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# SCALA at COP27

## INTRODUCTION

The UNFCCC 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties ([COP27](#)) took place in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from 6th November 2022 to 18th November 2022, and was considered the COP of implementation, with countries clearly highlighting the need to accelerate implementation in order to meet their climate goals. UNDP and FAO, through the **SCALA programme – Scaling up Climate Ambition on Land Use and Agriculture through Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans**, are connecting countries to the finance, capacity, technology, and partners needed to make implementation a success.

Through the SCALA programme, UNDP and FAO are supporting countries to shift toward longer-term, transformative change by harnessing the technical expertise of both agencies, building on their reputation as trusted partners for government and other stakeholders, and learning from their strong history of supporting climate action in agriculture.

FAO and UNDP are spurring shifts toward systems thinking that are foundational for transformative climate action by fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration and bringing the private sector into climate action spaces where it has not been actively engaged, triggering integration of gender and social inclusion in planning spaces where it has been absent, and strengthening monitoring systems for tracking mitigation and adaptation plus reporting to the UNFCCC. All of this serves to improve the enabling environment for the successful implementation of climate action priorities spelled out in countries' NDCs and NAPs.

SCALA was broadly involved and featured during the two weeks at COP27. This brief summarises SCALA's engagement during the Conference through the organization of events, contribution during high-level and technical panels, and participation at other events.. SCALA featured in eight events: three high-level events and five country and partner technical events in six pavilions.

# SCALA CO-LED EVENTS

## 1 • Supporting transformative climate actions in agriculture and land use in Egypt through SCALA

- ❖ UN Egypt Pavilion
- ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ❖ [Webcast](#)
- ❖ [UNDP event webpage](#) | [FAO event webpage](#)

### MODERATORS

**Dr. Zitouni Ould-Dada**, Deputy Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO  
**Ms. Julia Wolf**, Senior Natural Resources Officer and Global SCALA Programme Coordinator, FAO

### SPEAKERS

**Her Excellency Dr. Yasmine Fouad**, Minister for Environment of the Arab Republic, Egypt  
**His Excellency Dr. Hany Sewilam**, Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt  
**Ms. Ilka Hirt**, Deputy Director-General for International Policy at the Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUV), Government of Germany  
**Mr. Alessandro Fracassetti**, Resident Representative of UNDP, Egypt  
**Mr. Abdulhakim Elwaer**, Assistant Director General and Regional Representative, FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa  
**Engineer Dr. Tarek Shalaby**, Ministry of Environment, Egypt  
**Dr. Mohamed Fahim**, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt  
**Ms. Theresa Wong**, Senior Climate Change Officer, FAO  
**Ms. Rohini Kohli**, Senior Technical Advisor on adaptation planning and policy, UNDP

### EVENT SUMMARY

This side event featured key stakeholders to discuss the SCALA programme's activities and progress towards supporting adaptation planning and assessment in agriculture sub-sectors and other key sectors towards the development and implementation of Egypt's National Adaptation Plan. These include stakeholders in agriculture, land reclamation, water and irrigation, environment, and other sectors.

### KEY TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

- ❖ SCALA's support on multi-stakeholder National Adaptation Plan processes with a private sector engagement and investment component is a great example of overcoming financing challenges.
- ❖ Harnessing transformative efforts in the agriculture and land use sector to deliver climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation is crucial to meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ Integrate approaches to build capacity for climate planning, monitoring and scaling up implementation are crucial.



Figure 1: Full room at the SCALA Egypt COP27 event

## 2 • Unlocking multi-stakeholder collaboration for transformative agrifood systems through NDCs and NAPs

- ❖ Food and Agriculture Pavilion
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ❖ [Webcast](#)
- ❖ [FAO event webpage](#) | [UNDP event webpage](#)

### MODERATOR

**Ms. Julia Wolf**, Senior Natural Resources Officer and Global SCALA Programme Coordinator, FAO

### SPEAKERS

**Ms. Patty Fong**, Program Director, Climate and Health & Well-being at the Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF)

**Ms. Julie Teng**, Adaptation Planning Specialist and Global SCALA Programme Coordinator, UNDP

**Ms. Bridget Mugambe**, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)

**Mr. Sena Alouka**, Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement (JVE) International

**Ms. Chekwoti Irene**, Senior Climate Officer - Mitigation, Uganda Ministry of Water and Environment, Climate Change Department

**Mr. Joao Campari**, Global Leader, Food Practice, World Wide Fund (WWF)

### EVENT SUMMARY

The side event co-organised by the FAO-UNDP SCALA programme, together with WWF International, GAFF and Climate Focus emphasized the need for multi-stakeholder collaboration, and system-level approaches to harness the potential of agrifood systems with examples from Africa.

