

## Accelerating Youth for a Climate Smart World

Wednesday, 9 November at 16:00 – 17:00

### FAO, CGIAR, Rockefeller Pavilion COP27

#### Objectives

This session will help to:

- Create excitement for the future of youth in the agri-food sector
- Illuminate programs to further youth engagement
- Explore how to improve existing programs and create synergies between them
- Examine opportunities across the diversity of agriculture

#### Short description of event

The private sector is a leader in advancing agricultural enterprise, science and engineering. It employs and funds some of the most exciting and innovative research in the field. The next generation of skilled agri-food leaders are needed to sustain this momentum and make the food system ever more sustainable, especially in face of climate change. A myriad of programs encourage young people the opportunity to train, be mentored and accelerated into leadership in the sector. Explore some of these programs and discuss how to improve them.

#### Names and affiliations of speakers:

Moderator: Robynne Anderson, Director General, International Agri-Food Network

- **Food Technology**
  - Jim Andrew, Chief Sustainability Officer, Pepsi Co
- **Dairy**
  - Caroline Emond, Director General, International Dairy Federation
- **Youth Accelerator**
  - Rana el de Souky, Sustainability Manager, Nestle
- **Youth**
  - Chidiebele EJ Uzoagba, Centre Leader, Centre for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Studies at the African University of Science and Technology Abuja Nigeria
  - Mitchell Zoratti, Canadian Cattle Association
  - Omar Farhate, President International Association of Agricultural Students

#### Organizer:

International Agri-Food Network

The International Agri-Food Network (IAFN) is a coalition of small, medium and large-scale business enterprises involved in agriculture, food security and nutrition. The membership includes farmers, input providers, cooperatives, processors, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), food companies, and more.

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