Abstract

Climate change and malnutrition are two of the greatest challenges facing humanity today and are intrinsically intertwined. Through the strategic integration of these priorities, a comprehensive solution can be provided to concurrently address two major obstacles to sustainable development. The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) provide a systemic, multi-sectoral science and evidence-based approach to implementing interventions to deliver healthy diets and positively impact all three dimensions of sustainable development. However, the persistent divide between the climate and nutrition communities leads to fragmentation in policy and action implementation.

This side event will present the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) and launch two reports highlighting the latest developments in evidence base. Followed by a panel discussion and open forum discussion led by the GAFSP, to showcase examples of integrated climate-nutrition actions and strategies implemented across diverse projects driven by recipient countries, and by forest and farmers producer organizations in response to climate and nutrition challenges. This forum will also provide a platform for discussing the need of financial resources to support these strategies. The outcomes of the event will contribute to removing financial barriers for integrated action and contributing to shaping the roadmap to COP28.

Objectives

- Present and provide an update on I-CAN and raise awareness about the critical nexus of climate change and nutrition;
- Launch two papers of the latest findings of the I-CAN group on evidence of system pathways, integrated actions and baseline results;
- Present project examples of integration of climate and nutrition and share learnings from country, CSO and forest and farmer producer organization experiences;
- Explore how I-CAN and GAFSP can advance the implementation of CFS policy tools such as VGFSyN.