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Sustainable Land Use: Food Security Starts with the Soil

More than 90 percent of global **food production** depends on soil. It provides habitats for soil organisms and is the most important terrestrial carbon sink on earth. But the farming industry is losing fertile land, and the quality of soils is deteriorating in many regions.

This development must be halted by **using land resources sustainably** and preserving existing agricultural land. Only in doing so will we be able to feed the **growing world population**, stop **climate change**, and reduce the **loss of biodiversity**. There is an urgent need for the international community to develop and implement viable and practical **solutions**.

The 2022 GFFA is to **provide key impetus** to this end and promote **international exchange**. The **four core questions** will be:

1. How can we improve soil **protection**?
2. How can we **restore** degraded soils?
3. How can we make the **use** of finite land resources **more sustainable**?
4. How can farmers worldwide get **fair access to land**?

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The GFFA has established itself as the “Davos of agricultural policy” – in Berlin, and, if the pandemic situation so requires, also in a virtual setup!

In 2021, more than 3,000 registered participants from 129 countries watched the GFFA events on their screens at home, and 14,000 livestream views were registered. Despite the new format, 78 agriculture ministers and high-ranking representatives of 13 international organisations participated in the world’s largest Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting.

Unfortunately, the world has yet to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. To be able to offer a global platform for international cooperation and multilateral solutions in the agricultural sector that is open to interested parties from all countries also in 2022, the **GFFA 2022** will once again be held **virtually**. We will endeavour to make the virtual format even more attractive. Please take advantage of our new interactive offers to engage in discussions and network even more actively than before.

I would be delighted if you would save this date. I very much look forward to welcoming you on screen in January 2022. Let us work together, united digitally – and highly confident that we will be allowed to meet again in person in Berlin in 2023.

With kind regards,
Yours,

Julia Klöckner
Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture