



# AIM for Climate Summit 2023 Agenda

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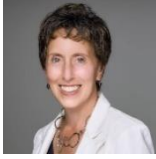






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Sunday, 7 May 2023	
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<a href="#">Tour – FRESHFARM Dupont Circle Farmer’s Market</a>
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration




Monday, 8 May 2023				
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9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Opening High-Level Plenary</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, United States</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Mariam Almheiri, Minister, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px; text-align: center;">  <p>Al Gore, Former Vice President, United States</p> </div>			
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12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>Lunch High-Level Plenary</p> <p><i>Session summary: Former White House Chef Sam Kass designed lunch around some ingredients the next generation might not have access to due to climate change and led a discussion about food sustainability. The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) hosted a CEO panel focused on the role of business leadership to drive collective climate action in helping</i></p>			

	<p><i>transform agriculture and the acceleration of corporate carbon accounting systems to be embedded across the sector.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Sam Kass, former White House Chef and Senior Policy Advisor for Nutrition, founder of TROVE, partner in Acre Venture Partners</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Juan Luciano, CEO, Archer-Daniels-Midland Company</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Ramon Laguarta, CEO, PepsiCo</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Julia Collins, founder &amp; CEO, Planet FWD</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Sara Menker, founder &amp; CEO, Gro Intelligence</p> </div> </div>					
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	<a href="#">through Research Funding</a>	<a href="#">potential of alternative protein</a>	<a href="#">Address Food Security &amp; Climate Change</a>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Happy Hour Reception		

## Tuesday, 9 May 2023

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration		
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	<p>Breakfast – Tomorrow’s Harvest: The Essential Role of Women in Agriculture Hosted by AIM for Climate Partner: FMC Corporation</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator, USAID</p> </div> </div>		
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>High-Level Plenary - Breaking Barriers: Insights from Trailblazing Women in Science</p> <p><i>Session summary: Panel featured female Chief Scientists discussing their experiences and perspectives on the crucial role of women in science and how science and research can contribute to addressing the challenges of climate change and food insecurity.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Eng. Mohammed Alameeri, Assistant Undersecretary, Food Diversity Sector, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Debbie Stabenow, Senator, United States</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Sweta Chakraborty, CEO of North America, We Don't Have Time US</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p> </div> </div>		

	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Chief Scientist, Department of Agriculture, United States</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sarah Kapnick, Chief Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States</p> </div> </div>					
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Tour – Farm Tour and Barbeque with BetterFedFoods</a> Location: Ginger Hill Angus Farm in Washington, VA					
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11:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Ministerial – Agriculture Breakthrough  <i>Session summary: The Ministerial, hosted by the United Kingdom, profiled advances in the agriculture sector since COP26, with high-level speakers from the FAO, World Bank, and other entities and featured a preview of findings for agriculture from the independent Breakthrough Agenda Report 2023, authored by CGIAR with the FAO’s Chief Scientist and UN High Level Climate Action Champions.</i>  Chair:  <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Anne-Marie Trevelyan, Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office, United Kingdom</p> </div>					
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch High-Level Plenary - Innovation for Inclusive Impact: Putting Women at the Heart of our Food Systems Investments  <i>Session summary: This session made the case for why we need to integrate gender into the global response to climate change,</i>					

*particularly in low- and middle-income countries facing food security and nutrition challenges. It described examples of gender-responsive, climate-smart agriculture innovations and entry points for scaling these approaches with the help of governments and the private sector.*

Speakers:



Emily Rees, President and CEO, CropLife International



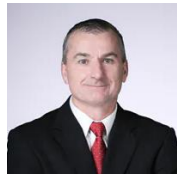
Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canada



Isobel Coleman, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, United States



Elizabeth Cousens, President & Chief Executive Officer, UN Foundation



Bob Reiter, Head of Research & Development for the Crop Science, Bayer



Kevin Perkins, Executive Director, Farm Radio International



Laura Suazo, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Honduras



Claudia Sadoff, Executive Managing Director, CGIAR

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

[Tour - Farm of the Future: Climate-Smart Tools in Action at USDA's Agricultural Research Center](#)

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

AIM for Climate Call to Action: Uniting Global Venture Investment in support of Climate-Smart Agricultural Innovation

Organized by AIM for Climate partners: Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) and International Trade Centre (ITC)

*Session summary: This event highlighted the role of investment, innovation, and implementation in advancing climate-smart agricultural solutions.*

Speakers:



David Livingston,  
Senior Advisor to U.S.  
Special Presidential  
Envoy for Climate John  
Kerry, United States



