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Climate, soil, biomass – championing sustainable production of raw materials
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Hardly any economic sector has been hit as hard by climate change as the farming sector. Weather extremes have severely affected harvests or destroyed them altogether, entire areas of land have been rendered unable to produce food. This puts global food security at risk. At the same time the world population is growing continuously and needs ever greater quantities of food and agricultural raw materials. However, the emissions from agriculture also contribute to climate change. Reducing agriculture’s carbon footprint is essential for tackling climate change.

The farming sector is prepared to take global responsibility: For a growing world population and for tackling climate change. The goal is to make agriculture and land use as climate-friendly as possible without losing sight of the overriding goal of world food security.

The German Government already supports and participates in a number of multi-stakeholder initiatives to increase the share of sustainably produced and certified agricultural raw materials. Different agricultural stakeholders are taking a series of measures, from stimulating the supply of sustainable products and demanding deforestation-free supply chains to increasing soil carbon stocks.

In this high-level event we want to showcase a number of outstanding climate initiatives and achievements and discuss how mitigating climate change through agriculture can work in practice and what challenges remain.

**Christian Schmidt**  
Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture

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| 10:10 am   | **Christian Schmidt**, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture – Federal Republic of Germany  
“Protecting the climate: Sustainable production of agricultural raw materials” |
| 10:20 am   | **Jean-Christophe Roubin**, Member of the cabinet of the french Minister of Agriculture, Food Processing Industry and Forestry,  
“Mitigating climate change: the role of agriculture and soils” |
| 10:30 am   | **Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer**, former Executive Director UNEP  
“Sustainable development and agriculture: the example of biomass” |
| 10:40 am   | Stakeholder Panel  
Good practices and champions of the sustainable production of raw materials:  
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| 11:30 am   | Reception in the foyer                                                |
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**Jean-Christophe Roubin**, Member of the cabinet of the french Minister of Agriculture, Food Processing Industry and Forestry,  
Compensating for manmade CO₂ emissions while boosting agricultural production is the ambitious target set by the 4 per 1000 programme of the French Government which was introduced in March this year. Minister Le Foll will elaborate the implementation efforts of this initiative.

**Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer**, Executive Director UNEP is a German politician and environmental politics expert. The economist served recently as Executive Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam (IASS), and previously as Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme in Nairobi, as well as Under Secretary General of the United Nations.

In the national political field, he held the positions of German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety and of Federal Minister for Regional Planning, Civil Engineering, and Urban Development. He is also a member of the Bundestag.