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## Invitation

### Fostering the engagement of the agri-food sector in resilience to climate change

International Trade Centre, Geneva, Switzerland  
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#### Overview

The agri-food sector and its global supply chains stand at the forefront of climate change. The agri-food sector directly contributes to the well-being of communities, especially those in developing countries, and offers millions of people livelihoods: Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are estimated to constitute more than 95% of enterprises globally while accounting for up to 60% of private sector employment in developing countries. Given the links between food security, trade and the need to adapt to climate change in the agri-food sector, this event will focus on how stakeholders can work towards fostering SMEs' capacity to adapt to climate change. It aims at bringing together practitioners, experts and researchers in an interactive setting, designed to provide inspiration by presenting innovative solutions, foster the exchange and connections between participants and transfer knowledge.

The event, organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the UN Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, under the guidance of the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, will address the climate resilience of the agri-food sector through three thematic Plenary Sessions and accompanying Mini Workshops and Open Labs:

1. *Assessing climate risks* in the agri-food sector and preparing adaptation strategies
2. *Implementing adaptation strategies*, with a focus on SMEs, in the agri-food sector through accessing finance, technology, Public-Private Partnerships and capacity building
3. *Designing policies and incentives* for private sector investment in adaptation, including for formulating and implementing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement

#### Who will attend?

The event will be attended by participants from large and small business, governments, academia, civil society, development banks and bilateral technical cooperation agencies and experts interested in fostering climate adaptation in the private sector.

#### Why attend?

- Two and a half days cutting-edge discussions on best practices, innovations and policies for climate change adaptation

- Opportunity to participate in Mini Workshops and Open Labs to learn from best practices and to develop innovative solutions
- Exposure to state of the art methodologies and strategies to measure and reduce climate risks facing the agri-food sector
- Leading experts in the field of trade, agriculture and climate resilience
- Network and build partnerships

#### **How to attend**

- To record your interest in attending, please register by **20 September 2018** via this [online form](#);
- Given limited places available, we will review the applications after the deadline and will notify successful candidates shortly thereafter;
- Taking into account, the need to ensure regional and thematic balance, places will be granted with priority to:
  - Representatives from developing countries; and
  - Representatives from small and medium enterprises (SMEs);
- Limited financial support for participation is available. In order to express your interest, please send an email to Alexander Kasterine ([akasterine@intracen.org](mailto:akasterine@intracen.org)) and David Oehmen ([doehmen@unfccc.int](mailto:doehmen@unfccc.int)) after your registration;

#### **Additional information:**

- For additional information, such as the provisional programme and the logistics note, please visit <http://www.intracen.org/event/climate-resilience/>