Saharah Moon Chapotin,  
Executive Director,  
Foundation for Food &  
Agriculture Research  
(FFAR)



Joe Wozniak, Director of  
Trade for Sustainable  
Development,  
International Trade  
Centre



Karen LeVert, Venture  
Partner, Pappas  
Capital



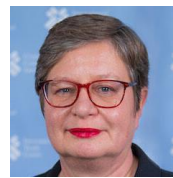
John Scicchitano,  
President, Pangea  
Global Ventures



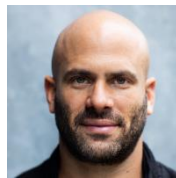
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Cultivator powered by  
Conexus



Kristin Komives,  
Director,  
Programmes, ISEAL



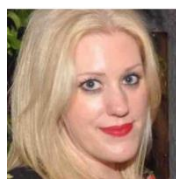
Fiona Shera, Director,  
Division of Sustainable  
and Inclusive Trade,  
International Trade  
Centre



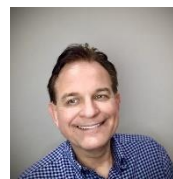
Sam Kass, Partner, Acre  
Venture Partners



Ertharin Cousin, CEO &  
Managing Director,  
Food Systems for the  
Future



Caitlin Noone, Chief  
Operating Officer,  
Business Council for  
International  
Understanding (BCIU)



Bill Wright, Chair,  
Enterprise  
Neurosystem



Guy Hudson, CEO & Co-  
Founder, Loam Bio





Josefa Sacko, H.E.  
Ambassador, African  
Union Commission












Breakout Sessions




2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<a href="#">A Mission for Soil Health to Address Climate Change: Experiences from across the EU</a>	<a href="#">Agricultural Innovation in an Ancient Continent</a>	<a href="#">Investing in Sustainable Agri-food System Transformation: Finance Gaps and Opportunities</a>
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<a href="#">Tour - U.S. Innovations to Tackle the Global Food Crisis (self-guided)</a>		
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Networking – Coffee Break		
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions		
	<a href="#">Incentivizing Investments in Technological Innovations through Public Policy</a>	<a href="#">Measuring Soil Health: The Foundation of Regenerative Agriculture</a>	<a href="#">The Livestock Sector's Global Climate Ambition Mega Sprint</a>
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	<a href="#">Tour - Meet the Scientists at CGIAR's International Food Policy Research Institute (with reception to follow)</a>		

## Wednesday, 10 May 2023

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>High-Level Plenary</p> <p><i>Session summary: Announcement of AIM for Climate Grand Challenge: Leveraging the Power of AI and Machine-Learning winners, by Enterprise Neurosystem and a Fireside Chat with Secretary Vilsack and Her Excellency Almheiri</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Andrew Sollinger, CEO, Foreign Policy</p> </div> </div>



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	 <p>Michael Kremer, Nobel Laureate, Professor, University of Chicago</p>	 <p>Bill Wright, Chair, Enterprise Neurosystem</p>			
	 <p>John Overton, Vice Chair and Treasurer, Enterprise Neurosystem</p>				
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<p>12:30 PM – 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Lunch High-Level Plenary</p> <p><i>Session summary: The FFAR Model: Solutions Rooted in Partnerships plenary session highlighted the importance of agriculture-climate research and focused on the impact the Foundation for Food &amp; Agriculture Research (FFAR) is generating.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <table data-bbox="370 1627 1430 1827"> <tr> <td data-bbox="370 1627 906 1827">  <p>Carol Spahn, Director, Peace Corps, United States</p> </td> <td data-bbox="906 1627 1430 1827">  <p>Saharah Moon Chapotin, Executive Director, Foundation for Food &amp; Agriculture Research (FFAR)</p> </td> </tr> </table>		 <p>Carol Spahn, Director, Peace Corps, United States</p>	 <p>Saharah Moon Chapotin, Executive Director, Foundation for Food &amp; Agriculture Research (FFAR)</p>	
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	 <p>Tim Kurt, Senior Vice President, Environmental Research, Dairy Management Inc.</p>	 <p>Kathryn Cook, Chief Executive Officer &amp; Co-founder, NuCicer</p>
	 <p>Jeff Lakner, Owner, Lakner Farms LLC</p>	
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<a href="#">Tour – The National Arboretum: Innovative Urban Landscapes for Climate Resilience and International Agriculture Celebrations</a> Location: USDA's National Bonsai & Penjing Museum	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Breakout Sessions	
	<a href="#">A Roadmap to Double Global Bean Consumption by 2028</a>	<a href="#">Ireland's Agri-Food Sector Transformation Deep Demonstration</a>
		<a href="#">Transformative Climate-Smart Technologies for the Farms of the Future</a>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Networking – Coffee Break	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	
	<a href="#">Food Waste as a Climate Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Innovation for Integrating and Mainstreaming Agriculture in the NDCs</a>
		<a href="#">Leveraging Investments for a Better Agricultural Research Ecosystem</a>

Thursday, 11 May 2023	
7:45 AM – 6:00 PM	<a href="#">Field Day - From Land to Sea: Managing Natural Waters to Advance Global Sustainability Goals</a>

## Detailed Agenda

Monday, 8 May 2023
Breakout Sessions 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
<a href="#">Designing Seeds for Climate Smart Agriculture Systems</a> Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Inari

*Panel topics:*

- *Doing good is good business: net positive companies drive climate smart agriculture.*
- *The convergence of advanced technologies including A.I., genomics and multiplex gene editing with CRISPR.*

*Innovation in action: results in high productivity soybeans*

- *Advanced technologies are only as useful as their application design.*
- *Demonstration of Inari's SEEDesign System Models that guide product selection and development.*

Speakers:



Emily Negrin, VP of Corporate Affairs, Inari Agriculture



Max Krasilovsky, Associate Partner, ESG Strategy & Transformation, Deloitte Consulting



Anya Gandy, Sustainability and Corporate Strategy Manager, INARI



Laura Wood, President, Laura Wood Peterson Consulting

From Tech-to-Table: A Systemic Approach to Innovation for Climate-Smart food Systems

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Netherlands

*Session topics:*

- *The urgent need for innovative and systemic changes in food systems.*
- *The latest technological innovation in food production and key areas where systemic innovation is required.*
- *The need for effective partnerships including strategic alliances and political leadership.*

Speakers:



Dhanush Dinesh, Founder,  
Clim-Eat



Bruce Friedrich, President &  
Founder, Good Food Institute



Jean Marie Paugam,  
Deputy Director General,  
World Trade Organization



Jan-Kees Goet, Vice-Minister,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Nature  
and Food Quality, Netherlands



Sanah Baig, Deputy Under  
Secretary for Research,  
Education, and Economics,  
U.S. Department of  
Agriculture



Mark Spencer, Minister for  
Food, Farming and Fisheries,  
Department of Environment,  
Food and Rural Affairs, United  
Kingdom



Saskia Visser, Resilient and Climate  
Neutral Region Manager, EIT  
Climate-KIC

## The Power of Soil: Uplifting Rural Communities

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Boomitra

*Session summary: Experts across academia, multilateral organizations, NGOs, and a climate tech startup explore how we can unlock the potential of soil as a carbon sink to enable gigaton-scale carbon removal and build adaptive capacity and resilience for communities and ecosystems most at risk.*

Speakers:



Rosario Alvarez, Executive  
Director, Pro Natura Noreste



Ertharin Cousin, CEO &  
Managing Director, Food  
Systems for the Future



Aadith Moorthy, Founder & CEO, Boomitra



Suresh Babu, Senior Research Fellow / Head of Capacity Strengthening, IFPRI

Monday, 8 May 2023

Breakout Sessions 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

### An Integrated Approach to Methane Reduction Smallholder Farms: From Policy to Financing

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

*Session summary: IFAD announced new methane reductions and highlighted the overlap between climate mitigation and adaptation approaches in the agricultural sector, emphasizing how avenues to reduce methane emissions and leveraging the latest crop technology are fundamental to levelling the playing field for smallholder farmers.*

Speakers:



Richard Duke, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, U.S. State Dept



Juan Carlo Mendoza, Director for Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division, IFAD



Hayden Montgomery, Program Director - Agriculture, Global Methane Hub



Claire Henly, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, U.S. State Department



Priya Shyamsundar, Lead Economist, The Nature Conservancy

### Restoring Productivity to Degraded Cropland and Pastures

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Syngenta

*Session summary: Speakers from The Nature Conservancy, Syngenta and partners presented a uniquely successful program which has achieved results on over 64,000 ha in the Cerrado region in Brazil. The summit marked the launch of its new phase, which will expand investments to US\$460 million USD by 2025.*

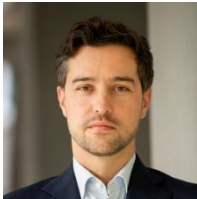
Speakers:



Crazielle Parenti, LATAM Head Business & Sustainability, Syngenta



Michael Wironen, Director of Corporate Engagement for Food & Water, The Nature Conservancy



Daniel Vennard, Chief Sustainability Officer, Syngenta



Julia Mangueira, Deputy Director of Sustainable Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy



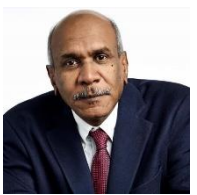
Pedro Barros Barreto Fernandes, Director for Agribusiness, Banco Itaú BBA

## The Power of Data and Forecasting to Strengthen Agricultural Output

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Community Jameel

*Session summary: Scientists, development actors, the private sector and funders discussed the power of data to strengthen agricultural output using the latest in climate-smart agritech and data modelling, and presented the newly launched Jameel Observatory-CREWSnet platform.*

Speakers:



Elfatih Eltahir, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Project Leader, MIT and Jameel Observatory-CREWSnet



Martien van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for the Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank



Bradley Doorn, Program Manager, Water Resources and Agriculture, NASA



Myisha Ahmed, Climate and Environmental Specialist, BRAC



Uzma Sulaiman, Associate Director, Community Jameel



Deborah Campbell, Co-lead and Executive Director, MIT Lincoln Laboratory and Jameel Observatory-CREWSnet

Monday, 8 May 2023

Breakout Sessions 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Driving Innovation in Global Livestock Methane Mitigation through Research Funding

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: The Breakthrough Institute

*Session summary: Speakers from philanthropy, industry, and government discussed global and US-based research funding trends and needs and highlighted emerging synergistic efforts across these sectors to advance global livestock methane mitigation options.*

Speakers:



Chris Gambino, Senior Sustainable Livestock Analyst, The Breakthrough Institute



Hayden Montgomery, Program Director - Agriculture, Global Methane Hub



Marcia DeLonge, Program Director, High Tide Foundation



Amy Ganguli, National Program Leader, U.S. Department of Agriculture





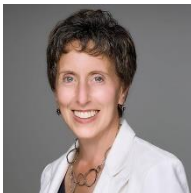
Juan Tricarico, Senior Vice President, Environmental Research, Dairy Management Inc.

Scaling action to achieve the climate potential of alternative protein  
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: The Good Food Institute

Session topics:

- *The positive impact of alternative proteins on climate and sustainability goals, including methane and other GHG emissions reduction targets*
- *The role of protein diversification in the management of company and investment portfolio risk*
- *The social and economic impact of a just transition*
- *The finance and innovation needed to take this promising but nascent industry to scale*

Speakers:



Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development



Caroline Bushnell, Vice President, Corporate Engagement, The Good Food Institute



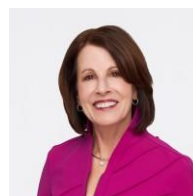
Dan Blaustein-Rejto, Director of Food and Agriculture, The Breakthrough Institute



Maria Lettini, Executive Director, FAIRR Initiative



Anastasia Bodnar, Agricultural Biotechnology Advisor, U.S. Department of Agriculture



Alison Taylor, Chief Sustainability Officer, ADM

Smart Smallholder Fertilizer Management to Address Food Security & Climate Change

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: CGIAR



*Session summary: Several AIM4C Innovation sprint and government partners highlighted nutrient management technologies that increase nutrient use efficiency and explored all-stakeholder strategies for accelerated adoption and scaling of such technologies.*

Speakers:



Allison Thomson, AgMission Program Director, Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research



Sieglinde Snapp, Sustainable Agrifood Systems Program Director, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)



Christine Negra, Senior Advisor, UN Foundation



Anton Earle, Director, Stockholm International Water Institute



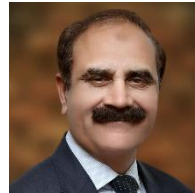
Edward Buckler, Research Geneticist, U.S. Department of Agriculture



Tek Sapkota, CIMMYT-CGIAR



Lini Wollenberg, Research Professor, University of Vermont



Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)

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A Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils in Africa

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: United States (State Department)

*Session summary: VACS leaders from the State Department, FAO, and AU, soil health innovator Pivot Bio, World Food Prize-winner Cynthia Rosenzweig, and seed-systems giant Bayer discussed the importance adapting seeds and soils to prepare for climate change.*

Speakers:



Cary Fowler, Special Envoy for Global Food Security, U.S. Department of State



Josefa Sacko, H.E. Ambassador, African Union Commission



Cynthia Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies



Lisa Safarian, President and Chief Operating Officer, Pivot Bio



Lindiwe Sibanda, Chair, CGIAR System Board, CGIAR



Bob Reiter, Head of Research & Development for the Crop Science, Bayer

Accelerating the Adoption of Next Gen Weather Technologies For Local Climate Adaptation

