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