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Official Side Event (SEORS) at COP27:

Sustainable diets: fostering a just transition towards resilient food systems

Date:

Friday Nov 11th, 4.45 PM, Room Thutmose

Organized by: ProVeg International, Ministry of Env. Protection Israel, the Good Food Institute (GFI), Compassion in World Farming, A well-fed World, FAIRR and Brighter Green.

Description:

Ahead of the Adaptation and Agriculture day at COP27, the panel will discuss the role of dietary shifts in fostering a just transition towards more resilient food systems. Current methods of animal agriculture account for 20% of total GHG emissions, while driving public health crises, increasing the risk of pandemics, and being the leading cause of deforestation worldwide. Alternative proteins have a huge potential to reduce emissions, land and water use.

The IPCC's AR6 report recognized the potential of plant-based foods and cellular agriculture to deliver substantial reductions in GHG emissions, pollution, and land use change. It stated with high confidence that "Dietary change in regions with excess consumption of animal-sourced foods to a higher share of plant-based foods has both mitigation and adaptation benefits along with reduced mortality from diet related non-communicable diseases, health, biodiversity and other environmental co-benefits."

Research shows that by 2050, protein diversification - including here investing in plant-based and cultivated meat - could reduce global emissions by 10-14Gt Co2e per year; free up an area of land the size of the Amazon rainforest; and cut global food prices by 10%.

This event will explore government and private sector actions needed to create resilient, just and climate-compatible food systems.

Speakers:

Raphaël Podselver, ProVeg International, Director of UN Affairs, Moderation

Prof. Noga Kronfeld-Schor, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel, Chief Scientist

Dr. Martin Frick, World Food Programme Global Office Berlin, Director

Tozie Zokufa, Coalition of African Animal Welfare Organisations, Executive Director

Andrea Perez Valdez, Compassion in World Farming (CIWF), Global Manager of Food Systems Advocacy

David Brandes, Planetary, CEO and co-founder

Cecilia McAleavey, Oatly, Director Sustainable Eating and Public Affairs

Maria Lettini, FAIRR Initiative, Executive Director