



CFS 43 Side Event: Urban Food Security in an Urbanising World: Lessons from Singapore

Urban Food Security in an Urbanising World Lessons from Singapore Wednesday, October 19, 8.30am to 10.00am Philippines Room: Bldg C Floor 2 capacity 61

Description

Food security is often viewed and discussed from the perspective of rural food insecurity - food scarcity, poor access to effective markets, nutrition, and rural poverty come to mind. This side event aims to kick start discussions around food security in an urban environment where fast growing cities and demographics present a different set of challenges. Singapore was ranked the world's second most food secure country after the United States by the Global Food Security Index in 2015, despite not having any significant primary food production resources in the country. What can the world's fastest growing cities such as Jakarta, Lagos and Dar es Salaam learn from Singapore's experience?

Participants will discuss the policies Singapore has put in place to ensure resilience in its food supply and safety, as well as how various stakeholders from the private sector work together with the public sector on achieving this.

Objective

Member countries and stakeholders will be able to learn from Singapore's success and research and meet policy makers and private sector representatives to develop direct relationships. During the discussion, high-impact policies and lessons that are identified by participants from other countries in the side-event will be noted.

Format

The event will be facilitated by a chair moderator with an interactive panel discussion (60%) followed by debate and open questions (40%).

The event will be in ENGLISH ONLY.

Refreshments will be provided.

Speakers

Name & Organization	Role
Dr Yaya Olaniran, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Rome-based Food Agencies of the United Nations	Chair

Ms. Tan Poh Hong, CEO, Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (Singapore)	Panellist
John Young Simpson, Vice President, Duxton Asset Management (Singapore), john.simpson@duxtonam.com	Panellist
Martin Lavoo, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Sustenir Agriculture (Singapore), mlavoo@susteniragriculture.com	Panellist

Program

08:30 to 08:40	Welcome and introduction by Dr Yaya Olaniran, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Rome-based Food Agencies of the United Nations.
08:40 to 09:10	Ensuring Singapore's Food Security, presented by Ms. Tan Poh Hong, CEO, Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
09:10 to 09:25	Presentation on Urban Farming, Sustenir Agriculture (Singapore)
09:25 – 09:35	Overview of Singapore's provision of a conducive environment for agri-businesses by Mr John Young Simpson, Duxton Asset Management (Singapore)
09:35 - 10:00	Questions and answer session

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