



AGENDA

CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE FUTURE OF FOOD

ACCELERATING POLICY, INNOVATION, AND FINANCE THROUGH COLLABORATION
25 SEPTEMBER 2019

**Great Hall (located in the Welch Hall building)
Rockefeller University
1230 York Ave, New York City**

INTRODUCTION

Food and agricultural production are significant contributors to, and heavily impacted by, climate change, but also offer opportunities for positive, transformative action. Despite a growing body of literature on climate change and agriculture, relatively little analysis has been done on climate change and *food systems*. This narrow focus on agriculture and climate prevents consideration of a broad range of promising mitigation and adaptation strategies, such as regenerative agriculture and agroecology, reducing agriculture and food waste, and improvement of public health. Narrowly targeted interventions also have limited impact at the wider system level where transformation is both possible and urgently needed. A broader food systems approach creates more levers and opportunities for radical change at scale. It also means that the full range of stakeholders can be engaged in the transformation required.

This flagship meeting aims to:

1. Foster understanding of key linkages between food systems and climate change
2. Identify priority actions and opportunities for collaboration between climate and food systems stakeholders
3. Catalyze new ideas and inform development of a major international Climate and Food Symposium to be held in May 2020 in Salzburg, Austria

PARTICIPANTS

This meeting targets globally influential stakeholders in the United Nations (UN) and Climate communities who will be in New York City for the UN Climate Change Summit. More than 150 people from a range of perspectives and sectors are registered to participate.

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8:00–9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00–9:15 WELCOME REMARKS

- Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food
- Jane Maland Cady, Director, International Program, The McKnight Foundation, and Co-Chair, Global Alliance for the Future of Food
- Lukas Haynes, Executive Director, The David Rockefeller Fund

9:15–9:30 THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF FOOD

- Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

9:30–10:40 CLIMATE CRISIS AND CURRENT FOOD SYSTEMS: STATE OF PLAY

Moderated Keynotes and Debate Followed by Q&A

- The Climate Crisis and Implications for Food Systems: David Nabarro, Director, 4SD and Co-facilitator of the UN Climate Action Summit Nature-Based Solutions Workstream
- Climate Change and the Food System: Emerging Synergies and Trade-offs: Cynthia Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies/Columbia University Earth Institute, and Coordinating Lead Author of IPCC Climate Change and Land report
- Respondent | A Perspective on Building Climate Resilience: Million Belay Ali, Coordinator, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

10:40–11:10 BREAK

11:10–12:40 TOOLS FOR SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Global Food System Simulator: Thinking Together about the Food System and Climate Change

- Travis Franck, Program Director, Climate Interactive

12:40–13:40 LUNCH

13:40–15:00 CATALYST PANEL: IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS FOOD & AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS

10 Perspectives on How Food and Agriculture Can Address the Climate Crisis

- José Graziano da Silva, Former FAO Director-General and Special Ambassador to the Global Panel on Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition (Glo_pan)
- Leonida Atieno Odongo, Programme Officer, Adilisha, Fahamu Africa
- Victor Friedberg, Co-Founder, S2G Ventures, and Chairman, FoodShot Global
- Vijay Kumar Thallam, Advisor, Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India
- Erin McDonald, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, NYC Mayor's Office
- William Dietz, Chair, Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness, Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University
- Yiching Song, Program Leader, Senior Researcher, Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy, Chinese Academy of Science
- Peter Riggs, Director, Pivot Point
- Shefali Sharma, Director, European Office, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Eric Soubeiran, VP, Nature & Water Cycle/CEO Ecosystem Fund, Danone, S.A.

15:00–15:30 BREAK

15:30–17:20 ROUNDTABLE DEBATE, VOTING, AND DISCUSSION

17:20–17:45 CLOSING KEYNOTE: LEADERSHIP AND ACTION FOR SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

- Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture

17:45–18:00 CLOSING REMARKS

- Mathilde Douillet, Program Manager, Sustainable Food Systems, Fondation Daniel et Nina Carasso
- Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food