

International Year of Millets 2023

Opening Ceremony

6 December 2022, from 12.30 to 14.00 (CET)

Hybrid Event

Sheikh Zayed Centre at FAO headquarters

Registration link: https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0LzF2j6oRiqbREOD9fgUag

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
12:30 – 13:00 - Opening Ceremony of the International Year of Millets 2023		
Moderator: Ms Beth Bechdol, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		
12:35 – 12:40	Video Message	H.E. Amina Mohammed Deputy Secretary-General United Nations
12:40 – 12:45	Opening Remarks	Dr QU Dongyu Director-General The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
12:45 – 12:50	Video Message	H.E. Narendra Modi Prime Minister Republic of India
12:50 – 12:55	Keynote Speech	The Honourable Mohammed M. Abubakar Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development Republic of Nigeria
12:55 – 13:00	Keynote Speech	The Honourable Shobha Karandlaje Honourable Minister of State for Agriculture Republic of India

13:00 – 13:05	Video Message	H.E. Janaina Tewaney Mencomo Minister for Foreign Affairs Republic of Panama
13:05 – 14:00 pm – Section B: Introduction of the International Year of Millets 2023 Moderator: Ms Jacqueline Hughes, Director-General, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)		
13:15 – 13:25	Panelist	Arnaud Petit Executive Director International Grains Council (IGC)
13:25 – 13:35	Panelist	Anahita Dhondy International Chef and Author
13:35 – 13:45	Panelist	Abdou Tenkouano Executive Director West and Central Africa Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF)
13:45 – 13:55	Q&A Session	
13:55 – 14:00	Closing Remarks	Jingyuan Xia Director FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP)