

Tuesday, 28th March 2023

10.00 **KICK-OFF PRESENTATION**

Introducing EU – IFAD recently signed agreements and their integration in IFAD and EU project portfolio, including:

- Programme for Livelihood Resilience and Soil Health in ACP Countries (ILSA)
- Global Programme for Small-scale Agroecology Producers and Sustainable Food Systems Transformation (GP-SAEP)

Thouraya Triki, Director, Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division, IFAD

10.10 **INTERACTIVE OPENING CONVERSATION:** discuss policy priorities on youth and the future of food systems.

Moderator: **Genna Tesdall**, Director, YPARD

Panellists:

- **Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Union
- **Alvaro Lario**, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development
- **Gabriel Ferrero de Loma-Osorio**, Chairperson, Committee on World Food Security

10.35 **PANEL DISCUSSION and Q/A:** investing in, for and with youth including through agroecology, nature-based solutions, and soil health improvements to build long-term resilience and sustainable food systems

Moderator: **Satu Santala**, Associate Vice President, External Relations and Governance Department (ERG), IFAD

Panellists:

- **Elizabeth Nsimadala**, President, of the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation
- **Estherine Fotabong**, Director of Agriculture, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability at the African Union Development Agency

(AUDA-NEPAD)

- **Fatimata Cheiffou**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Niger
- **Juan Lucas Restrepo**, Director General, Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
- **Kola Masha**, Founder and CEO, Babban Gona
- **Oliver Oliveros**, Coordinator, Agroecology Coalition

11.20 **Closing Remarks**

Renate Hahlen, Deputy Permanent Representative, Head of UN Section, EU Delegation