

Agri-food Transformation for the SDGs

Innovations and SMEs as the gamechangers

Wednesday 26 July 2023, 12:30 - 13:25 (CET) – Ethiopia Room



Background and objectives

The side-event takes into account the pathways and different realities of countries by showcasing and exchanging about an array of different bottom-up solutions and innovations that can support ongoing sectoral policies, national food systems strategies and voluntary national reviews in the context of the 2030 agenda. The event provides an opportunity to take stock of concrete actions and contributions of different stakeholders. By demonstrating concrete results it will allow to support the necessary momentum for the implementation of national food system transformation pathways. It will take advantage of positive synergies between different stakeholder contributions and will support the understanding that a systemic integrated approaches can be beneficial.

Expected outcomes

The side-event will showcase new models and approaches for supporting agrifood systems transformation. The event will serve as a platform to exchange about scalable instruments between different stakeholders and initiatives in the agrifood system. Together with partners from Governments, international organisations and business partners, the event will demonstrate the importance of well-designed collaborations and the necessity to enable and catalyse innovations for an effective food system transformation, while contributing to accelerating SDG implementation in the local context. The initiatives proposed by this event will be taken up by the FAO-SEED SDG-Agrifood Accelerator Programme.

Moderator

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Panellists

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Programme

13:30 Opening Session

13:45 Moderated Panel

14:20 Q&A

14:25 Synthesis