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: TomorrowNow

*Session summary: Innovators from across the public, private, and NGO sectors shared learnings and insights on the opportunities of next generation technologies for weather forecasting and early warning systems.*

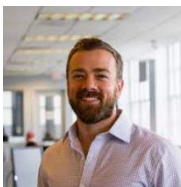
Speakers:



Georgina Campbell Flatter, Executive Director, TomorrowNow



Boniface Akuku, Director of Information and Communication Technology, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)



Thomas Cavett, VP of Government Affairs and Strategy, TomorrowNow



Matthew Stein, CEO, Salient Predictions



Rikin Gandhi, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Green



Liz Page, Meteorologist and Center Director, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research's COMET Program (UCAR/ NCAR)

No Water, No Food: Satellites Transforming Water Management  
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: United States (USDA)

*Session summary: This session showcased the opportunities available to technology companies, agriculture industry leaders, agriculture extension specialists, non-profit groups, and individual growers dealing with climate change impacts on water resources and demonstrated tools that use satellite observations to precisely manage irrigation and improve agricultural water use efficiency.*

Speakers:



Nick Dokoozlian, Vice President of Winegrowing Research, Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery



Robyn Grimm, Director, Climate Resilient Water Systems, Environmental Defense Fund



Josette Lewis, Chief Scientific Officer, California Almond Board



Mallika Nocco, Assistant Professor & Cooperative Extension Specialist, UC Davis



Andrew McElrone, Research Plant Physiologist, U.S. Department of Agriculture

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A Mission for Soil Health to Address Climate Change: Experiences from across the EU

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: European Commission

*Session summary: Policy-makers and scientists exchanged experiences and views on the design and initial implementation of the Soil Mission and its potential to address climate change, at the level of the European Union and individual EU countries.*

Speakers:



Jacob Jensen, Minister,  
Ministry of Food, Agriculture  
and Fisheries, Denmark



Karen Daly, Senior Research  
Officer, Teagasc/Agriculture and  
Food Development Authority,  
Ireland



Jørgen E. Olesen, Head of  
Department, Aarhus  
University, Denmark



Martin Heydon, Minister of State,  
Department of Agriculture Food  
and the Marine, Ireland



Jan-Kees Goet, Vice-Minister,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Nature  
and Food Quality,  
Netherlands



François Chrétien, Director of  
Research, Development and  
Technology, Agriculture and Agri-  
Food Canada



Silke Boger, Counsellor for  
Agriculture at the Delegation  
of the European Union to the  
United States of America,  
Delegation of the European  
Union



Saskia Visser, Resilient and Climate  
Neutral Region Manager, EIT  
Climate-KIC



Maciej Golubiewski, Head of Cabinet  
of Commissioner for Agriculture,  
European Commission

Agricultural Innovation in an Ancient Continent  
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Australia

*Session summary: This session featured an overview of Australian climate smart agricultural innovation, including innovation that builds on First Nations people's knowledge and practices, innovation in delivering climate information to farmers, innovation in carbon and biodiversity markets, and innovation to reduce methane in livestock.*

Speakers:



Su McCluskey, Special Representative for Australian Agriculture



Jen Taylor, Director Food and Agriculture, CSIRO Agriculture and Food



Dave Henry, Group Leader (Climate Smart Agriculture), CSIRO Agriculture and Food



Andrew Campbell, CEO, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

Investing in Sustainable Agri-food System Transformation: Finance Gaps and Opportunities

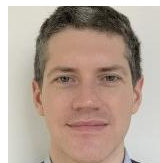
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

*Session summary: Speakers provided concrete examples of actions at the farm and country levels that can support adaptation in the agrifood systems and maintain a 1.5C pathway whilst supporting food and economic security, with a focus on FAST's three pillars, namely access to climate finance, knowledge and capacity, and policy supports and dialogue.*

Speakers:



Zitouni Ould-Dada, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



James Morris, Programme Management Officer, Climate & Clean Air Coalition



Alope Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility Programs Unit



Elsayed Elkosayar, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt



John Roche, Chief Science Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand

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## Incentivizing Investments in Technological Innovations through Public Policy

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Denmark

*Session summary: The session, organized in partnership with World Resources Institute, focused on the role of policy making in the push to a green transition of our food systems and included participation from ministers, the agri-food sector, and academia.*

