

Multisectoral Governance to Scale up Impacts of Investments in Local Food Value Chains.

Sunday, 27 July at 3 PM (GMT+3) in Room CR-5.

Organizers:

European Union, DG INTPA, with Agrinatura through the SASi-SPI project
Cameroon's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER)

Background and objectives

African and European countries face distinct challenges in their food systems transitions, yet they share a common imperative: the need for strong cross-sectoral policy coordination and increased investment in local food chains. Despite this, less than 2.5% of climate finance reaches smallholder food producers — the backbone of sustainable agriculture. As countries move forward with complex Convergence Agendas, breaking down ministerial silos and placing smallholders at the heart of productive and resilient food systems is critical. This event will highlight how policy alignment and blended finance support local food chains in Cameroon, Zambia, Madagascar, and Somalia. It will also explore how African and European partners are collaborating to strengthen the vital links between food, climate, biodiversity, transport and energy.

Expected outcomes

Contribute to a modern vision of international partnerships targeting successful investments and long-term impact instead of customary short-term “donorship of assistance”.
Promote successful food system transformation pathways based on local food value chains & employment
Promote multi-sectoral governance fostering national convergence.

Moderator

Francine Picard, Secretary of the UNFSS Zero Hunger Coalition, Shamba Centre for Food and Climate

Keynote speakers

Philippe Leclerc, EU-DG International Partnerships
“How can local successes in multisectoral governance unlock additional investments in food value chains?” (4’)

Abdihakim Ainte, Director, Food Security and Climate Change, Prime Minister Office, Somalia
“The narrative change from assistance to investments and from fragility to opportunity” (4’)

Panellists

Victor Mbumwae, National Convenor, Office of the Vice President, Zambia

Wampie Libon, Ambassador for Sustainable Development, and Director of Inclusive Green Growth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
Ianja Raolisoa, Head of the Food Security and Nutrition Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Madagascar

Grace Mbong, Food Systems National Convenor, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Cameroon

Philip Knill, Director for Africa, BMZ, Germany

Dori Patay, Research Fellow, School of Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia

Margot van der Welde, Regional Director Western Africa, World Food Programme, Senegal

Celia Chambelland, Food security advisor, Direction of Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Conrad Rein, Secretary General, Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security, Bonn, Germany

Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Regional Director for East and Southern Africa, IFAD, Nairobi, Kenya

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Programme

14:00 Introduction: Francine Picard

14:05 Keynote speakers

- **Philippe Leclerc** *"How can local successes in multisectoral governance unlock additional investments in food value chains?"*
- **Abdihakim Ainte** *"The narrative change from assistance to investments and from fragility to opportunity"*

14:15 Panel 1: Multisectoral governance of food systems

- **Dori Patay** *"A global mapping of multisectoral food system governance institutions"*
- **Victor Mumbwae** *"Scaling up the multisectoral actions in Zambia"*
- **Wampie Libon** *"The Convergence Initiative at political and programmatic level: Connecting Dubai to Belem"*
- **Ianja Raolisoa** *"The multidimensional needs of agroecological intensification for climate mitigation in Madagascar"*
- **Celia Chambelland** *"The future of multilateralism in food security"*

14:35 Q&A

14:45 Panel 2: Public investments leveraging private investments in thriving economies

- **Grace Mbong** *"Public support to leverage private investments in local value chains"*
- **Philipp Knill** *"A BMZ success story combining climate and food security"*
- **Sara Mbago-Bhunu** *"The impact of international finance on value chain development and adaptation"*
- **Conrad Rein** *"Reshaping the landscape of investors in resilient food systems"*

15:00 Q&A

15:10 Conclusion: Margot van der Welde

15:15 End of the side event

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