

2018 XXXII EURAGRI Conference: Cross Sectoral Opportunities in the Bio-economy and the Implementation of the SDGs

24th-25th of September 2018

Since the UN adopted the global sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2016–2030–2050, they have become a core concept of European and national funding strategies. Science, technology and research within the field of the bio-economy and the agro, food, aqua, and forest sector(s) are vital means to reach the SDGs.

The Research Council of Norway and EURAGRI invite you to address the various dimensions of SDGs and their implementation in research and innovation.

We wish among other concerns to discuss the following questions:

- What are the appropriate instruments and processes needed for the European research system to address the challenges?
- How do we know that the approaches chosen are relevant?
- How do we coordinate approaches with important actors outside the research system?
- How can we include an improved and a continued reflexivity function into the overall process?

Day 1: Monday 24th September

08:30	Registration and coffee
09:00	Welcome Pascal Bergeret, President of EURAGRI Vidar Skagestad, Director, The Research Council of Norway
09:15	Opening Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hanne Yssen, Director General, Ministry of Agriculture and Food• Fridtjof Fossum Unander, Executive Director, The Research Council of Norway• Nils Vagstad, Director General, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research
10:00	Coffee
10:30	Session 1: Key Note Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the contribution of bioeconomy research in SDGs challenges in implementation; Wayne Powel, CEO Scotland's Rural College• Biosmart and the post-animal bioeconomy transition; Robert Burton, Research Professor - Dr.polit., Institute for Rural and Regional Research, Ruralis
11:30	The SDGs – the European research and societal impact challenges, with special reference to agro, food and the bioeconomy; Reporting from EURAGRI workshop, June 2018 Uno Svedin & Bettina Heimann
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Excursion Center for Precision Agriculture at NIBIO, Apelsvoll
18:00	General Assembly (EURAGRI members only)
19:30	Aperitif and dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 25th September

08:00	Coffee
08:30	Welcome Day 2
08:30	<p>Session 2: Key Note Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross sectorial opportunities and challenges in addressing the SDGs - the green and the blue; Margareth Øverland, Centre Director "Foods of Norway", Professor Norwegian University of Life Sciences • Links between research and development; Patrick Caron, CIRAD President of the High Level Panel of Experts of the UN Committee for Food Security • Agency and governance – quality of institutions, Lisa Román, SIDA Research Advisor, Dept. for Partnerships and Innovation
10:00	Coffee
10:30	<p>Breakout sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross sectorial opportunities and challenges in addressing the SDGs Moderator Marit Aursand; Rapporteur Nina Elisabeth Solheim • Links between research and development Moderator Christion Huyghe; Rapporteur Sylvia Burssens • Agency and governance – quality of institutions Moderator Johanna Laiho-Kauranne; Rapporteur Bettina Heimann
11:30	Lunch
13:00	Reporting from breakout sessions
13:30	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greet Riebbels, ILVO – Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food • Lisa Román, SIDA - Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency • Ray Jordan, CEO, Gorta Self Help Africa, NGO • Jelle Maas, Wageningen University
14:30	Rounding up and closing
15:00	End of conference



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