### Speakers:



Hanne Søndergaard,  
Executive Vice President,  
Arla / Global Dairy Platform



Anders Spohr, Senior Partner, Novo  
Holdings A/S



Timothy Searchinger, Senior  
Research Scholar, Princeton  
University



Craig Hanson, Managing Director  
for Programs, World Resources  
Institute



Jørgen E. Olesen, Head of  
Department, Aarhus University,  
Denmark



Jacob Jensen, Minister, Ministry of  
Food, Agriculture and Fisheries,  
Denmark



Morten Boje Hvid, Director of  
Politics, Sustainability and  
Communications, Danish  
Agriculture and Food Council

## Measuring Soil Health: The Foundation of Regenerative Agriculture

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Soil Health Institute

*Session summary: Speakers discussed how improved soil health benefits growers, the environment, and society by improving nutrient use efficiency, drought resilience, downstream water quality, greenhouse gas mitigation, carbon sequestration, and ultimately, grower profitability and quality of life. The Soil Health Institute and U.S. Regenerative Cotton Fund discussed their goal to provide a standardized, science-based framework to measure and monitor soil health: the foundation of regenerative agriculture.*



Speakers:



Cristine Morgan, Chief Scientific Officer, Soil Health Institute



Jesse Daystar, Chief Sustainability Officer, Cotton Incorporated



Devon Leahy, Head of Global Sustainability, Ralph Lauren



Byron Rath, Chief Impact Officer, Soil Health Institute

The Livestock Sector's Global Climate Ambition Mega Sprint

Speakers:



Donald Moore, Executive Director, Global Dairy Platform



Marilyn Hershey, Dairy Farmer and Chair, Dairy Management Inc



John Ellenberger, Executive Director, Land O'Lakes Venture37



Hayden Montgomery, Program Director - Agriculture, Global Methane Hub



Appolinaire Djikeng, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute, CGIAR



Mike Michener, Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID

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Accelerated pathways for improved varieties onto small-scale farms

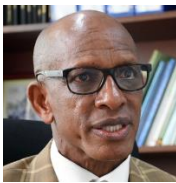
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: United Nations Foundation

Session topics:

- *what is required for climate-smart crop varieties to come into widespread use in smallholder production systems*

- *overcoming bottlenecks between 'upstream' scientific advances in genetics and breeding and 'downstream' innovation in seed systems*
- *context-specific opportunities for more effectively converting genetic potential into agricultural productivity and climate resilience and mitigation*
- *the benefits of demand-led approaches and of working closely with public and private sector partners*
- *overcoming investment gaps for integrated seed systems in smallholder production areas*

Speakers:



Jean Claude Rubyogo, Global Bean Program Leader & Director, Pan-African Bean Research Alliance (PABRA), Alliance Biodiversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (The Alliance)



Ajay Panchbhai, Regional Breeding, Seed Systems and Product Management Lead - Africa, International Rice Research Institute (CGIAR)



Hellen Keti, Director, Abosi Top Hill Farmers Cooperative



Atugonza Bilaro, Principal Scientist, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)



Christine Negra, Senior Advisor, UN Foundation

Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture  
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: University of Chicago

*Session summary: This session marked the launch of the Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture. A conversation and Q&A session focused on the potential of innovation to promote climate mitigation and adaptation and facilitate food security.*

Speakers:





Michael Kremer, Nobel Laureate, Professor, University of Chicago



Amanda Glassman, Executive Vice President, Center for Global Development



Vera Songwe, Nonresident senior fellow Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution



Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Chief Scientist, Department of Agriculture, United States

Scaling Healthy Soil Practices through Innovative Partnerships, Financing & Policy  
Organized by AIM for Climate partner: (CGIAR's Center for International Forestry Research and International Council for Research in Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)

*Session summary: This session brought together actors from the various sectors to highlight a roadmap to successful scaling of healthy soil practices, globally. It highlighted on-the-ground advancements in the accurate monitoring of soil health, opportunities for a soil health resolution in the upcoming climate negotiations, as well as realistic and equitable financing opportunities.*

Speakers:



Cristine Morgan, Chief Scientific Officer, Soil Health Institute



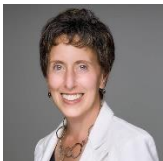
Sieglinde Snapp, Sustainable Agrifood Systems Program Director, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)



Leigh Winowiecki, Global Research Lead: Soil and Land Health, CIFOR-ICRAF and CA4SH



Dhanush Dinesh, Founder, Clim-Eat



Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development



Monica McBride, Director of Global Partnerships for Environment and Landscapes, Bayer



Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, U.S. Department of Agriculture



Rattan Lal, Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science, The Ohio State University



Florence Reed, Founder, Director of Strategic Growth, Sustainable Harvest International

