



Embassy of Australia to Belgium and Luxembourg  
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European Food Forum and Australian Mission to the EU  
Event

**“Feeding citizens and fostering sustainable agriculture:  
A discussion on climate resilient food systems”**

20 March 2023  
(17h00-18h30 CET)  
European Parliament  
Room 6Q1, JAN Building

**Hosting MEP: Mrs. Marlene MORTLER**

**Event description**

This July, two important events will take place to discuss global food systems, and their resilience, and the FAO’s strategy to be a beacon for adaptation to climate change. The FAO Conference will take place from 1-7 July 2023. The conference, attended by agricultural ministers from around the world, is the ultimate decision-making body of the Organization, determining its overall policy and strategy and taking the final decisions on objectives. Later that month, the UN Food Systems (UNFSS) Summit Stocktaking Moment will be held, where countries will review action commitments made during the 2021 UNFSS Summit, share stories of success and early signs of transformation, and maintain the momentum for bold acceleration and action to further the resilience of food systems.

In advance of these high-level events, the Australian Mission to the EU and the European Food Forum consider it is fitting to host a policy discussion with farmers, politicians, and civil society to highlight the issues and possible solutions the FAO could consider.

The panellists will give their perspectives on the challenges global agriculture is facing in the coming years, how can we take action to build food system resilience, and what opportunities exist to increase food security for all.



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**Moderator: Natasha Burley** - Public Diplomacy Manager, Australian Mission to the EU

**PROGRAMME**

- 17:00 - 17:10      Opening remarks EFF MEP  
**Marlene Mortler**
- 17:10 – 18:15      **Challenges and opportunities for climate resilient food systems**
- **Marlene MORTLER** - MEP
  - **Fiona SIMSON** - President Australian National Farmer’s Federation
  - **Luca BRONDELLI DI BRONCELLO** – President of ENAPRA and Member of the Board of Confagricoltura
  - **Raschad AL-KHAFAJI** – Director FAO liason office Brussels
  - **Sofia HUB** - Senior researcher in charge of agri-food at Europe Jacques Delors
  - **Catherine GESLAIN-LANÉELLE** – Director Strategy & Policy analysis DG AGRI EU Commission
- 18:25 – 18 :30      Conclusions  
**Marlene MORTLER**
- 18.30 – 19.00      Please join us for a glass of Australian wine to continue the discussion

Please note German translation will be available during this panel event.