

F01 - Climate-smart agriculture for food security

<u>Time</u>: Wednesday January 26th 2022 18:00-20:00

Location: ULB Campus Plaine, Forum E or online

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Schedule:

18:00-18:10 Welcome

18:10-18:30 CEO **Lalit Gautam**

Co-Founder & CEO SenseGrass, India

How data is going to feed the population not food-Agriculture intelligence to tackle

climate change?

18:30-18:50 CEO Lars Ling

Founder & CEO CleanTech Region Solutions, Sweden Food beyond sustainability for 10 billion people!

18:50-19:10 CEO Tatsiana Zaretskaya

Founder & CEO Laava Tech, Estonia

How data analytics is transforming agriculture?

19:10-19:30 Prof. Dr. Hilde Nelissen

Group Leader VIB Department of Plant Systems Biology, Ghent University, Belgium

Unlocking plant potential for climate-smart agriculture: From single cells to new

breeding technologies

19:30-20:00 Discussion

The Covid Safe Ticket (CST) is required to access that event. Wearing a mask is mandatory while seated in the theater.

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CEO Lalit Gautam

How data is going to feed the population not food- Agriculture intelligence to tackle climate change?

Food and agriculture systems today are unsustainable for both people and the planet. They operate at a high environmental cost, waste large amounts of product and leave many producers in emerging markets at or below the poverty level. Stakeholders from all sectors and regions have recognized the urgent need for a fundamental transformation of food and agriculture systems. Such a transformation would create sustained social value and deliver greater equity to the most disenfranchised. Data in agriculture is important and the usage of data will make our plant sustainable to feed the population more smartly than we expected.

CEO Lars Ling

Food beyond sustainability for 10 billion people!

How do we sustainably secure FOOD, WATER, and ENERGY for 10 Billion people by 2050? Certainly not by resuming today's Industry scale food- and AgTech production, let's dive deeper into the opportunities and challenges of the sectors.

CEO Tatsiana Zaretskaya

How data analytics is transforming agriculture?

Data analytics is a critical part of improving business operations in every industry. An organization can utilize data analytics to improve decision-making, analyze customer trends, track customer satisfaction and identify opportunities for new products and services to meet growing market needs. By integrating information and systems to gather data across the business, organizations are able to gain real-time insights into marketing, product demand, sales and finances. With the world population expected to reach more than nine billion by the year 2050, The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) predicts a 70-percent growth in agricultural output will be needed to serve the projected demand. This driving force has greatly increased the interest in and utilisation of data analytics in agribusiness.

Prof. Dr. Hilde Nelissen

Unlocking plant potential for climate-smart agriculture: From single cells to new breeding technologies

One way to achieve climate-smart agriculture is to investigate the plants' potential to achieve high productivity in a sustainable way. Currently, different technological developments are emerging that help us to understand on how plants deal with more sustainable practices and the climatic changes. The role of academia in technology development and application will be exemplified by single cell approaches and new breeding technologies.



