i></p>
17:35 – 17:50	<p>YOUTH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS PRESENT PRIORITY POLICY AREAS TO DRIVE REAL CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE</p> <p>1. Framing of the problem: The untapped resource of young people as potential actors in the work to achieve SDG2</p> <p><i>Amanda Namayi, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network, Kenya</i></p> <p>2. Introduction to the Youth Council: A proposed resource to the Rome-Based Agencies that connects youth from across the world to initiatives of the RBAs</p> <p><i>Valerie Stone, 4H, Canada</i></p> <p>3. How is the Youth Council an answer to the problem: The importance of developing knowledge and capacity among the next generation of farmers and agripreneurs</p> <p><i>Kevin Moran, Nuffield International, Ireland</i></p> <p>4. What is at stake for the RBAs and other actors: Opportunities for diverse stakeholders</p> <p><i>Jim Cano, YPARD, The Philippines</i></p> <p>5. Closing remarks: Next steps for the Youth Council</p> <p><i>Cassie Hayward, AgriKua, Canada</i></p>
17:50 – 18:00	<p>CASE STUDIES AND COMMENTS ON EFFORTS TO FURTHER ENGAGE YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE</p> <p><i>Rahul Antao, IFAD; Reuben Sessa, FAO; Carolina Esley and Rodrigo Mota, WFP</i></p>
18:00 – 18:15	<p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON WHAT THE YOUTH COUNCIL COULD DO FOR THE RBAs AND VICE VERSA</p> <p><i>RBA representatives and youth</i></p>
18:25 – 18:30	<p>CLOSING REMARKS AND CALL TO ACTION</p> <p><i>H.E Hans Hoogeveen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Netherlands</i></p>

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