### KEY TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

- ❖ Challenges in engaging food systems' stakeholders in the design, development and implementation of NDCs leads to poor integration of food systems in national climate plans.
- ❖ The interconnectedness of agrifood systems calls for integrated approaches that explore how different elements of a system influence each other. SCALA looks at different elements where systems are interacting and tries to find solutions by looking at actors that are part of the system, considering the dynamics that shape the system.
- ❖ Innovative approaches, leadership, and inclusiveness in decision-making are key for multi-stakeholder collaboration to transform agrifood systems through national climate plans.



Figure 2: Moderator Julia Wolf, introducing the SCALA event

## EVENTS CONTRIBUTED BY SCALA

### 3 • #Together4Transparency: the role of adaptation reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) in agriculture sectors

- ❖ Capacity-Building Hub
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ❖ [Webcast](#)
- ❖ [FAO event webpage](#) | [UNDP event webpage](#)

#### MODERATOR

**Ms. Eleonora Cogo**, *Climate Policy Advisor*

#### SPEAKERS

**Mr. Jigme Jigme**, *Manager, Transparency Division, UNFCCC Secretariat*

**Ms. Julia Wolf**, *Natural Resource Officer and SCALA programme Global Coordinator, FAO*

**Ms. Rohini Kohli**, *Senior Technical Advisor on Climate Change Adaptation Policy and Planning, UNDP*

**Ms. Janie Rioux**, *Senior Climate Finance Specialist, International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)*

**Dr. Heng Chanthoeun**, *Deputy Director General of General Directorate of Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia*

**Dr. Batjargal Zamba**, *UNFCCC focal point, Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism, Mongolia*

**Ms. Ruth Phillips Itty**, *Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser, Saint Lucia*

#### EVENT SUMMARY

In coordination with the FAO Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) team and the Transparency division of the UNFCCC Secretariat, SCALA contributed to this side event on the challenges, benefits and opportunities of advancing on adaptation monitoring under the Paris Agreement, including the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh programme on the global goal on adaptation (GGA) and the Enhanced Transparency Framework.

#### KEY TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

- ❖ It is essential to strengthen reporting on adaptation-related issues, including through the reporting guidance developed for climate change impacts and adaptation as part of the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR).
- ❖ Effective adaptation reporting entails building trust in the multi-stakeholder processes of reporting to avoid siloed efforts.

To read more about SCALA's technical support under transparency, please visit [FAO](#) and [UNDP](#) SCALA thematic webpages.



Figure 3. Side event's speakers and panellists

#### 4 • Our Food is on the Table: Accelerating the transition to a sustainable and resilient food system through public-private sector collaboration

- ❖ Business Pavilion
- ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ❖ [Webcast](#)
- ❖ [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin article](#) (also published on [IISD SDG Knowledge Hub article](#) and [FAO SCALA website](#))

##### MODERATOR

**Mr. Tony Siantonas**, *Director, Scaling Positive Agriculture*, World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

##### SPEAKERS

**Dr. Ulf D. Jaeckel**, PhD. *Head of Division of European and International Adaptation to Climate Change*, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Germany

**Mr. Serge Nakouzi**, *Deputy Regional Director*, FAO Regional Office for Near East and North Africa (RNE)

**Her Excellency Dr Chan Phaloeun**, *Under Secretary of State*, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and *the Chair of the Technical Working Group on Climate Change*, Forestry, and Fisheries, Government of Cambodia

**Mr. Henri Bruxelles**, *Chief Sustainability and Strategic Business Development Officer*, Danone

**Mr. Magdi Batato**, *Executive Vice President*, Global Head of Operations, Nestle

**Ms. Hanneke Faber**, *President Nutrition*, Unilever

**Ms. Loureen Akinyi Awuor**, *Chief of Staff*, Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF)

##### EVENT SUMMARY

The side event was organised by World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD) with the support and participation of SCALA, and it aimed at creating a dialogue with private sector actors and government representative on the drivers for change and inclusiveness of approaches for a just transition. The event highlighted the interconnectedness of food systems and climate mitigation and adaptation action and the need to tackle both issues in a holistic and cohesive manner to tackle climate change and generate resilient, equitable systems. During the speeches, SCALA was mentioned as a catalyst for businesses to develop food solutions at a global scale.

