Description

As the nexus between agri-food systems and climate is becoming more and more important, the side event aims to discuss ways to foster the convergence of the climate and food agendas, highlighting in particular the role of governance and finance. A panel of experts and civil society actors will be invited to address the following questions:

- What governance framework is needed to promote policy coherence and integration of the climate and food agendas?
- How to democratise food systems and ensure a rights-based approach vs concentration of power and interests across the food chain? How to promote a just transition?
- How is public/private finance defining the global and local climate/food agenda?
- How to ensure that climate finance to agriculture and food systems goes in the right direction and does not feed unsustainable agri-food chains and financial speculation instead?

The event will also be an opportunity for the EESC to present its contribution to COP 28, including concrete recommendations on these topics.

Programme

- Peter Schmidt, NAT Section President, EESC - Introduction & moderation (Dubai room)
- David Laborde, Director for Agrifood Economics, ESA, FAO - Setting the scene (tbc)
- Alexandra Nikolakopoulou, European Commission, DG SANTE - How is the EU combining regulatory, consultative and voluntary approaches to contribute to the climate objectives (RTD studio)
- Nicole Pita, Project Manager - IPES Food (RTD studio)
- Peter Meedendorp, President - European Council of young farmers, CEJA (remote)
- Louise Legein, Gender and Agriculture Policy Advisor - Oxfam Belgique (RTD studio)