
CropLife International Chairman Livio Tedeschi announced in B20 co-Chair role, as association applauds priorities set out by G20 on agriculture

Brussels, 20 February 2024: As the G20 launches its work programme under the Brazilian Presidency, CropLife International is delighted to welcome the appointment of Livio Tedeschi (President, BASF Agricultural Solutions) as co-chair of the B20 Sustainable Food Systems & Agriculture Taskforce, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of the association. The Taskforce brings together a select grouping of Global CEOs from G20 countries representing the agricultural value chain, and will provide G20 Agriculture Ministers with strategic recommendations for endorsement by Heads of State in November.

“The G20 forms a crucial platform that has the ability to seek solutions, and to set a path forward that genuinely takes us in the necessary direction. I am incredibly honoured to play my part in this process as co-chair of the Taskforce focussed on sustainable food systems and agriculture, and am determined to craft meaningful outcomes which will address some of the biggest challenges facing our economy and society today,” said Mr Tedeschi upon his appointment.

Emily Rees, CropLife International President and CEO, added *“The delicate balance between food security, climate challenges and global trade will be perfectly struck by our association Chair Livio Tedeschi. We are proud and honoured to have the CropLife International Chairman in this pivotal role”*.

CropLife International thanks the Brazilian Presidency for their leadership role in tackling sustainable food systems and agriculture, and has warmly welcomed the priorities set out by the G20 Agriculture Working Group as an important step in supporting innovation that promotes resilience. The Working Group has set out its primary priorities as:

- i) The sustainability of agrifood systems, and**
- ii) The enhancement of the international trade contribution to food and nutritional security.**

In setting out and highlighting these priorities, the Agriculture Working Group has given focus and momentum to the development of public policies which will enable sustained, inclusive solutions to today’s challenges – all of which speak to the core of CropLife International’s mission on behalf of its members, partners and global network.

Said Emily Rees *“By placing agrifood systems at the strategic heart of its ‘Building a just world and a sustainable planet’ agenda, the G20 is creating the necessary dialogue for innovation, partnerships and robust global trade to flourish as enablers for the solutions we all seek. We wholeheartedly welcome the*

priorities set out by the Agriculture Working Group. In their own words, agriculture can exert a transformative influence towards sustainable development due to its capacity to simultaneously address the social, economic and environmental pillars. Our commitment to playing our part will be unflinching”.

About CropLife International: As a global voice and leading advocate for the plant science industry, we champion innovative technologies that help farmers grow more food on less land sustainably. We represent six of the world’s leading multinational R&D companies in the plant science sector by protecting intellectual property to foster a culture of innovation, advocating for trade and regulatory policies that facilitate access to new technologies, and ensuring the responsible and effective use of plant science innovations.

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