



Sofia
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Transforming the Agriculture and Rural Development Sector in Bulgaria

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30 **Registration - Welcome Coffee**

10:30 – 10:45 **OPENING REMARKS**

Ms. Desislava TANEVA, Minister of Agriculture and Food

Mr. Tony THOMPSON, Country Manager, The World Bank

10:45 – 11:40 **SESSION 1: THE BULGARIAN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR IN 2030**

Ms. Desislava TANEVA, Minister of Agriculture and Food

Priorities for a long-term vision for a sustainable agriculture in Bulgaria

Mr. Dacian CIOLOS, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, 2010-2014

The European Model of Agriculture: still valid in addressing the global agricultural challenges?

Mr. Holger KRAY, Lead Agriculture Economist at the World Bank

Farming for the future: meeting global food needs, enhancing resilience and reducing agriculture's carbon footprint

Mr. Grahame DIXIE, Advisor at the World Bank

High-value agriculture starts with a vision

Mr. Shane HAMILL, Ambassador at the Irish Food Board's Origin Green Program and expert at the World Bank

Smart, green and sustainable: Lessons from Ireland's Food Harvest 2020 vision for agri-food growth

11:40 – 12:30 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 14:20 **SESSION 2: INCREASING FARMERS' RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

Ms. Ivelina VASSILEVA, Minister of Environment and Water

The role of agriculture in the Bulgarian climate change strategy

Mr. Vassil GROUDEV, Deputy-Minister of Agriculture and Food

Building resilience for adaptation to climate change in Bulgarian agriculture

Mr. Rumen HRISTOV, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee in the Bulgarian Parliament

Impact of climate change on Bulgarian agriculture and key vulnerabilities of the rural economy

Mr. Dacian CIOLOS, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, 2010-2014

The EU 2030 strategy: perspectives on adaptation in agriculture

Mr. Holger KRAY, Lead Agriculture Economist at the World Bank

Climate-smart agriculture: enhancing food security while facing climate change

14:20 – 15:15 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

15:15 – 15:30 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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Mr. Tony THOMPSON, Country Manager, The World Bank