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Session Type: Panel Discussions

Session Title

Leveraging Trade for Climate-Resilient Food Systems

Session Description

As global challenges like climate change and food security intensify, the role of trade in promoting sustainable food systems becomes increasingly crucial. This session will explore how rules-based international trade can enhance climate resilience in global food systems, bringing together perspectives from international organizations, national governments, trade institutions, and agricultural representatives. The discussion will focus on how trade policies can integrate climate considerations, supporting sustainable agriculture at both regional and global levels. Participants will highlight the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable trade, with an emphasis on agriculture and dairy sectors. The session will also examine how trade frameworks can align with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to support countries' climate goals. Panellists will showcase how multi-stakeholder partnerships, including those between governments, international organizations, trade bodies, and farming communities, can pioneer innovative trade mechanisms and facilitate transitions to low-carbon economies. By sharing policy insights and practical examples, this event will illustrate how international trade can contribute to climate resilience, sustainable food systems, and food security.

Key Themes:

- Trade Policy and Climate Action: Exploring the role of international trade in enhancing climate resilience in food systems.
- Sustainable Agricultural Trade: Highlighting how agriculture, including dairy, can support global sustainability goals.
- NDCs and Trade: Discussing how trade policies can align with national climate commitments.
- Strategic Partnerships: Showcasing collaboration between international, national, and sectoral stakeholders in advancing climate-smart trade practices.

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Nick Gardner, Senior Vice President, Sustainability and Multilateral Affairs, U.S. Dairy Export Council
- Lloyd C. Day Deputy Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
- Owen Bethel, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Environmental, Nestlé
- Andrew Wilson, Deputy Secretary General for Policy, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Dr. Martin Fraguio, Director, Carbon Group Agroclimatic Solutions