

**Scaling-up capacity, partnerships and investment to accelerate
Agrifood systems transformation in the Sahel**

**Hand in Hand Regional Investment Forum: Special Consultation Session for the Sahel
18 October 2022, 18.30 – 19.30 hours
Green Room, FAO headquarters (Rome)**

18:30 Welcome remarks by FAO Deputy Director-General, Mr Laurent Thomas

18:33 Moderator (A. Bennett, HiH, FAO) introduces Speakers

- Welcome remarks and overview by AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE): H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko (5 minutes – virtual)
- ECOWAS Permanent Representative to the European Union, Dr Dedou P. Hemou (5 minutes)
- FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for West Africa, Mr Gouantoueu Robert Guei (7 minutes) (virtual)

18:55 **ADDITIONAL REMARKS** from international development community partners (4 minutes each)
Panelists:

- Dr Djimé Adoum, High Representative for the Coalition for the Sahel (video)
- Mr Julian Lampietti, World Bank Manager for Global Engagement in the Agriculture and Food Global Practice
- Mr Amath Pathé Sene, Lead Regional Climate and Environment Specialist, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD
- Mr Ousmane Badiane, Founder and Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063 (virtual)
- Dr Mohamed Abdoulaye, CILSS Executive Secretary (virtual)
- Mr. Michael Doane, The Nature Conservancy

Note: The panelists are requested to consider the following questions in shaping their remarks:

- What is your area of focus in the Sahel region and what is your approach?
- Can you share key lessons drawn from your Organization's recent experience in the region and elsewhere that would be relevant for developing a Regional Program?
- Considering the three axes of action identified, can you flag specific priority challenges and solutions for scaling-up action? Are these areas where your organization can take responsibility or bring additional resources or partners?
- How can the HIH Initiative enhance collaboration among donors, IFIs, UN agencies, other technical organizations, private sector organizations, NGOs and CSOs, and philanthropies?
- What would you propose as priority (measurable) results for the programme of work within a 1-, 4- or 8-year framework?

19:25 **WRAP-UP AND CONCLUSION**

- Mr Panagiotis Karfakis, FAO