

Side Event Science Days for the UNFSS 2021

Capacity development for agriculture innovation systems

Lessons learned and future action of the Tropical Agriculture Platform partnership

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AGENDA

Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP): Introduction (10 min)

- **TAP at a glance** - Ravi Khetarpal, TAP Chair, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), Thailand
- **EU's DeSIRA initiative** - Christophe Larose, Head of Sector, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA F3), European Commission, Belgium
- **TAP Action Plan** - Selvaraju Ramasamy, Head of TAP Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Italy

Facilitated discussion: TAP Partners' perspective on strengthening capacities of agricultural innovations systems (35 min)

- Italian Centre for Agriculture Research (CREA)/ Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation (AICS), Italy
- Helena Posthumus, DeSIRA-LIFT Project Director, AGRINATURA
- Guy Faure, Head of Sector, DG DEVCO, European Commission
- Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Regional Director, East and Southern Africa Division, IFAD, and Commissioner of Commission for Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI)
- Liu Guodao, Vice President, Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS)

Regional organizations and policy dialogue on agricultural innovation systems (40 min)

- Viviana Palmieri, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Costa Rica
- Francisco Aguirre, Red Latinoamericana para Servicios de Extensión Rural (RELASER), Ecuador
- Krishan Bheenick, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- Max Olupot, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS)
- Martina Spisiakova, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)
- Rasheed Sulaiman, Asia-Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS)

Concluding remarks – TAP Chair (5 min)

Innovation, driven by science, technology, policy, finance and institutional capacity, lies at the center of food systems transformation. To unleash countries' potential for agricultural innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, human and institutional capacities need to be strengthened.

The Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) is a G20 initiative established in 2012 as a multi-stakeholder facilitation mechanism on capacity development for agricultural innovation systems (AIS).

This Side Event presents the TAP approach to strengthen capacities for AIS at individual, organizational and policy levels and provides insights on current and future activities of TAP.

Regional perspectives from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean, and Europe will be presented, with emphasis on development of functional capacities of AIS. Experiences of evidence-based policy dialogue on agricultural innovation will be shared.

The TAP Secretariat is hosted at FAO and is funded by the European Commission.

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