



DESA



Global Policy Dialogue Series

Building Food and Water Security in an Era of Climate Shocks

Building a Global Coalition for Sustainability after COVID-19
Session 1 of the UN DESA Global Policy Dialogues for Climate Action

Wednesday, 24 March 2021, 8:30-10:00 a.m. EDT

Introduction (2 minutes)

Ms. Ariel Alexovich, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

Welcome remarks (2 minutes)

Mr. Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Keynote remarks (5 minutes)

Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme

Discussion 1: Ensuring sustainable access to water and food for all in an era of climate shocks (35 minutes)

- **Ms. Cherrie Atilano**, CEO and President of AGREA
- **Ms. Betty Chinyamunyamu**, CEO of the National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi
- **Mr. Mark Gordon**, Head of Asset Creation and Livelihoods Unit, World Food Programme
- **Mr. Mike Khunga**, nutritionist, Civil Society Organisation Nutrition Alliance, and youth chair of the UN Food Systems Summit Action Track 5.
- **Ms. Sasha Koo-Oshima**, Deputy Director of Land and Water, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN

Moderator: Ms. Fiona Harvey of The Guardian

Keynote remarks

(5 minutes)

Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor, Vice Chair of UN-Water and Associate Director for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene at UNICEF

Discussion 2: Innovative solutions for improving access to clean and safe water

(35 minutes)

- **Mr. Samir Ibrahim**, Co-founder, SunCulture
- **Ms. Tania Eulalia Martinez Cruz**, Postdoctoral researcher and member of the Global Hub on Indigenous Peoples Food Systems
- **Mr. Zahin Razeen**, founder of Hydroquo+ and UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals Class of 2020
- **Mr. Felix Reinders**, Chair of the Global Framework on Water Scarcity for Agriculture (WASAG)

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Concluding remarks

(2 minutes)

Moderator