



# WTO Annual Agriculture Symposium 2024

## *Trade and Nutrition - Exploring the Nexus*

Monday 9 December

10:00 – 19:00 (CET)

This year's Annual Agriculture Symposium aims to explore the critical intersections between global trade policies, food systems, and nutrition outcomes. In a world where international trade has the potential to both alleviate and exacerbate malnutrition, this Symposium will bring together policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders to discuss strategies for ensuring that trade can be leveraged to promote food security and healthy diets. It will examine how international trade affects access to affordable, nutritious foods, particularly in low-income countries, and how global supply chains can be adapted to meet the nutritional needs of a growing world population.

### 1. Opening Session (10:00 – 11:00):

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- **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **Dr. Qu Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Dr. Lawrence Haddad**, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
- **Ms. Afshan Khan**, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

**Moderator:**

**Doaa Abdel-Motaal**, Senior Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO

### 2. Roundtable one: trade policy space for better nutrition, a discussion of The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO) 2024 (11:15– 12:15):

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- **Maximo Torero**, Chief Economist, FAO
- **Cecilia Risolo**, Chair of WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)
- **Daniela García**, Chair of WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
- **Krisztina Bende**, Chair of FAO Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) and Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations organisations in Rome

**Moderators:**

**Christiane Wolf**, Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO

**Erik Wijkstrom**, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division, WTO

### 3. Roundtable two: A High-Level Interview of Agri-Food Industry CEO (12:30 – 13:00):

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- **Livio Tedeschi**, Chairman of the Board, CropLife International and President, BASF Agricultural Solutions

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## LUNCH BREAK

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### 4. Roundtable three: Exploring the Trade and Nutrition Nexus (14:30– 16:00):

This roundtable will begin with a video presentation of SOCO 2024

- **Harold Alderman**, Research Fellow Emeritus, Office of the Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **Anne Marie Thow**, Professor, Public Policy and Health, Menzies Centre for Health Policy, School of Public Health, University of Sydney
- **Nancy Aburto**, Deputy Director, Food and Nutrition Division, FAO
- **Stefano Schiavo**, Professor of Economics at the University of Trento

**Moderator:**

**George Rapsomanikis**, Senior Economist, Markets and Trade Division, FAO

### 5. Roundtable four: views of Agri-Food Industry CEOs (16:15– 14:45):

- **Mohammad Anis Alam**, Chief Grain Procurement, ARASCO
- **Alzbeta Klein**, Director-General, International Fertilizer Association (IFA)
- **Kalpana Beesathumi**, Managing Director, Sight and Life
- **Oluyemisi Iranloye**, Chief Executive Officer, Psaltry International Limited
- **Vijay Iyengar**, Founder and Chairman, Agrocorp International

**Moderator:**

**Doaa Abdel-Motaal**, Senior Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO

### 6. Roundtable five: Closing Session (18:00– 19:00):

- **Jean Marie Paugam**, Deputy Director-General, WTO
- **Sofia Boza**, Ambassador, Permanent representative of Chile to the WTO
- **Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady**, Ambassador, Permanent representative of Mauritius to the WTO
- **Nella Tavita-Levy**, Ambassador, Permanent representative of Samoa to the WTO

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