The complex challenges facing agri-food systems require innovative solutions using multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Multi-stakeholder partnerships are recognized as important vehicles for sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies and mobilizing financial resources to support achievement of the SDGs.

The aim of the side event is to showcase success stories and demonstrate impacts from CGIAR and FAO partnerships. The specific objectives of the event are to:

- Exchange lessons learned from CGIAR and FAO partnerships in addressing specific problems at the country level;
- Demonstrate innovative approaches and mechanisms for effective multi-stakeholder partnerships to accelerate the delivery of goods and services in the research and development continuum.

**Speakers**

- **Marcela Villarreal**, Director, Partnerships Division FAO
  Welcome and overview of FAO-CGIAR partnership

- **Bukar Tijani**, Assistant Director General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, FAO
  Opening remarks and key technical areas of collaboration

- **Juan Lucas Restrepo**, Director General, Bioversity International and CEO designate of the Alliance between Bioversity International and CIAT
  CGIAR: Partnering to Transform Food Systems

- **Li Xiande**, Principal Scientist, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences CAAS
  Lessons from CAAS, CGIAR and FAO strategic partnerships

- **Medi Moungui**, Second Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Cameroon to FAO
  Management of banana diseases in Africa and beyond

- **Nur Amalia**, National Social Forestry Working Group, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
  Agroforestry guidelines to share benefits across the ASEAN region

- **Temina Lalani-Shariff**, Director of Communication and Stakeholder Engagement, International Rice Research Institute IRRI
  Capacity development for national stakeholders for the advancement of rice sector in Africa