##### KEY TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

- ❖ There is an urgent need for businesses to invest in agricultural supply chains to make crops more resilient, help deliver innovative solutions, scale up research and contribute private capital to finance the transition towards sustainable agriculture.
- ❖ The private sector has a key role in building a roadmap for the food sector, and creating conditions and incentives for farmers to establish and scale up regenerative agriculture practices.
- ❖ Food system initiatives must be locally led through local and traditional knowledge and conditions.



Figure 4. Side event's moderator and panel members

## 5 • Fostering long-term collaboration and increased climate ambition in the AFOLU sectors: NDC Partnership initiatives as a steppingstone to success

- ❖ NDC Partnership Pavilion
- ❖ 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ❖ [Webcast](#)

### MODERATOR

**Ms Nina Alsen**, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Germany

### SPEAKERS

**Mr Do Etienne Traore**, NDC Partnership Focal Point and UNFCCC Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Burkina Faso

**Mr Frédéric Zakpa**, Deputy Director of the Climate change Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire

**Mr Jorge Gutiérrez**, SCALA Project Coordinator, FAO Colombia Office

**Ms Julie Teng**, SCALA Global Coordinator, UNDP

**Mr Pablo Vieira**, Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit

### EVENT SUMMARY

This event showcased how NDC Partnership initiatives are fostering long-term collaborations among NDC Partnership members, leading to increased climate ambition and action in the agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sectors. Speakers presented the main lessons learned and outcomes from the NDC enhancement and implementation process and demonstrated how these have set the stage for further engagement, enabling access to financial and technical capacities as well as knowledge needed by countries to realize their ambitions.

## KEY TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

- ❖ Identifying priority actions in the NDCs which are also in line with other climate plans through dialogues with the government, including the Ministry of Agriculture and the private sector is a key success story of fostering effective collaboration.
- ❖ The Effective Collaboration Action (ECA) approach aims at fostering deeper spaces for collaboration and reflection working through systems-level analyses, systems leadership training and in-depth multi-stakeholder consultations to identify risks, barriers and opportunities and co-create solutions.



Figure 5. Ms. Nina Alsen introducing the session

## EVENTS THAT FEATURED SCALA

### 6 • High-Level round table on Food Security

- ❖ Sharm El Sheikh Implementation Summit
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> November
- ❖ [COP Presidency article](#)

Over the two days of the Summit, a series of six roundtables addressed the most pertinent climate challenges including food, water, and energy security, as well as innovative finance mechanisms for climate and development. During the roundtable on food security, co-chaired by **H.E. William Ruto**, President of Kenya and **H.E. Ulf Kristersson**, Prime Minister of Sweden, SCALA was mentioned among the global achievements, efforts and progress done to identify high-potential approaches and develop strategies to transform global food systems.



Figure 6. High-level roundtable on food security

## 7 • Implementing adaptation actions in Senegal

- ❖ Senegal Pavilion
- ❖ 11<sup>th</sup> November

The francophone side event highlighted the key aspects of the process of implementing adaptation actions in Senegal. During the event, **Dr. Martial Bernoux**, Senior Natural Resources Officer, FAO, shared FAO experiences to support the implementation of adaptation in countries, with the example of SCALA Senegal priorities on system-level change and engaging the private sector in transformative climate action.

## 8 • High-level launch of the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) initiative

- ❖ Official event
- ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> November
- ❖ [Webcast](#)

During the opening of the official launch session of the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation initiative, the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, **Mr. Simon Stiell** highlighted the importance of agriculture in the UNFCCC processes, and he mentioned SCALA as an example of country support implemented on agriculture and land use through NDCs and NAPs.



Figure 7. High-level launch of the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) initiative

**Scaling up Climate Ambition on Land Use and Agriculture through Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans (SCALA)**, funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) through the International Climate Initiative (IKI).

SCALA responds to the urgent need for increased action to cope with climate change impacts in the agriculture and land use sectors. The twenty million euro programme will support at least twelve countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to build adaptive capacity and to implement low emission priorities.

Country support includes strengthening policies, adopting innovative approaches to climate change adaptation and removing barriers related to information gaps, governance, finance, gender mainstreaming and integrated monitoring and reporting. To achieve this shift, the programme will engage the private sector and key national institutions.

SCALA supports countries to develop the capacity to own and lead the process to meet targets set out in their National Adaptation Plans and Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement, and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The SCALA initiative builds on another FAO-UNDP led programme, Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (2015-2020) which is currently phasing out.

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