Rising food prices, the need for sustainable productivity growth, and the ever-increasing impacts of climate change are major challenges facing farmers today. But a recent study found that the current time for a new plant science innovation to go from R&D to commercialization is 16.5 years. This means that farmers and society will not see the true benefits of these technologies for nearly 20 years. This trend is not good for farmers or our agri-food systems that require new solutions today to address these increasing challenges. This also hinders efficient functioning of the global marketplace to ensure access for products where they’re needed most, highlighting the importance of global regulatory and policy coherence, and science and risk-based rules that facilitate and enable trade and innovation. The panel will explore the regulatory barriers creating this trend, the current impact they are having on farmers and ways in which these barriers can be broken down by all stakeholders.

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