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MEDIA ADVISORY – COP23
Agriculture Advantage: the case for climate action in agriculture

WHAT: A series of side events at COP23 will set the agenda for transforming agriculture in the face of climate change. From the business advantage to the land and water advantage, hear experts from across the public and private sector make the collective case for investment in agriculture-related climate action.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 7 to Friday, November 17

November 7; 2pm-4pm: [Opening event](#): a framework for agricultural development under climate change

November 8; 10am-12pm: [The Gender Advantage](#): Gender responsive adaptation in smallholder agriculture

November 8; 1.45pm-2.45pm: [The Land and Water Advantage](#): Is Sustainable Land and Water Management Compatible with Small-scale farming under climate change?

November 9; 11.30am-1pm: [The Low Emissions Advantage](#): Climate-contingent finance: Emerging instruments for mitigation in agriculture

November 10; 10.30am-12.30pm: [The Policy Advantage](#): The science-policy interface in action through a global CSA initiative: what are the lessons learned?

November 13; 10am-12pm: [The Breeding Advantage](#): Tapping into genetic diversity for food security in a 4 degrees warmer world

November 13; 3pm-4.30pm: [The Business Advantage](#): Scaling up private sector climate action in agriculture

November 14; 1pm-5pm: [Closing event](#): Agriculture Advantage: The case for climate action in agriculture

Full details on the schedule of events are available online: https://ccafs.cgiar.org/cop23-agriculture-advantage#.WeC_QxNSy8V

WHERE: Bonn, Germany

WHO: The following spokespeople will be available for interview:

- Bruce Campbell, Director, CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS)
- Michael Hailu, Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
- Olu Ajayi, Senior Program Coordinator, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
- Olga Speckhardt, Head of Global Insurance Solutions, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture
- Simon Winter, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture
- Charlotte Lusty, Head of Programs, Genebank Platform Coordinator, Global Crop Diversity Trust
- Hannes Dempewolf, Senior Scientist and Head of Global Initiatives, Crop Trust

- Tonya Rawe, Global Policy Lead, Food and Nutrition Security, CARE International
- TBC, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- TBC, German Development Institute (DIE)
- TBC, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

BACKGROUND

Agriculture is a contributor to the cause of climate change but it is also a crucial part of the solution, and is therefore central to any debate on global warming and extreme weather events.

The interactions between the agricultural sector and climate change have undeniable implications for both global food security and our environment. Despite this global significance, there has been little progress to date on agriculture in the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process.

However, the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) under the Paris Agreement overwhelmingly prioritise the sector for climate action. More than 110 countries include agricultural mitigation in their INDCs, and of the 138 countries that include adaptation, almost all (127) include agriculture as a priority.

“Agriculture Advantage: The case for climate action in agriculture” is an initiative and collaboration effort between different organizations with the same mission to transform agricultural development in the face of climate change. The event aims to articulate the different dimensions of climate actions in the agricultural sector.

The program is hosted and co-organized by the CGIAR Research Program on **Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS)**, the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**, the **German Development Institute (DIE)** and **Syngenta Foundation, the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)** and **Crop Trust**.

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