

Building Food and Water Security in an Era of Climate Shocks

Building a Global Coalition for Sustainability after COVID-19

Session 1 of the UN DESA Global Policy Dialogues for Climate Action

Wednesday, 24 March 2021, 8:30-10:00 a.m. EDT

Introduction (2 minutes)

Ms. Ariel Alexovich, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

Welcome remarks (2 minutes)

Mr. Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Keynote remarks (5 minutes)

Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme (5 minutes)

Discussion 1: Ensuring sustainable access to water and food for all in an era of climate shocks (35 minutes)

- Ms. Cherrie Atilano, CEO and President of AGREA
- Ms. Betty Chinyamunyamu, CEO of the National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi
- Mr. Mark Gordon, Head of Asset Creation and Livelihoods Unit, World Food Programme
- **Mr. Mike Khunga,** nutritionist, Civil Society Organisation Nutrition Alliance, and youth chair of the UN Food Systems Summit Action Track 5.
- Ms. Sasha Koo-Oshima, Deputy Director of Land and Water, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN

Moderator: Ms. Fiona Harvey of The Guardian

Keynote remarks (5 minutes)

Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor, Vice Chair of UN-Water and Associate Director for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene at UNICEF

Discussion 2: Innovative solutions for improving access to clean and safe water (35 minutes)

- Mr. Samir Ibrahim, Co-founder, SunCulture
- Ms. Tania Eulalia Martinez Cruz, Postdoctoral researcher and member of the Global Hub on Indigenous Peoples Food Systems
- Mr. Zahin Razeen, founder of Hydroquo+ and UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals Class of 2020
- Mr. Felix Reinders, Chair of the Global Framework on Water Scarcity for Agriculture (WASAG)

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Concluding remarks

(2 minutes)

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