

## **HLPF Side Event Report**

### **High Level Political Forum: Partnering to Achieve Goal 2**

**HOSTED BY: IAFN**

**DATE, LOCATION :**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH, 2016**

**18:15 – 19:30, CONFERENCE ROOM 10, UN HEADQUARTERS**

**SPEAKERS :**

- Nichola Dyer, Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, World Bank
- Tip O’Neill, International Fertilizer Association
- Michael Spaans, Global Dairy Platform
- Mandana Arabi, Director of Business Platform for Nutritious Research, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
- Deborah Fulton, Secretary of the Committee on World Food Security, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**MODERATOR:**

- Ms. Jaine Chisholm Caunt, Director General, The Grain And Feed Trade Association, CFS Private Sector Mechanism

**MEETING SUMMARY (250 WORDS)**

Sustainable agriculture entails integration and cooperative efforts on all levels, as it is highly knowledge based, and requires funding and innovative approaches. Agricultural programs need to be farm centered so that the full potential of farmers can be harnessed in making food security and sustainable development a reality. Transformative multi-stakeholder partnerships have already shown to play a key role in enhancing not only our understanding of agronomy, livestock, nutrients and nutrition, but also in developing new practices and means of implementation. Through a panel of representatives from business and science associations, this side event has offered a number of illustrations of successful partnerships solutions, but also pointed to remaining challenges in addressing Goal 2.

**KEY THEMES & DISCUSSION POINTS, INCLUDING NEW PROJECTS OR PARTNERSHIPS**

- Nichola Dyer, Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, World Bank: highlighted what has been learned from implementation of a variety of private sector funded projects related to improving agricultural productivity, market strengthening, capacity building, .

She finished on two asks directly addressed to business: being open to differentiated mode of thinking and staying engaged.

- Tip O’Neill, International Fertilizer Association: emphasized that building truly transformative partnerships is a journey and that indicators cannot be limited to measure outcome and success, but need to take into account small accomplishments and continuous progress.
- Michael Spaans, Global Dairy Platform: stressed that the main success factor for public – private partnerships and business engagement on national level, was a “win-win” situation for both partners, and that “win-win” can only occur if the local condition is well taken into account.
- Mandana Arabi, Director of Business Platform for Nutritious Research, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition: explained that it is a challenge to have global impact with public-private partnerships. A science based agenda has to be interlinked with an educational agenda to influence food choices on consumer level.
- Deborah Fulton, Secretary of the Committee on World Food Security, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: wrapped up the session by expressing her pleasure and gratitude that the private sector is showing such a strong commitment through its engagement at the CFS in Rome and now also at the HLPF. She made it clear that the role and responsibility of the private sector was well understood and fully welcomed by the UN and encouraged participants of the event to continue the good work.