FAO GLOBAL CONFERENCE FOR ACTIONS ON ONE HEALTH IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

SIDE EVENT

Financing and Implementing One Health for Sustainable Agrifood Systems Transformation: Aligning Investments for Integrated Action

Tuesday, 22 September 2026, 12:15–13:15 (CEST)
Sheikh Zayed Centre, FAO Headquarters (Hybrid)

Excerpt: *This side event explores how different partners including governments, private sector and financing institutions can mobilize, align and channel resources to scale One Health implementation in agrifood systems. Agroecology is illustrated as a practice-based example of how financing tools can support integrated approaches in the context of One Health and address common investment barriers.*

Background and Rationale

Agrifood systems face interconnected human, animal, plant, and environmental health challenges. While the One Health in Agrifood Systems Framework, to be launched by FAO later this year, is one of the instruments providing a shared agenda to address these risks, countries continue to face constraints in financing and implementation at scale. Investments are often fragmented across sectors, making it difficult to identify clear institutional entry points for financing and programming, and coordination mechanisms are not yet fully optimized.

Strengthening One Health requires structured and aligned financing that supports cross-sectoral interventions such as agroecology - which contributes to One Health by sustainably improving the health of ecosystems, people and animals whilst strengthening local livelihoods - as well as animal health services, antimicrobial resistance reduction, disease surveillance, and sanitary and phytosanitary systems. These are core investments that form the backbone of resilient agrifood systems and are essential for safeguarding food safety, trade, and public health.

This side event will explore how different actors can mobilize, leverage and channel resources — including through joint programming, multi-donor platforms, and alignment with national investment plans — to support effective One Health implementation in agrifood systems.

It will also include a practice-based example, using agroecology to illustrate how financing instruments can enable integrated approaches on the ground and how barriers such as limited funding access, insufficient financial tools, and misaligned incentives can be addressed through emerging opportunities and innovative solutions.

Objectives

- Identify priority investment areas for One Health in agrifood systems.
- Highlight how innovative finance can support One Health implementation at scale.
- Showcase implementation pathways, such as agroecology, that operationalize One Health principles through integrated, biodiversity-based systems.
- Examine financing bottlenecks and opportunities for scaling integrated approaches.
- Strengthen coordination mechanisms such as joint programming, multi-donor platforms, and alignment with national investment plans.
- Provide action-oriented recommendations for advancing One Health financing and implementation.

Expected Outputs

- Prioritized investment areas for One Health in agrifood systems
- Recommendations on financing modalities and blended instruments
- Examples of financing in practice and national best practices
- Options for improving donor coordination

Provisional Agenda	
12:15–12:20 (CEST) (5 min)	**Welcome and opening**
12:20–12:30 (10 min)	**Scene Setting: Financing in agrifood systems** Partnership, coordination and innovation in financing for agrifood systems transformation and One Health outcomes
12:30–13:00 (30 min)	**Panel Discussion** Practical examples of implementing financing in One Health, including lessons learned from agroecology
13:00–13:10 (10 min)	**Interactive Q&A with the audience** Discussion with participants
13:10–13:15 (5 min)	**Closing**