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### **Approaches to food security under conditions of pandemics and climate change**

GFFA expert panel takes place online on 22 January 2021

**Halle (Saale), 22 December 2020 – Within the framework of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA), IAMO in cooperation with the German Agribusiness Alliance (GAA) organise a virtual panel discussion entitled “How to better cope with change: New approaches for food system resilience to pandemic and climatic shocks”. Representatives from politics, industry and science will discuss approaches to ensuring food security under the conditions of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. This online event will take place on 22 January 2021 from 10:30 to 11:30 am (CET).**

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed to many national economies the limits of their productive capacity and ability to function: infection hotspots in staff-intensive branches of production, production downtime due to quarantine, disrupted supply chains. All this on top of climate change, which is already posing an enormous challenge to agricultural supply chains: fluctuating precipitation levels, rising temperatures and changes in soil have been hampering agricultural production for some time and are causing growing unpredictability for producers and consumers.

What agricultural strategies are the economies of Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Asia pursuing in times of climate change and pandemics? What innovations are looking promising? What technologies can help to make production systems and agrarian value chains more resilient – both now and in future?

Representatives from politics, industry and science will discuss approaches to ensuring food security under the conditions of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic from the perspective of producers and consumers and will present best practice examples from the international agrarian production and supply chain.

Simultaneous interpretation in German and English language will be provided. Further information on the panel discussion can be found here: [www.iamo.de/en/events](http://www.iamo.de/en/events).

Registration is possible from 4 January 2021: [www.gffa-berlin.de/en/service/online-registrierung](http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/service/online-registrierung).

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### **About GFFA**

The 13th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) entitled “How to Feed the World in Times of Pandemics and Climate Change?” will be held virtual from 18 to 22 January 2021. The GFFA is an international conference on agri-food policy issues. It is organised by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in cooperation with the Senate of Berlin, Messe Berlin GmbH and GFFA Berlin e.V. General information on the GFFA 2021 can be found on the conference website: [www.gffa-berlin.de/en](http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en).

### **About IAMO**

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) analyses economic, social and political processes of change in the agricultural and food sector, and in rural areas. The geographic focus covers the enlarging EU, transition regions of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, as well as Central and Eastern Asia. IAMO works to enhance the understanding of institutional, structural and technological changes. Moreover, IAMO studies the resulting impacts on the agricultural and food sector as well as the living conditions of rural populations. The outcomes of our work are used to derive and analyze strategies and options for enterprises, agricultural markets and politics. Since its founding in 1994, IAMO has been part of the Leibniz Association, a German community of independent research institutes.

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