



SESSION GUIDELINES

World Agriculture Forum Global Policy Dialogue

Managing Food Wastes: Challenges and Opportunities

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Agenda Overview

Session	Speaker
Welcome and Opening: Framing the Food Waste Challenge	Farhad Zamil
Round I: Preventing Loss and Retaining Food Value	4 speakers
Round II: Circularity, Innovation and Scaling Solutions	4 speakers
Audience Q&A	All speakers
Closing Reflections – 2 minutes each	All speakers
Closing Synthesis and Remarks	Farhad Zamil

Detailed Session Flow

Time	Speaker	Session / Focus Points	Guiding Question
00:00–00:05	Farhad Zamil (Moderator)	Welcome, Introduction to speakers and Framing the Food Waste Challenge	
ROUND I — Preventing Loss and Retaining Food Value			
00:05–00:13	Luciana Delgado	Food Loss and Waste within Agrifood-System Transformation - Food loss and waste as part of broader food-system transformation - Policy and institutional coordination - Value-chain efficiency - Food security, sustainability and resource efficiency - Enabling policy frameworks	<i>What policy and institutional shifts are needed to address food loss and waste as part of broader agrifood-system transformation?</i>
00:13–00:21	Richard Lackey	Food Recovery, Surplus and Food Security - The relationship between food surplus and food insecurity - Food recovery, storage and distribution - Barriers to moving surplus food to people who	<i>How can food recovery become a more systematic part of food-security strategies rather than remaining dependent on individual initiatives?</i>

		need it Partnerships between businesses, governments and food-recovery organisations	
00:21–00:29	John McKew	Organic Waste, Resource Recovery and Circularity - Management of unavoidable organic waste - Organics recycling and resource recovery - Infrastructure and market development - Moving beyond disposal-oriented approaches - Creating functioning circular systems	<i>How can food systems build viable markets and infrastructure around the recovery and productive use of unavoidable organic waste?</i>
00:29–00:37	Asgar Ali	Postharvest Loss Prevention - Where postharvest losses occur - Storage, handling, processing and preservation - Technology and infrastructure gaps - Smallholder and developing-country contexts - The economics of prevention	<i>What interventions upstream in the value chain can most effectively prevent food from becoming waste in the first place?</i>
ROUND II — Circularity, Innovation and Scaling Solutions			
00:37–00:45	Dr. Serpil Guran	Innovation, Technology and Commercialisation - Technology and innovation for food-waste reduction - Research-to-market pathways - Clean technology and resource recovery - Commercial viability - Moving beyond pilots	<i>What determines whether an innovation moves from a promising technology or pilot into a commercially viable solution that can be adopted at scale?</i>
00:45–00:53	Rieks Smook (Grassa)	Valorisation and New Value Streams - Converting agricultural and food residues into useful products - Creating economic value from underutilised streams - Business models for valorisation - Market demand and commercial viability - Scaling circular solutions	<i>Where are the strongest opportunities to turn food and agricultural residues into commercially valuable products rather than treating them as waste?</i>
00:53–01:01	Dr. Richard Swannell FRSA	Evidence, Implementation and Consumer Behaviour Change - Evidence on effective food-waste interventions, including household and consumer behaviour - Why successful approaches fail to scale - Retail, hospitality and household waste-reduction programmes (e.g. Courtauld-style commitments, consumer campaigns such as Love Food Hate Waste) - Measurement and accountability - Policy and market incentives - Translating commitments into implementation	<i>What distinguishes interventions including household and consumer behaviour-change campaigns that genuinely reduce food waste from those that remain pilots, commitments or isolated projects?</i>
01:01–01:08	Dr. Ifeoma Quinette Anugwa	Adoption, Extension and Local Food Systems - Farmers and local value-chain actors - Extension and knowledge transfer - Behavioural and institutional barriers	<i>How can extension, policy and innovation systems better enable farmers and local value-chain actors to adopt food-loss reduction practices?</i>

		- Local realities shaping adoption - Designing solutions around users and producers	
AUDIENCE Q&A			
01:08–01:18	All speakers	Open Q&A with Audience Address audience questions submitted via chat / floor.	—
01:18–01:34	All speakers	Closing Reflections (2 minutes each) Each speaker offers one key takeaway and one priority action.	<i>Closing question: Looking, what is the one structural shift you believe is most important to significantly reduce food loss and waste and retain more value within food systems?</i> <i>Alternatively: What is one action that governments, businesses or other food-system actors should prioritise now to move from incremental progress to scale?</i>
01:34–01:40	Farhad Zamil	Closing Synthesis and Remarks .	—