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WHY AND HOW WE NEED TO OVERHAUL AGRICULTURAL
SUPPORT FOR BETTER FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Thursday, 14 October 2021

12:45 - 14:15 Rome time/CEST on Zoom

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AGENDA

WELCOME BY MODERATOR **Natalie Becker-Aakervik**, Thought Leader Global

OPENING REMARKS BY:

- **Andrew Bovarnick**, Global Head of Food and Agriculture Commodity Systems Strategy, UNDP
- **Steven Stone**, Chief, Resources and Markets Branch, UNEP

VIDEO: The state of current government support to farmers

PRESENTATION BY:

- **Marco V. Sánchez**, Deputy Director and OiC day-to-day matters, Agrifood Economics Division, FAO

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION, AND Q&A SESSION, WITH:

- **Arianna Giuliodori**, Secretary General, World Farmers' Organisation
- **Jean Pierre Senghor**, Executive Secretary, National Food Security Council, Senegal
- **Madhur Gautam**, Lead Economist, Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank
- **Jonathan Brooks**, Head of Agricultural and Resource Policies Division, OECD
- **Spokesperson TBC**, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom

CLOSING REMARKS BY:

- **Máximo Torero Cullen**, Chief Economist, FAO

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Background on the CFS

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) was established in 1974 and reformed in 2009 as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

Event rationale

A radical overhaul of the way governments financially support agricultural producers is urgently needed on a global scale. Currently, half a trillion dollars is spent by governments worldwide supporting producers, and if trends continue, this figure could top \$1.8 trillion by 2030.

Yet, most of today's support is not fit for purpose, thus jeopardizing efforts to improve food security and nutrition. Support is heavily biased towards measures that are distortive, inefficient, unequally distributed, and harmful for the environment and human health. How can we, then, redirect support to help transform food systems for Zero Hunger and ensure that nutritious food is available to all?

The **CFS side event on 14 October 2021 (12:45-14:15 CEST/Rome on Zoom)** will bring multi-stakeholders together - including the UN agencies behind the [A Multi-Billion-Dollar Opportunity: Repurposing Agricultural Support to Transform Food Systems](#) report, as well as civil society and CFS Member Countries - to explain the state of global government support to the agriculture sector. Attendees will also hear from experts as they outline a 6-step policy guide to repurposing, and how doing so can help ensure food security and nutrition for all. This guide includes six (not necessarily sequential) steps that can be clustered into two main critical domains:

- Developing data, analysis and tools to measure agricultural support provided, its potential impacts on food systems outcomes but also trace the impacts and implementation of any repurposing and reform strategy.
- Formulating, refining and implementing an inclusive repurposing strategy, aligned with country particularities and goals, and accounts for possible trade-offs, vested interests and barriers.

The main objectives are to hear from different stakeholders on how to tackle the most pressing challenges with redirecting agricultural support to agriculture and pinpoint the most viable solutions. The event will also bridge gaps in data and analysis, two gaps underscored in the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023.

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