

GEF Side Event at the IFPRI 2020 Vision Conference, Addis Ababa

**“Fostering Sustainable and Resilience for Food Security in sub-Saharan Africa –
An Integrated Approach”**

Friday, May 16; 6.30 to 8.00 pm

Venue: Lalibela 3c

SUMMARY

As part of its Sixth Replenishment Phase (2014-2018), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) will pilot an Integrated Approach Program on Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa. The program will address the need to safeguard ecosystem services in smallholder agriculture based on the recognition that production practices in these systems, which underpin food security for more than 70% of the population, are largely dependent on assets provided by nature. It will specifically target dryland regions where integration of environmental priorities into smallholder agriculture is crucial for increasing productivity of food crops through sustainable intensification. The Side Event will create opportunity for key stakeholders attending the conference, such as country representatives, GEF Agencies, and development partners, to discuss the proposed program and options that will help streamline GEF financing.

AGENDA

Opening Remarks – Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, GEF

Presentation on the **Smallholder Agriculture in Africa – Need for Sustainability and Resilience** (15 mins) – *Bashir Jama, Director of Soil Health Program, AGRA*

Presentation on the **GEF-6 Integrated Approach Pilot for Sub-Saharan Africa** (15 mins) – *Mohamed Bakarr, Senior Environmental Specialist, GEF Secretariat*

Perspectives from GEF Agencies (3-5 mins each)

- AFDB
- Mohamed Manssouri, *FAO*
- Eric Patrick, *IFAD*
- Veronica Muthui, *UNDP*
- Mohamed Sessay, *UNEP*
- Stephen Danyo, *World Bank*

Discussion (30 mins)