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Invitation

Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems For the Benefit of All



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The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations together with the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture and the State of Fribourg cordially invite you to join the conference «Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems. For the Benefit of All»

Context

To raise agricultural production and feed a global population of 9 billion by 2050, a significant increase in investments in agriculture and food systems is necessary. These investments need to be managed responsibly and address environmental and social aspects in order to make a difference on the ground and bring sustainable benefits to everyone.

An agreement on what constitutes responsible investments in agriculture and food systems was reached during the 41st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on 15 October 2014. By approving the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, Governments, the private sector, civil society and academia have set the necessary framework to address investment in agriculture and food systems – public, private, large, small – and in the production and processing spheres.

These Principles must now be translated into action by the governments and every stakeholders – policy makers, lawmakers, investors, farmers, processors, traders, retailers, etc. – start to work together to apply them and make a real difference in ensuring food security and nutrition on the ground.

Which positive impacts along the value chain provide Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food systems? Why should these Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems be integrated in your risk management policy? How can these Principles build resilience both for the farmers, the commodity markets and the retailers? How can these Principles be implemented in your sector and which tools would you need to apply them effectively?

Venue

Institut agricole de l'Etat de Fribourg IAG
Grangeneuve
Rte de Grangeneuve 31
CH-1725 Posieux

Programme

9.00 Registration

9.45 Opening of the meeting

- Marie Garnier, State Counselor, State of Fribourg
- Bernard Lehmann, Director, Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG
- Marcela Villareal, Director, Food and Agriculture Organization FAO

10.00 Keynote speech

- Paul Bulcke, CEO Nestle

10.30 Panel debate with

- Ambassador Amira Gornass, President Committee on World Food Security (CFS)
- Hans R. Herren, President Biovision Foundation/Millennium Institute
- Ramon M. Esteve, Family Business Leader, ECOM Agroindustrial Corp. Ltd.
- Gaëlle Bonnieux, Head Agriculture Financing, ResponsAbility
- Fritz Glauser, Treasurer and Board Member, World Farmers Organization

Moderation Nathalie Randin

11.45 Networking Lunch

13.15 Breakout working sessions

15.15 Report working sessions and final wrap up Adrian Aebi FOAG & Marcela Villareal FAO

15.45 End of the day

Registration

Please note that the number of participants is limited. In order to confirm your attendance from now on please register using this link: agrideashop

The participation is free of charges and the registration deadline is April 22, 2016. Buses will be organized for the participants between Fribourg Railway station and Grangeneuve.

Morning transports	Afternoon transports
Train to Fribourg Railway Station from: Zurich: 7.32 Geneva: 7.41 Basel: 7.31 Bern: 8.34 Departure shuttle bus from Fribourg Railway Station to Grangeneuve: 09:07	Departure shuttle bus from Grangeneuve to Fribourg Railway Station: 16:00 Train from Fribourg Railway Station to: Geneva-Lausanne: 16.26 Bern-Zurich-Basel: 16.29



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