



*Tea: Resilient, sustainable and healthy.
From field to cup.*

Provisional Programme

21 May 2021

12:30 – 13:30 hours CEST (Rome time)

Virtual conferencing platform Zoom

High-level Segment

Introduction by the moderator

Ms Claire Doole, former BBC journalist

Opening remarks by QU Dongyu

Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Introductory Video

Interventions by:

His Excellency, Inam Karimov

Minister for Agriculture

The Republic of Azerbaijan

His Excellency, TANG Renjian (video message)

Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs

The People's Republic of China

His Excellency, Stefano Patuanelli (video message)

Minister for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies

The Republic of Italy

The Honourable Peter Munya

Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives

The Republic of Kenya

The Honourable Maneesh Gobin

Attorney General, Minister for Agro-Industry and Food Security

The Republic of Mauritius

His Excellency, Anup Wadhawan

Commerce Secretary

The Republic of India

Ms Shabnam Weber

President, Tea and Herbal Association

Canada

Closing remarks by **Mr Máximo Torero Cullen**

Chief Economist, FAO

Panel discussion to follow





14:00 – 15:15 hours CEST (Rome time)

Panel discussion

Introduction by the moderator
Ms Claire Doole, former BBC journalist

Introductory video

Brief intervention by
Mr El Mamoun Amrouk, Senior Economist, Markets and Trade Division, FAO

Themes for discussion

Sustainability

Smallholders

Promotion & Marketing

Guest panelists

Mr Rachmat Badruddin, Chairman of the Confederation of International Tea Smallholders (CITS)
Indonesia Tea Board

Mr Prabhat Bezboruah, Chairman of Tea Board India
Mr Peter F. Goggi, President, Tea Association of the U.S.A., Inc
Ms Sharon Hall, Chief Executive, UK Tea & Infusions Association
Ms Pavithri Peiris, Director, Promotion, Sri Lanka Tea Board

Closing remarks by **Mr Boubaker Ben-Belhassen**
Director, Markets and Trade Division, FAO

Link to access the virtual event through the conferencing platform

Zoom: https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EEZOOi64R6SAJAE565BFGQ

Link to **FAO webcast:** <http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/5565/icode/>

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