ENABLING INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRI-FOOD DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS WITHIN A GLOBAL CONTEXT:

AMERICAN FARMING IN A GLOBAL FRAME

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Challenges in agriculture

- 800 million people suffer from hunger
- 10 billion people by 2050
- Food production has to rise 70% by 2050
- Other challenges: climate change, price volatility, energy demand, ghg emissions, access to innovation, finance, technology...
Agriculture is a key sector in the American Region:

- $985 billion to US GDP; 17.3 million jobs related to agriculture;
- LAC contributes to 11% of the value of world Food production; 24% of the arable land available.
# WFO: WHO WE ARE

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WFO’s mission

- To represent and advocate on behalf of farmers
- To create the conditions for the adoption of policies aimed to improve the economic environment and livelihood of producers, their families, and rural communities.

WFO’ mandate

- to bring together farmers' organisations and agricultural cooperatives from all over the world, representing the global farmer community
What do we do...

- access to market
- participation in policy making
- access to knowledge
- environment
- infrastructures
- social and economic stability
- access to credit
- extensions services
- price volatility
- innovation
- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- contract farming
- access to market
- gender disparity
- Livestock
- mitigation
- adaptation
- renewal of generations
- access to finance
- livestock
Innovation

- Source of productivity, economic growth, sustainable development
- Generational renewal
- Entrepreneurship

- **Main challenges:**
  - Empowering rural areas
  - Access to market
  - Access to information
What we do...

WFO represents the global farming community in processes/fora such as:

- Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030
- Climate Negotiations (COPs..)
- WTO Public Forum
- Global Alliance on Climate-Smart Agriculture
- Committee on World Food Security
- GFAR Steering Committee
A focus on the Region: The case of Argentina

- WFO-SRA
- Workshop on « Fostering Innovation in agriculture to improve inclusive trade in the farming sector », WTO
- An example of innovation: direct seeding to adapt to climate change
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Public institutions
Governments
Private Sector
Universities and Research centers
International Organization
Civil Society
Farmers
THANK YOU!