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### A Roadmap to Double Global Bean Consumption by 2028

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: SDG2 Advocacy Hub

*Session summary: Beans is How hosted an interactive discussion focused on positive and negative tradeoffs to successfully achieving their mission, planned behavior change strategy, and inviting attendees to critique and contribute towards their efforts.*

#### Speakers:



Christine Negra, Senior Advisor, UN Foundation



Jean Claude Rubyogo, Global Bean Program Leader & Director, Pan-African Bean Research Alliance (PABRA), Alliance Biodiversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (The Alliance)



Paul Newnham, Executive Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub / Beans is How



Alyson Greenhalgh Ball, Founder, Conscious Impact; Bean Science & Innovation Advisory Council Member, Conscious Impact



Eve Turow-Paul, Executive Director of Food for Climate League; Bean Science & Innovation Advisory Council Member, Food for Climate League



Tim McGreevy, CEO of the American Pulses Association; CEO of the US Dry Pea and Lentil Council; Bean Coalition Mem, American Pulses Association

### Ireland's Agri-Food Sector Transformation Deep Demonstration

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Ireland

*Session summary: Ireland's Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine, partnered with EIT Climate-KIC, provided in depth detail of the innovation partnership, the workplan for 2023, the systems map, and developing the portfolio of projects including the experiences and learnings to date.*

Speakers:



Martin Heydon, Minister of State, Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine, Ireland



Bill Callanan, Chief Agricultural Inspector, Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine



Karen Daly, Senior Research Officer, Teagasc/Agriculture and Food Development Authority, Ireland



Edwina Love, Head of Climate Change and Bioenergy Policy Division, Ireland's Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine



Andy Kerr, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) and Director, EIT Climate-KIC



Tom Arnold, Former Chair, Food Vision 2030 Stakeholder Committee

## Transformative Climate-Smart Technologies for the Farms of the Future

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: United States (USDA)

*Session summary: This session discussed low-cost crop- and soil-mapping technologies and web-based decision support tools that enable site-specific, climate-adaptive crop fertility and pest management.*

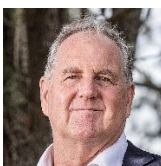
Speakers:



Allen Torbert, Soil Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture



Satya Mallick, CEO, OpenCV.org



Ian Jones, Chair, Carbon Asset Solutions



Ethan Rublee, Founder and CEO, Farm-NG



Steven Mirsky, Ecologist,  
U.S. Department of  
Agriculture



Chris Reberg-Horton,  
Professor of Cropping Systems,  
North Carolina State University

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Breakout Sessions 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Food Waste as a Climate Strategy

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: ReFED

*Session summary: ReFED, with partners at USDA, WWF, RMI, and Food Tank, proposed to begin a conversation about how FLW food waste can be integrated into AIM4C focal areas, and the broader food and agriculture discourse at COP28.*

#### Speakers:



Danielle Nierenberg,  
President, Food Tank



Dana Gunders, Executive Director,  
ReFED



Tom Frankiewicz, Subject  
Matter Expert for Waste  
Sector Methane, Rocky  
Mountain Institute



Jean Buzby, USDA Food Loss and  
Waste Liaison, U.S. Department of  
Agriculture



Manjot Ahluwalia, Regional  
Lead Asia, Global Methane  
Hub



Ann Vaughan, Senior Advisor for  
Climate Change, Bureau for  
Resilience and Food, USAID



Alex Nichols-Vinueza, Program  
Manager, Food Loss & Waste, WWF

Innovation for Integrating and Mainstreaming Agriculture in the NDCs

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

*Session summary: Representatives from each region commented on their experience and what they are doing to accelerate agricultural innovation in their country or region and how they are fostering articulation between the sectors and actors to achieve this.*

Speakers:



Manuel Otero, Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)



Emily Weeks, Senior Policy Advisor in the Bureau of Resilience and Food Security, USAID



Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator, USAID



Josefa Sacko, H.E. Ambassador, African Union Commission



William Hohenstein, Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Policy Office of the Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture



Laura Suazo, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Honduras








Aadith Moorthy, Founder & CEO, Boomitra





### Leveraging Investments for a Better Agricultural Research Ecosystem

Organized by AIM for Climate partner: FONTAGRO

*Session summary: In this breakout session, FONTAGRO and a group of distinguished guests from USDA, IICA, and the Agricultural Research Institute from Chile, described the last decade's work on building sustainable agricultural research ecosystems across the globe in the context of climate change and how a new oversight on alliances is on the horizon.*

Speakers:

