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Agriculture and Rural Development

10:30 - 11:00 **Welcome coffee and registration**

The event will be moderated by **Ann TUTWILER**, Director General of Bioversity international

11:00 - 11:15 **Welcome and introduction** – Moderator

11:15 - 11:35 **Opening speech**
A long-term and strategic approach to research programming in agriculture

Jerzy PLEWA, Director-General of European Commission Directorate General for agriculture and rural development

11:35 - 11:55 **Keynote speech**
Looking forward: challenges and trends to factor in a long-term strategy for agricultural R&I by 2020 and beyond

Erik MATHIJS – Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences of the University of Leuven - Chair of the 4th SCAR Foresight exercise

11:55 - 13:30 **Session 1: A research agenda to produce more sustainably**

A more resource-efficient agriculture: John R. PORTER, Professor of Climate and Food Security, Faculty of Sciences, University of Copenhagen and Professor of Agriculture and Climate Change, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich

Agro-ecology: how can this approach support research and development of agri-food systems? Niels HALBERG, Chair of the Horizon 2020 Advisory group for Societal challenge 2, Director of the International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems

Healthier plants and livestock: **Marta HUGAS**, Head of the Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance department of the European Food Safety Authority, Parma

Discussion with the audience

13:30 - 14:30 **Light buffet**

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14:30 - 15:30 **Session 2: A research agenda for innovative rural areas**

New openings for rural growth: Richard WAKEFORD, Professor of Environment, Land Use and Rural Strategy, Birmingham City University; Director of Kazan Centre for Land Use and Sustainable Rural Development, former chair of the OECD working Party on Rural development

Developing the human and social capital: Krijn POPPE, Senior Economist & Research Manager at the Agricultural Economics Research Institute LEI WUR; Chair of the SCAR working group on AKIS

Discussion with the audience

15:30 - 16:30 **Round table discussion: How to build a long-term strategy for EU agricultural research and innovation by 2020 and beyond?**

Claudia SORLINI, Chair of the department of food, environmental and nutritional science at University of studies of Milan, Member of the Steering Committee of the EU scientific programme for Expo Milano 2015

Hans HERREN, President and CEO at Millenium Institute – Former co-chair of the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD)

Albert Jan MAAT, President of Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations (COPA) – Former Member of the European Parliament

Anička GROSMANOVÁ, Leader of the international Slow Food Youth Network in Prague, Head of the Food Hub, Master Student at the Prague University of Life sciences

Hervé GUYOMARD, Scientific Director for agriculture at the French national Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA)

Janny VOS, Director for Strategic Partnerships at CABI, manager of CABI office for Netherlands

16:30 - 16:45 **Closing remarks: what are the next steps? – Aldo LONGO,** Director at European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and rural development

17:00 - 18:00 **Cocktail on the EU Pavilion terrace**

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