

Istituto Svizzero

Bites of Transfoodmation Dispute series

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H 10:30

Online Conference

Roma

Registration on Zoom

Press Release

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What food will garnish our plates tomorrow? What methods of production will we rely on? And how will cultural shifts influence our habits of consumption?

Istituto Svizzero is pleased to present the 2021 Dispute - Bites of Transfoodmation online conference, which will focus on the transformative potentials of sustainable food systems.

This year, the Dispute - Bites of Transfoodmation invites experts from different fields and backgrounds, such as entrepreneurs, agricultural scientists, political and social stakeholders, to participate in a dialogue about sustainable food systems. Focusing on environmental, social and political issues, the conference takes a close look at the development of regenerative procedures across the entire line of global food supply chains. Each contribution to the discussion will add another important piece to imagining an alternative future for our planet.

The conference provides the stage for a group of young innovators and change-makers who, since October 2020, work on the identification of systemic problems in current food production and consumption in order to envision new paths towards a future of sustainable food systems.

Initiated by the Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the United Nations organisations in Rome, the project is led in partnership with Istituto Svizzero, the Embassy of Switzerland in Italy and the Università della Svizzera italiana. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to impact the 2021 UN Food Summit with a Transfoodmation statement, which comprises a proposal as to how tackle challenges and effect change.

[More information on the conference here](#)

[Online registration here](#)

Notes to the editors

About the Dispute

Dispute is a series of events organised by Istituto Svizzero. Each year, the Dispute provides a platform of exchange and public debate, tackling the most challenging issues of our time and their impact on global society. Previous editions featured debates on migration, democracy and humanitarian law. The next Dispute conference, planned for Autumn 2021, will focus on the future of work.

Istituto Svizzero

Istituto Svizzero acts as an interdisciplinary platform bringing together artistic and scientific research. From Rome, Milan or Palermo, it facilitates connections both between Switzerland and Italy, as well as internationally. Istituto Svizzero offers residencies to emerging artists and researchers who wish to contribute to the future of art, science and innovation. Each year, the Institute presents a public programme aimed at promoting forward-thinking events and projects, experimental practices and excellence in research. Istituto Svizzero seeks to actively participate in the global discourse on arts and society, envisioning new paths and looking beyond the boundaries of disciplines.

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Programme**H14:00-14:15 – Welcome**

Joëlle Comé, Director Istituto Svizzero

Rita Adam, Swiss Ambassador in Italy, Malta and San Marino

Marina Sereni, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (tbc)

Boas Erez, Rector Università della Svizzera Italiana

H14:15-14:25 – Introduction

Pio Wennubst, PR of Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN organizations in Rome

H14:25-15:15 – Panel 1: Building new societies through the lens of food

Moderator: Cassiano Luminati, Director of Polo Poschiavo

Two young change makers of the Bites of Transfoodmation Community

Sara Roversi, Founder of the Future Food Institute, President of the Future Food Network

Yota Nicolarea, Senior Advisor Milano Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) Secretariat

Break**H15:30-16:20 – Panel 2: Diversification, connectivity & digitalization in food systems**

Moderator: Marina Helm, Marketing and Strategy Swiss Food Research

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Christian Frutiger, Head of Global Cooperation at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Francesco Holecz, CEO Sarmap

H16:20-17:10 – Panel 3: True Value & affordability of food

Moderator: Marylaure Crettaz, Co-Head Global Programme Food Security at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

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Máximo Torero, Chief Economist Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Jonathan Normand, Founder and Executive Director B-Lab Switzerland

Break**H17:25-18:20 – Final debate**

Moderator: Pio Wennubst, PR of Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN organizations in Rome

Christian Frutiger, Head of Global Cooperation at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Maria Klamert, Assistant Executive Director (Partnerships and Governance) World Food Programme (WFP) (tbd)

Gilbert F. Hougbo, President International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Giorgio Marrapodi, Director General for Development Cooperation – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Vincenza Lomonaco, Permanent Representative of the Italian Republic to the UN Agencies in Rome

H18:20-18:30 – Making the best out of a People Summit

David Nabarro, Strategic Director 4SD Switzerland, Special Envoy of the WHO for COVID19 and Senior Adviser on Food Systems Summit Dialogues

