

CropLife International and FAO Agree to New Strategic Partnership

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CropLife International has signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). This will allow us to further strengthen the relations between our organizations to deliver sustainable food systems and contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The [virtual signing](#) by the FAO Director-General Dr. Qu Dongyu and CropLife International's President and CEO Giulia Di Tommaso took place on 2 October 2020 and is a first for our organization and the industry. It renews and strengthens our collaboration and demonstrates the determination of the plant science sector to not only mobilize resources but also to work constructively in a partnership where we share common goals. Welcoming Dr. Qu to the meeting, Chairman of CropLife International Liam Condon said he “welcomes the new partnership as it is the start of a new and exciting journey for both organizations.”

President and CEO Giulia Di Tommaso said, “We are committed, alongside our work with FAO, as part of our strategy at CropLife International to explore constructive partnerships and collaborations with stakeholders from key sectors to support making a real difference and impact to addressing these issues.”

At CropLife International, we are guided by our purpose to advance innovation in agriculture for a sustainable future. Our goal is to deliver more sustainable food systems, boost farmer resilience to climate change, and support the economic and social recovery of our farming communities while addressing Zero Hunger.

We have long believed that farmers, consumers, businesses, NGOs, and governments must work together to find solutions to many of the world's challenges. Each of us brings unique and valuable perspectives and experiences. This new partnership with the FAO provides us with an exciting opportunity to work together and accelerate progress in areas where we share common ambitions.

We know that this will not be without its challenges, but we also know the future of agriculture depends on new technology and tailor-made innovations that support the digitalization and advancement of the sector. In the coming months and years, we will explore, in partnership with the FAO and our members, new and innovative ways to address these challenges.