

Istituto Svizzero

Bites of Transfoodmation Dispute series

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H 14:00

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.

About Bites of Transfoodmation

BoT is an initiative that brings together young motivated innovators that are ready to take, or have already taken, a leap into the future of food systems. Through their concrete experiences, they will compare different paths and look for common denominators indicating the way towards the future of food systems. The challenge will be to translate these bites of future into words in the form of a Transfoodmation statement. The ultimate goal is to impact the outcome of the 2021 Food System Summit.

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

Moderator: Leonetta Luciano Fendi, Strategic Communication Consultant, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN organizations in Rome

Joëlle Comé, Director Istituto Svizzero

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

Boas Erez, Rector Università della Svizzera Italiana

Marina Sereni, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

H14:15-14:30 – Introduction

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

Federica Frediani, Research Fellow and Lecturer at Università della Svizzera Italiana

H14:30-15:20 – Panel 1: Building new societies through the lens of food

Moderator: Cassiano Luminati, Director of Polo Poschiavo

Fortesa Softa, Architect and engineer (BoT)

Amin Emadi, International GIAHS Consultant FAO (BoT)

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

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

Break

H15:35-16:25 – Panel 2: Diversification, connectivity & digitalization in food systems

Moderator: Marina Helm, Marketing and Strategy Swiss Food Research

Eugenia Alfine, Nutrition scientists at Baze (BoT)

Giacomo Molteni, Msc student at Wageningen University (BoT)

Mirja Michalscheck, PhD in Natural Social Systems Research, Wageningen University

Francesco Holecz, CEO Sarmap

H16:25-17:15 – Panel 3: True Value & affordability of food

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

Sofia Cereghetti, Climate Change Scientist (BoT)

Iyad AlQaisi, Lawyer at Justice Clinic (BoT)

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

Jonathan Normand, Founder and Executive Director B-Lab Switzerland

Break

H17:30-18:15 – Final debate

Moderator: Alessa Perotti, Food Scientist (BoT)

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

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

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

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

H18:15-18:20 - Wrap up final debate

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