

Towards more sustainable and resilient food systems

Strengthening the dialogue between Science and Policy in Europe and in the Global South

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The forthcoming European legislative framework for sustainable food systems is one of the flagship initiatives of the EU Farm to Fork Strategy (F2F) adopted in 2020 which is together with the Biodiversity Strategy a central element aiming to promote the transition to a sustainable and resilient European food system by 2030. With the objective of ensuring food security while having a reduced environmental and climate footprint, the F2F strategy covers the entire food system from production, processing and distribution to consumption. While the focus of the F2F strategy is on the European food system, it also aims to support the global transition to more sustainable food and land use systems. In this context, the new EU legislative framework to come will lay the foundations for the necessary systemic changes to all food system stakeholders in order to accelerate the transition and will also provide a framework for the future governance of food systems. Transforming our food systems requires a global approach that should also consider the external dimension of the F2F strategy and its implications on the Global South in an international context marked by a strong interconnection of food, climate, health, environmental and security crises. As indicated in the EU Pathway to Sustainable Food Systems Transformation published in May 2023, Research & Innovation play a critical role in supporting food and nutrition security and the transition towards sustainable food systems. The objective of this thematic workshop will be to discuss the state of progress of the future European framework on food systems, highlighting the impacts and challenges at European and global level while analysing the specific challenges faced by our partners from the global South. Co-organised by the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), the French agricultural research and cooperation organization (CIRAD) and the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), the workshop will gather representatives from the European Commission, EU Member States, EU regions, research institutions and the private sector.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:45	Introduction Vincent Fautrel, IRD Representative to the EU Eric Verger, Senior Researcher, Coordinator of the Food Systems Knowledge Hub (CoSAV) at IRD
09:45 – 10:00	Keynote speech Patrick Caron, Vice Chair of the CGIAR System Board, Member of the EU High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on Food Systems and Former Chair of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) at the UN Committee on World Food Security
10:00 – 11:10	Round table 1 – Towards a new food system in Europe: which challenges for which actors? <u>Moderator:</u> Mathilde Calmels, European Affairs Officer, INRAE, Paris <u>Panellists:</u> ▪ Christophe Clergeau, Member of the European Parliament, S&D, France ▪ Sophie Nicklaus, Senior Researcher, INRAE, Paris ▪ Eric Verger, Senior Researcher, IRD, Montpellier ▪ Sara Lamonaca, Director Consumer Information, Nutrition & Health, FoodDrink Europe, Brussels ▪ Camille Perrin, Senior Food Policy Officer & Team Leader, BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation), Brussels
11:10 – 12:20	Round table 2 – Challenges of food systems transformation in the South and how to support the transition <u>Moderator:</u> Isabelle Vagneron, CIRAD, Montpellier <u>Panellists:</u> ▪ Josephine Francis, West Africa Network of Farmers organizations – ROPPA, Liberia ▪ Maria-Fernanda Mideros Bastidas, Director of Research and Development Center in Agri-food Systems, UniAndes, Colombia ▪ Eric Verger, Senior Researcher, IRD, Montpellier ▪ Guy Faure, Senior Policy Officer, DG INTPA F3 ▪ Regis Meritan, Head of Sector, Agricultural Growth, DG INTPA F3
12:20 – 12:30	Closing remarks IRD
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch

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