	<p>Eugenia Saini, Executive Secretary, FONTAGRO</p>		<p>Maria Teresa Pino Quezada, Chief of International Cooperation, INIA - CHILE</p>
	<p>Sarah Beebout, National Program Leader, Sustainable Agricultural Systems, U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>		<p>Jack Okamuro, National Program Leader, Crop Production and Protection, U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>
	<p>John Roche, Chief Science Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand</p>		


<p>Interactive Exhibit Hall</p>	
	<p>AEROFARMS: ELEVATING AGRICULTURE THROUGH INDOOR VERTICAL FARMING—AEROFARMS</p>
	<p>AIM FOR CLIMATE INNOVATION HUB, POWERED BY IDEASCALE</p>
	<p>BEANS IS HOW – BEANS IS HOW COALITION</p>
	<p>BIOCHAR AND THE NDCS - THE CIRCULAR SOLUTION TO REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS - INTERNATIONAL BIOCHAR INITIATIVE</p>



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<p><b>The Nature Conservancy</b> </p>	<p>FOODSCAPES: ACCELERATING A FOOD SYSTEM TRANSITION – THE NATURE CONSERVANCY</p>
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<p> Solutions of tomorrow By Denmark</p> <p> <b>MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK</b></p> <p> <b>Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark</b></p>	<p>SOLUTIONS OF TOMORROW BY DENMARK: GROW GREEN, CLIMATE-SMART AND SUSTAINABLE - FOOD NATION; MINISTRY FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES; AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS</p>



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	<p>CAN AMP GRAZING SLOW DOWN CLIMATE CHANGE?</p>

Tours	
<p>FRESHFARM Dupont Circle Farmer's Market</p>	<p>A tour of the FRESHFARM Dupont Circle Farmers Market, the largest farmers market in Washington, DC! The Dupont market was founded in 1997 and is located in the heart of one of Washington, DC's most vibrant and historic neighborhoods. Participants joined FRESHFARM staff to tour the market, meet some of the Mid-Atlantic farmers and producers selling local foods, and learn about FRESHFARM's history and mission to build a more equitable, vibrant, sustainable, and resilient food system in the Mid-Atlantic region.</p>
<p>Farm Tour and Barbeque with BetterFedFoods</p>	<p>A visit to Ginger Hill Angus Farm in beautiful Washington, Virginia, for a tour of sustainable practices using algae-based soil amendments and feed, followed by a barbeque featuring sustainable beef and other foods.</p>
<p>Farm of the Future: Climate-Smart Tools in Action at USDA's Agricultural Research Center</p>	<p>USDA showcased fascinating innovations and technologies in climate-smart agriculture, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools and sensing systems to measure real-time crop responses to changing climate</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer vision and AI sensing systems for precision nitrogen management</li> <li>• An organic cropping system that minimizes greenhouse gases</li> <li>• A measurement, reporting and verification platform for soil-based carbon and ESG markets</li> </ul> <p>Small unmanned aerial systems for drought and disease detection, evaporative stress estimation, and soil moisture mapping</p>
<p>U.S. Innovations to Tackle the Global Food Crisis</p>	<p>Participants learned about the top science-based innovations, featuring the university-led “Feed the Future Innovation Labs”. All AIM for Climate Summit participants were welcome to join U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for a self-guided tour between booths and engage with USAID leadership, Members of Congress, and their staff.</p>
<p>Meet the Scientists at CGIAR’s International Food Policy Research Institute (with reception to follow)</p>	<p>This event, followed by a reception, was an opportunity for delegates to meet CGIAR climate scientists and discover their latest innovations. This included work on modelling impacts of climate change on crop productivity, food security, livelihoods looking at success stories but also at upcoming ground-breaking research.</p>
<p>The National Arboretum: Innovative Urban Landscapes for Climate Resilience and International Agriculture Celebrations</p>	<p>A tour of USDA’s incredible National Bonsai &amp; Penjing Museum, the first public museum dedicated to the art and science of bonsai, just ahead of World Bonsai Day. The tour culminated with a visit to the National Arboretum herbarium, the official USDA herbarium and critical component of research and conservation of plant genetic resources.</p>
<p>From Land to Sea: Managing Natural Waters to Advance Global Sustainability Goals</p>	<p>In a city-to-sea field day hosted by Solutions from the Land and the Foundation for Food &amp; Agriculture Research, participants saw Mid-Atlantic climate-smart agriculture, met producers, and feasted on local fare! Sites included The Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, The Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative to support a thriving poultry industry, and the Ferry Cove Oyster Hatchery.</p>

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