



CONCEPT NOTE

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP 26) SIDE-EVENT

Developing Climate Resilient Food Systems Pathways – Approaches From Sub-Saharan Africa

Date and Time: Monday, 08 November 2021 | 16:45-18:00 (GMT+1)

How to Participate: Participants duly registered in the UNFCCC Online Registration System as part of a delegation can attend the side event virtually via the [COP 26 platform](#)

The side event will be live streaming on the official [COP 26 Side Events YouTube Channel](#) to enable participants not registered in the UNFCCC Online Registration to attend virtually

Background:

A growing population and changing diets are driving up the demand for food, yet production is struggling to keep up. The challenge is intensified by agriculture's extreme vulnerability to climate change. Climate change's negative impacts are already being felt, in the form of increasing temperatures, weather variability, shifting agroecosystem boundaries, invasive crops and pests, and more frequent extreme weather events. Global and regional disruptions to food systems resulting from the COVID 19 Pandemic have further exposed the vulnerabilities of Africa's food systems and worsened pre-existing challenges. Food systems across Africa must undergo a significant transformation to meet the multiple challenges of climate change and accompanying food insecurity, poverty, and malnutrition. Substantial investments in adaptation and scale-up of proven climate-resilient agriculture practices, technologies, strategies, and policies will be required to achieve production and food quality increases to meet demand

In this context, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis (FANRPAN) in partnership, CARE International, and the World Bank will organize an official UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) side-event on **Developing climate resilient food systems pathways - approaches from sub-Saharan Africa**. The overarching aim of the side event is to showcase innovative approaches to strengthen the resilience of African food systems. The event will highlight the importance of good governance of agriculture and food systems. It will further highlight approaches that are ready for scale-up to ensure sustainability of food systems and will cover the following themes:

- Governance
- Innovation
- Scaling
- Investment

Organized by:

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