





High Level side event to the 3rd AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference

Promoting sustainable regional agricultural value chains: the TFRA Recommendations, with focus on Climate Action

21 June 2019 – 12.45 – 13.45 Ethiopia Room – FAO – HQs, Rome

Objectives

After an introduction about the Results of the Online Consultation on the TFRA Report, the side event will zoom into a specific TFRA Recommendations that can guide the promotion of sustainable regional agricultural value chains: Climate Action (Recommendation at page 39 on TFRA Report): "Support the fast-tracking and the co-financing of the food-related parts of the National Adaptation Plans and the National Determined Contributions of African countries, dedicating adequate and predictable funding from climate finance (including the Green Climate Fund) to foster environmental sustainability and climate adaptation for African agriculture entrepreneurs". Panelists and ministers will comment on this Recommendation and address these questions:

- What are the lessons from the EU and African countries, and what can they do more, to make Climate Finance work better for the adaptation of Africa's smallholders and SMEs?
- How can actors in rural areas access such climate finance mechanisms? (e.g. involving the local farmers organisations and the private actors? training local actors on how to apply for funding to the GCF and other mechanisms?).
- What are the means for increasing available resources for adaptation of the food and agriculture sector? (e.g. public sector and private sector finance in African countries? accessing funds for agriculture from existing mechanisms like the Green Climate Fund?)

Agenda

- Introduction by Francesco Rampa, European Centre for Development Policy Management, moderator
- Key Note Speaker: Tom Arnold, TFRA Chair
- Short presentation of the Results Online Consultation on the TFRA Report (by DG Agri)
- Comments on the TFRA 'climate action' recommendations: Rebecca Carter, Deputy Director of the Climate Resilience Practice, World Resources Institute;
- Debate with AU & EU Ministers
- EU Commissioner Hogan to close the event with his comments & way forward