

Concept Note - Side Event Uruguay

Title: From the field to the table: Grow, Nourish, Preserve. Together

Thursday 4 November 15.00-17.00 hours (Uruguay and Chile time).

Context

Food is the essence of life and the cornerstone of cultures and communities. Preserving access to safe and nutritious food is and will continue to be an essential part of the response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and other pandemics, as well as to malnutrition. This is especially true for the world's poorest and most vulnerable, who have suffered most from its impacts and will be most affected by economic shocks.

At a time like this, it is more important than ever to recognise the need to support our food heroes, farmers and workers throughout the food system, to ensure that sufficient and healthy food reaches the table from the field.

For this reason, FAO in Uruguay is joining forces with the newspaper La Diaria and the organisations promoting the Day of the Future. Their purpose is to offer a space for different points of view to think the future and the transformation of the food system, what is being done, and the challenges posed today for a more sustainable future in a net food exporting country like Uruguay.

Objective

Evaluate and rethink the current food system and its transformation based on existing initiatives, the international context and the demands of consumers in Uruguay and the world.

Format: Three-step conversation.

The panels will have three participants. One of them will moderate and interview the others.

1. Challenges in terms of production, international market and consumption as seen by civil society
2. Actors from different initiatives supported by FAO in Uruguay share experience and possible transformations
3. Comments in a dialogue between the FAO Representative in Uruguay and government representatives.

Modality and place

Blended mode. The panellists will be at the headquarters of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Montevideo and the event will be broadcast online, with the possibility of written questions from the public [through YouTube channel](#)

Provisional programme

1. Starter, current situation description

Challenges for production, international markets and consumption.

- Stefania Silveyra, rural producer, director of Cooperativas Agrarias (Federadas Federated Agricultural Cooperatives), Cudecoop, and member of the National Cooperative of Dairy Producers (Conaprole).
- Guidahí Parrilla, reference of the Uruguayan Popular Subsistence Market.

- Natalia Hughes, President of Sistemas B in Uruguay

Moderator and interview: Stefania Silveyra

2. Main dish, presentation of several initiatives supported by FAO

The actors involved, ideally producers, scholars, technicians, for example.

- Gloria Canclini, Academia, Human Rights and Education representative, FAO work from the Academia, Gloria Canclini. Scholar, Director of Human Rights of ANEP CODICEN and referent of the Right to Food Observatory (ODA, by its acronym in Spanish) of Uruguay and of the technical secretariat of the ODA for Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Serrana Goldie, livestock producer from Florida, participant in the Livestock and Climate project in Uruguay.

- Marcelo Fossatti, National Seed Network.

Moderator and interview: Gloria Canclini

3. Dessert, a look into the future of public policy space for decision-makers

- Rubén Flores, FAO Representative in Uruguay *ad interim* and Senior Policy Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean

- Alvaro Garcé, Director of the State Intelligence Secretariat, Presidency of the Republic

- Representative of the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries

Moderator and interview: Rubén Flores