

Towards Recovery, resilience, and sustainability in agriculture – a multi-stakeholder partnership

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Multi-stakeholder collaboration to advance sustainable and innovative global farming in the face of climate crisis.

Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, November 11, 2022 – Across the world, farmers are bearing the brunt of climate change. Still, they also hold the key to fighting back the effects and, when empowered with innovation, new technology and a conducive climate policy environment, nothing can stop the agricultural sector from generating a positive impact on the nature around us. At COP27, representatives from various sectors across the whole food value chain are coming together to pave a path forward as the world canvasses solutions.

Today, November 11, the cropping, livestock and forestry systems are hosting the COP27 event ***Towards Recovery, resilience, and sustainability in agriculture – a multi-stakeholder partnership***, with representatives from the World Farmers' Organisation, CropLife International, the International Meat Secretariat, National Farmers' Federation (Australia) and the Australia Forest Products Association.

Presenting multiple viewpoints from across the agricultural sector, this side event aims to highlight the huge potential of agriculture to contribute to climate action and carbon emissions sequestration while showcasing the added value of multi-stakeholder partnerships to drive the transition towards sustainable and climate-resilient food systems. This event is also a call for policymaking to enable an environment for multi-stakeholder collaboration.

"Climate crisis knows no boundaries and affects all farmers of the world. However, agriculture can really contribute to the fight against climate change, providing the answers that are needed. Farmers across the globe, no matter where they are from or the agricultural business they are specialized in, are already implementing more sustainable, climate-resilient, and nature-positive practices to tackle the effects of climate change, but none can work alone," President of the World Farmers' Organisation Arnold Puech d'Alissac said. *"Collaborating and working in a multi-stakeholder approach is crucial to unlocking the sector's capacity to advance sustainable food systems for a greener, more resilient and healthier planet. That is precisely why this joint event at COP27 is so significant."*

Vice President of Sustainability at CropLife International Romano De Vivo said, *"Decisive and ambitious measures, along with multi-stakeholder partnerships are required to assist agriculture respond to the threats presented by climate change, with synergies created between climate and development goals."*

"There are examples across the globe of farmers innovating to local conditions to address their climate change reality. Farmers are building climate resilience into their businesses, building biodiversity to increase productivity, adopting new technologies to reduce methane production and utilising farm forestry to sequester carbon," Secretary General of the International Meat Secretariat Hsin Huang said.

President of the National Farmers Federation (Australia) Fiona Simson said, *"Achieving carbon neutrality on farm is complex and farmers need to be able to adapt for local conditions. Policies to drive carbon mitigation need to be principle based and not prescriptive."*

Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Forest Products Association Ross Hampton said farm or agroforestry is an essential cog in the solution wheel, *"Growing trees on farms and incorporating them into other agricultural pursuits can produce mutual benefits. For example, production trees not only reduce a farm's carbon footprint, but can result in a financial payoff when harvested for their timber and fibre use and they can act as biodiversity and shelter belts for livestock, improving productivity."*

The ***Towards Recovery, resilience, and sustainability in agriculture – a multi-stakeholder partnership*** will raise the profile of global agriculture's potential to be a solution to climate change while securing fresh, nutritious, and healthy food for all.

NOTES TO THE EDITORS

The full speakers' line-up is available [HERE](#)