

Monitoring Event - CFS policy recommendations on Climate Change and Water

In response to the CFS Secretariat request for lead in questions we would suggest:

- 1) What do you think needs to come out of COP 26?
- 2) How should the climate discussion include food systems and how should farmers and the private sector scale up CSA systems and practices especially around water management?
- 3) How can governments and other key partners work more closely with private sector in CSA?

In the initial statement that Fred would make in response to the first question we would suggest the following points:

- Business has been a key actor advocating for climate targets including the Paris Climate Accord.
- Private sector supports the two key goals for COP 26:
 - the need to close the funding gap for the needed climate finance;
 - the need to develop and implement the carbon trading mechanisms that will support agriculture's role in carbon sequestration.
- It is vital agriculture be part of the COP 26 discussions.
 - It is disappointing that the Koronivia discussion (agriculture negotiation) did not receive more emphasis in the run-up to the COP 26.
 - Climate finance must include funding to help agriculture adopt more climate-friendly solutions
 - Climate finance and resilience funding is also needed to help with adaptation
- There are many private sector initiatives on carbon sequestration, new dairy net zero pathways, carbon farming
- Private sector develops technologies for water use efficiency to optimize water management throughout the value chain, including

drip irrigation in production, and water harvesting techniques. There is also use of non-conventional water resources, e.g., purified urban wastewater and grey water from livestock. And we should never forget the blue economy including fisheries management and aquaculture techniques.

- It will be important to provide a wide range of examples where possible, both from North America and global south. Please note that H.E. Ramesh Chand, Union Minister of State, Member of NITI Ayog (India) will be on the Panel. The example of Jain Irrigation <http://www.jains.com> (an important Indian company developing water use efficiency technologies) could be mentioned.