

**MORE ABOUT PARALLEL SESSION:
CHALLENGES OF DIVERSE ALLIANCES AND STRATEGIES: ON THE ROLE OF DONOR AGENCIES**

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Alliances between conventional and unconventional partners can enable sustainable solutions that include multiple SDGs. These alliances are situated in complex institutional and policy environment of multi-sector policies and require therefore different governance strategies. This session addresses the challenges of different partners and alliances that play a role in implementing SDGs. It will zoom in on donor policies in the Pacific and to what extent they match local circumstances. It will also discuss implementation principles to drive more socially inclusive forms of agricultural development and food security. It assesses how a new generation of International Investment Agreements or global partnerships can play a role in helping to achieve the SDGs.

Individual presentations:

- Balancing SDG implementation and local food production in the Pacific (Prof Glen Banks, Massey University)
- Responsible Agricultural Investment – Do Global Principles Have an Impact? (Dr Jim Woodhill, Oxford University)
- Promoting and strengthening the role of the SDGs through the international legal regime of foreign direct investment (Ms Yulia Levashova, Utrecht University)
- Engaging the private sector for agricultural development – an evaluation of Germany's policy approach (Dr Nico Herforth, German Institute for Development Evaluation - Deval)

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