



Global Farmer
Network

GFN® Farmers Making Their Voices Heard

Oct-Dec 2023

Active in 285+ media/events, nearly 100 Global Farmer Network® farmers have been making their voices heard in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, Scotland, South Africa, UAE, UK, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Zimbabwe. Examples of Oct-Dec 2023 activity follows:

- Patience Koku, **Nigeria**; Jorge Lopez, **West Africa** and Ruramiso Mashumba, **Zimbabwe**-10/23: Roundtable of African Farmers held at Vatican City, hosted by the Pontifical Science Academy
- Mary Boote, **USA**; Marcus Holtkoetter, **Germany**; Andrii Pastushenko, **Ukraine**; Edgard Ramirez, **Argentina**; Shuichi Tokumoto, **Japan**-11/23: Interviews at Agritechnica
- Cesar Galaviz, Gina Gutierrez, Margoth Hernandez-10/23: Official launch of Por Nuestro Campo, a group concerned about **Mexico**, seeking a better future for farmers
- Pedro Vigneau, Chief of Staff; Nicolas Bronzovich, Plant Production Management; Pilu Giraud, INTA Vice President-11/23: Announced as members of **Argentina** Secretary of Agriculture Fernando Vilella's team
- Stella Thomas, **Nigeria**-11/23: speaker at Africa Connect Conference
- David Danio, **Philippines**-12/23: "I met this fellow at Taguig City, he said he was my YouTube follower. He is from Palawan, which is 27 hours from me; He follows my advice in farming."
- Zeinab al-Momany, **Jordan**; Mateusz Ciasnocha, **Poland**; Andre Dobashi, **Brazil**; Kristjan Hebert, **Canada**; Saustine Lusanzu, **Tanzania**; Aaron Moore, **UAE**; Maria Virginia Solis Wahnish, **Argentina**-11/23: COP28 attendance, engagement, speaking for farmers and reporting back to GFN.

Pins represent event location



GFN Farmers - Major Event Participation Oct-Dec 2023

October

- OCP Cultivating Conversations: Food for Thought – New Global Learnings | October 2, 2023 | Assessing EU New Green Deal effectiveness in addressing recent challenges | Patience Koku, Nigeria speaking
- Launch of 2023 GAP report | October 2, 2023 | Ruramiso Mashumba, Zimbabwe, panelist discussing impact when farmers are able to access proven tools appropriate for their scale and food system
- International Animal Protein Symposium (SIPA) | October 4-6, 2023 | Gina Gutierrez speaking, “Importance of the dairy farmer”
- World Dairy Expo; Madison, Wisconsin | October 2, 2023 | Ad van Velde, Netherlands; Brad Clark, USA – WS attending
- World Food Forum (FAO-Rome) | October 16-20, 2023 | Mary Boote, USA and Amadou Sidibe, Mali attending
- CFS 51 (FAO – Rome) | October 23-26, 2023 | Mary Boote, USA attending – IAFN and PSM meetings in conjunction with CFS; Paul Temple, UK attending; Pilu Giraudo, Argentina and Marco Pasti, Argentina invited as side-event panelists
- World Food Prize / Borlaug Dialogue | October | Des Moines, Iowa | Mary Boote, USA; Julie Borlaug, USA attending – GFN farmers participating: Marcus Holtkoetter, Germany; Patience Koku, Nigeria; Jose Gonzalez Chacon, Columbia; Rotimi Williams, Nigeria; Kees Huizinga, Ukraine; Guillermo Breton, Mexico
- Sustainable Commodities and Landscapes Forum: Innovation Forum (UK) | Amsterdam October 31 – November 1, 2023 | GFN members invited to share pre-recorded videos addressing the specific challenges faced and how business can collaborate and support a nature-positive outcome (Global South Focus) | GFN video requests to: AD Alvarez, Philippines; Patience Koku, Nigeria; Amadou Sidibe, Mali; Pilu Giraudo, Argentina

November

- CAMA (Canadian Agri-Food Marketing Alliance) | November 1-2, 2023 | Winnipeg | Kristjan Hebert, Canada speaking: The art of what’s possible – the communication strategy that took a farmer to the hall’s of government
- Agritechnica | Hanover, Germany | November 12-18, 2023 | Shuichi Tokumuto, Japan, recognized as DLG Ag Innovator award Honorable Mention | Patience Koku, Nigeria, recognized with DLG Women in Ag recipient | Judith de Vor, Netherlands, recognized with DLG Women in Ag recipient

December

- 2023 UN Climate Change Conference COP28: Dubai, UAE | November 30 – December 12, 2023 | Zeinab al-Momany, Jordan; Mateusz Ciasnocha, Poland; Andre Dobashi, Brazil; Kristjan Hebert, Canada; Saustine Lusanzu, Tanzania; Aaron Moore, UAE; Maria Virginia Solis Wahnish, Argentina farmers and reporting back to GFN.

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