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Session Type: Panel Discussions

Session Title

Leveraging Agriculture for Sustainable Solutions to Environmental Challenges

Session Description

The global community is confronted with an increasingly urgent challenge: balancing the surging demand for agricultural products with the critical need for the efficient and responsible use of natural resources. This includes safeguarding biodiversity, soil fertility, and water, all of which are essential to ensuring the long-term sustainability of agricultural systems. As the world grapples with these complexities, this event will serve as a crucial platform for WTO Members to share their national experiences in crafting agricultural policies and implementing best practices that promote sustainable production.

Through in-depth discussions, the event will highlight innovative approaches, actionable solutions, and comprehensive policy frameworks designed to foster sustainable agricultural production and trade. Participants will explore how trade policies can be effectively leveraged to support sustainable agricultural practices, reduce environmental impact, and contribute to food security and broader economic development. A central focus will be the urgent need for reform in trade-distorting subsidies, which continue to exert significant environmental pressures, exacerbating the challenges of achieving sustainability in agriculture. By addressing these issues, the event aims to drive meaningful progress toward a more resilient, inclusive, and environmentally responsible global agricultural system.

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Ulla KASK, WTO (Moderator)
- Cristelle PRATT, Assistant Secretary-General, Environment & Climate Action Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
- Qiangyi YU, Director of Smart Agriculture Research of the Institute, China, Senior Research Fellow at the CAAS-IARRP, Senior Visiting Researcher at the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies
- Stuart HORNE, Climate Change Ambassador, New Zealand
- Lloyd C. DAY, Deputy Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (IICA)
- Pedro Mariano M. Pontes, General Coordinator for Bilateral / Plurilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil