



Information Note

Objectives of the interactive dialogue

- Share experiences, identify challenges and explore opportunities for South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in the agriculture sector, in order to address the issue of increasing hunger around the world.
- Discuss the viability of using sustainable agriculture as a lever to fight poverty, hunger and illiteracy.
- Give added impetus to international efforts aimed at achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 of Zero Hunger, which is one of the key priorities of the 74th session of the General Assembly (PGA).
- Discuss the role of smallholder farmers in improving agriculture and achieving SDG's 1 and 2.
- Highlight the importance of mutual learning and coordination for SSTC and emphasize the value of leveraging these forms of international cooperation to promote sustainable agriculture and food systems

Format of the interactive dialogue

- The interactive dialogue will consist of an opening segment, followed by two moderated panels of 75 minutes each, and a closing segment. The panel segments will address the themes identified in the concept note. A set of guiding questions are provided below to focus each panel discussion. These questions are only indicative and not exhaustive, aimed at triggering a thought process and discussions. In the panel discussions, panelists will deliver remarks of 5 to 7 minutes each which will be followed by an interactive dialogue with Member States, UN System and non-state participants. *To keep the discussions interactive, there is no pre-determined list of speakers. Interventions from the floor, including questions posed to the panelists, are requested to be kept short and within a time limit of two minutes.*

Panel 1: Evidence-based policy making to promote sustainable agricultural development to combat hunger

- How to make farming economically more attractive and socially more rewarding career in developing countries?
- Which policy measures can best support small holders and family farmers?
- What strategies can be used to implement the 'Food System' approach?
- Which policy interventions can be effective to mobilize different forms of capital toward sustainable agriculture?
- How can we leverage digitalization to support these development efforts?

Panel 2: The role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in facilitating knowledge-sharing, knowledge-building and in leveraging investments in agriculture and food systems to combat hunger

- What were the key elements of successful development experiences of countries in the Global South to reduce hunger and malnutrition, and how can these experiences be replicated?
- How to better leverage the existing FDI between the global North and South for agriculture development?
- How the food system approach can facilitate sustainable agriculture in Small Island Developing States?
- How to strengthen sub regional, regional and inter-regional knowledge networks, partnerships and cooperation for research and innovation.
- How can we leverage digitalization to support these development efforts?

Summary

A summary by the President of the General Assembly capturing the main elements of the discussions at the event will be circulated.

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